

# NEWSLETTER

THE
POWER
OF
LOCAL
COMMUNITY
CONNECTION:
BUILDING
A CARING
AND
SUPPORTIVE
NETWORK



The Darling Range Hub's mission statement reflects their commitment to connecting people and fostering a sense of community. With a focus on supporting individuals to live independently and actively, the hub aims to provide choices and resources for its neighbors and friends. Their inclusive approach encourages people of all ages to come together, building connections and offering mutual support.

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- Yvonne Fletcher

Darling Range Hub Coordinator

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Barry Baker

**WHAT'S** 



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COMING UP
IN
Bus Trip
Carpet Bowls
Chair Yoga

Board Games, Puzzles, Scrabble Group
BYO crafts & Mend & Make Do
CommuniTEA Matters morning Quiz with Peter
CommuniTEA Matter's Guest Speakers
Morning Music at KPAC & Romancing the Stone Gardens
Community Organisations Network
Book Club
E-Bike Riders and more!

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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Many milestones have just passed us by.

EOFY, coldest June morning since 2016 (only 0.7 off a Perth record), shortest day (winter solstice), 200mm+ of June rainfall and the first half of the year all gone for 2023.

The Weather Bureau predicted a warmer, drier winter, well there are two months to go to prove them right or wrong.

Even though the temptation is to stay inside in the warmth with a bowl of soup it is still very important to get out especially when it's a sunny day. I like to find a sunny spot out of the wind and go into "lizard on a rock" mode.

Participation in one of the Hubs many opportunities is a great way to keep up your social connections. Check Yvonne's weekly "what's on at the Hub" and the monthly newsletters to find something that appeals to you. We try to provide something to meet every bodies interests.

Make sure you look after your health and keep the vaccinations up to date as there are still some nasties lurking out there.

Hopefully this month the Dockers can keep moving towards the finals and the Eagles can get their losses under 100 points. (I'll be there to check)

Cheers Roly Ritchie - Darling Range Hub President

#### **Feature Article**

# the Darling Range Hub By Yvonne Fletcher

#### The Power of Local Community connection: Building a Caring and Supportive Network

By promoting intergenerational interactions, the Darling Range Seniors Hub aims to create an environment where everyone can achieve their goals of connection, friendship, and community contribution. Ultimately, their mission is to enable members to lead vibrant, active, and healthy lives while remaining in their own neighborhoods. and homes Through this vision of "ageing in place," the hub ensures that individuals can enjoy the benefits, familiarity, and comforts of home the support of with their community, all at an affordable cost.

The Darling Range Hub is within The City of Kalamunda and active throughout the City of Kalamunda. It is a place found at a few different locations but when united as a group we celebrate the power of local connections and the remarkable spirit of togetherness.

Our community is a mix of culture, nature, and family, where the ties between neighbors have become an extension of our own families.

In the Darling Range Hub, we pride ourselves on being a community of caring individuals who look after and assist one another whenever possible. We know our neighbors, and the our friendly atmospheres that permeates at each of our group activities is a testament to the strength of our community bonds. Whether it's a warm greeting or a friendly conversation, these face-to-face interactions create a sense of belonging that is truly special.

One of the key benefits of fostering local community connections is the profound sense of support and assistance that arises within our tight-knit community. The willingness to lend a helping hand, run errands for an elderly neighbor, or simply offer a listening ear during challenging times is what makes our community thrive. By looking out for each other, we create a safety net that ensures no one feels isolated or overlooked.

Our community also provides abundant opportunities for personal growth and community contribution. The Darling Range Hub, at the heart of our community, encourages people of all ages to actively participate and support one another.

Thank you for being a part of our wonderful community and for the activity making a difference!

#### **Artist of the Month**

## JAMES PARK

#### The art of public speaking

This month, we are thrilled to feature James Park as our Artist of the Month, highlighting his incredible journey in conquering a lifelong stammer induced by fear. At the age of 48, James embarked on a transformative path by joining Toastmasters and dedicating himself to self-development programs. Growing up on a farm in Mullewa, James faced the challenge of navigating through a stammer that had accompanied him throughout his life. However, driven by a deep desire to overcome his limitations and unlock his true potential, James took the courageous step of joining Toastmasters. Through consistent practice, perseverance, and unwavering determination, he gradually mastered the art of speaking, surpassing the boundaries that once held him back. James's story of triumph over adversity inspired his wife, Tania Park, to write a book titled "The Only Way I Know." This poignant and heartfelt memoir captures James's journey, offering insight into the challenges

and heartfelt memoir captures James's journey, offering insight into the challenges he faced, the obstacles he overcame, and the immense personal growth he experienced. Tania's book serves as a testament to the power of perseverance, love, and unwavering support in conquering our deepest fears and transforming our lives.

James Park's journey is a shining example of the human spirit and the transformative power of self-belief.

by Yvonne Fletcher



Through his determination and commitment, he has not only overcome a lifelong struggle also become but has inspiration to others who may be facing similar challenges. James reminds us that with dedication, support, and willingness to embrace personal growth, we can overcome any obstacle that stands in our way and emerge stronger and more empowered than ever before. James Park will be visiting The Darling Range Hub as guest CommuniTEA speaker at Matters 9.30am Wed 23rd Aug.

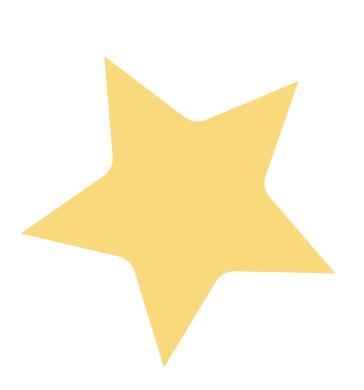
If you are an artist (of any kind) or author we'd love to share your story Call or email Yvonne 0492 807 603 hello@drseniorshub.com.au





Maurice Castelli

"Volunteering to me means helping others, it's as simple as that. It's a win win!" - Maurice Castelli







#### Louise Castelli

"Volunteering to me means giving back, we always receive so we can always give." - Louise Castelli

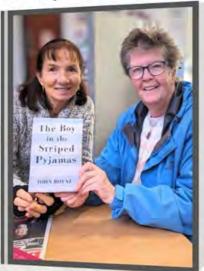


#### Book Club

10am Thursday Jack Healey Centre

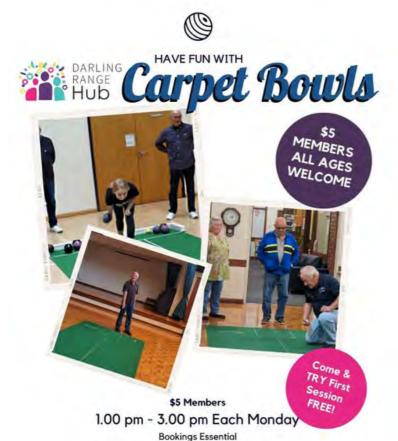
Come along!

This month's
read:
The Boy in
Striped
Pajamas
by John Boyne



For more details please contact
Darling Range Hub Coordinator
phone 0492 807 603
or email helloadrseniorshub.com.au





Jack Healey Centre 21 Mead St Kalamunda

Call Hub Coordinator Yvonne Fletcher 0492 807 603

Membership Required for more details

Contact Hub Coordinator

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Hub

Kalamunda

JACK HEALEY CENTRE
the corner Mead Street & Canning Road Kalamunda
9AM - 10AM TUESDAYS
Cost \$9 per session or;
Block of 10 sessions \$81
Space Limited - Booking Essential
To Book Phone Yvonne 0492 807 603

RANGE

Chair Yoga

Darling Range Hub financial members will receive their first session free -booking essential







## EBIKE GROUP



Below is the up and coming eBike ride events.

NB These may be subject to change.

From Hermann, Kate & Sue - Ebike Group

If you'd like to join the ebike group please call Hermann on 0403 301 429 until 15th July and from the 16th July please call Sue 0424 275 365

PROGRAM OF EVENTS for Darling Range E Bikers. 2023

SATURDAY 8TH JULY Ride to Pickering Brook.

FRIDAY 15TH JULY
Ride to Darlington
down the Zig Zag and
morning tea at The
Hive. Return via
Heritage Site.

SATURDAY 22ND JULY Value Ride - Sausage Sizzle at Sue & Nigel Miles SATURDAY 29TH JUL Ride to Pickering Brook.

Ride to Pickering Brook.

SATURDAY 12TH AUG Ride to Parkerville Tavern & Hovea Falls

OCT -12TH - 15TH Dwellingup ride. Forestry Centre.

## Jack Healey Centre

# Crafts, Crochet, Knitting. Mend & Make Do

Each Tuesday from 11.00am
Jack Healey Centre For details
Phone Yvonne 0492 807 603
All Welcome
Gold coin donation for tea & coffee.
Chat and share ideas.



Margi's Mend & Make Do Bring your items in for repair.





## Introducing Margi's Mend & Make Do

NEW TO THE HUB

In these times of tightened finances,
AND a better awareness of the
environment, it makes sense to get another
years' wear out of that old shirt. So now
you can bring in items for small sewing
repairs while you wait – buttons, hems,
seams etc, or come back the following week
for a bigger job to be completed. There is no
fee for Hub members, unless we need to
purchase something (e.g. elastic, zip, binding,
special buttons). Non-members will be asked to

special buttons). Non-members will be asked to make a small donation to the Hub.

If anyone would like to donate bits and pieces for this new initiative, please pop by on Tuesday or leave with Yvonne at other times. We can make good use of your unwanted craft items –iron-on patches, elastic, zips, appliques, motifs, patches, cottons – anything going unused in your sewing basket.

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Gold coin donation for tea & coffee

**Growing Kalamunda** 

A Compassionate Communities Forum:

Living Well, Ending Well

#### Tuesday 8 August 2023 10:00am - 2:30pm

Kalamunda Agricultural Hall, 48 Canning Rd, Kalamunda

Join us to Grow Kalamunda Compassionate Communities. What is it and why does it matter?

Connect with local services, view the Artist in Residency exhibition and learn about enhancing **life and your legacy**.

#### Featuring:

- Online session with Professor Samar Aoun,
   2023 WA Australian of the Year
- Morning tea and lunch provided
- Services Expo
- · See Program Overleaf for more details



**Bookings Essential** 



Scan here to book now!

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## Program

#### 10:00am Registration and Morning Tea

Join us in the KPAC Gallery for morning tea and chat with Compassionate Communities Artist in Residence Eleisha Pirouet



#### 10:30am Open and Welcome

Open and Acknowledgement Mayor Margaret Thomas
Introduction Shane Bailey | Community Champion



#### 10:45am Online Presentation - Growing Compassion in Life and Death

Presented by Professor Samar Anoun, 2023 WA Australian of the Year Professor Aoun will share her passion about how we all can be involved in growing compassionate communities. As communities we need to re-learn the old ways of caring for one another.



#### 12:00pm Ambulance Wish Western Australia

Presented by Susie and Gary Wilson. Ambulance Wish Western Australia enables people receiving palliative care or who are terminally ill to fulfil a final wish by visiting a place of personal significance, for example, to admire their own garden, to feel the breeze of the beach, or to be surrounded by their loved ones and pets.

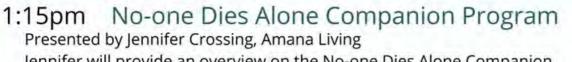


#### 12:20pm Kalamunda Hospital and Day Hospice

Presented by Judy Brand, Nurse Unit Manager Kalamunda Hospital Judy will provide an overview on Kalamunda Day Hospice and the support provided to individuals with a life limiting diagnosis.



#### 12:40pm Lunch Over Death Cafe



Jennifer will provide an overview on the No-one Dies Alone Companion program and how volunteers provide reassurance, comfort and support to a person in their final moments.



#### 1:35pm Discussion Panel; Where to from here?

Brainstorming Session on growing a 'Compassionate Community' Facilitated by Inclusive Communities Officer - City of Kalamunda



#### 2:05pm Closing Summary

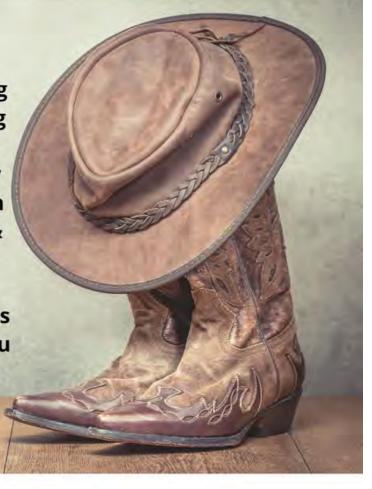
Facilitated by Shane Bailey - Compassionate Community Champion



### 2 x Bus Trips in Aug Experience - The Tivoli Club Getting Out Country



Come and join our cast in our beautiful Art Deco Theatre in Applecross as we present an amazing show of hand clapping foot stomping fun, with songs from your favourite Country stars. Shania Twain, Johnny Cash, Loretta Lynn and Willie Nelson to name a few. We serve a chicken & chips meal at interval and you are welcome to bring your own nibbles. Our little shop sells cool drinks, crisps and lollies/chocolates (cash only). You can also bring your own alcohol but don't forget your glasses.





#### Includes

√ Transport from Kalamunda

✓ You choose your show time either Friday evening or Sunday afternoon

✓ Price includes show & chicken & chips

√ Transport back to Kalamunda

Price Members \$20 pp Non Members \$22pp

Cityof **Kalamunda** 

#### **Limited Spaces**

Choose 1 of 2 Shows Friday 25th Aug 8.00pm

> Sunday 27th Aug 12.00pm

Limited home pick up available

Limited Spaces Available

Bookings Essential - contact Hub Coordinator Yvonne Fletcher to reserve your spot: 0492 807 603 or email: hello@drseniorshub.com.au



## happy christmas in july luncheon

Kalamunda Hotel 12pm Tuesday 25th July 2023 Bookings Essential

Luncheon \$35 per person includes

main course & dessert

To book

Call Hub Coordinator Yvonne

0492 807 603



TWO BUS TRIPS



FASHION PARADE JACK HEALEY CENTER



GRANDPARENTS DAY
ROMANCING THE STONE
GARDENS



MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON ROMANCING THE STONE GARDENS

TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON





## CONSULTATIONS SUPPORT

#### Understanding



Understand the support you need at present



#### Navigation



My aged care website – complete an online referral with Sophie and get started on your way to aged care funding

#### Material



Helpful easy to understand material to take home

#### Follow Up



Follow up call from Sophie to see how your process is going and further guidance if needed.



#### NAVIGATING MY AGED CARE

With Sophie Johnson from Home Instead

We all want to age within our own home for as long as possible and most will need to access My Aged Care or Home Care funding to do this. Many people find the process of understanding and accessing funding to be extremely difficult to understand.

It can be confusing to navigate and over whelming for many of us. For this reason, many of us put it in the "I'll do it later bucket" only to never get round to it. The truth is, many people wait until their needs change dramatically to apply for home care funding only to have to wait up to 12 months to receive any. Don't let this happen to you!

If you believe your needs have increased and you need a little more support, then come and book a slot with Serena from Home Instead to help navigate the My Aged Care funding.

Consultations are FREE - spaces are limited!

#### Monday 21st Aug from 8.30am

**Book** your appointment today Call Yvonne Fletcher - The Darling Range Hub on 0492 807 603

Consultations run for approximately 1 hour.
You will need to bring in your Medicare & GP details and your DVA card (if you they have one).

Each are non-biased when it comes to finding the correct home provider for you. Home Instead believe in supporting the community with up to date information to help empower residents to make their own choice with in Home Care.



# WANTED GUEST SPEAKERS We'd love for you to share your story, art or talent with us at one of our CommuniTEA Matters morning tea.

Please Call Yvonne 0492 807 603 The Darling Range Hub





# Join Us for July Events

#### <u>Mondays</u>

Jack Healey Center

1pm

Carpet Bowls

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#### Tuesdays

Jack Healey Centre

9am
Chair Yoga

10am
Hello Coffee
Lounge
11am

Crafts, knitting, Mend & make do

1pm

scrabble, board games & puzzles

#### Wednesdays

Jack Healey Centre
9.30am
CommuniTEA
Matters
Thursdays
10am Book Club

#### <u>Fridays</u>

Romancing the Stone Gardens 9.30am CommuniTEA Matters

Jack Healey Center 9.30am Table of Wisdom

#### <u>Saturdays</u>

Various Locations E-Bike Ride, please call Hermman: 0403301429

#### Once a Month Events

2nd July SUNDAY 12.00pm Jack Healey Centre - Pot Luck Lunch - Call Jean to book 0467777162

5th July WEDNESDAY 10.00 am Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre

DARLING

- Morning Music

Call Yvonne to book 0492 807 603

7th July Friday Bus Trip - seats available call Yvonne

12th July Wednesday 9.30 am - Jack Healey Centre - CommuniTEA Matters Morning Quiz with Peter Stuart celebrating June birthdays

19th July Wednesday 9.30 am Jack Healey Centre - CommuniTEA Matters
Curious About 'The Voice' Find out more

**26th July** Wednesday 9.30 am Jack Healey Centre - CommuniTEA Matters

Guest Speaker

- PDC Changing nutritional needs as you age

6th Aug SUNDAY 12.00pm Jack Healey Centre - Pot Luck Lunch - Call Jean to book 0467777162

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