Denmark Community Guide

We Support, Empower and Engage our Community

7th - 21st August 2025 Issue #320



Noteworthy Events



Our CO-Working
Space offers a
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Men's Nutrition & Education Workshop

Improve your cooking skills and feel confident in the kitchen. Join other blokes for hands-on sessions where you'll:

- Learn what healthy eating looks like
- · How to read food label's and know what's in your food
- Easy Budgeting & Meal planning tips
- Improve your cooking skills and enjoy a shared meal

Denmark CRC

Thursdays | 9:30AM-12:00PM
28 August, 4 & 11 September
RSVP by 21 August - spaces are limited!
Call 9848 2842 to book your spot

Supported by WA Country Health Service



Tech Byte Sessions at the CRC

Need a hand with your phone, tablet, or computer? Our Tech Byte sessions are here to help you feel more confident with your technology – no matter your skill level.

Check out page two for more information!

















TECH BYTE BOOKINGS

Need Tech Help? Book a Tech Byte Session at the CRC.

Need a hand with your phone, tablet, or computer? Our Tech Byte sessions are here to help you feel more confident with your technology - no matter your skill level.

These are paid one-on-one sessions, perfect for tackling small tech issues or learning new digital skills in a friendly, local setting.

- 30 minute session: \$42
- 60 minute session: \$84
- Premium member price 30 minutes \$38
- Premium member price 60 minutes \$76

Please note: For more complex issues, some requests may fall outside the scope of this service. We'll be happy to advise you when you enquire.

To book your session, call us on 9848 2842 or email reception@denmarkcrc.com.au.

Proudly supporting the Denmark community with accessible digital support.





MEN'S COOKING & NUTRITION SESSIONS

LEARN COOK SHARE

KEEN TO EAT BETTER AND FEEL GREAT?

- ✓ WHAT HEALTHY EATING LOOKS LIKE FOR YOUR AGE
- NOW TO READ FOOD LABELS
 AND KNOW WHAT'S IN
 YOUR FOOD
- **✓ EASY BUDGETING & MEAL PLANNING TIPS**
- ✓ IMPROVE YOUR COOKING SKILLS AND ENJOY A SHARED MEAL

DENMARK CRC

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28 AUGUST, 4 SEPTEMBER, 11 SEPTEMBER



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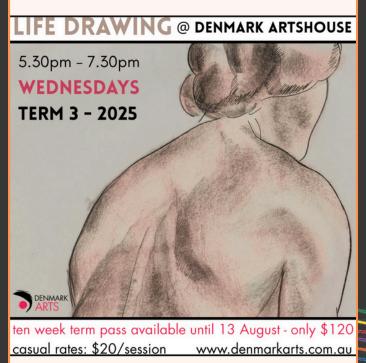


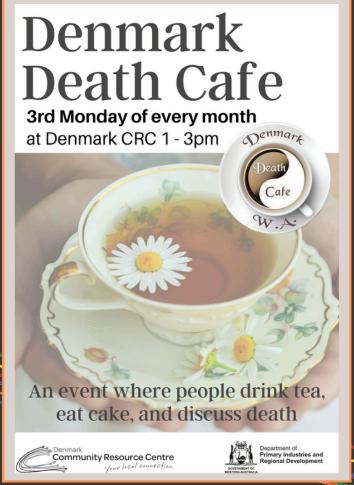






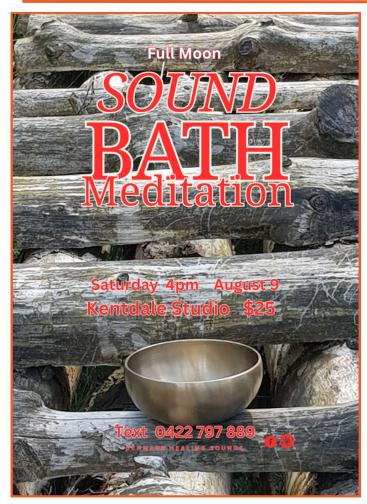
























GRAFTING WORKSHOP

With Richard Pittaway Heritage and Rare Fruit Network

Join us for a fun hands-on-workshop as Richard shares his extensive grafting knowledge and skills. You'll have the opportunity to practice grafting using the tools provided and take home your own rare fruit tree grafted tree. Additional rare scions and rootstock will be available for purchase

What You'll Learn:

- Grafting 101
- Chosing suitable rootstock
- Selecting the right scion variety
- Multigraft and espalier demonstration
- How to plan your orchard so that you have fruit ripening throughout the year



\$50-00

Refreshments will be served - please bring your own mug.

https://www.eventfinda.com.au/2025/heritage-and-rare-fruit-tree-grafting-workshop/wa-south



0477748467



Join us for a fun-filled Quiz morning!

Put your thinking caps on and join us at the Denmark Day Centre for a morning of laughter, friendly competition and brain-teasing fun!

Light morning tea provided.

UPCOMING DATES

Thursday 21st August 2025

10am - 12pm

RSVP - 11.08.25

Thursday 18th September 2025

10am - 12pm

RSVP - 08.09.25

Denmark Home Care Community Centre, 1/3 Mt Shadforth Road (Central of Denmark)

To discuss costings and/or RSVP - P Home Care on 9811 5999

LIVE MUSIC @ DENMARK ARTSHOUSE Friday 22 August



Tickets: www.denmarkarts.com.au DENMARK ARTS



COMMUNITY CLINIC

Saturday 23 August 2025

Once a month, Element Health offer discounted health services to local community members who may not be able to access private consultations:

- Acupuncture
- Naturopathy
- Chiropractic

\$50 cash fee, with free supplements available.



Element Health Clinic 5a Strickland St, Denmark









COLOUR & CANVAS AT CLARENCE ESTATE

DENMARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Come along and create your own masterpiece while enjoying good company and a laugh with others.

- No experience necessary instructions and assistance provided.
- We will follow a video and learn new skills.
- All materials supplied.
- Morning tea & light lunch provided.

UPCOMING SESSIONS:

September - Monday 1st (RSVP by 20.8.2025)

October - Monday 6th (RSVP by 24.9.2025)

10am - 2pm







Denmark Home Care Community Centre, 1/3 Mt Shadforth Road (Central To discuss costings and/or RSVP - Phone Denmark Home Care on **PROUDLY** AND THE **PRESENT** BOSTON 28-September-2025 10am-3pm Showcasing Entries up to 150 Classic Cars Now and <u>Open!</u> Motorcycles on Strickland Street, Denmark Dig the

Denmark Rowers presents Denmark Classic Boat Show

Sunday 28 September from 9am



Berridge Park

On water and off water classic boat display Rowing skiff races, Cordless Drill Challenge, Dragon Boats, Photographic and Model Boat display.

Food and Music into the evening at the Riverside Club.



Bringing a boat? Forming a Rowing Crew? Entering the Cordless Drill Challenge? denmarkrowers.org.au and send an EOI to DenmarkRowers@iinet.net.au







Men's Weekend 2025: Celebrate The Heart-led Man

Gather with like-minded men for a transformative experience of brotherhood, connection and discovery to honour the authentic Heart-led Man within us all.

@ Newfarm - 1 Tindale rd, Bow Bridge Arrive Friday 31st Oct 4pm - Finish Sunday 2nd Nov 2pm \$200 inc. food, Camping only, bell tents on request. bookings: greatsouthernmen@proton.me

> 0401 196 829 (Bryce) 0439 533 334 (Jackson)

Denmark Community Garden

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Events

July- September 2025



Community Garden Workshops with Neal Collins

2-4pm Sat 26 July

2-4pm Sat 30 August

2-4pm Sat 27 September

Garden Workshop & Vege Swap

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Community Compost Hub Sessions

with Kim Frankowiak, Great Southern Living Soil (GSLS)

- 10am Friday 4 July
- 10am Friday 18 July
- 10am Friday 1 Aug
- 10am Friday 15 Aug
- 10am Friday 29 Aug
- 10am Friday 12 Sept
- 10am Friday 26 Sept





Busy bees and Socials from 2pm on other Saturdays, weather dependent.

meet at the back of the Denmark CRC, on Strickland Street.

By Donation (Recommended \$10)

For Info contact: Basil 0429481019 basilschur@gmail.com or Don Hunt 0427446657



The Denmark Community Garden & Compost Hub is supported by the WA State Government through the Waste Authority's WasteSorted grants, Green Skills, Denmark CRC Denmark Community Foundation, the Shire of Denmark's Sustainability Education program, Mt



















Children 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.











Little Ones at the Library



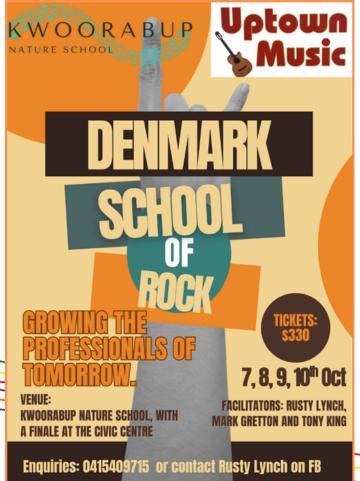
Come along with your babies and toddlers each Thursday from 10am - 12pm.

Drop in with friends or come to meet new ones and enjoy some informal play time.











Weekly trips to Albany & Denmark also available for hire.

Contact 98482842 or receptionedenmarkerc.com.au for more info.















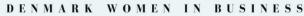




CONTACT US TODAY

Please call 9841 5999 and ask for







Networking | Support | Connection

DENMARK WOMEN IN BUSINESS

FREE CO-WORKING

COWORKING EVERY MONDAY

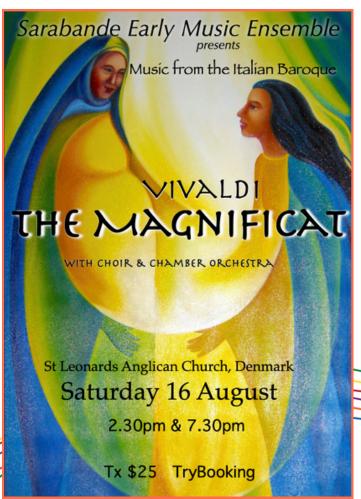
of the School Term at the Denmark CRC 9am - 4pm.

- Quiet Working Zones
- · Chatty Working Zones
- Meeting Zones
- Tea and Coffee
- Free Internet
- Networking Break Times
- · Mini Workshops
- · Business Coaching



Each Coworking session is 9am-4pm on Mondays during the school term at the Denmark CRC. You can request a code to start and finish later if you need. Come and go throughout the day as you please.

> Morning tea 10:30-11am Lunch 12-12:30pm Workshops from 12:30-1pm



LESSON + SOCIAL DANCING **Denmark Scout Hall**

6.30-7.30pm: Swing Lesson 7.30-8.30pm: Social Dancing

Cost: \$10







Creative Yarning Circle Workshops Presented by Gorenang Moortabiin

NATIVE FLORAL **ARRANGEMENT**

WORKSHOP.

with Jasmine Drew



10.30 AM - 12.30 PM

Gorenang Moortabiin 11 Prior St, Centennial Park, 6330





NATIVE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKSHOP

with Jasmine Drew

Born and raised in Albany (Kinjarling), Menang woman Jasmine Drew has spent her life living and working on Country. A former florist, Jasmine will share her skills and cultural knowledge around respectfully sourcing native plants and incorporating natural materials to create meaningful floral arrangements.

REGISTER HERE



https://tinyurl.com/bddt2zjb









Creative Yarning Circle Workshops Presented by Gorenang Moortabiin

INTRODUCTION TO NOONGAR ART

WORKSHOP

with Donna Williams



10.30 AM - 12.30 PM **Gorenang Moortabiin** 11 Prior St, Centennial Park, 6330



ARTS

INTRODUCTION TO NOONGAR ART WORKSHOP

with Donna Williams





REGISTER HERE

https://tinyurl.com/4d573jec



Join respected Noongar Artist Donna Wiliams for an introduction to the Noongar art style that is synonymous with the Great Southern Region. Participants will have the opportunity to create a personal canvas, guided by Donna, an experienced artist and educator.



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CULTURAL RHYTHMS WORKSHOP



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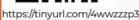
with Sam Sheppard

Experience the sounds and rhythms of culture with Muluridji man and cultural performer Sam Sheppard. This workshop at Gorenang Moortabiin will introduce participants to traditional musical instruments, songs, and foundational concepts of traditional performance.



REGISTER HERE











Creative Yarning Circle Workshops Presented by Gorenang Moortabiin

Image: Courtesy of the Department of Defence via ABC News

PAINTING BOODJA ON BOODJA

WORKSHOP

with Jennifer Woods



9.30 AM - 2.30 PM

Departing from Gorenang Moortabiin

11 Prior St, Centennial Park, 6330



PAINTING BOODJA ON BOODJA WORKSHOP

with Jennifer Woods

Spend the day on Country with Noongar Elder Jennifer Woods, connecting deeply to Boodja through painting. This workshop invites participants to express their relationship with the land by painting Country while on Country. Held at Stirling Range National Park and Gorenang Moortabiin, Albany.

REGISTER HERE



https://tinyurl.com/2rc4fu7p









Mental Health Training

Albany Sessions 12, 13, 14 August **Richmind**



Richmind WA's Training Manager is coming to Albany to deliver a series of workshops designed for people working in the mental health sector. We believe in the importance of upskilling and building capacity in our staff and would like to extend an invitation to you and your teams to join these upcoming sessions.

We are pleased to deliver the following training sessions in Albany.

Trauma Informed Practice 12 August, 9am-3:30pm

Traumatic events can be one off, ongoing and prolonged, or experienced second-hand (vicariously). Any type of trauma has the potential to be very damaging to a person's mental health. In this training, we look at the core principles of trauma informed care and explore some of the neuroscience to understand how trauma impacts on the brain and behaviour. We explore healing relationships and equip participants with the knowledge they need to work compassionately with people who have experienced trauma. We also look at vicarious trauma and how we can manage self-care to support our own mental health.

Working with AOD 13 August, 9am-3:30pm

The Working with AOD training focuses on our attitudes, beliefs, and values, basic alcohol and drug information, the process of dependency, the impact of AOD, harm minimisation, motivational interviewing, and safe search practices. We provide attendees with a broad knowledge of the skills and information needed to work with consumers who may be experiencing the effects of AOD use.

It takes courage



De-escalation & Suicide Prevention 14 August, 9am-4pm

The first half of the day explores precursor behaviours that can sometimes lead to aggression o violence. We learn to implement dynamic supervision skills and apply our knowledge of trauma informed practice in crisis situations. We teach participants to not only hold more safety and deescalate behaviours, but we also look at last resort physical non-restrictive practices.

The second half of the day helps workers to recognise when someone may be at risk of suicide or to respond to disclosures around suicide and self-harm. It explores how to connect with them in ways that understand and clarify that risk and increase their immediate safety. We also cover post crisis responses including debriefing and incident reporting.

Meet Our Facilitator

Paul Peacock is a passionate mental health professional who has a unique ability to incorporate music, media and creativity to empowe uplift and inspire. Paul has a wealth of experience delivering mental health training to community and corporate groups.

Paul specialises in delivering training for professionals who work with groups presenting with an experience of complex trauma, mental health issues and alcohol and other drugs challenges.



Course Costs \$150 +GST per day or book all three days for \$350 +GST (save \$100)

All sessions will be delivered at our newly renovated hub: Richmind WA Fellowship House 23 Stead Road, Centennial Park WA 6331

For more information, please contact us at richmind.learning@rw.org.au



Richmind

rw.org.au





Join us in a drumming circle with experienced facilitator Terrell - a fun, interactive experience designed to release and regulate life's stresses.

Organised by the Albany Community Response Committee for the prevention of alcohol and other drugs, this social connection Drumming Circle will run across 6 weekly sessions and, afterwards, indulge in pizza and great conversation!

The 6 week Drumming Circle is **free** to attend and delivered in a safe space. You will find a sense of free thinking through the music and participation in the drumming circle - it's also a lot of fun!

Supported by HOLYOAKE

Where PCYC, 77 Sanford Road
When Thursdays 5.15 - 6.15pm

Dates 7 August

14 August

21 August 28 August

4 September

RSVP is essential to secure your place:

Email or SMS providing your name and contact number to: albanyaodpreventioncommittee@ gmail.com 0422 294 909

We want to hear what vou think about ...

the different ways you could report and receive support in WA for Family, Domestic and/or Sexual violence that would make you feel safe and secure

If you are a woman living in WA who is over the age of 16 with lived experience we would like to hear from you via an anonymous survey

To find out more information or to complete the survey please scan the QR code or click the link below

https://eaecu.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cM DS5Wq8b11x578



For more information you can also contact the research team at jocelyn,jones@ecu.edu.au o l.roarty@ecu.edu.au





CENTRE FOR Women's Safety and Wellbeing





Performance opportunity:

- Aerials, 10yrs+ (Int & Advanced) Dance, 8-12 urs & 12 urs - Adult
- Theatre Actor club & Theatre
- Ensemble Meditative Movement, Adults

- Visual Arts

In 2015, the town of Kworabup Denmark authored The Creation of Now, a multilayered contemporary performance that creates a new world of imagination and mythology. Ten years on, Southern Edge Arts will create a new version that speaks to our sense of 'now' in the Great Southern.

Artistic Director, Annette Carmichael will lead a team of artists, young people and community members to recreate the world of Omo, an ancient child who seeks to find Now. A large intergenerational cast aged from 3 Roller Skating, Albany Roller Derby months - 70+ will wrap around this child on

their final quest.

October 10-12 2025 | at Southern Edge Arts

To find out how to get involved visit: southernedge.org.au

















JASON OWEN TANIA KERNAGHAN

WESTERN SUNTONES: CODEE-LEE RAY JONES & ELIAS BARTHOLOMEO

KATHY CARVER: AMBERLEY MARYELLEN

REAL GOOD QUESTION

KIMBERLEY GOLD

DARREN GILLIS: CONNIE KIS ANDERSEN BAND OF MATES - GINGER COX, EVAN PLATSCHINDA, KEVIN & TYSON LANSDELL, TERRY BENNETTS

NANSON * SHOWGROUNDS *INCLUDED

◆ CAMPING















Older Person Mental Health First Aid

The Older Person Mental Health First Aid course teaches participants who work with, care for or support adults aged 65+ how to provide initial support to someone who may be experiencing a mental health problem or mental health crisis, until professional help is received or the crisis resolves.

Course participants learn about the signs and symptoms of common mental health problems in older adults, how to recognise and respond to an emerging or worsening mental health problem, and the treatments and supports available.



Intervene early

Recognise the warning signs of mental health problems in older adults.



Respond in a crisis

Respond across a range of crisis situations where an older adult may be at risk of harm.



Offer support

Learn the skills to speak openly and accurately about mental health.



Reduce stigma

Reduce stigma and increase support for older adults experiencing and living with mental health problems.

Adults who complete the Older Person MHFA course become Mental Health First Aiders (MHFAiders), equipped with the knowledge, confidence, and skills to provide mental health information and support when it matters most.



Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course participants will be able to:

- Recognise the signs and symptoms of mental health problems in older adults
- Use an evidence-based action plan to initiate a mental health first aid conversation
- Assess for a range of crisis situations and provide initial
- Understand the prevalence and impact of mental illnesses, risk factors and treatments and supports available
- Apply self-care practices as a Mental Health First Aider.

The Older Person Mental Health First Aid course is based on guidelines that are informed by people with lived experience, their caregivers and health professionals.

Dates 28&29August

Venue / Delivery Method

Cost Nil

Times 8.45 - 3.15

Facilitator/sSheryl Moncur

Le Grande Motel Albany - contact khahn@palmerston.org.au to RSVP.

*Costs include course participation and all relevant teaching materials.

To learn more about MHFA training and becoming an MHFAider visit mhfa.com.au

Anyone can have a conversation that may save a life. Everyone should know how.

Mental Health First Aid, MHFA, Mental Health First Aider, MHFAider, ALGEE and For Anyone. For Everyone are registered trademarks of Mental Health First Aid Into

Eligibility

Parent Pathways is for parents and carers who:

have a child aged under 6

are not in paid employment

 live in an area where there is a Parent Pathways provider

You must also be getting:

Parenting Payment

Carer Payment

Special Benefit

You are also eligible if you're not getting a Centrelink payment, and are either:

✓ under 22 years old

 an early school leaver (parents who don't have a Year 12 qualification)

/ a First Nations parent or carer

dewr.gov.au/parentpathways



Where to find more information



You can find more information on Parent Pathways at: dewr.gov.au/parentpathways

Need extra support?

Many parents and carers experience extra challenges from time to time. You can talk to your mentor about finding practical, emotional, or personal support, as well as information and advice. If you need to exit Parent Pathways or take a break you can do that too.

If you need immediate help you can call Lifeline Australia on 13 11 14.



Parent Pathways

Supporting parents and carers in planning their future

We're here to support parents' goals while they're doing the most important job of all.



Voluntary. Personalised. Flexible.

What is Parent Pathways?

Parent Pathways is a voluntary service that can help you identify and achieve your future goals. The service is flexible, accessible and considerate of your individual circumstances.

You'll work with a mentor who will support you throughout your time in Parent Pathways.

You'll receive tailored advice, guidance and resources in a supportive and safe environment, where your children are always welcome.



What your Parent Pathways mentor can help you with



Local services

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Family and domestic violence support

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Joining local community groups for connection and support

Access to or help finding child care

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Linking you with services to support the health of you and your family

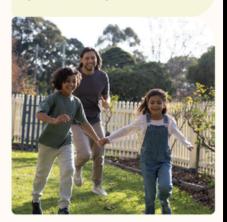
Financial assistance

You can get help to cover certain costs towards your future goals. This could include assistance to purchase a computer, get your licence, buy tools, equipment or a uniform to help with getting a job.

The amount of financial support depends on your unique needs, future goals and current circumstances.

Skills and training

Your Parent Pathways mentor will work with you to think about what you might like to do now and in the future. Your mentor can support you to do a training course, get a certificate or qualification or develop a new skill.







24 July 2025

How community legal centres make a difference

In today's economic landscape, it's easy to feel overwhelmed by complex complaint processes, aggressive debt collection conduct, or unexpected changes to your financial situation. For many Western Australians, community legal centres are a lifeline - offering free, expert legal help when it's needed most.

The Consumer Credit Legal Service (WA) Inc. (CCLS) is a not-for-profit, specialist community legal centre with a mission to strengthen the consumer voice in WA by advocating for and educating people about consumer and financial rights.

CCLS provides free, confidential legal advice and representation to people facing credit, debt and consumer law issues. They support people navigating disputes with businesses and financial firms or who are facing financial hardship with credit products like credit cards, personal loans, car loans, home loans, payday loans, buy now pay later and more.

There is often a significant power imbalance between consumers and big businesses and banks. CCLS helps people understand their rights and responsibilities, so they can stand up for themselves.

Their experienced legal team are supported by dedicated law student volunteers, ensuring vulnerable and disadvantaged consumers are not left to face legal challenges alone.

Through its free Telephone Legal Advice Line, the organisation offers legal information, referrals and discrete legal advice on a wide range of credit, debt, and consumer law issues. For more complex matters, CCLS also provides ongoing legal assistance and representation, especially in disputes involving banks, lenders or buy-now-pay-later services.

Beyond individual assistance, CCLS is committed to strengthening the broader community through legal education workshops and resources that build financial resilience and legal awareness.

The organisation also plays a key role in law reform and advocacy, regularly engaging with government and industry to push for fairer laws and policies. As the only WA-based organisation often represented in national forums, CCLS ensures the voices and concerns of Western Australians are heard at the highest levels.



Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety



The Financial Abuse Legal Service (FALS) is a specialist, integrated program combining legal assistance, social work, and financial counselling to support people who have experienced financial abuse in intimate partner relationships.

This trauma-informed service is delivered by CCLS and helps victim-survivors regain safety, control, and long-term financial independence through coordinated, wraparound support.

CCLS is a member of the Community Legal WA network, which includes 26 community legal centres across the state. Together, the community legal sector provides legal support in family law, tenancy, employment, domestic violence, and more, ensuring people across WA can access justice regardless of income or background.

Find out more about this valuable service - www.cclswa.org.au or call the free telephone legal advice line on 9221 7066.





MEDIA RELEASE

WEDNESDAY 30 JULY 2025

Council to Consider Plans on Long-Debated Aquatic Facility

The Shire of Denmark is reconsidering a long-standing community aspiration: the development of an indoor heated aquatic facility.

Council have agreed to consider updated financial modelling and building plans for a proposed aquatic facility featuring a 25-metre lap pool and a programmable hydrotherapy/baby learn-to-swim pool, at a Special Meeting of Council scheduled for 12 August 2025.

Following decades of community advocacy and numerous Council discussions dating back to the early 1990s, the Denmark Aquatic Centre Committee Inc. (DACCI), in collaboration with Shire officers, has recently completed updated concept plans and financial modelling, supported by funding from the Shire's Aquatic Facility Development Reserve and DACCI contributions.

Shire President Kingsley Gibson said, with the finalisation of up-to-date financial modelling and considering the long-standing community aspiration for a pool, Council wanted to take this opportunity to share the information openly and transparently.

"Any possible decision to pursue a pool would be among the biggest the Denmark Shire has ever made, and we owe it to our residents and ratepayers to deal with this matter thoroughly and carefully, and to maximise transparency and accountability throughout," Cr Gibson said.

Following the review of updated financial modelling and the proposed facility plans at the Special Meeting of Council in August, councillors will then decide whether to move forward on the project or not

Councillor Gibson stressed the decision to hold the special council meeting did not indicate that Council would proceed with a pool and that all options, including not seeking to progress a pool, were available.

"Whatever decisions Council might ultimately make about the pool, it is important that all community members have the ability to appreciate the factors being considered fully."

"An aquatic facility centred in our community would undoubtedly benefit the health and wellbeing of many people in our Shire, but just like our library and recreation grounds, an aquatic centre requires ratepayer subsidies to fund the initial construction and ongoing operational costs," Cr Gibson said.

"It's crucial Council understands and accepts the costs and risks of such a project before making any decision to proceed further."

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MEDIA RELEASE

WEDNESDAY 30 JULY 2025

Library Services Set to Transform with Planned Move to Visitor's Centre

The Shire of Denmark is set to upgrade our community services with a decision to relocate the Denmark Public Library to the current Visitor Centre site.

With the current service agreement for visitor servicing set to expire in June 2026, Council has endorsed a plan to redirect resources toward this more sustainable and impactful initiative, and to discontinue face-to-face tourism servicing.

The Visitor Centre's usage has declined sharply, with door counts dropping by 38% between 2015 and 2019, and representing less than 5% of total tourism engagement between 2021 and 2023.

By contrast, overnight visitor numbers have surged post-COVID, driven by tourism trends moving to online-only models, prompting the Shire to reconsider its investment in traditional visitor servicing and repurpose the Visitor Centre to relocate and upgrade the Denmark Public Library.

Shire of Denmark President, Kingsley Gibson, says the decline of traditional face-to-face tourism services offers a timely opportunity.

"Our recent Community Scorecard Survey has highlighted our much-loved Library's excellent service, but respondents also indicated a need for a more modern library space in our Shire that continues to provide for our growing population," Cr Gibson said.

"Relocating our Library to the Visitor's Centre, and developing a more modern library service in a modern and more accessible public space, opens up so many possibilities for our growing community,"

The layout of the Visitor Centre's building and prominent location are well-suited to library functions, and the new facility plans to offer our community increased digital access, flexible learning areas, lifelong learning programs and a modernised library catalogue.

The relocation will also provide potential new opportunities for the current library building on Strickland Street, with short-term leases for commercial or community use to be considered.

Although recognising the importance of tourism, particularly for some business owners, the Shire acknowledges its role is shifting toward managing tourism impacts—such as infrastructure and waste—rather than direct servicing.

"With this opportunity to take an underutilised space and repurpose it for those living in our community, we're ensuring our Library remains a much-loved service that is more than meeting its potential."

The Shire will investigate continued collaboration with the Denmark Chamber of Commerce to provide visitors' information.

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31 July 2025

With Senior Regional Officer for the Great Southern, Chadd Williams

Have your say: Is WA's funeral pricing code working?

Saying goodbye is never easy. The last thing families need is confusion or stress about how much a funeral will cost. Whether it's a joyful tribute or a solemn farewell, the pricing must be clear and upfront.

In Western Australia, the Funeral Pricing Code of Practice means funeral directors must publicly display their prices for all services and packages on their website and each place of business so you can compare the costs yourself in the comfort of your home or with friends and family.

A basic package of the least expensive combination of essential goods and services must also be included in the public pricing. This is so people have a better understanding of the costs for the minimum legal requirements for a burial or cremation.

Once you have decided on what sort of sendoff your loved one will have and ask for a quote, you should receive a full breakdown of prices within two business days to know exactly what the total cost will be, so there are no surprises later on.

Grieving friends and family deserve to be protected when they are at their most vulnerable.

Those consumers who decide to pay for their funerals upfront before they are needed should know they are protected by the mandatory Prepaid Funerals Code of Practice. This requires a detailed contract, prices to be fixed at the time of signing, a 30-day cooling off period and payments to prepaid funeral funds to be managed within secure investments under the name of the client until they are required.

It's important to note that prepaid funeral cover is different to funeral insurance, which should be treated with caution given ongoing payments are required for the rest of a consumer's life. This means they could pay significantly more than the actual payment their family will receive.

Funeral bonds are an investment product where you make regular payments over time and the value grows. When the time comes, the money can only be used for a funeral.

Funeral insurance and bonds are not covered by either Code of Practice, they are regulated by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) as they are financial products.



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Reforms to the funeral industry began in 2022 to stamp out unscrupulous sales practices and overcharging.

Before the Funeral Pricing Code of Practice came into effect on 1 May 2023 the cost sometimes wasn't known until after the funeral was held, leading family and friends of the deceased to believe they had been overcharged.

Some people ended up with bells and whistles they didn't want or need, or couldn't afford. Confusing 'bundles' with no itemised prices meant comparing costs between funeral directors was impossible.

From time to time, State Government departments must conduct reviews of laws. That time has come for the Funeral Pricing Code of Practice and Consumer Protection would like your help by filling out the survey here: https://consumerprotection.wa.gov.au/funeralpricing

The purpose of the survey is to get feedback on whether the code is working and if consumers are getting upfront knowledge of the prices of funeral goods and services and other funeral information.

If you believe you have been misled about funeral costs, report it to Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54.





MEDIA RELEASE

FRIDAY 1 AUGUST 2025

Community Grants First Round Applications Now Open

The Shire of Denmark's Community Grants program, which supports local not-for-profit groups deliver projects that benefit the Denmark community, is now open and over \$50,000 is available—more than double the funding previously committed by the Shire.

This program is now offered in two rounds each financial year, with \$28,500 available in this first round, and continues the Shire's long-standing commitment to grassroots initiatives, offering financial assistance to help bring community-led ideas to life.

In 2025, successful applicants included Denmark Environment Centre, Denmark Skate Club, Denmark Senior Soccer Club, Denmark FM, GreenSkills, Great Southern Classic Club, Town Team Denmark, Great Southern Academy of Sport, Sarabande Early Music Ensemble and the Denmark Community Resource Centre.

Shire President Kingsley Gibson said the program is a key part of the Shire's broader support for community organisations.

"Each year, the Shire invests over \$1 million in support for local groups through rate waivers, peppercorn leases, service agreements, and direct funding," Cr Gibson said.

"The Community Grants program is another way to empower our community to create vibrant, inclusive, and impactful projects, and it's exciting to now be able to increase our support and offer two opportunities for funding."

Eligible groups can apply for between \$1,000 and \$10,000 of funding from 6 different grant categories, with successful applicants now having 18 months to complete and deliver their projects.

The Community Grant Guidelines, application tips and guidance are available on the Shire's website and anyone interested is also encouraged to book a one-on-one session with the Shire's Community Development Officer for support with their application on 9848 0300 or info@denmark.wa.gov.au

Applications close 4pm Friday, 29 August 2025 and applicants will be notified of their success in late September 2025.

Round 2 of the Community Grant program is expected to open in February 2026.

LINK - www.denmark.wa.gov.au/community-grants

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For more information - www.emergency.wa.gov.au