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Christmas
 & a Happy New Year

The Gate Post

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Grain Brokers Australia Weekly Market Report

Written by Peter McMeekin – December 2023

Corn crop helps China to record grain output...

Corn production in China hit a record this year, up four per cent compared to 2022, according to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS). An increase in the planted and harvested areas compared to the previous season more than compensated for the damage and production losses caused by summer typhoons in some northern provinces.

Output in the world's second-largest producer rose from 277.2 million metric tonne in 2022 to 288.8MMT this year, significantly higher than the 277MMT forecast from the USDA in this month's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates.

NBS advised that the area planted to corn this year rose 2.7 per cent, or 1.15 million hectares, compared to a year earlier to 44.2 million hectares, the largest area sown to corn since at least 2015. This is significantly higher than the 43.3 million hectare planted area reported by the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service.

The corn area has been boosted in recent years by government subsidies provided to Chinese farmers to encourage the planting of staple grains. The subsidies are part of a concerted push by Beijing to improve the nation's food security by increasing domestic grain production.

China's soybean harvest also grew this year, up 2.8 per cent to 20.8MMT. This was off a planted area of 10.5 million hectares, 2.2 per cent higher year-on-year. However, rice and wheat production both fell in 2023, down 0.9 and 0.8 per cent, respectively, to 206.6MMT and 136.6MMT, the NBS reported.

According to agricultural analyst Beijing Orient Agribusiness Consultancy, the government has been gradually bringing uncultivated and underutilised land in the country's northernmost provinces of Xinjiang, Inner Mongolia and Heilongjiang into the grain production system as part of Beijing's food security drive.

The development of this new land for cultivation saw the total area planted to grain crops in 2023 increase by 636,000 hectares, or 0.5 per cent, to 119 million hectares, according to NBS.

The increased area saw the world's biggest producer and consumer of grain push total production to a new record of 695.4MMT, marking a 1.3 per cent increase on last year. China's grain output has climbed significantly over the past two decades and has remained above 650MMT since 2015.

Productivity averaged 5.85 metric tonne for each planted hectare across the nation in 2023, which is 0.8 per cent higher than that of last year. The increased output came despite some regions being hit by a string of heatwaves and torrential rain over the summer, which disrupted food production and destroyed entire harvests in some areas. These included a prolonged rain spell during the winter crop harvest in regions along the Yellow River and Huaihe River, floods in northern and northeastern regions, and drought in northwestern areas.

Figures from China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs revealed that in 2023, a total of 9.6 million hectares of grain crops were affected by typhoons, drought, floods, frost and heatwaves. Interestingly, this was 1.9 million hectares less than in 2022 and 7.2 million hectares below the five-year average. Drought-affected crops made up 30 per cent of all disaster-affected farmland this year, lower than the long-term average of 42 per cent.

Heilongjiang province in northeast China is widely known as the country's "grain barn." Production this year reached 77.9MMT, accounting for 11.2 per cent of the country's total. Heilongjiang's reliable weather and cropping systems have seen it ranked first in the country for 14 consecutive years, with a growth in output in 2023 of 252,000 metric tonne compared to last year.

The province's grain production area was 14.74 million hectares, accounting for 12.4 per cent of the country's total cultivated lands. Flooding affected some summer crops, but the affected area was relatively small, thus limiting the damage to final production according to the provincial department of agriculture and rural affairs.

The autonomous region Xinjiang Uygur, which traditionally contributes to the bulk of China's cotton production but not food due to a lack of water, saw a growth of over 16 per cent in

Grain Brokers Australia Weekly Market Report continued...

Written by Peter McMeekin – December 2023

terms of both planted area and output in 2023 compared with last year. The increase in production was mainly driven by improved moisture conservation farming techniques. Expanding agricultural production in the region is a critical ingredient in Beijing's food security ambitions as long as further improvements in water use efficiency can be achieved.

Meanwhile, the increase in domestic corn supply, coupled with the extremely robust import program, has reportedly pushed the nearby market into oversupply and driven domestic prices lower, much to the delight of the country's intensive livestock industry. China is home to the world's biggest pig herd and producers have been suffering under the burden of negative margins for some time on the back of elevated domestic stockfeed prices.

Since trading at an intraday high of 2,692 yuan (AUD568 per metric tonne) on August 11, the January corn futures contract on the Dalian Commodity Exchange has fallen 9 per cent in value to close last week at 2,450 yuan (AUD517/MT), a value not seen since May of this year. Over half of that fall has occurred since November 11, as the harvest wound up and the crop size became apparent.

Based on the pace of imports since July 1 and unexecuted 2023/24 season purchases already on the books, Beijing seems intent on continuing the corn supply build to keep domestic prices in check and replenish state reserves. While the USDA held its ground in this month's WASDE, leaving Chinese corn imports unchanged at 23MMT this season, some market pundits are north of 30MMT, suggesting even more demand will surface in the first quarter of 2024.

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Newdegate Town CHRISTMAS TREE





— From the Shire of Lake Grace —

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12 noon Friday 22 December 2023 until
8.30am Tuesday 2 January 2024

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An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at 3.00pm 20 December 2023,
Shire of Lake Grace Council Chambers,
1 Bishop St, Lake Grace WA 6353

The Agenda is available on: www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

A minimum of 15 minutes is set aside for public question time, giving community members an opportunity to ask questions relating to Shire activities. All welcome.

For further information and to submit a Public Question Time form go to:
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LAKE GRACE SWIMMING POOL HOURS OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD

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| Sunday | 24 December | 9am – 3pm |
| Monday | 25 December | CLOSED |
| Tuesday | 26 December | CLOSED |
| Wednesday | 27 December | Open 5.30 – 7.00 & 12 - 6 |
| Thursday | 28 December | Open 12 - 6 |
| Friday | 29 December | Open 5.30 – 7.00 & 12 - 6 |
| Saturday | 30 December | Open 12 - 6 |
| Sunday | 31 December | Open 12 - 6 |
| Monday | 1 January | Open 12 – 6 NO early morning swimming |
| Tuesday | 2 January | CLOSED |
| Wednesday | 3 January | resume normal days / hours |



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Office Open Hours

Monday to Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm
Telephone between 8.00am - 5.00pm

Lake Grace Swimming Pool Hours

Wednesday to Monday: 12 noon - 6.00pm
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Department of Transport

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Phone ahead for holiday period hours:
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Saturday 9am - 1pm

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Recycling is a fortnightly service, alternating between Lake Grace and Newdegate:

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| Newdegate | Lake Grace |
| Tuesday 26 December | Tuesday 16 January |
| Tuesday 9 January | Tuesday 30 January |

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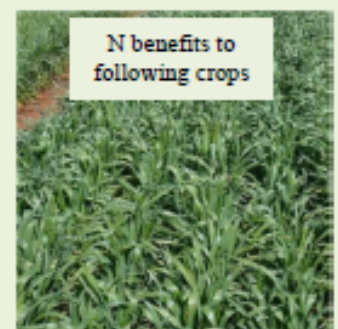
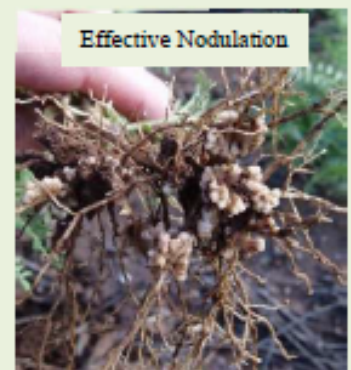
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Station News

We have secured an Officer in Charge! Sergeant Wade Bambling should be arriving sometime in the new year, so we will now have two officers named Wade... enjoy that one.

Sgt Bambling brings a great amount of knowledge and experience. We will ensure he completes a segment about himself when he arrives.

Inspector Moore paid a visit to us, having recently transferred from Perth to Albany; Inspector Moore has an oversight of the entire Northern sector of the Great Southern District.

During his visit to our station he remarked on the friendly nature and tidiness of the town.

Traffic News

A friendly reminder that **double demerits** commence on Friday 22nd December and are in effect until the 7th of January. As we all know this is a busy time on the road with people travelling from A to B during the school holidays.

With the uplift in the volume of traffic on our roads during the festive season, please ensure that you take your time and arrive at your destination safely, we wouldn't want you to become a statistic.

Crime News

We've had further reports of members our community becoming victims of online fraud. Please ensure that passwords are stored safely and that they are never disclosed to anyone. We would recommend visiting the following government websites for further recommendations and advice.

eSafety Commissioner - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Australian Cyber Security Centre - <https://www.cyber.gov.au/>

We have also had reports of fuel being stolen from a local farm, and the Hyden service station. Kondinin Police Station will take carriage of the Hyden stealing, thankfully the suspects were recorded on the CCTV at the servo.

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Regards

Lake Grace Police

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2024 New Year Stargazing

2024 will bring a 'cosmic treasure trove' of stunning astro events throughout the year. We can look forward to more amazing meteor showers, a special line-up of planets, Super Moons and more!

To bring in the new year, January has two lovely conjunctions to look for, starting with brilliant Venus sitting only 5 degrees from the thin slither of the Moon. The time is 45mins before dawn on the 9th, looking to the east. This is followed by a stunning meeting of the half moon and Jupiter in the evening sky on the 18th.

For constellations, Orion the Hunter is a famous summer constellation and is up in the early evening to see now. First thing in the evening, look directly to the east. The brightest star you'll see is Sirius. Directly to the left of Sirius is what is often referred to as the "Saucepan". The "Saucepan" is part of the Orion constellation. There are three bright stars in a fairly straight line that make up the base of the saucepan and a handle sticks out at the top right.

Orion has been known since ancient times. In Greek mythology, Orion is a hunter. His image is upside down in the southern hemisphere! The three bright stars of the base are Orion's belt, and the handle is his sword.

And how about looking at some galaxies! The Large and Small Magellanic Clouds (sometimes abbreviated to LMC and SMC!) are galaxies outside of our own Milky Way Galaxy and form a stunning spectacle. From Earth, they look like two faint clouds in the southern night sky. We are super lucky here downunder as they are only seen from the Southern Hemisphere.

The best time to see the Magellanic Clouds is when there's no moonlight. Look to the south from 8.00pm, between 10–15th January.

Pop these dates into your cosmic diary and have a star-filled New Year!

For more stargazing tips, visit www.astrotourismwa.com.au.



Watercolour Collage...

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ACTIVE TIME1 hour
30 minutes**TOTAL TIME**

2 hours

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Materials

- Watercolors
- Watercolor paper or cardstock
- Acrylic paint
- Square canvas - 24"
- Mod Podge

Tools

- Scissors
- Paintbrushes



Instructions:

1. Create Watercolour art to begin. Wet the paper first, then apply the watercolours for a tie dye look. Let it dry.
2. Haphazardly cut all the small paintings into triangles of various sizes.
3. Paint the canvas with white paint and let dry.
4. Lay out all of the triangles on the canvas for placement. Apply mod podge to the back of the triangles and to the canvas and attach.
5. Repeat until the canvas is covered and let dry.
6. Apply two final coats of mod podge to the canvas, letting it dry in between. Allow to dry for several hours before hanging.

Yarn Christmas Tree DIY...

Supplies:

- yarn in as many colours as you'd like
- cardboard or Styrofoam cones
- wooden toy wheels in a large and small size
- dowel rod that will fit the hole of the wooden wheels
- small wooden stars
- white and gold paint
- gold glitter paper
- scrap piece of cardboard
- hot glue gun



Take your hot glue gun and glue the start of your yarn all the way around the bottom of your cone. Keep gluing the yarn around and around as close to the previous layer as you can until you have filled the cone to the top with yarn.

I used a high-temp glue gun for this project since the glue is hotter and you have a longer time span before it cools too much to adhere anything, but a low-temp glue gun will work too.

I would suggest that on the bottom wider half of the cone you lay down one line of glue at a time before placing your yarn on top, and then once it gets skinnier up top you can do more of a vertical zig-zag pattern with the glue so you can wrap several times around before the glue dries.

Glue the circle onto the bottom of your cone so you have a platform to attach your tree base to.

Cut your dowel rod into 2-3" sections (you'll probably want a small saw or hacksaw to cut these) and slide a small wheel on one side and a larger wheel on the other side. You can glue these together if you like, but they usually fit pretty snugly even without glue.

Paint the tree bases white and let dry. Glue the base to the center of the bottom side of each cone.

Paint your small wooden stars gold. Trace the star shape onto the back of some gold glitter paper. Cut out the stars and glue them to the fronts of the wooden stars and attach the star to the top of the tree. Set out your trees and admire your work!



Christmas Lights Competition

This Year's Winners are:

Best Lit House



Francis Maisey

Best Farm Gate Display



Mackenzie Turner

Best Non-Residential Display



Pitstop

Judge's Award



Kryssy Speechley

Call into the NCRC to collect your prize!

Christmas Lights Competition

We were amazed with everyone's efforts this year, there were some truly fantastic entries. It's awesome to see the town all lit up for Christmas. Thank you to everyone that took part. Enjoy some photos of the entries in this years competition.



Outdoor Christmas Movie Night 'ELF'

THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT CAME TO THE OUTDOOR MOVIE SCREENING OF 'ELF' ON FRIDAY 8TH DEC. WE HAD A LOT MORE PEOPLE THAN WE EXPECTED TURN UP, ESPECIALLY WITH THE COLD TEMPERATURES AND THE WIND NOT LETTING UP.

THE INFLATABLE SCREEN WORKED REALLY WELL SO THANK YOU GOES TO THE SHIRE FOR LETTING US USE IT. THANKS TO DEAN RINTOUL FOR RUNNING THE BAR, AND FUNDING FOR THE EVENT CAME FROM A 'GET ONLINE WEEK' GRANT.

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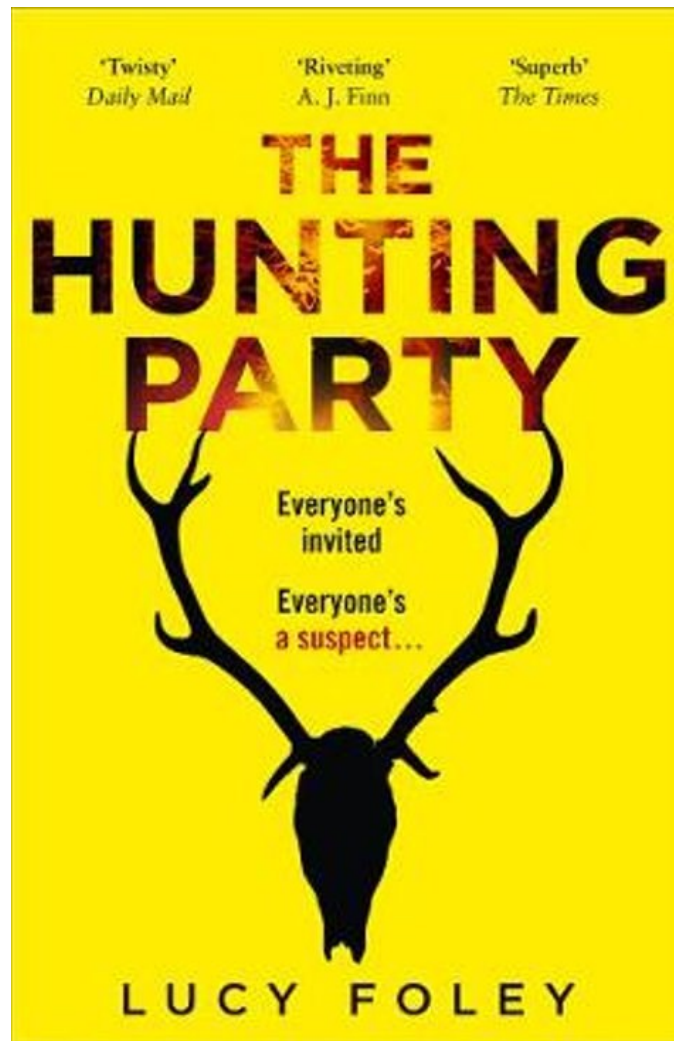


This week we are reading...

The Hunting Party

By

Lucy Foley



The Sunday Times Top 5 bestseller

Everyone's invited.
Everyone's a suspect.

In a remote hunting lodge, deep in the Scottish wilderness, old friends gather.

The beautiful one
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Cheesy Pastry Christmas Tree

Ingredients

2 x 375g packet frozen Carême All Butter Puff Pastry, just thawed

125g camembert, chilled

120g (1/3 cup) Coles cranberry sauce

20g (1/4 cup) finely grated parmesan

1 egg, lightly whisked

1 tbsp pepitas

Fresh thyme sprigs, to serve

Method

Preheat oven to 200C/180C fan forced. Line a large baking tray with baking paper. Place 1 sheet of pastry on the prepared tray. With the short side facing you, cut from the centre point at the top of the pastry to each bottom corner to form a large triangle. Wrap the pastry offcuts in plastic wrap and return to the fridge.

Use a sharp knife to remove the rind from camembert then cut into 3mm thick slices.

Spread the cranberry sauce over the pastry triangle, leaving a 3cm border at the base and a 1cm border along the 2 long edges. Place the camembert slices lengthways over cranberry sauce, trimming to fit, if necessary.

Sprinkle with the parmesan. Trim the bare border of pastry from the bottom of the triangle, leaving a piece in the centre to create a 3cm wide base.



Place the remaining sheet of pastry on top of the pastry tree. Cover with a sheet of baking paper and a large baking tray. Hold the trays together and carefully invert. Remove the top tray and place in the fridge for 15 minutes to rest.

Discard the top layer of baking paper. Use a small sharp knife to cut around the pastry to match the bottom layer, leaving a 3cm-wide strip down the middle of the triangle (to form the trunk). Make cuts crosswise, outwards from the centre at 2cm intervals, to create the tree branches. Beginning at the base, lift and twist the pastry branches away from you. Brush with egg.

Cut a star from the pastry scraps. Attach to the top of the pastry tree. Brush with egg. Add the pepitas to look like baubles. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until golden and cooked through. Sprinkle with thyme to serve.

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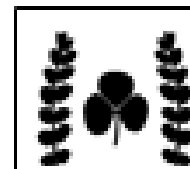
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**Pasture Seed and Canola
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The difference between ordinary and extraordinary

Is that little bit extra

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LAKE BIDDY CHRISTMAS TREE
 CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RAFFLE
 WINNERS:

\$200 JO JO MARWICK
 \$100 KRYSSY SPEECHLEY
 GUESS THE LOLLIES- EVIE MCDONALD

Wishing you all a very
 Merry Christmas and a
 wonderful New Year




If you are in 'the Gate' for New Years, don't forget to join us at the town hall anytime from 7pm.
 BYO everything, except music, we are pleased to have our own local talent for the love music option.
 See you there!!!

Fire Suppression Equipment - Reminder

Pursuant to Regulation 38A & 38B of the Bush Fires Regulations 1954, the Shire gives written notice that undertaking the below-listed agricultural activities shall have the following conditions;

- » Provide an operational mobile firefighting unit with no less than 450 litres of water (recommended 1200 litres),
- » Minimum 6 metres of hose (recommended 30 metres) with a controlled nozzle,
- » Self-propelled fire units are preferred with trailer units being accepted only if connected to a tow vehicle at all times.
- » Mobile firefighting unit GVM and/or GTM shall not be exceeded pursuant to WHS legislation to maintain a safe work environment.

Specified activities;

- » Grain harvesting
- » Rock raking/ windrowing/ track chaining
- » Spreading
- » Hay baling
- » Reefinishing
- » Stubble crunching
- » Other activities as broadcast by the CBFCO, CESM or CEO.

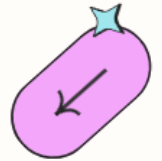
Fire units are to be ready and available from
 1 November - 31 March annually, outside above activities.

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THE NEWDEGATE CRC IS TRANSITIONING TO A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS.

PLEASE SAVE IT TO YOUR ADDRESS BOOK...



ADMIN@NEWDEGATECRC.COM.AU

New, Old & Current residents of Newdegate...

Telephone Book 2024



The telephone book is due to be published in January 2024.

If you'd like to be included in the phone book or update your details, contact the CRC on 9871 1791 or email admin@newdegatecrc.com.au

Newdegate Gateway

Christmas Eve Gateway service at Dunks on
 Sunday, 24th December, 2023.
 10 am



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 Sunday Worship 10am
 Live music, café style coffee

All about Jesus

Malcolm and Cathie Kelly
 9871 9032 or 0488 719 032

Nick and Lucy Kelly
 0427 417 506
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ADVERTISEMENT

I wish all The Gate Post readers a safe and happy Christmas!

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| WEATHER FORECAST | | | | |
|------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Day | Max Temp | Min Temp | Possible rainfall | Chance of Rainfall |
| Wed 20th | 31°C | 12°C | 0mm | 10% |
| Thu 21st | 30°C | 14°C | 0mm | 10% |
| Fri 22nd | 32°C | 13°C | 0mm | 5% |
| Sat 23rd | 28°C | 12°C | 0mm | 5% |
| Sun 24th | 32°C | 10°C | 0mm | 5% |
| Mon 25th | 36°C | 14°C | 0mm | 5% |

*Australian Government Bureau of Meteorology.
As of Tuesday 19th December 2023*

TIP OPENING TIMES

Wednesday 9am—1pm
Saturday 9am—1pm



Recycling
Fortnightly Service
Next Date:
Tuesday
2nd Jan 24



NEWDEGATE FOOTBALL CLUB is seeking expressions of interest for the positions of league and reserves coach for 2024.

Please contact Jeremy Richardson on 0409 419 014 or email newdegatefc@outlook.com if you would like to know more.

2024

— photography calendar —



\$20
AT THE GATE COLLECTIVE NOW!




Newdegate Centenary Merchandise.



Is available to be purchased from the
Gate Collective

Newdegate Container Exchange

Open Wednesday's
From 10am till 2pm
Machinery Field Days Site, Waddell



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EOI for Courses in 2024

- FORKLIFT (2DAY)**
- WORKING SAFELY AT HEIGHTS (1DAY)**
- CONFINED SPACES (1DAY)**

We are planning to run these courses consecutively from 6th Feb 2024

REGISTER WITH THE NCRC

0898 711 791




COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Come one, come all!
and join in singing carols at 7.30 pm, Friday, 22nd Dec. at the Newdegate CRC.

Kids, bring shepherds' costumes, stray sheep, crooks, wise men gear, crowns, Mary and Joseph clothes, babies, farmyard animals, angels' wings ... and leave them in a basket at the CRC before the school concert, then collect them after the Carols night.

Hear The Really Good News of Christmas!



Newdegate Machinery Field Days

**POSITION VACANT:
Secretary**

Duties include:

- Minuting monthly meetings (template provided)
- General administration tasks (monthly checklist provided)
- Being available to work in the office throughout the event week

This role has been simplified in recent years and comes with an easy to follow checklist of tasks to be completed each month.

Essential tasks are minimal and the role can be varied depending on how much time you want to commit to it.

Benefits include:

- Having an integral role in a really fantastic event that also helps to fund various projects and upgrades within the town
- Being a part of a passionate and supportive committee
- Annual bonus
- Chance to socialise with people in town you may not see often
- Opportunity to bring your own creativity and ideas to the event

For more information or to discuss further please contact Hope Newman on 0475849377



Message from Country Club

Could people who are driving on the golf greens please refrain from doing so. Golf Club has a big event happening in 2024 so would like the greens to be in good condition.

- Thank You -

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR CUSTOMERS

WE'RE WRAPPING
things up for Christmas

CLOSING:
FRI 22ND DECEMBER 12PM

RE-OPENING:
TUES 2ND JANUARY 2024

JANUARY OPENING HOURS
TUES- THURS 8:30 - 4:30PM

See you next year!



ACROSS

- 1) Works on, as a bone
- 6) Lapidarist's item
- 9) Sidewinder, for one
- 14) African antelope (Var.)
- 15) In-flight info, for short
- 16) Maxims
- 17) Buzzing
- 18) Big jerk
- 19) Tracks
- 20) Group that disagrees with the majority
- 23) Genuflecting joint
- 24) "Anything ___?"
- 25) Corn holder
- 28) Make blank
- 30) Economist's concern (Abbr.)
- 33) Dispatch boat
- 36) Raccoon's cousin
- 39) Abraham Lincoln was a member of it
- 42) Kind of bathing suit
- 43) Beyond the fringe
- 44) It's taken for trips
- 45) May 8, 1945
- 48) Vert. counterpart
- 49) Working description
- 51) Get the better of
- 54) Where one is out of character?
- 61) Stevie Wonder's "My Cherie ___"
- 62) ___ de toilette
- 63) Musical drama
- 64) Tablelands
- 65) Major network
- 66) Concerning the kidneys
- 67) Battery's positive pole
- 68) Gymnast's surface
- 69) Overused theme

DOWN

- 1) Pleased
- 2) Legalese for "unless"
- 3) Play things
- 4) Type of broom
- 5) Police car warning
- 6) Go-___ (achiever)
- 7) Decorative sewing case
- 8) Kind of milk (with "of")
- 9) Feeds, as hogs
- 10) Starbursts
- 11) Thickening agent
- 12) Bagpiper's wear
- 13) "Duck soup!"
- 21) Originally named
- 22) Actress Close
- 25) "Deck the Halls," e.g.
- 26) Hot spots
- 27) Man or ostrich, e.g.
- 29) Followed a missile's path
- 30) Brooks of music
- 31) Rocket fuel ingredient, for short
- 32) One carrying on a trade
- 34) Eat in the evening
- 35) Part of a geisha's attire
- 37) U.S. publications grp.
- 38) Ancient cross
- 40) Flood control
- 41) Banana split ingredient
- 46) Make off with
- 47) "___-haw!" (cowboy's cry)
- 49) Group of cheerleaders
- 50) Competitor's share
- 52) Wear with flair
- 53) Become narrow
- 54) Papa's mate
- 55) Prayer's end
- 56) Not too hot
- 57) Four-line rhyme scheme
- 58) Where no one eats their chips?
- 59) Golf hazard
- 60) Harvard rival

BLOW OUT

By Glenda Rich

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| Mr Colin Dunkeld | 98711 556 |
| Mrs Rosy Sinclair | 9874 7045 |

| Services | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Emergency Services | 000 |
| LG Police Department | 9890 2000 |
| Hospital | 9890 2222 |
| Poisons Info. | 13 11 26 |
| Western Power | 13 13 51 |
| Water Corp | 13 13 75 |
| Directory Assistance | 1223 |

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|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
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| Local Services | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Lake Grace Medical Centre | 9865 1208 |
| Newdegate Medical Centre | 9871 1528 |
| Dentist (Dr Bryan Flemming) | 97955 511 |
| Child Health Nurse | 9890 2246 |

Newdegate Phone Books available at the CRC for \$7

Community Calendar

December 2023

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| Wed 20th | Shire Council Meeting in Lake Grace @15:30 |
| Fri 22nd | Community Christmas Carols 19:30 @NCRC |
| Sun 24th | Christmas Eve |
| Mon 25th | Christmas Day |
| Tues 26th | Boxing Day |
| Sun 31st | New Years Eve |

January 2024

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| Mon 1st | New Years Day |
| Fri 26th | Australia Day |

Newdegate Defibrillator Locations

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| ⇒ Newdegate Ambulance Shed <i>May Street</i> | ⇒ <i>201 Newdegate North Road</i> |
| ⇒ Newdegate Grocer & Café <i>5 Maley Street</i> | ⇒ Newdegate Country Club <i>Newdegate/Pingrup Road</i> |
| ⇒ Newdegate Hotel <i>1 Maley Street</i> | ⇒ Newdegate Swimming Pool <i>Mitchell Street</i> |
| ⇒ Newdegate Rec Centre <i>Waddell Street</i> | ⇒ Newdegate Tennis Club <i>Waddell Street</i> |
| ⇒ Newdegate Motel & Caravan Park | ⇒ Newdegate Post Office <i>7 Maley Street</i> |

