

King River Hall

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 - Summer/Autumn 2024

Welcome to All New Readers!

From the President Kathy Suggate (0419 942 741)

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and start to the new year! I am looking forward to lots of new things happening at the Hall this year. In particular we have received a number of opportunities to be involved with caring for our local environment. We will be offering free sessions and training on this over the next few terms. Please watch out for them and come along, learn some and consider how you might be involved.

This is the first year we will offer an event for International Women's Day. Thank you to VP Trish Ryans-Taylor for the idea and coordination! See next column for full details and please join in.

And, last but not least, we are continuing the 'Unknowns' series by offering a Photography Unknowns Exhibition in August. Please see the article for where to find out more and tell your photography friends!

I am full of anticipation, and there's something to be said about ANTICIPATION! Anticipation is excitement, waiting eagerly for something you know is going to happen. And I know lots is happening at the King River Hall!

An intense anticipation itself transforms possibility into reality; our desires being often but precursors of the things which we are capable of performing. ~ Samuel Smiles

An Update on the Studio

And, we are still anticipating...our new Studio space. Since the last update our Bushfire Management Plan was completed and submitted to the City. It then went to the Heritage Council of WA, who had questions, which we answered to their satisfaction. It then went to DFES for approval, who had further questions for the company that completed the Bushfire Management Plan. And that is where it still is. It has been a year now since we began the 'paperwork', so I keep thinking about (and anticipating) how good it is going to be once it's all finished!

Hands On Colour

We are pleased to announce an exhibition of pastel artists over the Easter long weekend. See full details next column. Come along and browse and enjoy the artwork, talk to artists and have a cuppa.

International Women's Day Breakfast
with Guest Speaker Councillor Lynn MacLaren

King River Hall - 1520 Millbrook Road

Friday March 8th, 8 to 9.30am

Full Continental Breakfast
Followed by Guest Speaker
Tickets \$25

(Part proceeds to Albany Women's Centre and Share the Dignity)



The theme for International Women's Day 2024 is Count Her In: Invest in Women. Accelerate Progress.

To book email krhlnenrol@gmail.com OR text 0480 377 387.
Once confirmed make payment to King River Recreational Club Inc.
BSB 633000 Account 130984933. EFT Reference: IWD

International Women's Day

We are excited to be holding our first ever event for International Women's Day. Please join us as we breakfast, connect and listen together. We are pleased to have Councillor MacLaren bringing us words of encouragement.

Annual Membership


Membership renewals are due in February (our financial year ends January 31). Single \$20 and Family \$30, payable by EFT to: King River Recreational Club Inc. BSB 633000 Account No. 1309 84933. Payments can also be made in cash to the Secretary. Anyone can be a member, so consider showing your support for The Hall by joining now. Forms are available on The Hall verandah or website.

Annual General Meeting

It's election time again at King River Hall! The 2024 AGM will be held Wednesday, February 21st at 7pm.



Please come along and show your support. Anyone is welcome to attend. There will be coffee, cake 'n' chat time afterwards. Committee nomination forms are available on the website or call the Secretary to have one emailed.



'Hands on Colour'

An Exhibition of
Pastel Artwork by
local artists

King River Hall - 1520 Millbrook Rd

Saturday to Monday, March 30th to April 1st
10am to 3pm daily, refreshments available

Featured artists include Zoe Butler, Ellie Cameron, Barbara Cronin,
David Cronin, Yvonne Longville and Mary Young.

2024 Feb/Mar/Apr Events at King River Hall

Ongoing Events

Mondays at 10am	KRH Cuppa and a Chat
Mondays at 5.30pm Beginning Feb 12 for 7 weeks	Yoga*
Wednesdays at 1pm	KRH Mahjong Group
First Thursday of the month, 10.30am	KRH Book Club
Thursdays at 1.30pm	KRH Mind Games
Last Friday of the month 7pm.	Amity Rogues (formerly Shantylillies)*
SUNDAYS: 2-4pm, 3rd Sunday of the month Term 1	Pop-Up Social Table Tennis

* Fees apply

Term 1 'Learning' at The Hall

TUESDAYS	
Feb 27, 9.30am-12.30pm Mar 5, 9.30am-11.30am	Mosaics
Mar 12, 19 and 26 9.30am-12noon	Mahjong for Beginners
WEDNESDAYS	
Mar 6 and 13 10am-11.30am	Calligraphy for Beginners
THURSDAYS	
Feb 29, 7pm	FREE Session Making a Difference to the Environmental Health of Our King River Community
Mar 21 10am-12noon	FREE Session Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!
SATURDAY	
Mar 23, 1.30-3.30pm	An Introduction to Beekeeping

For queries or inclusion in the newsletter please email: albanykingriverhall@gmail.com.

For Hall hire contact the Secretary on 0480 125 734.

Past Events

The Art Trail ran over 9 days, Sep 23-Oct 1, and as always was a real delight to see our Hall all dressed up! A special thank you to Sue Noakes, our amazing Exhibition specialist, who makes this all happen...and happen well! Thank you to all visitors, exhibitors and helpers!

The Annual Christmas Artisan's Market was a wonderful success and really brought the community together to support our local artisans. Thank you artisans and everyone for coming along!

Weekly FREE Events at YOUR Hall

CUPPA AND A CHAT - Monday mornings at 10, year round (either in the garden out back or cozy and warm inside), you will find a group having a cuppa and sharing stories, news, garden veggies, craft ideas and more!

MAHJONG - Wednesday afternoons at 1.00 you will find people playing Mahjong. All players are welcome!

BRAIN GAMES - Thursday afternoons at 1.30 you will find people playing Rummikub, Qwirkle, Scrabble, Splendor, cards and other games to keep our minds working well.

BOOK CLUB - Thursday mornings (once a month) at 10.30, you will find eager readers sharing their love of reading.

Spotlight on the Environment

Around the King River Hall

Please join us as we begin discussions on ways to be more involved with what happens to the environment around the King River Hall. We'll begin by looking at the past environmental activity around the Hall, recent findings, and future possibilities. This will be the first in a series of discussions and training sessions. We are excited (anticipating) the opportunities we have to partner and connect with people and other groups with similar interests!

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Making a Difference to the Environmental Health of Our King River Community

With Loxley Fedec, Ruth Haight and Kathy Suggate

This FREE session will look at a number of recent opportunities that have arisen to help restore, conserve, protect and manage the King River catchment area. We will be considering how the Hall can support and be involved in this important work. Opportunities include Oyster Harbour Catchment Group (OHCG) projects, involvement in iNaturalist, and further training and educational opportunities.



Thursday, February 29th
7pm-8.30pm
Supper provided

Please RSVP for catering purposes to:
albanykingriverhall@gmail.com
ALL WELCOME!

International Day of Waste, March 30th

Join us for this FREE session as we learn where our waste goes and how we can reduce it, and more!

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FREE Information Session Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!

with Tess Bryant, Cleanaway Education Officer



March 30th is International Day of Zero Waste

so come find out where our waste and recyclables end up. Learn what we can put in kerbside bins and what needs to go to drop off points. Tips for reduce and reuse. Greenwashing, when a product seems better for the environment than it actually is! Bring along questionable items you are unsure what to do with and we will figure it out together!



Thursday, March 21st
10am-12.00noon
with morning tea provided

Please RSVP for catering purposes to:
albanykingriverhall@gmail.com

Other Things Happening at The Hall

This has been a busy planning month as new groups use the Hall and we are excited to have:

- **The 10th Light Horse Albany Troop**, training on the Oval these days: Feb 18, Apr 7, Aug 25, Sep 15, Oct 20, Nov 17 and Dec 15. Walkers can still access the car park and then use the right entry road to the trails. The Troop always welcomes new members. For more information email: 10lighthorsealbany@gmail.com or see <https://www.facebook.com/10thLightHorseAlbanyTroop/>
- **The 2024 Navigation Rally of the Great Southern**. Being held on April 6th it begins at the Eastern Pavilion in Centennial Precinct, and finishes at the King River Hall after travelling through some of the best areas of the Great Southern region. For more information see: <https://lightcarclub.com.au/albany-2024/>
- **Outdoors Great Southern and their Anaconda Kids Adventure Club**. With sessions in February and March. See next page for full details.

Strategic Planning Update

Last June we held a community forum where lots of ideas and dreaming for the future were shared. The session was led by Tammy Flett, Community Development Coordinator for the City of Albany, who then collated the results and returned them to the Management Committee for further development and structure. Please come along to the AGM in February for an overview of the results and plans for implementation.



The Passing of Stan Negri

We were sad to hear of the passing of Life Member Stan Negri last September. Stan has quite a legacy in the Great Southern as well as with the Hall, and he dedicated his life to bettering his community. Our deepest condolences to his family and friends. RIP Stan.



Local Voices, Rio Tinto Survey

Thank you to those people who took time to complete this survey. By doing so you helped raise \$126.50 for the Hall. Any future surveys will continue to help raise funds and we will let the community know as they become available.

Containers for Change

Thank you everyone who donates their containers to the Hall! This is an important and consistent income each month for the Hall. And everyone has been doing all the right things with caps and bottles. Way to go!



**Have a 'go' at something new or different!
You never know where it might lead...**

Learning new skills, new information and making friends can be lots of fun. Our classes are all conducted in a warm, friendly and welcoming environment. It's a healthy lifestyle choice. Come and 'have a go'!

If you have any skills or interests you could share with others please contact Kathy on 0419 942 741.

Thank you to everyone who supports The Hall by enrolling in a Living and Learning class! This is an important part of fundraising to keep our community Hall well maintained and well used!

Enrolling

Enrolling in a L 'n' L course is a 2 step process. Please follow the steps to ensure bookings are correct.

Step 1. Request enrolment in a course.

Email the name of the course and names of participant/s to: krhlnlenrol@gmail.com OR text mobile 0480 377 387. If these options are not available then phone the above mobile to enrol.

You MUST WAIT for confirmation before proceeding.

Step 2. Payment. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is our preferred option: King River Recreational Club Inc. BSB 633000 Account No. 1309 84933. Please include all names in Step 1, and include the course reference word (see advert). Cash payments on arrangement.

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Living 'n' Learning

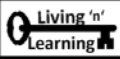
Held at Evelyn's Studio, Willyung

Mosaics
With Evelyn Brown

Learn the basics of mosaics, cutting skills, different glues and what you can mosaic on. In this class we will mosaic a shallow bird (or bee) bath.

**Tuesdays: Feb 27, 9.30am-12.30pm
AND Mar 5th, 9.30-11.30am**

Cost: \$95 (includes GST and materials)
To enrol email Krhlnlenrol@gmail.com OR text 0480 377 387. Once confirmed make payment to King River Recreational Club Inc. BSB 633000 Account 130984933. EFT Reference: MOSAIC.



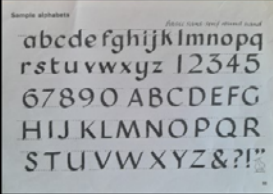
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Calligraphy for Beginners

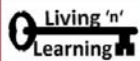
with Sue Noakes

Learn the basics of traditional calligraphy and how to apply it and create a piece of your choosing! Please bring a pen, (either dip or cartridge) with a calligraphy nib, ruler, pencil and rubber. All other materials supplied.

Wednesdays: March 6 and 13 - 10am to 11.30am



Cost: \$35 (includes GST). To enrol email krhlnlenrol@gmail.com OR text 0480 377 387. Once confirmed make payment to King River Recreational Club Inc. BSB 633000 Account 130984933. EFT Reference: Calligraphy



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An Introduction to Mahjong

With Kirsty Carslaw

An introduction to the game of Mahjong. The basics - tiles, wall building and how to start and play a simple game.

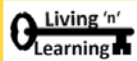
Bring your own sets and books if you have them. No experience necessary!

Tuesdays March 12, 19 and 26 - 9.30 to 12noon

Cost: \$82 (includes GST and equipment). TO ENROL: Email-krhlnlenrol@gmail.com OR text 0480 377 387. After receiving confirmation make payment to King River Recreational Club Inc BSB 633000 Account 130984933. EFT reference: Mahjong



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An Introduction to



Saturday 23 March BEE KEEPING 1.30-3.30pm

with Paul Nash

Come along for a session with local beekeeper Paul Nash to learn about: honey bees and their lifecycles, local bee populations, keeping urban and rural hives, equipment for beekeeping, local regulations and requirements.



Cost: \$22 (inclusive of GST). Also appropriate for kids 9-12 (free when accompanied by an adult). To enrol email: krhlnlenrol@gmail.com OR text 0480 377 387. Once confirmed make payment to King River Recreational Club Inc. BSB 633000 Account 130984933. EFT Reference: Bees

The following classes/events are offered by Hall Hirers for your consideration.

News from Lower King Hall-Autumn Produce Show

Being held on April 13th - so now's the time to prepare your exhibits! Items are to be in by noon Friday April 12th. There are categories for: Jams & Pickles, Cooking, and Plants & Flowers. Also Junior Sections for Cooking, and Plants & Flowers. If you'd like to participate and want a schedule please call Ruth on 0488 986 119.

Yoga with Emma Polette

"My classes are gentle, accessible and totally relaxing. I have to say my favourite bit about teaching yoga is the end of class 🧘. Not because it's the end but because I love seeing my student's relaxed faces after they've given themselves an hour of self-care." **Term 1 dates are Mondays 5.30-6.30pm every week during term beginning Feb 12th.**



For bookings go to: emmapolette.com/classes
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/emma.polette.coach>

Outdoors Great Southern is bringing their Anaconda Kids Adventure Club to King River Hall! This 6 week Indigenous Cultural Experience caters to young people aged 6 to 12 years old.

Week 1 of the six part series will start the experience at Camp Quararup and walk the Uredale Trail with stories and education of the land and sea.

Weeks 2-6 will be at the Albany King River Hall and over the weeks kids will be involved in various activities including:

Language, and culture

Bush tucker and survival

Tool making - boomerang, tapping sticks

Face painting, dancing and singing.

To book scan the QR code above, or go to the link below for more information and to book:

<https://events.humanitix.com/term-1-anaconda-kids>

ANACONDA KIDS ADVENTURE CLUB
Indigenous Experience
Sundays 10am - 1pm
18th Feb - 24 Mar

OUTDOORS GREAT SOUTHERN
Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

The Amity Rogues (previously the Shantyillies)

Hello to our dear Shanty friends and followers of "The Shantyillies". After more than 5 years, the Lillies have gone through a bit of a transition in recent times. Drastically reduced in numbers, but not in shanty spirit, and welcoming a male human into our fold, we are ready to continue on our shanty journey. We are now known as "Amity Rogues".

Why the name? The Amity was a 148-ton brig used in several notable voyages of exploration and settlement in Australia in the early nineteenth century and a replica of the Brig Amity has pride of place in our home town of Albany, Western Australia. "Rogues"...because we like to think we are a wee bit roguish!!! So, we hope you will continue to follow us and come along to our regular Folk and Shanty events here in glorious Albany. Next sessions at King River Hall: Feb 23, Mar 29, Apr 26.

Thank you to Rick Wilson's office for printing this newsletter!

