



FRENCHMAN BAY ASSOCIATION

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## GOODE NEWS

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### Message from the President

I've been unexpectedly busy with (non-FBA) work the past couple of months, hence the delay in producing this *Goode News*. Fortunately for us, John Nurick has stepped into the breach and has taken charge of editing and producing this edition. Thank you, John!

The new committee has started well and has held its second meeting since election at the 27 February AGM. The committee comprises new members Marguerite Flynn and Steve Dale as well as continuing stalwarts Chris Hopper, Clare Mitchell and John Myers, with Jen Leonard taking up the role of Secretary and Elly Beckeringh and I continuing our roles as Treasurer and President respectively. We will be in touch soon by email about the FBA constitution revision, as we

will need to approve this at a Special General Meeting in June. Members are continuing to enjoy the weeding busy bees and beach plastics workshops, and there is another *Goode Evening* in the works. You can read about those activities in this newsletter plus on the Facebook page.

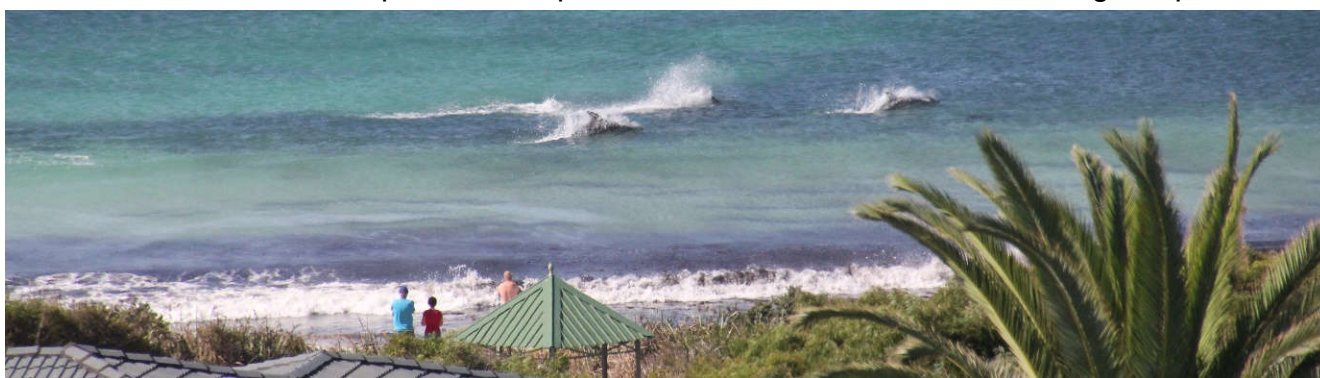
The Lot 660 proposal is slowly moving through the regulatory review process with 25 June being the earliest revised estimated date for when it will be considered by the WA Planning Commission. The FBA plans to send a deputation to the WAPC meeting, so we are keeping a close eye on developments. We will also follow-up with the EPA on their consideration of our referral request. Enjoy reading the *Goode News*!

*Catherine Macdonald 0434 148463*

### Dolphins at Goode Beach

We've had some awesome weather this autumn and on 10 April it brought us some special visitors: around five pods of dolphins

frolicking close to the beach. Many residents enjoyed this fantastic spectacle, including Ian Herford who took these great photos.





## Community Assessment of Plastic on Goode Beach and its Wildlife



▲ Steve Hopper

The first of six bimonthly workshops to collect data on the annual cycle of plastics washed up on Goode Beach was held on 16th April. Led by Dr Harriet Paterson from UWA, twenty-eight FBA citizen scientist volunteers surveyed plastic density and recorded the total load of plastic debris collected from the beach that day.



All the information gathered will be fed into national databases (CSIRO, Tangaroa Blue and Keep Australia Beautiful Campaign) and will contribute to answering the questions of where and when plastics are washed up and what kind of plastics end up on our beach. The citizen science project will culminate in a published scientific paper.

Dates are at the foot of the page. Follow

the signs and join this citizen science project with others who are concerned about the abundance of plastic waste being dumped into our oceans and then ending up on our beaches.

A light lunch is served after each workshop.



▲ Sue Roberts



Photos: ▲ Steve Hopper, ◀ ▼ Sue Roberts



### Workshop dates for your calendar.

3	Makuru plastic collection	20/07/2019
4	Djilba plastic collection	21/09/2019
5	Kambarang plastic collection	16/11/2019
6	Birak plastic collection	18/01/2020
7	Presentation of final report	to be decided

## A Goode Evening II



Following last year's highly successful *A Goode Evening*, we were treated to an entertaining series of first impressions of Albany visitors and residents from more than a hundred years ago.

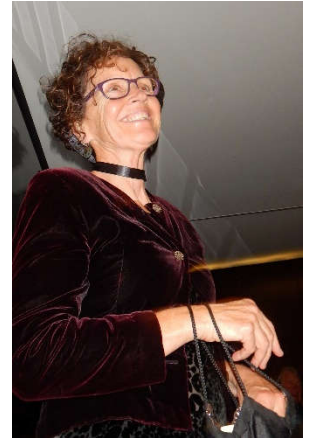
Under Malcolm Traill's historical umbrella, rain, laziness and drunkenness were contrasted with bright sunshine on Princess Royal Harbour and bright spring flowers in a series of dramatic readings from Douglas Sellick's 1997 book *First Impressions*.

*M. le Capitaine Nicolas Baudin* (elegantly rebirthed by Roley Paver) was moderately pleased '*avec la baie*', but considerably unimpressed with the lax navigation and sanitation on board his colleague Freycinet's vessel. Yankee whalers *Briggs* and *Gatchell*, (Sarah McNamara and Warren Flynn) were unimpressed by the little port on King George's Sound.

*Charles Darwin* (Ian Herford, sporting a very C19 beard) was glad to be leaving—unlike *Henry Lawson* (Clare Mitchell) who seemed reasonably content once he'd traded a painting job for a spot of local journalism.

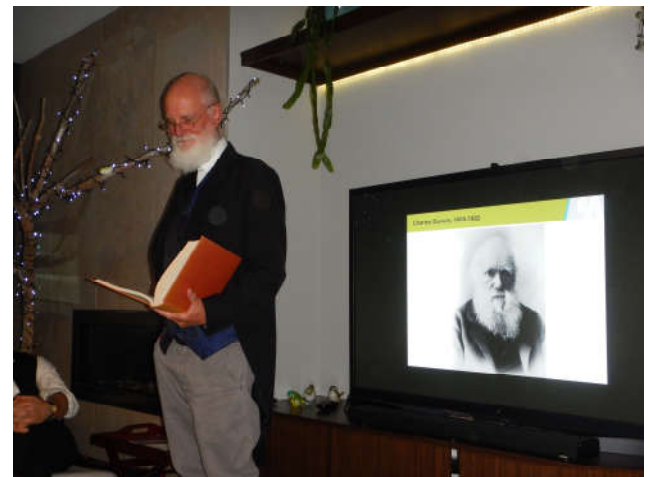
Meanwhile early P&O passengers (Jodie Moyle, Angela Findlay, Sarah McNamara and Marguerite Flynn) gave mixed reports of their stays, describing the locals as cheeky,

asleep, lethargic, cheerful and friendly. The last reading from visitor *Vivienne* (presented by Jodie) could easily be used today as a tourist promotion describing her delighted impressions of the sparkling harbour, friendly township and blossoming wildflowers.



Photos: Steve Hopper

Drama Director, Marguerite Flynn, said 'We had a lovely variety in our group comprising those who had presented in the past, as well as newcomers to the stage. Fabulous feedback from the audience also added to the experience.'



Thanks again to Malcolm, Marguerite and performers for the dramatic fun; and to our wonderful chefs and wine waiters who provided delicious canapes and drinks for the evening. **And a huge thank you to Eve and Tony Kinlay** for making their beautiful house available for such an enjoyable evening.

Plans for Goode Evening III are already under consideration—perhaps with a musical and poetic emphasis this time.



## Heart Grant Defibrillators for Goode Beach

The FBA has obtained a grant to acquire two defibrillator units. The package retails for more than \$4000, but thanks to the grant from Lotterywest in association with St John Ambulance WA they will cost us only \$400 including training.

The defibrillator units in their locked boxes must be located on the exterior of existing buildings accessible to the public. They will be registered on the St John Community First Responder network and will increase the number of publicly accessible defibrillators across WA.

The proposed locations are the amenity block in the beach car park off La Perouse Rd and the Fire and Emergency Services shed in Austin Rd.

Regional Manager Cassandra Hughes said that there had been a steady uptake of the Heart Safe Albany defibrillator packages. 'Along with support from the City of Albany, Department of Health, Police, and small business, we have also seen a number of community groups take up the offer,' she said. 'The goal is to install 150 external defibrillators around the Albany region and to train 10,000 people in CPR. It would be great to see everyone in our community able to perform CPR.'

According to Michelle Fyfe APM, CEO of St John WA, 'Key elements in surviving cardiac arrest are timely, quality CPR and defibrillation. Only one in ten people will survive if there is no intervention from a bystander but this number is increased to close to six in ten when the recipient receives good CPR and defibrillation.'

FBA members will be notified as soon as the defibrillators are in place. Members will be offered St John Ambulance subsidised training in CPR and defibrillation and instructions on how to access the units.

### *And there's another*

Independently, some neighbours in Goode Beach have clubbed together to buy a defibrillator which has been installed outside a home in St Georges Crescent.



▲ St John Ambulance WA

This device too is registered in the St John First Responder network. The initiative is part of the St John Ambulance Heart Project that aims to put 60 per cent of Albany residents within four minutes of a defibrillator, in a region with the second highest rate of cardiac arrest in Western Australia.

If you would like more information on purchasing a defibrillator for your street or neighbourhood you can contact Lisa at St John Ambulance, Albany on 9841 4212.

## St John First Responder App

St John has also released a free smartphone app for Android and iPhone. It lets qualified first aiders sign up to be notified when someone in a public place nearby dials 000 for an ambulance.

If you're not looking to sign up, the app has many other features including:

- **First aid instruction guides** helping you to treat a range of injuries and illnesses.
- **Triple zero (000) calling with automatic GPS location.** Calling 000 from the app will send your GPS coordinates direct to the St John State Operation Centre, making it easier for an ambulance to find you.

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## NBN in Goode Beach

By Linda Matthews

I have been in contact with the NBN Authority about the possibility of a change from Sky Muster to NBN in Goode Beach. They don't say how many residences are needed to qualify for NBN installation, but it seems we are too small a community to warrant the cables being run to Goode Beach. This is what they say:

*We are able to confirm for you that the predominant **nbn**™ network delivery type for the Goode Beach area is Sky Muster satellite service.*

*Sky Muster is the name given to **nbn**'s satellite service, which is designed to provide rural and remote Australians with access to fast broadband services.*

*As **nbn** is implementing a multi-technology model, different technologies may be deployed in adjacent areas. To determine which technology will be used within a certain area, a number of factors are taken into consideration. These include:*

- *The existing infrastructure*
- *The cost and time to build the **nbn**™ network in that area.*

*We are pleased to be able to advise that we do offer a Technology Choice program which offers both communities and individuals the opportunity to switch to another delivery technology at a cost if they are eligible.*

*More information on this is available on our website at the below link:*

[www.nbnco.com.au/residential/learn/network-technology/technology-choice-program](http://www.nbnco.com.au/residential/learn/network-technology/technology-choice-program)

This link gives some information but is not specific to Goode Beach. Just to have NBN look at our situation would cost \$1100. This would give an estimation of cost, project design and a quoted fee for the cost of the build, which I think is a type of management fee. It still would not guarantee NBN rolling out to Goode Beach—at whatever cost.

I've asked for clarification but have not received a response as yet.

## Dancing Queens

It was all jump suits, wedge boots and 70s music in late March. Fourteen of Goode Beach's finest had a night on the town, dancing the night away to their favourite ABBA tunes at the Albany Entertainment Centre.



▲ Dinner before the show at Six Degrees.

## A Trip Down Memory Lane

Did you know that the Goode News has been going now for 20 years? The next few pages show what was going on in June 1999! Thanks to Marguerite Flynn for digging this up.

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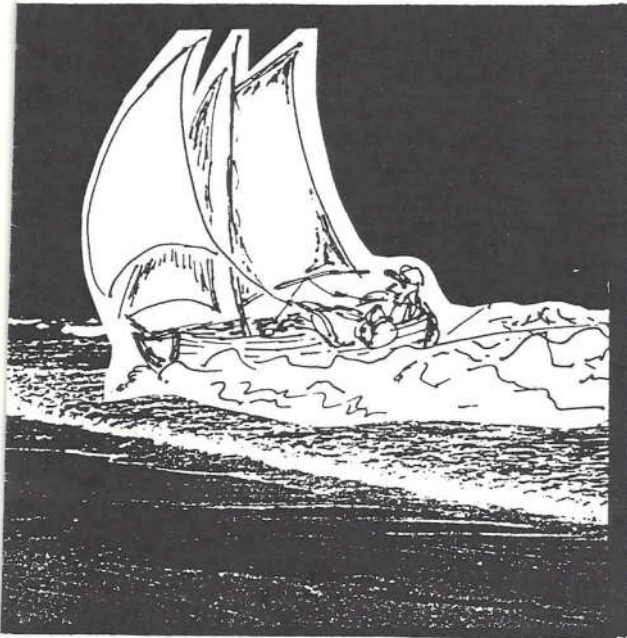
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- **Defibrillator (AED) locator** showing all the defibrillator locations near you.
  - **Details of nearest medical centres and emergency departments** including live ED waiting time information.
  - **First aid tips and special offers** that keep you up to date with handy first aid information.
  - **Patient transport services information.**
  - The app can remind you when you need a first aid refresher course
  - You can upload the locations of new defibrillators that aren't yet in the central database.
- For details, see [stjohnwa.com.au/online-resources/st-john-first-responder-app](http://stjohnwa.com.au/online-resources/st-john-first-responder-app). The app can be downloaded from Google Play Store and the Apple App Store.

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## SAILING CHAMP SAYS THANKS!

It was wonderful to see the locals give support to teenage champion mirror sailor, **Simon Grannery**. Fund raising organized by the Social Committee helped Simon to compete in the World Mirror Championships in South Africa, in January. \$1,000 was raised from a Film Evening in town with a free bus ride each way, kindly donated by Rob Lucas of Camp Quararup. The proceeds were divided between the Hospice and Simon's expenses.

This was an exciting and worthwhile experience for our young champion. On returning, Simon gave an excellent speech of thanks, delivered in a very composed and mature way to the Committee for the fund raising. Well done to all those involved, and best wishes to Simon as he continues with his yacht racing.

## WING WISE

For the last three years, several families have been keeping records of wildlife-birds, bandicoots, lizards and so on seen in their garden. There has been a definite increase in the number of birds seen in the suburb, primarily due to the reduction in the number of cats out and about since the recording scheme started, despite the increased amount of building activity.

Blue Splendid Fairy-wrens, which hadn't been seen for many years, are coming back. Red-eared Firetails have been seen again, which is very exciting news. Last year, for the first time, a pair of Willie Wagtails brought up two broods, but they unfortunately all disappeared. This year another pair has arrived, and we all hope that they will be successful this year.

The local pair of Mudlarks has brought up two families in the last year. A Nankeen Kestrel roosts most nights on the gables of **Cherry** and **David's** house at the top of Karrakatta Road, and is often seen around the place. A sea eagle is often seen patrolling the beach. (Could it be one of those mentioned in Shannon's poem??)

The Brown Quail have brought several families to **Ted** and **Carole Faulkes** for a meal or three every day. Ted feeds the quail, which happily surround his feet like hungry chooks, with wheat. At the same time, he keeps his eye on a cheeky hawk, which has its eye on the baby quail.

Anyone who would be interested in keeping records of the wildlife coming and going in their gardens and would like a list to fill in, or assistance with identification, please contact **Liz** and **Charlie Davies** at 3 Runnymede Street.



## CYBER-CATS

Good news for cat owners! An electronic collar has come onto the market which emits a high frequency sound inaudible to mammals but audible to birds when a cat moves quickly, as it would when about to pounce on its prey. **Charlie Davies** has visited all cat owners in Goode Beach who allow their cats outside the house to give them information about the collars. They can be obtained from **Phil Roberts** at the Dog Rock Veterinary practice, or any other veterinary surgery. We are still encouraging residents to keep their cats in at night.

## SNAKE'S SNAGGER

Recently, Carpet pythons have been seen strangling rabbits, but **Graeme** and **Miriam Colback's** story must be unique.

About three months ago coming out of the front door they heard a squeak, and saw a Carpet python on the driveway in the process of strangling a rabbit. They watched for almost half an hour while it squeezed the rabbit until it was sausage shaped, ears at one end and hind legs at the other. Then with the help of its tail, the snake directed the rabbit, ears first, into its mouth. The jaws opened unbelievably wide and the astonished onlookers watched while the legs disappeared and the swelling slowly progressed to about half way down the snake. At this point, the snake unwound and moved off into the bush.

About a year ago, on Vancouver Road approaching Goode Beach, **G.** and **M.** saw a Monitor lizard which had a snake by the scruff of the neck moving off with it into the bush.

## TORNDIRRUP FIRE UPDATE

The fire in January 1997 killed most animals in the burnt area and effectively destroyed all the Oak - leafed Banksias in Torndirrup. This Banksia provides winter food for the honey possums, and only regenerates from seed after fire. There is now an abundance of seedlings, but no flowers are likely for another three years. A few honey possums were found during the past two winters, but numbers are building up as they find alternative sources of food.

Many house mice were seen regularly since the fire, a normal post-fire response. During the first winter, more than the usual number of frogs were also found. Dunnart numbers have returned to their pre-fire levels but bush rats and larger reptiles are still scarce, and no bandicoots have been sighted.

## YOUNG CONSERVATIONISTS

One of the great things about living in our community is watching the children develop into young adults. Whilst several former school kids, like **Anthony Probert** and **Ryan Wilson** have found employment in Albany, others like **(Cherry) Pip Pearce** and **Sam Holmes** have left for further work or study in Perth.

Amongst this wonderful crop of teenagers, we have many talented musicians, sports enthusiasts, creative writers and artists. Many of these older teenagers have also shown their concern for the environment by becoming involved in various local issues, attending local council meetings and putting forth their opinions and so on.

Some of the students have become involved in environmental study and

political action, as did **Amber and Jeremy Flynn** in the recent Regional Forest Agreement debate and state forestry bills.

Over the next few months, spare a thought for those who are preparing for the "big test" - the TEE. Those in the know, reckon that Year 12 is the toughest year (even tougher than uni) so hang in there, **Shannon Armstrong, Matthew Beard and Carrie Wilson!**

### THE NEW CITY

Congratulations (it's never too late) to Councillor **Ian Wilson** on his election. We look forward to developing a good understanding with all councillors in the new City Council and know that Councillor Wilson will continue to keep us up to date on the issues of particular interest to local residents.

### Biggest Ever Morning Tea

This year's fund raising event was held at **Ailsa Wilson's** home and raised \$613. After expenses of \$43 were subtracted, a marvellous grand total of \$570 was passed on to the Cancer Foundation. As well as sipping tea, participants brought and sold cakes, plants and other produce and vied for the beautiful raffle prize of a **Dick Sealy** set of exquisite place mats. Thanks to the hard working members of the Social Committee and helpers.

### Wine and Cheese Evening

Just to let you know, there will be a wine and cheese soiree, organized by the Social Committee sometime in July.

**Neil Smithson** talk: Next Wednesday, June 23rd, at the South Coast Progress Association Hall in Little Grove, Neil Smithson will be addressing any interested locals about his proposal. The talk which begins at 7.30pm, has been organized by the Frenchman Bay Association and the South Coast Progress Association.

### Bus stop comments from the Goode Beach Junior Set

I like it because it's fun and very naturtive. **Kyle**

I like having the beach so close and cos there's no pollution. **Lisa**

I think it's good fun and I like it. **James**

I like the waves and bush. **Chris**

I agree with Chris. We've got such a great area around here. **Ben**

There's heaps of room for playing sport and I like the ocean and the view. **Viv**

I like the area, the houses, gardens and the view. **Ashley**

I just like the beach. **Jameen**

I like swimming. **Innika**

These delightful bus trippers also had lots of stories to tell about birds that they had saved or had tried to save.

"We found a crow that had run into the electric wires. We were carrying it up to Vic Smith's house, but it suddenly just flapped away out to the ocean!!"

"We tried to save a sea bird and gave it some little fish to eat, but it just went 'blurgh'!!!"

"We looked after a willy wagtail for a while, but later it died."

### Prospective Resident's Anticipation:

"I can't wait to the moment when I can wake up to nothing but the sound of the ocean waves crashing on the shore!"  
(**Angelina**, who hopes to be living here by Christmas).





## A GOODE DAY

A vast silver skin of twinkling glass,  
wisps of silk caress the blue reflection  
above.

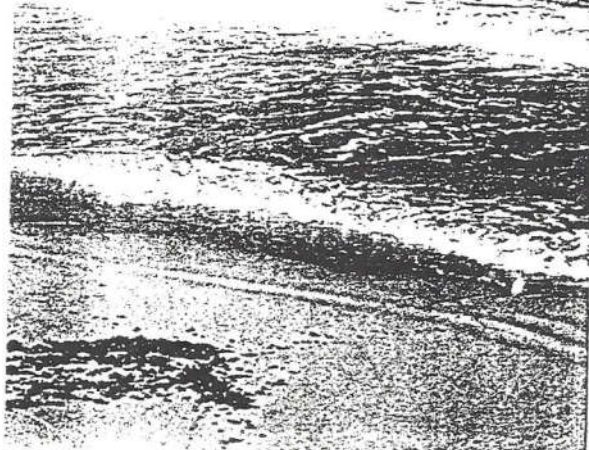
A hazy line of sunlit pink embeds the  
horizon of the ocean,  
as golden shafts from eagles' wings,  
carry messages from the heavens.

Dew settles on the relaxed vegetation,  
awakening after a cool night's rest.

The mystical tune of the guitar envelops  
the morn's tranquillity,  
and the gateway of a day filled with  
love and hope, has been unlocked.



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