

From the Managers Desk

Welcome back and a HAPPY NEW YEAR everyone! I hope you had a great break and enjoyed spending time with your families over the Christmas and New Year period. James and I had hoped to be able to visit my family in Germany, but as hopes were crushed a few months ago, we decided to spend it at Yallingup near the beach with some special friends. Hopefully a white Christmas in Germany this year will be possible, but who knows...

Since I have returned into the office several things have happened:

- The Narembreen CRC was successful with funding under the Age-friendly communities social connectivity grants program through the Department of Communities! \$10,500 for the MORNING COFFEE CLUB - how good is this?
- Our trainee Georgia went on the Leeuwin Voyage! The Narembreen CRC was successful with the Leeuwin Traineeship grant through DPIRD, meaning Georgia could join the one-week voyage, sailing from Fremantle to Busselton! We are so very excited that Georgia get's to be part of such a wonderful experience! To read more about Georgia's experience check out the next two pages
- The Narembreen CRC hosted the Australia Day Breakfast and Awards Ceremony at the Pool! And what a turnout, over 200 people attended to celebrate Australia Day. Dr Craig Challen, Australian of the Year 2019 - Cave Diver and Rescuer, also joined the Narembreen Australia Day celebrations and presented the Australian Citizen of the Year Awards. Congratulations to all three citizenship award winners but a special congratulations must go to our number one volunteer and new Citizen of the Year Mick Chick! Michael is always the first one to

volunteer his time at CRC events! No question is ever too big, he always helps where he can! We would like to thank Chick for everything he does, he truly deserves this award!

- The Splash Test Dummies are coming into town today and tomorrow. Thanks to the Shire of Narembreen and Ramelius Resources, who are sponsoring the Show on Wednesday night, making it FREE for the entire community. The following day, the 'Dummies' will be spending the day at the Narembreen District High School and host four Circus Skills Workshops where all Children where learn the skills seen in the show previously. Thank you to Dorcas, the Narembreen District High School, Go Narembreen and the Dummies Corp for sponsoring those workshops. The Dummies were performing at Fringe World in Perth and are now touring the Wheatbelt so why not come down to the Town hall and enjoy a fun evening with your family, friends, neighbours and the rest of the community!
- The 2020 Save Our Country Kids - SOCK Week project has been listed as a finalist in the 2020 Local Government Road Safety Awards in the category of Safe System Approach – Local Road Safety Partnerships. Whether or not we are a winner, we will find out at the WA Transport and Roads Forum on Thursday, 11 February 2021. Fingers crossed but either way, it's great to see that SOCK and all the hard work behind it is being recognized.

I wish you all a great week, the CRC is back to normal trading hours, Monday - Friday 9.00am - 4.30pm! So why not come in and say hello or attend one of our many planned events!!

Vanessa Wittstock
CRC Coordinator

The Leeuwin Voyage – Ocean Adventure

‘An adventure of a Lifetime’

On January 7, 2021 I was set to head on an adventure of a lifetime on the STS Leeuwin II. The STS Leeuwin II is Australia’s largest sail-training tall ship launched in 1986. It is 55 meters long and 33 meters tall and has 16 sails.

A few weeks leading up to the day where I was set to sail to Busselton, I was quite nervous and did not know what to expect. The day was finally here, and I headed to Fremantle to board the ship. At the beginning of the voyage, we were put into watches with two watch leaders, I was in Red Watch. The first day consisted of getting to know everyone in our watch and a bit of training on how the ship works. The winds weren’t really in our favor that day, so in the afternoon we motored off the dock and anchored for the night.

Every day was a different day, we learnt so much on all the sails, lines and how to take the helm. Each night we had a designated watch times where we would be up on deck on bow lookout, the helm and setting sails as the wind changed. Although I am not much of a morning person my favorite watch was 4am-8am and watching the gorgeous sunrise over Bunker Bay. Due to the winds blowing in the wrong direction and the calm weather we were ahead of time, so we had what was called a “Shore Day”

got on the Dory’s and headed to Bunker Bay for the day, the weather was just perfect!

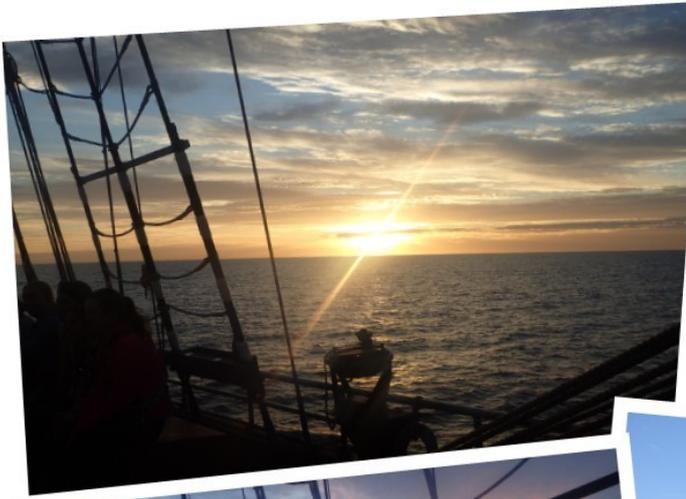
As the day’s went by, I conquered my fear of heights, climbing aloft to set and furl sails and climbing the main mast which is 33 meters high! I was stepping out of my comfort zone and gaining so much confidence and creating lifelong friendships!

The final day had arrived, this was known as “Hand Over Day”, yes you guessed it, the 20 crew members stepped back and let us 40 trainees sail to Busselton. It was a hard long day, the wind was constantly changing, but not once did we give up and we did it! We arrived at our destination and anchored just off the jetty for the night. It was the final night of the best food I ever did taste! I was certainly going to miss three cooked meals a day, afternoon tea and dessert!

I was greeted in Busselton by a crew of Narembreen people, thank you Holly, Tim, Sari, Jack, Charlie, Bianca, Lucy, Amelia, Kellie and Ian it meant a lot.

To say it was an adventure of a lifetime is an understatement! If you have ever thought about sending your children on this voyage, please do you won’t regret it, not even the sea legs!

*Georgia Atkins
Narembreen CRC Trainee*



SPLASHTEST DUMMIES

Rub-a-dub-dub,
The Dummies are back
with an amazing splash
splashing circus show
set to drown you in
tears of laughter

"The Splash
Test Dummies are
splash-stick comedy
at its most raucous"

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The Age

NAREMBEEN TOWN HALL
WED, 03 FEB 6PM

DOORS OPEN FROM 5.30PM
TICKETS FREE

Tickets from CRC or Shire of Narembeen

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Fest Mag

Light supper will
be available for
purchase on the
night!

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This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body.

Community Christmas Pool Party

On Friday, December 18, 2020, the Narembeen CRC hosted the annual end of year Community Christmas Party at the Narembeen Aquatic Centre. A pool party for the entire community? What better way can you celebrate Christmas with your family and friends!

This event was offered free of charged to the community as it was funded by Lotterywest. Lotterywest is proud to support community projects like this one, to help build a better WA together. This event turned out to be very successful with over 200 people in attendance and more than 120 hamburgers and 100 sausages 'flying off' the barbeque.

We offered a range of fun activities and games for everyone: a huge pool inflatable, bouncy castle, stall holders, train ride, photo booth and giant games! We also had fairy floss, soft serve ice creams and Lizzy's Beans and Bar visited from Bruce Rock serving mocktails. Not to mention a visit from Santa, his elf and the grinch, which was loved by all the children.

And just when you thought it couldn't get any better, all of this was followed by the Chris Gibbs

Band at the Narembeen Recreation Centre. Thank you to the Narembeen Recreation Centre and Go Narembeen for sponsoring, the band was magnificent and loved by the whole community. We had so much positive feedback from everyone who attended and are glad everyone enjoyed the day/evening.

The Sunsmart raffle winners were: Maz Beechey, Charlie Cusack and Rhienna Parsons. Congratulations! Please collect your price from the CRC.

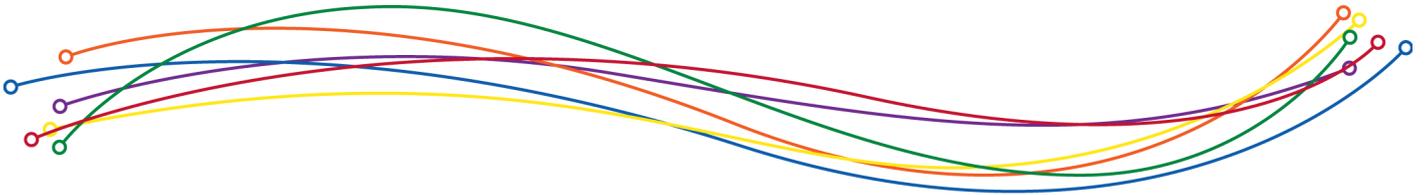
We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out on the day, whether it was setting up, cooking the BBQ, watching the bouncy castle, riding the train, serving fairy floss or helping in any other way during the event, your help never goes unappreciated. We really couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you again to Lotterywest, for their sponsorship. Lotterywest's vision to build a better Western Australia together has never been more relevant in these uncertain times. As a team we are so glad our event has yet been another success and we can't wait to offer more to our community.



Upcoming CRC Events

- Splash Test Dummies Show: Wednesday, 3 Feb 6.00pm
- Forklift Licence: Thursday + Friday, 11 + 12 Feb 8.30am
- Morning Coffee Club: Wednesday, 17 Feb 10.30am
- STEM Story Time: Friday, 26 Feb 10.30am
- Seniors Movie Day: Monday, 8 Mar 1.00pm
- Ladies Long Lunch: Saturday, 20 March 11.30pm
- Triathlon: Saturday, 27 March 3.00pm



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