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DWELLINGUP GIANT PUMPKIN FESTIVAL EDITION

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Dates to Remember:

Giant Pumpkin Seed Planting – Melbourne Cup Day 2018
2019 Dwellingup Pumpkin Festival – Easter Saturday 2019

2018 Dwellingup Giant Pumpkin Festival RECORD BREAKING CROWD!

The Dwellingup Pumpkin Festival was held on Easter Saturday, bigger and better than ever With RECORD BREAKING PUMPKINS!

An estimated 12,000 visitors from all over the state attended this year's festival. The number of visitors attending far outweighed our expectations yet again.

We had well over 90 food and market stalls, roving entertainers and lots of music. So much enjoyment was had on the day!

An ASTOUNDING sum of over \$27,000.00 was raised! What a triumph for a school with a student population of just 57! This event is, without question, an incredible achievement for the Dwellingup Primary P&C Association, led by P&C President, Warren Haugh. Warren and his team volunteered countless hours organising and managing a momentous event to benefit our school and our town.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to the many, many people who came from far and wide to help in numerous and varied ways for this amazing festival. We also thank the P&C Association, Dwellingup Primary School parents, students, friends and relatives, volunteers, the Dwellingup Community and all of our generous sponsors.



Robert Guimelli Crowned 2018 Pumpkin King



Olivia and Harrison Power. Photo by Amy Power.

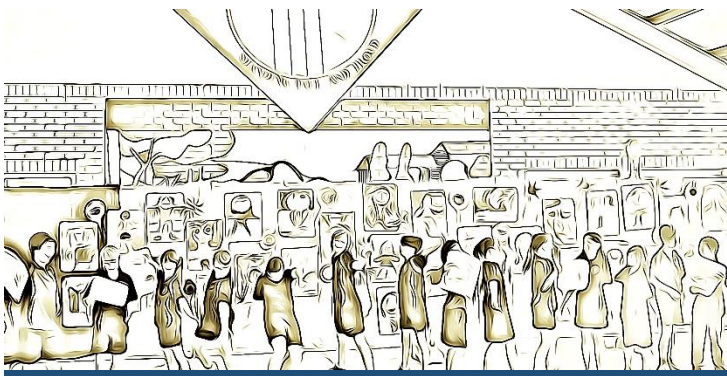
Robert and Judy Guimelli Crowned Pumpkin Festival Royalty!

Robert and Judy Guimelli have been such wonderful supporters of our school and the Dwellingup Pumpkin Festival, so it was fitting to see them both receive coveted titles at Dwellingup Pumpkin Festival 2018.

This year Robert regained his 2016 prestigious title of Pumpkin King, whilst also breaking a 16 year state record for heaviest pumpkin. Visitors were completely in awe of Robert's 361 kilogram pumpkin.

We were excited to announce a brand new category for this year's Festival thanks to the generous sponsorship and support of Robyn Clarke MLA. This new category being "The Heaviest Pumpkin Grown by a Female".

Robert's wife Judy, was bestowed this noble distinction with her pumpkin entry weighing in second place overall at 293 kilograms. Well done Judy!



Dwellingup Primary School Principals Report

Our school motto “Standing Tall and Proud” is derived from the majestic trees in the jarrah forest that surrounds our town. Our P&C president Warren Haugh, the Pumpkin Festival Committee, all those who supported them and our generous sponsors deserve to be experiencing a full measure of pride for contributing to the success of this event.

It is remarkable that a school with a student population of just 57 located in a small town can organise an event of this magnitude. Warren’s ability to motivate a group is inspirational and his work ethic is second to none. This event certainly supports “putting Dwellingup on the map” and all concerned are to be congratulated for their unstinting efforts before, on and after the day. It is wonderful to see the school and wider community working together to achieve such an amazing outcome. The festival forges closer links between the school and wider community.

There is always great excitement in the lead up to the festival. This year most students completed a scarecrow and art work to decorate the school. Classes developed their enterprise skills by organising and then running stalls on the day. Our students are extremely proud that their school attracts so many visitors.

A highlight of the festival is the opportunity it provides to showcase our beautiful school. An enduring Pumpkin Festival highlight for me is the following dialogue that I heard between a mother and a child last year. A little girl said to her mother, “Mum, I thought you said that this was a school”. The mother replied, “It is”. The little girl then said, “Well how come it’s so beautiful?” We have our wonderful gardener Geoff Warren to thank for our stunning grounds. Geoff and his wife Robyn came up with the concept of the Pumpkin Festival years ago and successfully ran it themselves before handing it over to the school.

I am proud to be the principal of this beautiful little school and to live in such a supportive community. Thanks to all.

Colleen Sing,
Dwellingup Primary School Principal

A Note from our P&C President

On behalf of Dwellingup Primary School P&C I would like to extend our appreciation and thank everyone who attended Dwellingup Pumpkin Festival this year and supported our successful and unique fundraising event.

Furthermore we thank our stallholders, food trucks and entertainment, including our wonderful Pumpkin Jam Buskers. We also extend our gratitude to each and every sponsor that supported our event. Without your generosity and support this festival would not be possible.

As you are all aware, this festival is organised by a small group of parents to assist the 57 pupils at our school by providing them with further opportunities and resources for their education. Each year we continue to be amazed by the support that we receive from people and organisations that are not associated with our primary school.

This year the Festival had a new format with a street closure, a new location for the Giant Pumpkins and a temporary location for our Pumpkin Cafe due to the canteen having a continual structural issue. Thank you to our Chaplain for letting us use her office! I think overall the street closure and new location for the Giant Pumpkins was positive and considering the high number of issues with trying to run a cafe out of an office, the ladies did an amazing job, as did all our volunteers on the day.

Each year we continue to learn more about our event and we look forward to making additional changes next year to make the Dwellingup Pumpkin Festival even more successful.

I hope in some way our Festival left a smile on a child’s face and that everyone young and old enjoyed their day at our beautiful school and amongst our fantastic community.

I would like to say planning has already started for next year’s event but I can assure you it hasn’t! However, in about two months the Dwellingup Pumpkin Festival committee will meet again to start planning for 2019.

Warren Haugh,
Dwellingup Primary School P&C President



Warren Haugh pictured with dignitaries, Peter Mullins - Alcoa (left), Robyn Clark MLA and Andrew Hastie MP (right).

Dwellingup Pumpkin Festival HALL OF FAME

Year	Weight / KG	Grower	Locality
1996	208.6	Jason Sounness	Mt Barker
1997	218	Jason Sounness	Mt Barker
1998	225.2	Ron Wilson	Albany
1999	209.1	Robert Otway	Busselton
2000	231.8	Ron Wilson	Albany
2001	114.9	Robert Otway	Busselton
2002	182.6	Ron Wilson	Albany
2003	170	Jon Beales	Margaret River
2004	82	Bunbury Prison	Bunbury
2005	No Event Held		
2006	215	Jon Beales	Margaret River
2007	97	Bunbury Prison	Bunbury
2008	116.1	Jon Beales	Margaret River
2009	152.7	Lou Della-Pollina	Jarrahdale
2010	104.3	Robert Guimelli	Dwellingup
2011	58.7	Robert Guimelli	Dwellingup
2012	132	Lou Della-Pollina	Jarrahdale
2013	208.3	Robert Guimelli	Dwellingup
2014	103.2	Robert Guimelli	Dwellingup
2015	186.5	Lou Della-Pollina	Jarrahdale
2016	161.5	Robert Guimelli	Dwellingup
2017	220.8	John Blackwell	Toodyay
2018	361	Robert Guimelli	Dwellingup



2018 Dwellingup Pumpkin Festival CHAMPIONS

Category	Details and Grower
Biggest Pumpkin First Place	361kg by Robert Guimelli
Second Place	293kg by Judy Guimelli
Third Place	243kg by Lou Della
Pumpkin Grown by a Female	293kg by Judy Guimelli
Heaviest Watermelon First Place	24.2kg by Lou Vergone
Second Place	22.4kg by Kobe Cocivera
Longest Fruit/Vegetable	1270mm Zucchini by Heather Blackwell
Oddest Fruit/Vegetable	Sweet Potato by Pinjarra Com. Garden
Heaviest Fruit	1.35kg Pear by Rueben Marcheti
Heaviest Vegetable	11kg Marrow by Kobe Cocivera
Table Pumpkin	18.8kg Butternut Bob Otway
Tallest Sunflower	2860mm by Mick Burgess
Sunflower Head/Diameter	510mm by Mick Burgess
Junior Pumpkin	199.5kg by Luca Birmingham
Junior Watermelon	22.4kg by Kobe Cocivera
Heaviest Gourd	3.55 by Geoff Warren
Pumpkin Home Garden	143.6kg by Bob Flemming
Grower/Pumpkin Similar Weight	John Beales by 2kg.

Dwellingup Pumpkin Festival Front of House

It was a very eventful day of activities Front of House at the Dwellingup Pumpkin Festival with Geoff Warren and his dedicated band of helpers at the helm.

Geoff and his team worked tirelessly to ensure that a wonderful day was had by all. The Front of House area looked incredible! The stunning Pumpkin Displays were the highlight of the Festival for many of our visitors with a great deal of photo opportunities taken. It was easy to see that copious amounts of hours had been spent in setting up the space to look as magical as it did.

As is to be expected with Geoff Warren taking the stage, countless shenanigans were on hand throughout the day. It must have also been rewarding for our volunteers to see the smiles and looks of disbelief on our visitors' faces and the wonder in children's eyes when they spotted the giant pumpkins!

Presentations to our entrants on the day were overseen by our Geoff Warren and Warren Haugh, along with Peter Mullins representing Aloc and our visiting dignitaries, Robyn Clarke MLA and Andrew Hastie MP.

There was a time for quiet reflection with a special memorial trophy being presented for the 'Largest Sunflower Diameter/Head'. This Trophy was given in memory, and in honour, of Robert (Rabbit) Warren, who passed away earlier this year.

Robert was a past student of Dwellingup Primary School and constant supporter of the Festival. Robert volunteered alongside the Warren Family, always with his effervescent smile, Front of House, for many years. Robert is sadly missed. The Memorial Trophy is displayed in the School Staffroom.



Geoff Warren entertaining the crowds. Photo by Karen Pascoe.



MAJOR SPONSORS

The Dwellingup Primary School and the P&C Association would like to sincerely thank our Major Sponsors who have assisted us year after year. They are Alcoa, Bendigo Bank, The Shire of Murray and Newmont Gold, along with our newest Major Sponsor who joined us for 2018, MZI Resources. It is due to the generosity of these Major Sponsors that we are able to host such a successful event.



To Our Local Sponsors – A VERY BIG Thank You!

A sincere and special thank you goes out to all our local businesses for your kind, generous and continued support for the Dwellingup Pumpkin Festival.

24 Carat Restaurant, Caraholly Orchard, Crossroads Gallery, Di's Little Cabin, Dwell Cottage, Dwellingup Adventures, Dwellingup Forest Lodge, Dwellingup IGA, Dwellingup Pub, Dwellingup Sawmill, Dwellingup Silver, Forest Discovery Centre, Hotham Valley Railway, The Blue Wren Café, The Trails Bookshop, The Wine Tree Cidery, Touch of Aroma, Trees Adventures, Vergone's Fruit Stall Dwellingup, Wendy Binks and With Love By Bec.



Trees Adventures Display



MoreDidge Brothers Performing on the 'Bendigo Bank' Stage

How Can We Begin to Thank Our MANY Other Sponsors?

Anytime Fitness, Araluen Botanic Park, Ash Traffic Management, Avalon Surveys, Bakers Delight, Bennet Brook Railway Village, Benj Bernal Music, Beyond Rest, Black Swan State Theatre, BREC, Bunbury Wildlife Park, Bunnings Mandurah, Captain Cook Cruises, Charles Hull Contracting, City Summit Rock Climbing Centre, Cockburn Ice Arena, Crystal Warehouse, Dan McGrath, Drakesbrook Fine Wines, Elissannebeauty, EmbroideMe, Ferguson Falls Winery, First National Real Estate, Footprints Preston Beach, Friar Tucks Restaurant, Gloucester Park, Gravity Discovery Centre, H & N Perry, Hamelin Bay Holiday Park, Harper and Grace Beauty, Hills Orchard Group, J'Adore Beauty Spa, Jarra Infusion, JM Sales, Kailis' Fish Market Café Fremantle, Kim Tuckey, Kebab Masters Mandurah, Landsdale Farm School, Lazer Blaze, Lions Dryandra Woodland Village, Little Creatures Brewery, Mandjar Markets, Mandurah Anti-Aging Clinic, Mandurah Cruises, Mandurah Men's Shed, Mandurah Stockfeeds, Meile, Miriam's Ravenswood Massage Therapy, MoreDidge Brothers, Musical Kite String, Nature's Creations Skin Care Products, Nature's Caress Handmade Soaps, Off The Beaten Track WA, Peel Neurosymmetry, Perth Convention Centre, Perth Observatory, Perth Piñatas, Pinjarra Fish and Chips, Pinjarra Traders, Pureratbag, Quality Resort Sorrento Beach, Quilpie Opals Perth, Quindanning Hotel, Reading Cinemas, Rebound Port Kennedy, Rockingham Wild Encounters, Rustico's, Siesta Park Holiday Resort, Smalls Bar, Sizzlers, Stunning Stilters, Soils aint Soils Mandurah, Spare Parts Puppet Theatre, Spudshed Mandurah, Sodexo, Sportspower Pinjarra, Star Trophies, Swan Valley Wagon Tours, Terrace Art Framers, The Amygdala Escape, The Nostalgia Box, The Perth Mint, Tourist Fun Train Company, Two Feet and a Heartbeat, Vasse Felix, WA Museum, WASO, Whale Watch Western Australia, Whistling Kite, Wisteria Cottage Augusta, Xscape at the Cape, Yallingup Maze and Zee Beez. THANK YOU!

A GIANT THANK YOU!

PLEASE SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION TO OUR SPONSORS BY VISITING THEM OFTEN.

Media Coverage

Thank you once again to Channel 7 Sunrise, GWN Bunbury, Mandurah Coastal Times, Mandurah Mail, Pinjarra Murray Times, The Sunday Times, The West Australian, Triple M Breakfast Show, 6PR and Mandurah Coast FM for their coverage of the Dwellingup Pumpkin Festival 2018.

Some of the Dwellingup Primary School Students had a lot of fun in the lead up to the event, taking part in an article and photo shoot for the Pinjarra Murray Times.

We would also like to thank our resident Social Media Guru, Kelly Campbell, for her tireless promotion of the event and Social Media Management.

Kelly has advised that on the weekend of the Festival our Facebook Page reach stood at 32,000 people!



Students Photo Shoot. Photo by Pinjarra Murray Times

Quack You Up?

Our Year 4/5/6 class did a phenomenal job once again with their Jar Stall and also taking on the Fishing and Duck Games and the Mini Golf Area. With steadfast determination, our very own Jeff Melkert directed the Stall on the day.

The Jars and their contents were kindly donated by many members of our School and Community.



Duck Games

Let the Games Begin!

Our 'Pumpkin Games' proved as popular as ever! Rick Holster did an astounding job once again organising and overseeing these games throughout the day. Thank you! Our unique Pumpkin Games were relocated this year and carried out behind the playgroup building and included Pumpkin Rolling, Pumpkin Seed Spitting and Gumboot Tossing to name just a few.

Entertainment and Attractions

Apart from the Giant Pumpkin drawcard our Festival offers an ever increasing number of activities and entertainment either free of charge, or of minimal cost to our visitors. This makes our event extremely affordable for families and is a wonderful representation and promotion of our School Ethos. We are able to do this due to the contributions of our wonderful sponsors and the tireless assistance and hard work of volunteers facilitating the attractions.

Activities this year included those outlined on the following pages plus so much more, including creative Face Painting, our Bouncy Castle and some very memorable roving entertainers including our Stilt Walkers, Constable Care, (thanks to our industrious local Constabulary) and our very own roving Pumpkin Mascot, (aka Colleen Campbell-Warr).



Constable Care, Dwellingup Police Station. Photo by Dan McGrath

Mini Golf and Chess Anyone?

Our invaluable Gardener, Geoff Warren, did an amazing job, as always, preparing the grounds for the Dwellingup Pumpkin Festival. We received so many positive comments regarding our school gardens and surroundings.

One particular area that looked exceptionally 'on par' was the Mini Golf and Outdoor Chess area. It was wonderful to see visitors taking part in some Mini Golf and enjoying the picturesque area throughout the day. Were there many golfers on the day? ... Well, that was a fore-gone conclusion!



Mini Golf and Garden Chess Area

Juggling Good Fun!

The Circus Challenge once again delighted the crowds with their fabulous, interactive, performances. Our visitors certainly relished taking a hands on role and, as always, much laughter and cheering was heard from the area.



Circus Tricks Underway at the Festival

SNAKES ALIVE!

The interactive Reptile Exhibit proved to be as popular as ever. Visitors got the chance to view a vast array of reptiles. Well really, who wouldn't love the opportunity to get up close and personal with a python or two?



Kay Nobrega and a rather large Python. Photo by George Nobrega

PUMPKIN JAM, Under 18 Busking Competition

We have received considerable positive feedback from the Pumpkin Jam, Under 18 Busking Competition held at the Festival and we must say the level of talent and professionalism presented by all the Buskers was second to none! The Buskers carried out such superb and diverse performances. Judging was made very difficult and we believe was a very close call. At the end of the day First Place this year went to the lovely Beth Margaret. We appreciate all the wonderful music our buskers provided to our festival patrons and we hope to see you back for 2019.



Some of our Pumpkin Jam Buskers

SUIT UP! It's Lazer Tag Time!

Thanks once again go to John McCooke for facilitating and hosting the Lazer Tag Event. You carried out a marvellous job. Lazer Tag has always been a popular choice for our young visitors and this year certainly was no exception. We did hear the occasional "Don't Shoot Me! I'm on the same Team!"



John McCooke with a crowd of eager Lazer Tag Participants

Start the MUSIC - Entertain the Masses.

This year's musical line-up was quite an attraction with many people attending the event particularly to see these spectacular and talented performances.

We were extremely lucky this year to open our Festival with a dramatic and mesmerising indigenous Didgeridoo and Dance performance by Wardong Dance Group. This performance captivated our audience and set us on a great path for the remainder of the day. The opening was followed by the energetic and equally captivating Musical Kite String Student's performance of their 'The Greatest Showman Showcase'.

We also had a performance or two from our very own local Dwellingup Centrestage Students. The afternoon led way to an energising and popular performance by the MoreDidge Brothers on the Main Stage and Kyle Baggaley entertaining the crowd in the Early Learning Area. Our Afternoon of festivities concluded with a fun Pumpkin Jam Busking Competition Showdown.

We would like to acknowledge John McCooke, who with Ben and Steve Cepi constructed our sturdy Main Stage.



Wardong Dance Group and Musical Kite String

Going Once, Going Twice, SOLD!

We would like to thank Bette Healey and Margaret Noble who manned the successful Sponsor's Stall on the day of the Festival. We had relocated this Stall to the Main Oval this year and it was very well received.

We collected some truly amazing items from our many generous Sponsors which were displayed, along with Sponsor information, for our visitors to view on the day.

There were some awesome raffle prizes on offer including a gourmet adults only hamper featuring beautiful wines from Vasse Felix, Olive Farm Wines and Ferguson Falls Wines Café, along with Silent Auction items such as the handcrafted Doll's House pictured below donated by the Mandurah Men's Shed.



Doll's House donated by the Men's Shed. Photo by Dan McGrath

PUMPKIN SOUP for Many in Need!

It was pretty noteworthy to discover that Foodbank WA partnered with Crown Perth Chefs to turn Robert Flemming's Prize Winning '2018 Heaviest Pumpkin Grown in a Home Garden' into soup for people in need once the Festival concluded. Great Work! We are sure that the Crown Perth Chefs would have transformed this pumpkin into very tasty soup indeed.



Photo courtesy of Foodbank WA

EASY PEASY Pumpkin Soup

Winter Warmer: 1/2 cup diced onion, 1 tablespoon margarine, 5 cups peeled and diced pumpkin, 3/4 cup diced potatoes, 2 cups water, chicken stock cube, pinch ground ginger, pinch ground nutmeg, salt and pepper to taste, 2 cups milk. Serves 4. In a large saucepan cook onion in butter. Add pumpkin, potatoes, water, ground ginger, ground nutmeg and season with salt and pepper. Cook for 20 minutes or until pumpkin and potatoes are tender. Add milk, blend until smooth and serve.



Photos courtesy of Bec Robinson

Hmmm... A little slice of Pumpkin Pie!

Providing food for such a substantial number of people is a daunting task. Made even more challenging when our Canteen and Kitchen Facilities were out of action! Yet, we took on the challenge and made it a major fundraising component of the Event once again. Our helpers worked so very hard day and night leading up to the event to ensure we were able to successfully provide our very popular P&C Food Stalls. We thank all of our Food Stall organisers and their band of jolly helpers for making this day such a success.

Jude Wagenaar cannot be thanked enough for taking on the daunting task of the Pumpkin Café, located this year in the Chaplain's Room. With the assistance of her wonderful volunteers, including Juliet Lamb, she did an exceptional job organising the Café and took it all in her stride.

Christine Reid excelled herself yet again this year in baking, organising and administrating the Baked Goods Stall and implemented baking days in the lead up to the Festival. This stall is always such a crowd pleasing favourite. Christine had spent countless hours getting the Stall as sweet as it can be!

Shani Holster and Sue Fyfe undertook the preparation and running of the popular Paella Stand which was a resounding success, as was the tasty Donut Stand manned by our School Principal's sisters, Pam and Julie Fort. Our donuts are fast becoming a sought out item. We thank the amazing and hardworking BBQ brigade who also worked diligently throughout the day. Dwellingup Primary P&C are also very grateful for the support that Sodexo Australia Boddington has provided for Dwellingup Pumpkin Festival 2018.



Photo courtesy of Bec Robinson

Volunteer HQ

What would we have done without Dawn Bosanac managing our Volunteer Headquarters on the day of the Festival? What a brilliant job she carried out as our Representative, ensuring our volunteers felt welcomed.

Volunteer HQ was located in the Playgroup building this year and volunteers were provided with a relaxing space, including a lounge area with a selection of fruit and refreshments to keep their energy levels up! We were extremely lucky to have received so much essential help from so many Volunteers and Volunteer Organisations, including the jovial bunch from the Dwellingup Volunteer Bushfire Brigade Cadets, Bullsbrook Volunteer Fire and Emergency Service, Rotary, Lions Club of Pinjarra and the Anglican Church. Volunteers appeared in good spirits throughout the day.

Our thanks also to the Lions Club of Pinjarra - Inc and Peel- Murray SES Volunteers for facilitating the parking and road closures.

Also introduced this year was our Mobility Information Tent, also manned by our Volunteers. Our Mobility Information Tent enabled us to provide a map stating the most assessable way to navigate the Festival. We also tried to make things a little easier this year by providing Mobility Parking on Church Street. We do hope these initiatives made the festival even more enjoyable for our visitors.



Dwellingup Antique and Collectors Fair

Organised by our very own School Principal, Colleen Sing, we utilised the Town Hall on the day of the Festival to host a small Antique and Collectors Fair. Thank you to Betty Williams who was a dedicated volunteer, manning the entry door and to Geoff Bell and Shelley Sturgeon for supplying tables. This was quite a successful offshoot of the Festival. There was a great selection of Stall holders and visitors on the day who are already looking forward to its return in 2019.

Share the MEMORIES!

An extensive collection of photos and video taken on the day of the Festival has been uploaded to the Dwellingup Pumpkin Festival Facebook Page. We welcome you to take a look and even upload your own to the page. www.facebook.com/dwellinguppumpkinfestival

Helping Out Our Wildlife

We were very lucky to have Mrs Davies attend the Pumpkin Festival in her capacity of Mandurah Wildlife Rescue Volunteer, bringing along resources and one very popular JOEY! Mandurah Wildlife Rescue treats and cares for our local wildlife with the ultimate goal of rehabilitation and release back into their natural environment. They are a not-for-profit organisation that runs entirely on volunteer help and community support. Mrs Davies was very pleased to report that the Pumpkin Festival exposure gained donations for the Mandurah Wildlife Rescue in the vicinity of \$800.00. What an achievement!

Pumpkin Festival REACHES FOR THE STARS!

A big soaring shout out to Mitchell Eccles for taking some high flying footage from his Drone at the Festival this year. We also briefly spotted your images on GWN 7 News. Well done!

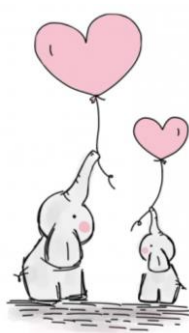


Photo courtesy of Mitchell Eccles

One Man's TRASH

Nola Kinal and Wendy Bell raised another staggering amount towards our fundraising efforts by selling some wonderful donated items in their White Elephant Stall located in the Early Childhood Area.

Whilst customers scavenged through the White Elephant Stall for bargains, they were also entertained in the Chill Out Area with acoustic tunes by the talented Kyle Baggaley. It has been reported that there were "*many happy customers!*" This project is a year round labour of love for Nola and Wendy. At any given time these remarkable and determined women can be spotted driving around with trailer in tow collecting all kinds of 'reusable treasures' and potting plants for the Stall.



Nola and Wendy have already commenced collecting items for next year's Festival. (Unwanted and suitable items can be dropped off at the rear of the Early Childhood Area).

Thank you ladies for not only raising much needed funds, but also for providing Dwellingup with a recycling service second to none!

Easter Egg Hunt

It was exciting to see many children frantically burying themselves in bales of hay on a quest for their share of Easter Eggs hidden within. Thank you to the volunteers of Fairbridge Festival for manning this activity for us.

Fruit Carving

We were privileged to have Napar, of Napar Thai Artistic Fruit Carving, hold a stall at the Pumpkin Festival this year. Her designs were very impressive and left many people envious of the skills required to create such works of art. Thank you for visiting us Napar and we hope to see you again in 2019.



Napar with one of her creations.

Visiting Author

We were privileged to have Linda J Bettenay (Author) visit the Pumpkin Festival this year to host a meet and greet with our visitors. Linda has now published three books in her Secrets Series - fictional novels set in Western Australia. Linda was born in Roleystone, into a pioneering orcharding family who have farmed the land since 1901 and lived in the area since 1895.

Shire of Murray Youth Zone

Situated in our 1/2/3 classroom at the festival, The Shire of Murray facilitated a free Youth Zone for visiting teenagers. This area was supervised and managed by Trick Cole, the Community Development Officer (Youth) at the Shire of Murray. The teenagers were able to participate in numerous activities such as a Virtual Reality experience and utilise Playstation and Xbox equipment and games.



After a wonderful day at the festival many of our visitors stayed in town for the evening to attend a free outdoor screening of the movie "Three Summers" at the Dwellingup Town Oval. This movie was kindly coordinated and funded by The Shire of Murray and was very well received.

OPEN THE GATES!

Once again we offer our gratitude to Pam Laird and Volunteers, including Martin Crane, that manned our entrances to the Pumpkin Festival. It was an extremely busy day for these volunteers. They efficiently dealt with numerous queries from our many visitors, took donations for entry and even managed to sell raffle tickets as well! Well done to you all.



Thankyou to Pam Laird for manning the Main Entrance.

Sharing the PUMPKIN JOY!

While contacting the winners of the 'Seven days of Dwellingup' promotion we became aware of a Port Kennedy family that was struggling through a recent family tragedy. We contacted a number of stall holders and with their assistance we were able to put together a package providing the family a free day of fun at the festival. The package we presented included food and beverages, an all-day free pass to any activity and \$150 pumpkin cash to spend with our stallholders, which the P&C reimbursed. This would not have been possible without the cooperation of the many stallholders that we approached, some also donating extra items.

Dwellingup Primary School PUMPKIN CROWS

This year the students of Dwellingup Primary School also got hands on, proudly making their very own Pumpkin Crows and naming their characters. They carried out some Pumpkin Crow artwork as well!



SOME PUMPKIN CROW Entries from 2018



Entry by the Robinson Family



Entry by Robert & Judy Guimelli



Entry by Jaime Vergone



Entry by Trails Bookshop



Entry by Irene Allen



Entry by Michelle Fletcher



Entry by Lincoln, Anne-Elise & Tayler Douglas



Entry by Joseph Moore

PUMPKIN CROW COMPETITION

Our Pumpkin Crow competition is an initiative that promotes the Dwellingup Pumpkin Festival throughout our township by way of eye catching and creative 'pumpkin themed' scarecrow displays on private and commercial properties. This years' displays both delighted and captivated visitors and locals alike. The displays are judged, all competing for first place. The Blue Wren Café kindly sponsored this event once again and we obtained more entries in 2018 than ever before! Thank you BLUE WREN CAFÉ!

Pumpkin Crow Competition 2018 RESULTS:

FIRST PLACE	Marilyn and Lou Vergone
SECOND PLACE	Dwellingup Primary School
THIRD PLACE	Patricia Hines



Entries by Marilyn and Lou Vergone and Dwellingup Primary School



Entries by Patricia Hines and Merle Kelly & Rosalie Chapman



Entry by Geoff Warren

We hope to see you all again next year for *Dwellingup Giant Pumpkin Festival 2019!*