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Christmas

Community Carols

Saturday, 21 Dec 6.00pm

Bruce Rock Amphitheatre



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Bingo	Last Tuesday of every month. Contact : Jeanette Kolatowicz - 0448 852 947
Casual Stitchers	Thursday 12 December 2024 10.30am - 3pm in the Supper Room at the Church of Christ, bring your craft and have a chat. Bronwyn Campbell 0408 900 808
Come-a-Lot Op Shop	Open Monday and Thursday 8.30am-12.00pm Contact Judy Gould 0429 611 143 or Lynnie Prior 0421 669 459
Contact Club	Contact: Alana Lia: 90 611 228
Child Health Clinic	Wednesday at the Clinic. For appointments, Phone: 90 611 090
Council meetings	<u>TUESDAY 17th December 2024</u>
Craft Shop	Edna Vaughan - President - 0499 853 471.
Chiropractor	Merredin times Tuesday 10.30am - 7pm & Wed 7.30am to 9.30am. For appointments, Phone: 90 411 275
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Dietician	For appointments, Phone: 90 611 166
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Immunisation	For appointments, Phone: 90 611 090
"IN-BETWEENERS"	Drop in Centre - Every Friday 10am—12 noon Contact Veronica Branch Smith 0428611866
Indoor Carpet Bowls	Every Wednesday 1pm - Contact Trevor Neal -0408 072 818 Bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.
Mobile Vet – Pat Chat	Next visit Tue 10th Dec 2024 - phone 0428 212 945
Museum Roster	In Recess Contact phone numbers at the front of Museum.
Music Session	Contact Lyn Prior 0421 669 459
Occupational Therapy	C/- Primary Health Eastern. For appointments, Phone 90 813 222
P&C Assoc. Inc.	Contact School on 90 821 900
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Playgroup	Friday 9 – 11 am @ Butcher St Kindy
Podiatrist	Deborah Schoen @ Bruce Rock Hospital. Phone: 90 610 222
Police	Contact 90 079 140
Primary Health Eastern	Physio (at Hospital) Phone: 90 813 222
Retirement Units	Meetings first Tuesday of every month - 2.00pm at Settler's Court
RFCS	Rural Financial Counselling Service WA Bill Webb: 0429 013 574 - June Saint: 0429 465 139
Seniors Committee	2nd Thurs of every month. Next meeting: 12th Dec @ 1.30pm. Contact - Veronica Branch—Smith 0428611866
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VES Training	1st Monday each month @ 7.30pm. Perry - 0428 475 080
Speech Pathologist	C/- Primary Health Eastern. Phone: 90 813 222 Apts. taken 8.30am - 12pm and 1.45pm to 4pm Phone: 90 611 166 Surgery hours may finish earlier or extend Any temporary hour changes will be advertised in Rock Review\
	If there are any changes to the above information please contact us on reception@brucrockerc.com.au

Bruce Rock & Surrounds Community Calendar December 2024/January 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
8 Thank a Volunteer Movie Under the Stars Shackleton Christmas Tree	9 Op Shop Open	10	11 Indoor Bowls Senior Centre at 1 pm	12 Op Shop Open	13 Inbetweeners at Seniors Centre	14 Ardath Tennis presents Twilight Tennis
15 Tom Curtain Tour "Good Life Tour" at Pony Club	16 Op Shop Open	17	18 Indoor Bowls Senior Centre at 1 pm Christmas Card Making Morning at 10 am at CRC	19 Op Shop Open	20 Inbetweeners at Seniors Centre	21
22	23 CRC Closed at 12 pm	24	25  Christmas Lunch at Town Hall	26 	27	28
29	30	31	1st Jan 	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

- Nungarin Wheatbelt Markets - 1st Sunday of Each Month
- Bruce Rock St. Johns Sub Centre every Wednesday 9am-2pm

BIRTHDAYS

Dec 2024

Thurs 12th

Kevin Jones

Fri 13th

Adam Sedgwick

Sun 15th

**Joanne Buller
Alexander Foss**

Mon 16th

Althea Hutch

Tues 17th

**Thomas Foss
Sheridan Buegge
Shaliya Vicary-Henry**

Thurs 19th

**Jill Griffiths
Thomas Buegge**



ANNIVERSARIES

Thurs 19th

Neil & Margaret McGellin



DR JEGEDE SURGERY ROSTER**PH 90611166**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	9 th Dec	10 th Dec	11 th Dec	12 th Dec	13 th Dec

AM	8.30-12 Admin Only	9-1 Dr Olga Ward	9-1	9.30-1	9-3
PM		2-5	2-5	2-5	

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	16 th Dec	17 th Dec	18 th Dec	19 th Dec	20 th Dec

AM	8.30-12 Admin Only	9-1	9-1	9.30-1	9-3
PM		2-5	2-5	2-4	

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	23 rd Dec	24 th Dec	25 th Dec	26 th Dec	27 th Dec

AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
PM					

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	30 th Dec	31 st Dec	01 st Jan	02 nd Jan	03 rd Jan

AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
PM					

St Johns Ambulance

Membership Notice

Please use your membership number as your payment reference when you make
an EFT payment .

Thank You

IN-BETWEENERS

THE DROP IN CENTRE WILL CLOSE

AFTER THE GET TOGETHER ON FRIDAY, 13TH DECEMBER 2024

AND OPEN AGAIN ON FRIDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 2025.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS ALL.

BRUCE ROCK CRAFT SHOP

The Craft Shop will be closing at midday on
Tuesday 24th December 2024
And re-opening on Monday, 3rd February, 2025

We still have some Lions cakes and-puddings left
Come in and browse for your Christmas gifts.

We wish all our Customers a very happy Christmas
And a Happy New Year

The Community Op-Shop, Come-a-lot, would like to thank all our supporters, who either donated items, or purchased goods. We have had quite a successful year, which means we have been able to give back to the community, several substantial donations.

In particular, we would like to acknowledge the generosity of the late John Keatley (Newsagent) whose extended family, donated a great deal of items to the Op-shop, without which our income would have been far less.

Those we have been able to donate to are:

Royal Flying Doctor.	Angel Flight.	St John Ambulance.	Hospital Auxillary.
School P&C Assoc.	BK Child Care Centre .	CRC for BTTB promotional advertising.	
BK Pony Club.	BK Am. Swimming club.	Rotary Swimmathon .	Rock-n-Boots dance
group.	CRC for Children's Holiday programs.	CRC for 'Art -car' project,	and Salvation Army

Xmas Bowl Appeal. We have also been able to assist with clothing, and household items where there has been a need.

We would to thank the Shire for the on going use of the building, and the gardeners for keep our lawns immaculate!

I would sincerely like to thanks all the volunteers that donate their time and energy to this project.

Without such a loyal band of helpers, the op-shop would not be as successful as it is. Bless 'em!

We will be closing at the end of trading, on the 19/12/2024 and reopening on the 20/01/2025.

PLEASE HOLD ANY FURTHER DONATIONS UNTIL WE OPEN IN JANUARY. THANKYOU.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and holy festive season!

Christmas!

Community Carols

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas with a sing-along.
Bring your picnic rugs, snacks and best singing voices.

BYO permitted.



Saturday, 21 Dec
6.00pm



Bruce Rock
Amphitheatre

If you have any musical talent or
interest in participating in a more
performative role, please contact CDO
Shayna Campbell on 9061 1377.



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CATHOLIC CHURCH



CHRISTMAS MASSES

2024

Tues 24 Dec 4:00pm

Southern Cross*

Tues 24 Dec 8:30pm

Narembeen

Wed 25 Dec 8:00am

Bruce Rock

Wed 25 Dec 10:00am

Quairading

*** live-stream available**

YOU'RE INVITED

to

Celebrate Christmas

at

St Peter's Anglican Church Bruce Rock

Sunday, 22nd December

9.00 am

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

(A traditional Christmas festival with a Bruce Rock twist!)

This traditional service takes nine of the best known and loved bible passages about the birth of Jesus and intersperses them with carols which pick up the theme of the readings.

Morning tea to follow

Everyone most welcome



St Peter's Anglican Church

The Rev Dave will be with us this Sunday, 15th December at 11am for a Eucharist Service.

Light lunch to follow.

Everyone most welcome.



Public Notice

Council Meeting Dates 2025

It is hereby notified for public information in accordance with section 5.4(a) of the Local Government Act, that the Ordinary Council Meetings scheduled for 2025 are;

- Thursday 20 February 2025
- Thursday 20 March 2025
- Wednesday 16 April 2025
- Thursday 15 May 2025
- Thursday 19 June 2025
- Thursday 17 July 2025
- Thursday 21 August 2025
- Thursday 18 September 2025
- Thursday 16 October 2025
- Thursday 20 November 2025
- Thursday 18 December 2025

These meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at the Shire Administration Office, 54 Johnson Street, Bruce Rock commencing at 3.00pm.

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Shire of Bruce Rock

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Counsellor

Permanent Part-Time Position Available

Central Agcare is a Not for Profit, community based organisation based in Corrigin, Western Australia.

Central Agcare Inc. has a Permanent Part-time position for 32 hours per week for a Mobile Family Counsellor to service the Central South Region of the Wheatbelt of Western Australia.

Qualifications: A Registered Psychologist or possess a Degree or Diploma in Counselling.

Salary Package: According to qualifications and experience, under the SACS award. A vehicle is supplied for official duties. Salary Sacrifice is available and subsidised rental accommodation if required.

Duties: The appointee will be involved in face to face and phone counselling sessions involving families and individuals in regard to their personal, family and relationship needs and the stress associated with rural situations. Servicing the areas of Corrigin, Bruce Rock, Narembeen, Kondinin, Kulin, Pingelly, Hyden, Brookton, Quairading & Wickepin.

For further details, please contact Chairperson, Janeane Mason, on 0417 095 804.

Applications in writing with personal details, resume and names of 2 x professional referees by Friday, 13th December 2024 to **Janeane Mason, Chairperson, Central Agcare Inc, PO Box 6, CORRIGIN WA 6375** or email ceagcare@bigpond.com



Central Agcare
COUNSELLING

Working within the Shires of Brookton, Bruce Rock, Corrigin, Kondinin, Kulin, Narembeen, Pingelly, Quairading and Wickepin.



2024 Community Christmas Lunch



Wednesday 25th December 2024
11.30am - 4pm Buffet Lunch

Adults. \$25

Seniors \$20

Children Under 15 yrs \$15

Tickets Available for purchase:
Bruce Rock Community Resource Centre
Mi Familia Flavours Van (Wed - Sun)

Try Booking Online:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CXFTE>

Feel Free to bring along your favourite
game to share!

Are you ready for a fun and relaxing
afternoon?

Please purchase your tickets before
Friday 20th December 4pm



Enjoy your Christmas feast!





Christmas MENU

Mains Meat

Glazed Roasted Ham
Roasted Pork served with Cherry Port Sauce
Slow Roasted Lamb
Chicken Roasted with Spiced Butter
Garlic Prawns

Sides

Potato Bake / Mixed Potato & Sweet Potato Bake
Roasted Pumpkin & Potatoes
Minted Peas / Braised Cabbage & Bacon
Dinner Roll / Butter

Salads

Garden Salad / Classic Slaw
Corn & Bean Pasta Salad
Wild Rice, Broccoli & Egg Salad

Dessert

Baby Meringues with Mango & Berry Salad
Traditional Trifle
Tiramisu Trifle
Selection of Cheesecakes
Plum Pud & Brandy Custard
Ice Cream Bar
Jelly Squares

Enjoy your Christmas feast!



Christmas Card Making

Got a special someone on your Christmas list
and need a card that'll knock their socks off?
Why not unleash your inner artist and whip
one up yourself?

When: 18th of December 2024

Where: Bruce Rock CRC

Time: 10:00am

Open to all ages



 reception@brucerockcrc.com.au

 (08) 9061 1687



Looking for the perfect gift
for a special someone?



Come into the CRC to see what we
have in stock.



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE BRUCE ROCK P&C

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

**THE BRUCE ROCK CRC IS SEEKING
RAFFLE DONATIONS FOR THIS YEARS
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS**





**DONATIONS NEED TO BE NEW
OR HANDMADE**

Tickets go on sale on the 5th December 2024

Drawn on the 23rd of December 2024

\$2.00 a ticket

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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

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Bruce Rock District Club
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Bruce Rock LPO & LOTTO
Bruce Rock Roadhouse, Motel and
General Store
Bruce Rock Hotel

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BRUCE ROCK CRC

Christmas Colouring in Competition

All colouring submissions must be delivered to the CRC by December 19th. Parents, please remember to write your contact information on the back. The winners will be revealed on December 23rd.



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your local connection



Name: _____

Age: _____



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Bruce Rock Op Shop

END OF YEAR CLEARANCE

Bruce Rock op shop is having its \$5.00 pillowcase sale starting Monday 2nd of December and will run until the 19th of December which is the last trading day for the year.

The store opens Mon and Thursday 8:30am to
12:00pm

All items in store are included. Come in and grab some bargains for Christmas!



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Mixed fortunes for Canadian farmers in 2024...

Statistics Canada's final field crop survey for 2024 reveals a season of mixed fortunes for Canadian farmers, with wheat, oats, soybean and pulse production showing robust growth alongside output declines in canola and barley, which appear to have suffered most due to a period of intense and extremely dry heat throughout July and August.

This year's growing season in Canada, particularly across the prairies, was a real roller coaster. Farmers had to contend with the lower export prices offered throughout the 2023/24 marketing year while facing challenging late-season weather. The Prairies had a promising start to the 2024 growing season, receiving timely precipitation during seeding, although cool conditions delayed crop development in some areas. However, a lack of rain as the summer progressed, coupled with hot weather, resulted in lower yields in some areas compared with 2023.

Favourable weather conditions throughout the autumn saw the majority of this year's harvest completed ahead of schedule, with Statistics Canada reporting that most crops were off the paddock and production known before the data was collected for the November field crop survey.

The Canadian government agency pegged the nation's wheat harvest at 34.96 million metric tonne, the third biggest on record and 6.1 per cent higher than last year's production. While the final planted area was reported at 10.83 million hectares, the harvested area came in at 10.65Mha for an average yield of 3.27 metric tonne per hectare.

The result was boosted by a remarkable 43.6 per cent year-on-year hike in durum wheat output to 5.87MMT due to an eight percentage point jump in the harvested area to 2.57Mha and a 32.8 per cent increase in yield to 2.29MT/ha. Canada's biggest wheat category is spring wheat, and production inched up by 2.2 per cent compared with 2023 to 26.08MMT, with a 2.5 per cent fall in the harvested area to 18.69Mha more than offset by a 4.9 per cent increase in yield to 3.45MT/ha. Meanwhile, winter wheat output came in at 3.01MMT, 93.8 per cent lower than the 2023 crop.

At the provincial level, wheat output in Saskatchewan climbed 12.2 per cent to 16.5MMT in 2024, 47.1 per cent of the national total. In Alberta, the wheat harvest was 6.4 per cent higher than last year at 9.9MMT and 28.3 per cent of the total. Wheat production in Manitoba edged 0.7 per cent higher to 5.5MMT, for 14.5 per cent of Canadian output.

The spring wheat quality is reported to be excellent across all classes, with a high proportion of the crop classified as No. 2 or better. Testing of the samples collected by the Canadian Grain Commission as of October 24 had 94 per cent of the Canada Western Red Spring (CWRS) crop falling within the top 2 grades. The average protein content of CWRS1 and CWRS2 at that time was 14.1 per cent and 13.8 per cent, respectively.

This year's canola crop disappointed after plenty of early season promise. The national crop decreased by 7 per cent from 19.19MMT last year to 17.85MMT in 2024, well below Statistics Canada's September yield model based prediction of 18.98MMT. The result was primarily driven by a 6.9 per cent fall in the average yield to 2.02MT/ha due to increased disease pressure and drought stress, with the final harvested area only down 0.1 per cent to 8.85Mha, after 8.91Mha was seeded back in the Canadian spring.

Canola output in Saskatchewan declined by 5.1 per cent to 9.8MMT on the back of a 3.0 per cent fall in yield and a 2.2 per cent decrease in the harvested area. To the west in Alberta, canola output fell 8.5 per cent to 5.1MMT, with the 9.0 per cent drop in the average yield only partially offset by a 0.6 per cent increase in the harvested area. Farmers in Manitoba reported an 11.1 per cent decrease in canola output despite a 6.2 per cent expansion in the harvested area, with Statistics Canada laying blame on challenging weather conditions early in the growing season.

Barley production across the Prairies was higher than the September yield model estimate but still tumbled by 8.6 per cent to 8.14MMT million tonnes in 2024. This was primarily due to an 11.4 per cent fall in the harvested area to 2.39Mha, after 2.59Mha was planted earlier in the year, and follows a decrease of 10.8 per cent last year compared to the 9.99MMT crop reaped in 2022. The sharp decline in the harvested area was partially offset by a 3.3 per cent increase in the average yield to 3.4MT/ha.

Statistics Canada's oat production estimate of 3.36MMT exceeded both the September yield model forecast of 3.02MMT and last year's output of 2.64MMT. Significantly higher yields in Manitoba had a large impact on the 27 per cent increase in harvest volume, as did a 20.3 per cent climb in the total harvested area to just under 1Mha. However, this year's crop was still 35.7 per cent lower than the 2022 harvest of 5.23MMT, the biggest since 1971.

An increase of 4.3 per cent in the average corn yield to 10.59MT/ha was completely neutralised by the 4.6 per cent fall in the harvested area to 1.45 million hectares, ultimately leading to a 0.5 per cent decrease in output to 15.35MMT. Ontario farmers, who grow almost two-thirds of national output, reported production of 9.6MMT in 2024, down 3.5 per cent year-on-year. The province's average yield increased 1.7 per cent to a record 11.3MT/ha due to good growing conditions, while the harvested area fell by 5.1 percentage points to 0.85Mha.

Production of soybeans rose 8.4 per cent nationally to 7.6 million tonnes in 2024 as a result of a 7 per cent increase in yield to 3.3MT/ha and a 1.3 per cent increase in the harvested area to 2.29Mha. Ontario is the main production hub, and growers reported a 7.9 per cent rise in output to 4.4MMT after the harvested area increased by 7.0 per cent to 1.25Mha, and the average yield inched 0.8 per cent higher to 3.48MT/ha.

The main pulse crops in Canada are dry field peas and lentils, with production of both increasing substantially compared to the 2023 harvest. According to Statistics Canada, the yellow and green pea volumes increased, with collective output rising 14.9 per cent to 3.0MMT, largely thanks to much higher yields in Saskatchewan, where more than 50 per cent of the nation's peas are grown. Meanwhile, lentil production jumped by 35 per cent to 2.43MMT, more than recovering the ground lost last year, again thanks to a good season in Saskatchewan, which accounted for 86.4 per cent of the 2024 harvest total.

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Nationals WA to Remove Barriers and Boost Support for Volunteers

5 December 2024

The Nationals WA have unveiled a comprehensive plan to support over 50,000 Western Australian volunteers annually, eliminating unnecessary costs and introducing protections to make volunteering easier and more accessible.

Announced on Thank a Volunteer Day, Lachlan Hunter, Candidate for Central Wheatbelt said The Nationals in Government would waive fees for Working with Children Checks (WWCC), National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) checks, and National Police Certificates for volunteers, including students on unpaid placements.

"Despite being the wealthiest state in the nation, WA remains one of the most expensive places to volunteer," Hunter said.

"At a time when the cost-of-living crisis is hitting families hard, removing these financial and administrative barriers is a meaningful way to support and encourage volunteering."

In the electorate of Central Wheatbelt volunteers play a vital role socially and economically.

"From sporting clubs to schools, Men's Sheds to CRCs, volunteers are the backbone of all country towns and it is important that we make it easier for people to get involved".

The Nationals' commitment will also extend presumptive Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) protections to all emergency service volunteers, including firefighters, SES, marine rescue, and St John Ambulance personnel.

"The Cook Labor Government has failed to prioritise PTSD protections for volunteers who risk their mental health to serve their communities,"

"Over 30,000 emergency service volunteers have long called for these protections, which are already in place for career firefighters and paramedics.

Volunteers should not have to endure costly and re-traumatising battles to prove their injuries are service-related."

The Nationals WA also committed an additional \$100,000 annually to Volunteering WA to enhance their capacity to support volunteers during emergencies.

"The best way to thank our volunteers is through meaningful support and practical policies, and that's exactly what The Nationals in Government will deliver," Mr Hunter said.

"Our volunteers are the backbone of communities across WA, and it's time we made it easier and more affordable for them to continue their incredible work."

For more information contact Lachlan Hunter on 0457 721 949 or lachlan.hunter@nationalswa.com

MENS' BOWLS NOTES

Round 8 December 7th Bruce Rock v Corrigin . Again another day with great weather and wind.

Division 1 Bruce Rock 110shots, 8 points. Corrigin 61 shots, 0 points Excellently done.

Division 2 Corrigin 78 shots, 5 points. Bruce Rock 40 shots, 0 points.

Good sportsmanship all day.

Sunday 8th was a lay day. Thanks ladies again for the afternoon supper.

Thank you Tom for manning the esky and bar staff.

Round 9 14th Narembreen v Bruce Rock @ Narembreen. All the best Division 1 and 2.

Sunday December 15th Championship pairs. Names in book by Friday night please.

Tuesday 31st December, New Years Eve, barefoot bowls and sausage sizzle afterwards.

All welcome \$2 per player.



Red plate. One mate.

Red P-plate Passenger
Restrictions and Exemptions

Restrictions

● 1 Ordinary Passenger

- Red P-plate drivers may carry only one ordinary passenger.
- This passenger can be of any age or driver's licence status.



Exemptions

★ Experienced Driver

- A driver who has held a full C-class licence for at least four years (beyond P period).
- If an experienced driver is present, then additional ordinary passengers are permitted.



▲ Immediate Family Members

- Additional passengers are permitted if they are immediate family members (see transport.wa.gov.au/redplateonemate for definition).
- One ordinary passenger is also permitted.



◆ Employment Requirements

- Additional passengers are permitted if required to be carried for the Red P-plate driver's employment (paid or unpaid).
- Driver must carry and produce, on request, a letter signed by their employer, confirming requirements.



Download an employer
exemption letter template:

🔍 Red plate one mate



LADIES BOWLING NOTES

Results from Pennants against Narembeen. Both teams lost by one shot! (some great bowls).

Championship Pairs were played on Thursday 5th December. It was a round robin and all the games were close. Winners were Terri & Anne , R/Up were Heather & Miranda.

Upcoming events -

12th December - due to so many being away there will be no official fixture. If you plan to have a Roll, could you put it on the app so others who might like to join you know time etc.

18th December - Pennants BK v Civic

19th December - Club Day, Casual attire, Christmas lunch, bring a gift for Kris Kringle if you would like to participate.



ARDATH TENNIS CLUB NEWS



1/12/24 & 8/12/24



ARDATH TENNIS MAY NEED TO EXPAND!

Wow—the last two weeks have been extraordinary. Numbers have exceeded all expectations with a whopping 24 players both weeks. With the four courts full from start to finish, the community area was buzzing with off court chatter.

Lisa, Will, Arlie, Macca & Josh from the New Zealand north island all arrived on court some 4—5 weeks ago, citing that tennis was not something they did back home in Ohakune. Well there is certainly some hidden talent from the Carrot Capital of NZ, as these players have shown form on (and off) court. We hope the acing kiwi's will continue to join us in the weeks to come as they finish off harvest locally—we will certainly miss them all when they head home for Christmas. New friends made—that's the Ardath spirit. We hope you will all return again one day in the future.

Whilst harvest is still going for some, we are beginning to see the return of the local contingent as families begin to wind up their harvest 2024. The weather being a big challenge in time management this season, we must say that has been a positive for Ardath tennis. We look forward to seeing the local community for Twilight Tennis (details below) this weekend—don't forget to get into the Aussie Christmas spirit and dress up.

Also a date for the calendar is our annual end of year BBQ following tennis on Sunday 29 December—BYO BBQ meat and salad to share after the afternoon of tennis (normal 2.30pm start for tennis).

Twilight Tennis

Saturday 14 December @ 5pm



Fancy Dress theme: AUSSIE CHRISTMAS

Prizes and loads of fun to be had by all.

Follow us on Facebook for regular updates and news

CHURCH NOTICES

ST PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sun 15th Eucharist with Rev Dave at 11 0'c
All Welcome. Light lunch to follow.
Contact - Rev. Karen Arnold 08 90611268

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

1st & 2nd Sunday 10am
3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday 8am
BK: 08 9061 1094 Tuesday to Saturday
SX Tel: 9049 1049 Sunday to Monday
Email: brucerockparish@gmail.com
Fr Matthew Hodgson, Parish Priest
Meta (Face Book): Francis Mary Concepta
Sacrament
YouTube: Bruce Rock Catholic Parish

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Meeting at 9.30am
Sunday Club for Children every week
Contacts:
Robbie Butler 08 9064 7046
Tom Lewis 0428 611 309



Jest a Moment

Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents' house the week before Christmas. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers. The younger one began praying at the top of his lungs:

"I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE..."

"I PRAY FOR A NEW NINTENDO..."

His older brother leaned over, nudged him and said, "Why are you shouting? God isn't deaf." to which the little brother replied, "No, but Grandma is!"



Sports Diary

DECEMBER

ARDATH TENNIS CLUB

Sat 14th Nutrien Infield Ag "Twilight" Tennis
5pm



BRUCE ROCK BOWLING CLUB

MEN

Sat 14th Pennants Rd 9 – Naremburn v Bruce Rock
Sun 15th Championship Pairs. Names in book Friday night.

LADIES

Thurs 12th No bowls this week due to lack of numbers.
Fri 13th Corrigin Open Day
Sun 15th Westonia Open day CANCELLED
Wed 18th Pennant Rd 9 - Bk v Civic
Thurs 19th Casual Xmas Bowls, Lunch to follow bring gift for
Kris Kringle.



CRICKET

Sat 14th T20 BK v BCC @ 3pm



JUNIOR CRICKET

Christmas Break - next fixture 8/2/2025

SQUASH

Tue 7.00pm Bruce Rock Squash Courts

