

**Working Together**



*Kaya!*

*As the days start to warm up, we start to see and hear the new born animals, their proud parents are out and about providing them with food and guiding and protecting them from much bigger animals.*

*The woodland birds will be starting to nest, so it's time to watch out for those swooping Koolbardi (Magpie) as they protect their young.*

*Temperatures begin to rise as the Djilba season progresses and we will start to see the flower stalks of the Balgas (Grass Trees) emerging in preparation for the coming Kambarang season!*

Congratulations to Courtney Smith who received the NAIDOC 2018 Apprentice/ Trainee of the Year Award, proudly sponsored by the Bunbury Geographic Chamber and Working Together southwest.

Courtney completed Year 12 in 2017 and was accepted into the Indigenous Apprenticeship Program with the Department of Human Services.

Since commencing the traineeship, Courtney has flourished and is doing an amazing job being a role model to the younger people in her life.

We wish you all the best Courtney!

Working Together southwest can assist you with work experience and job placement opportunities and discuss ways your business can get ready to employ young Aboriginal people.

If you have any barriers, issues or successes that you have come across in employing young Aboriginal people, we would love to hear from you so we can provide feedback to government and improve opportunities.

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# Mike To Lead Port CCC

Director of local accounting firm RSM, and former Treasurer of the Chamber, Mike Ansell is the newly-appointed Chairman of the Bunbury Port's Community Consultative Committee.

Mike replaces retired Real Estate Agent and Chamber Life Member John Saunders as the head of the committee which liaises with Southern Ports on long-term strategic planning matters and provides community feedback on day-to-day operations.

Mike has sat as a member of the committee for five or six years, initially being appointed as a Chamber representative, however changes to the make-up of the committee means there is no longer a Chamber representative.

"The committee brings a community perspective to the Port, looking at what's going in and out, and gauging community feedback if there are any issues," Mike said.

"We consider potential new exports such as lithium hydroxide, livestock and vehicles which may be on the wish list and evaluate what concerns, if any, the community would have with them.

"The Port monitors dust, water quality and noise and we can ask questions about things like the bird survey, which identified the various species and numbers at the Port.



Mike Ansell

Mike said Bunbury's Port was good for the city and good for the State, offsetting goods moving through Fremantle Port.

Bunbury Port may play a bigger role in the movement of goods under the State Government's Westport Strategy, which is being developed by a taskforce and is due to be finalised by late next year.

The Westport Taskforce recently visited Bunbury to look at Port facilities and talk with stakeholders.

Bunbury Port, along with the ports in Albany and Esperance, is run by Southern Ports which announced the resignation of CEO Nicholas Fertin in June, and is yet to appoint a replacement.

# Workshops For Men's Shed

An Australian Government grant of \$2,430 Bunbury Men's Shed will help the organisation host workshops encouraging men to look after themselves."

Member for Forrest Nola Marino has congratulated the Men's Shed for its successful application for the grant announced on September 25.

"Men are talking about their health more and more, and the men's shed provides a safe and friendly environment for them to do so," she said.

"Men's sheds are integral to the community and the benefits to men's health are widely acknowledged."

The Men's Shed Grants programme provides funding for health improvement activities, community projects and training, the purchase of tools and

equipment, and for building maintenance and development.

The Australian Government is investing a total of \$5.1 million over three years to the national Men's Sheds movement.



The Men's Shed helped to brighten up Chamber House in June.