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TRAVIS HAWKINS

TRAVIS JOINED THE GNOWANGERUP SUB CENTRE IN 2014 AS A LEVEL ONE OFFICER AND IS NOW CURRENTLY AN EMERGENCY TECHNICIAN AND SUB CENTRE CHAIRPERSON. TRAVIS ALSO HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS THE MEMBER FOR THE GREAT SOUTHERN OF OUR NEWLY CREATED "VOLUNTEER ADVOCACY TEAM" WHICH IS A STATEWIDE COMMITTEE COMMITTED TO ADVANCING VOLUNTEERING IN THE REGIONS AND A VOICE FOR AMBULANCE VOLUNTEERS FOR THE GREAT SOUTHERN OF W.A. HE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN A COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE LOOKING FORWARD GIVING BACK INITIATIVE WHICH DISTRIBUTES FUNDING BACK INTO THE GREAT SOUTHERN REGION USED TO ASSIST SMALLER SUB CENTRES IN STAYING FINANCIALLY VIABLE AND SUPPORT THEM WITH MUCH NEEDED TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

HE IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ONGERUP BUSH FIRE BRIGADE AND IS ALSO THE JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ONGERUP FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION. HE HAS CONTRIBUTED MANY YEARS TO THE GNOWANGERUP FOOTBALL CLUB BOTH SENIORS AND JUNIORS IN WHICH HE HAS COACHED, TRAVIS COACHED THE ONGERUP FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION'S COLTS TEAM AND HAS BEEN A SPORTS TRAINER FOR THE GNOWANGERUP FOOTBALL CLUB FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS. HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE FOOTBALL CLUB AND ST JOHN AMBULANCE HAS SEEN HIM BE ON ROSTER AT MOST HOME GAMES IN GNOWANGERUP.

TRAVIS CONSISTENTLY VOLUNTEERS HIS TIME FREELY TO ENSURE ST JOHN AMBULANCE IN GNOWANGERUP CONTINUES TO PROVIDE FIRST CLASS MEDICAL AND HUMANITARIAN SERVICES TO THOSE WHO REQUIRE THEM IN THEIR TIME OF NEED.

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EMILY JAEKEL

EMILY HAS BEEN A TIRELESS WORKER FOR THE ONGERUP COMMUNITY SINCE COMING HOME TO RUN THE FAMILY FARM. EMILY IS CURRENTLY INVOLVED WITH NSPNR COMMITTEE, SHE IS CHAIR OF THE YONGERGNOW CENTRE, IS A COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE ONGERUP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP, SHE IS A DEDICATED ST JOHN AMBULANCE VOLUNTEER OF MANY YEARS AND FREELY GIVES HER TIME TO MANY COMMUNITY EVENTS AND BUSY BEES.

EMILY IS THE CAN-DO MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY, ALWAYS THE FIRST TO STEP UP AND TAKE ON A ROLE OR ORGANISE A BUSY BEE OR FIND SOME FUNDING TO KEEP THINGS GOING.

THE HUGELY SUCCESSFUL YONGERGNOW ART EXHIBITION LAST YEAR WAS DOWN TO EMILY'S PASSION AND DRIVE, COMBINING ART AND NATURE A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN!

EMILY IS INCLUSIVE AND WELCOMING TO EVERYONE SHE MEETS AND HAS A SPECIAL KNACK OF PULLING PEOPLE IN AND GETTING THEM INVOLVED IN WHATEVER PROJECT CURRENTLY NEEDS DOING.

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YONGERGNOW MALLEEFOWL CENTRE

BACK ROADS ART EXHIBITION OPENING NIGHT WAS HELD AT THE YONGERGNOW CENTRE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PREMIERE OF THE ABC TV BACK ROADS PROGRAM FILMED IN ONGERUP. ARTWORK WAS SUBMITTED BY LOCAL AND REGIONAL ARTISTS ON THE THEME "BACK ROADS" AND AN EVENING OF MUSIC, WINE TASTING, BUSH FOOD MENU AND ARTWORKS WAS ENJOYED BY A LARGE CROWD OF LOCALS AND INVITED GUESTS. DURING THE EVENING A HUGELY SUCCESSFUL AUCTION WAS HELD TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE YONGERGNOW CENTRE BIRD AVIARY RENOVATION PROJECT.

THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF YONGERGNOW PUT IN MANY HOURS OF WORK TO BRING THIS EVENT TO FRUITION. FROM FINDING DONORS FOR THE AUCTION TO SOURCING BUSH FOODS FOR THE MENU, IT WAS A WONDERFUL EFFORT FROM ALL INVOLVED.

LIFE MEMBER PRESENTATIONS TO TWO WORTHY RECIPIENTS TOPPED OFF THE EVENING.

EVENTS LIKE THESE THAT SHOWCASE WHAT THE CENTRE CAN OFFER ARE ALWAYS VERY POPULAR IN OUR COMMUNITY. LOCAL TALENT THROUGH EXHIBITIONS LIKE THIS BRING RECOGNITION AND PUBLICITY TO THEIR ARTWORK AND THE PROVIDE INTEREST AND ENJOYMENT FOR THE MANY VISITORS TO OUR CENTRE.

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ONGERUP FUTURE FUND

THIS GROUP OF 13 FARMERS FORMED IN 2019 AND STARTED GROWING CROPS IN 2020 TO RAISE MONEY KNOWING THAT THEY MAY NEED TO PURCHASE THEIR LOCAL PUB. THE THEN PUB HAD OLDER OWNERS THAT WERE READY TO RETIRE. THERE WAS NO FOOD BEING SERVED AND VERY LITTLE REASON FOR FAMILIES TO GO THERE. THIS IS THE ONLY VENUE TO GO TO AND MEET UP AS THEIR COMMUNITY HUB.

IN JUNE 2023 **OFF** PURCHASED THEIR LOCAL HOTEL AND RENOVATED MOST OF THE HOTEL IN JUST 3 MONTHS. MOSTLY COMPLETED BY LOCALS AND VOLUNTEERS.

THE HOTEL IS NOW THRIVING WITH A NEW MANAGER AND CHEF. QUITE OFTEN FILLED WITH FAMILIES. ONGERUP NOW HAS A VIABLE COMMUNITY HUB FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

OFF CONTINUES TO GROW MORE CROPS TO DO SOME ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HOTEL AS WELL AS LOOKING INTO FUTURE PROJECTS THE TOWN WILL NEED.

THE GROUP OF DEDICATED LOCALS ARE TRULY INSPIRING AND THEIR ACHIEVERS SHOULD BE COMMENDED

THE GROUP HAS DEDICATED THEIR TIME AND DONATED MACHINERY TO GROW CROPS TO RAISE FUNDS. DEDICATED A LOT OF HOURS TO RENOVATE THEIR LOCAL HOTEL. THE ONGOING COMMITMENT AND FORESIGHT TO LOOK AT WHAT OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS IS AMAZING.

THERE ARE ONLY A FEW GROUPS I'VE HEARD OF THIS HAPPENING WITH. THE CONTRIBUTION THEY HAVE MADE TO THIS COMMUNITY WILL BE HERE FOR DECADES TO COME