

# Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show and Spring Festival



## Programme of Events 2018

## Patron, Sabrina Hahn and Keeper of the Show, Enid Tink



*Sabrina Hahn*

The Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show is proud to have well-known horticulturist and ABC presenter, Sabrina Hahn as its Patron. She has been part of Ravensthorpe's Spring Festival for several years, giving talks, guiding walks and guest speaking at the Gala Event. Her ebullient personality and exceptional knowledge draw visitors to the district like honey-eaters to a bottlebrush.

Sabrina is a master gardener, horticultural professional, award winning radio presenter and writer, and has led numerous garden tours to Italy, France, Spain, England and Morocco. She also manages gardening projects with remote communities in the north of Western Australia.

Sadly Sabrina will not attend this year's show as she is away in America.

Enid's knowledge of the local flora in the Shire of Ravensthorpe, is legendary and at Show time in September, she works morning till night picking, arranging, naming, watering, and cleaning the exhibits, often over 700 in number.

Enid is also Curator of the Ravensthorpe Museum.



*Enid Tink*

**Official Opening:** On September 10th at 5.0pm, Ravensthorpe Hall Open to all, so please join us to celebrate the 36th Annual Wildflower Show! Sue McDougall of 882 6PR will open the show and Malcolm French will speak about his new book on Eucalypts. Light refreshments on offer.



The Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show is probably the biggest in the world! It has yet to be proved that any other wildflower show displays a greater number of different species in one place at one time. And yet, the 700+ specimens gathered in the Ravensthorpe Hall each year, still only represent a third of the plants in the Shire. This is, of course, because they don't all flower in the middle two weeks of September!

For the interest and enjoyment of our thousands of visitors in spring, an energetic band of volunteers goes forth into the bush, booted and spurred, armed with picking licences and secateurs to find the sometimes elusive flowers – they know exactly where a certain orchid grows and where the more unusual specimens can be found.

And so, as you enter the Ravensthorpe Hall the scent of the bush will assail you, the shelves of flowers will amaze you and the volunteers will welcome you. The wildflower shop will tempt you, magnifying glasses can be found on the shelves for looking deep into the smallest flower, and when your feet need a rest, comfortable chairs await for viewing stunning videos.

This programme lists the many other events and activities available throughout the Spring Festival; art exhibitions, photographic displays, tag along tours, guided walks; Street Parade and Country Carnival, markets and music; soup lunches and Devonshire teas, quilt display and so much more.

A self drive brochure identifies several routes for viewing wildflowers. The Ravensthorpe Range & the world heritage listed Fitzgerald River NP which falls within the Fitzgerald Biosphere. *The region is considered a biodiverse hot spot but you will find a hotspot within a hotspot within a hotspot!* Please ask our knowledgeable Coordinator, Sue, or any of the Hosts in red shirts, for further information.

**Welcome to the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show!**

## Sue Leighton - Coordinator/ Horticulturalist

Ask Sue and she will tell you anything you want to know! Our energetic and knowledgeable Coordinator will be manning the Information Desk at the Show (most days). Other days she will be dashing about organising Walks with the Rangers, talking to visitors in the street and generally welcoming and informing. Qualified Horticulturist, garden designer, advisor & creative display person, Sue has been in the industry for more than 35 years - just ask for Sue!



**Angus Stewart** is an Australian horticulturist, author and TV presenter on Gardening Australia. He is especially interested in Australian Native Plants, and has been heavily involved in breeding Kangaroo paws. He has written several books on gardening, including "Gardening on the Wild Side" and "Let's Propagate!". Angus guides Wildflower tours in and around Australia and the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show is always on his itinerary. He is a guest speaker at our Gala Closing Event.

## Megan Hodgson - Artist, will run watercolour workshops

Megan lives in Margaret River, WA. In 2016 she painted a mural at the BP Roadhouse in Ravensthorpe and her fascination and love of the flora of the Fitzgerald National Park began. Megan trained as a printmaker at the Claremont School of Art, & later studied painting and fabrics at Edith Cowan University. Her work has been exhibited in Perth and Sydney and is in many private collections including the Bunnings and Wesfarmers collection.



**Sue MacDougall** - Sue has been answering gardening questions for over 25 years on 882 6PR and can be heard every weekend inspiring both gardeners and self-confessed 'non gardeners' alike. She also writes for local and national gardening magazines and web-sites. Sue has been involved in presenting TV stories for both national and local TV stations and is currently the gardening presenter for Channel 7's Today Tonight.



Her love of our unique flora has been a lifelong passion. Growing up in Hollands Rock, north east of the Pingrup area and on the rabbit proof fence east of Lake King, she was lucky enough to immerse herself in the changing colours of the Western Australian landscape. Her mantra is 'just get it done'.

Sue also writes regular gardening columns for magazines, websites and newsletters, and runs gardening workshops. Join Sue at the **official opening, Walks, Talks & Orchid hunt**.

## Andy Chapman - Zoologist/Biologist lives on the

edge of the Fitzgerald River National Park. In 1979 he carried out a biological survey in the Ravensthorpe region for the WA Museum. He undertook a fauna survey of the Ravensthorpe Range and found the, thought to be extinct, heath mouse. In the 80s he was employed to do a fauna survey in the FRNP where a host of rare and threatened animals were found. Andy knows the FRNP and the Ravensthorpe Range intimately and will guide visitors through this unique area during the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show. For bookings, see Nature Walk details.



## John Tucker Naturalist - Photographer

John is one of our local naturalist and conservationist with a passion in botanical & ornithological subjects. John specialises in local orchids and enjoys nothing more than finding and identifying these species. Ornithologically John loves all birds, however his big love is migratory waders. He is a contributor to Birds Australia and is a member of the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show Committee. John will guide two tag-along tours.

## Luke Sweedman, guest speaker at the closing event, has

been the seed collector in Kings Park for 28 years. Since 1990 Luke has collected over 9,350 plants in WA, *Eucalyptus sweedmaniana*, from Cape Arid, is named after him.

In 2001, Kings Park was a foundation partner in the Millennium Seedbank Project in the UK which is striving to provide ex situ conservation for the world's wild plant species. Luke is the 2nd most prolific collector for the project with 1,350 of his collections in the Seedbank at Kew. As a trainer for the Millennium Seedbank he has delivered training programs in Kenya, Tanzania and Portugal as well as help set up seed facilities in Saudi Arabia.



## Malcolm French AO

Renowned Publisher. Associate taxonomist Eucalypts, WA Herbarium.

Malcolm is soon to publish his second book on Eucalypts. He will be one of the speakers at the opening of the show on Sept 10.



# Programme of Events - September 20 - 23

**Louise Lodge - Artist**  
 Louise Lodge is a Western Australian artist living in the Fitzgerald Biosphere which is a region that includes the Fitzgerald River National Park. Under the name of **Southern Wilderness Art** she produces artwork that expresses her passion for the magnificent coastal environment surrounding Hopetoun.



## Nathan McQuoid - Landscape Ecologist

Nathan has worked in the Fitzgerald River National Park and Biosphere since 1988. He recently guided the successful renomination of the Biosphere putting the region back into the international spotlight.

The small mallet eucalypt *Eucalyptus mcquoidii* is named after him. With colleague Professor Steve Hopper, he described *Eucalyptus brandiana* - found only in the Fitzgerald River NP - and *Eucalyptus swedmaniana* from Cape Arid.



Nathan's recent work includes the ecology and sustainable management of vegetation communities at Bremer Bay. He wrote "Lifting the bonnet on Wheatbelt Woodlands", a guide to the connection between landscape and vegetation in southwest Australia. Nathan leads a 4 WD tag-along tour into the Ravenshorpe Range during the festival.

## Tony Turner- Djarup Plantation Project

Guest Speaker at the Gala Closing Event

Guest Speaker at the Gala Tapas Event on the 23rd September  
 Title "Investigating the potential of WA Leptospermum " (Manuka Plant) Tony will present what he his wife Gillian along with well known apiarists Ken & June Spurge have learnt about the potential of WA species being used in an authentic and sustainable way.



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## Raquel Tacey- Chalk of Perth

Chalkboard artist, Raquel, embarked on her chalking business venture in 2015 after discovering a gap in the market while planning her wedding. After designing a chalkboard for the occasion, "Chalk of Perth" was created. What started as a hobby has now become a thriving business. Raquel was born in Ravenshorpe, returns regularly to this strong rural community and is proud to present her work for the Wildflower Show.

She has collaborated with her mother, local artist Lynn Belli to produce creative, informative and modern signage.



Thursday 20	Friday 21	Saturday 22	Sunday 23
Wildflower Show 9am-4pm Art Exhibition	Wildflower Show 9am-4pm Art Exhibition	Wildflower Show 9am-4pm Art Exhibition	
Devonshire Teas and soup lunch 10-3pm <b>Photo Exhibition</b>	Devonshire Teas and soup lunch 10-3pm <b>Photo Exhibition</b>	Devonshire Teas and soup lunch 10-3pm <b>Photo Exhibition</b>	
Spring Exhibition	Spring Exhibition	Spring Exhibition	Spring Exhibition
Exhibition of art & quilting 9-4pm	Exhibition of art & quilting 9-4pm	Exhibition of art & quilting 9-4pm	Exhibition of art & quilting 9-4pm
Open for guided visits	Open for guided visits	Open for guided visits	
Southern Wilderness Art 11am-5pm	Southern Wilderness Art 11am-5pm	Southern Wilderness Art 11am-5pm	Southern Wilderness Art 11am-5pm
Exhibs: Photos Photo Stories Windspray Arts	Exhibs: Photos Photo Stories Windspray Arts	Exhibs: Photos Photo Stories Windspray Arts	<b>Closing Event</b> Exhibitions
FRNP Walk with Rangers	4x4 Tag-Along Tour	FRNP Walk with Rangers	

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## Programme of Events - September 10 - 12

Venue	Monday 10th	Tuesday 11th	Wednesday 12th
<b>RAVENSTHORPE</b>			
Ravensthorpe Town Hall	Wildflower Show 9am-4pm Official opening 5pm Art Exhibition	Wildflower Show 9am-4pm Art Exhibition	Wildflower Show 9am-4pm Art Exhibition
Red Room	Devonshire teas and soup lunch 10-3pm <b>Photo Exhibition</b>	Devonshire teas and soup lunch 10-3pm <b>Photo Exhibition</b> Hort Talk 1pm	Devonshire teas and soup lunch 10-3pm <b>Photo Exhibition</b>
Dunart Gallery	Spring Exhibition	Spring Exhibition	Spring Exhibition
Crazy Granny's	Exhibition of art & quilting 9-4pm	Exhibition of art & quilting 9-4pm	Exhibition of art & quilting 9-4pm
Ravensthorpe Rec Centre			
Ravensthorpe			
Herbarium		Open for guided visits	Open for guided visits
<b>HOPE TOWN</b>			
Louise Lodge Gallery			
Hopetoun CRC & TOWN HALL	Exhibs: Photos Photo Stories Windspray Arts	Exhibs: Photos Photo Stories Windspray Arts	Exhibs: Photos Photo Stories Windspray Arts
<b>OUT &amp; ABOUT</b>			
Walks, Talks and Tours		Self drive orchid hunt - with Sue MacDougal	FRNP Walk with Rangers and Sue MacDougal

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## Programme of Events - September 13 - 16

Thursday 13th	Friday 14th	Saturday 15th	Sunday 16th
Wildflower Show 9am-4pm Art Exhibition	Wildflower Show 9am-4pm Art Exhibition	Wildflower Show 9am-4pm Art Exhibition	Wildflower Show 9am-4pm Art Exhibition
Devonshire teas and soup lunch 10-3pm <b>Photo Exhibition</b>			
Spring Exhibition	Spring Exhibition	Spring Exhibition	Spring Exhibition
Exhibition of art & quilting 9-4pm			
Megan Hodgson workshop CRC Ravenssthorpe 9am-3pm		Street Parade 2pm Country Carnival 3pm	
Open for guided visits			
Southern Wilderness Art 11am-5pm	Southern Wilderness Art 11am-5pm	Southern Wilderness Art 11am-5pm	Southern Wilderness Art 11am-5pm
Exhibs: Photos Photo Stories Windspray Arts			
4x4 Tag-Along Tour			Nature Walk with Andrew Chapman

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# Programme of Events - September 17 - 19

Venue	Monday 17th	Tuesday 18th	Wednesday 19th
RAVENSTHORPE			
Ravensthorpe Town Hall	Wildflower Show 9am-4pm Art Exhibition	Wildflower Show 9am-4pm Art Exhibition	Wildflower Show 9am-4pm Art Exhibition
Red Room	Devonshire teas and soup lunch 10-3pm <b>Photo Exhibition</b>	Devonshire teas and soup lunch 10-3pm <b>Photo Exhibition</b>	Devonshire teas and soup lunch 10-3pm <b>Photo Exhibition</b>
Dunart Gallery	Spring Exhibition	Spring Exhibition	Spring Exhibition
Crazy Granny's	Exhibition of art & quilting 9-4pm	Exhibition of art & quilting 9-4pm	Exhibition of art & quilting 9-4pm
Ravensthorpe Rec Centre			
Ravensthorpe			
Herbarium	Open for guided visits	Open for guided visits	Open for guided visits
HOPE TOWN			
Louise Lodge Gallery			Southern Wilderness Art 11am-5pm
Hopetown CRC & Town Hall	Exhibs: Photos Photo Stories Windspray Arts	Exhibs: Photos Photo Stories Windspray Arts	Exhibs: Photos Photo Stories Windspray Arts
OUT & ABOUT			
Walks, Talks and Tours		4x4 Tag-Along Tour	
		RAIN Field Day	

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**4x4 Tag-Along Tours** - Proudly hosted by Ravensthorpe Progress Association

4-5 hours for a relaxing guided tour

**Thursday 13th** - with Tour Guide, John Tucker [Naturalist]

**Tuesday 18th** - with Guide, John Tucker [Naturalist]

**Friday 21st** - with Guide, Nathan McQuoid [Ecologist]

All tours 9.30 for 10am departure

Vehicle washdown facility available to prevent

spread of dieback, from 9am at departure area.

**Adults \$25 Children \$5 - includes a picnic lunch.**

**Bookings essential:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?id=379673>



## Nature Walk

Sunday 16th - with Guide, Andrew

Chapman [Zoologist]

Easy to navigate with plenty of time to stop and admire the flowers in Ravensthorpe Range. BYO drinks and food.

Bookings here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?id=379673>

Contact: 0447381300

**Photo Stories** -  
Photography Exhibition  
Local Stories by Local People  
Hopetown Community  
Centre  
Free Entry  
Open Monday to Friday  
10am to 4pm  
Open Saturdays 10am to 1pm

## Art Exhibitions:

**Dunart Gallery** Annual Spring Exhibition - Dunn St, Ravensthorpe

'Fauna in our Flora' - photography, painting, sculpture, textiles, ceramics

**Windspray Arts:** An exhibition of local artists work at the Community Centre, Hopetown. Mon - Fri 9am-4pm, Sat 9am-12 noon.

**Southern Wilderness Art:** Louise Lodge studio gallery will be open as part of the Southern Art and Craft Trail, venue 93. Open dates are 13th - 30th Sept, 11am -5pm. Closed on Monday and Tuesday. Follow the signs.

**Devonshire Teas and Soup Lunches** are served every day of the Wildflower Show from 10am - 3pm. Enjoy the warm surroundings of the Red Room and be welcomed by community groups bringing you steaming hot cups of tea and homemade scones and jam. Their soups come highly recommended and your contribution will assist the ongoing success of our local organisations.

## Photo Exhibition

The late Alan Carmichael of Ravensthorpe was a brilliant photographer. He travelled Australia extensively and managed to capture our local landscape in magical early morning and evening light. His work will be on show in the Ravensthorpe Community Centre, Morgans St.



## Crazy Granny's - Open 9-4pm seven days

You are invited to visit an exhibition and sale of art and quilting at Crazy Granny's in Morgans Street, Ravensthorpe. Don't miss the treasure trove of colour and innovation, gifts galore and exquisite craftsmanship - not to mention the Grannies themselves!



## Country Carnival & Street Parade

On Saturday 15th, Ravensthorpe will come alive with music and spectacle. From 2pm onwards, a Street Parade will end up at the Rec Centre (see map), led by the WA Police Pipe Band.

From 2pm until late enjoy market stalls, a shearing demonstration, live music, kids entertainment, Reptile Haven, Petting Zoo, Mrs Daw's 40th Year Teaching Celebration, wine tasting ... and much MORE ... followed by **FIRE WORKS!**

## Walk with the Rangers

Enjoy the stunning scenery of the Fitzgerald River National Park guided by Paul and Mal, who will answer all your questions. Sept 12, 20, 22. Meet: West Beach in the FRNP carpark 8:15am for 08:30 start. Costs:\$5.00pp donation for Hopetoun Progress Assoc. Contact Sue Leighton 0407 981 301



## RAIN Field Day -

The Ravensthorpe Agricultural Initiative Network will be holding farm field days in September. One on Tuesday 18th. Contact RAIN for more details - [rainoffice@westnet.com.au](mailto:rainoffice@westnet.com.au) 9838 1018

## Watercolour Art Workshop - with Megan Hodgson

Megan knows how to capture the essence of our local flora. Her tuition will be invaluable to those wishing to improve their skills. Hosted by Dunnart Arts - for details and bookings ring Caterina Tink: 0458 106 617



## Flora Roads

Check out the Drives Brochure for particularly spectacular flora roads. The flowers in this region can be seen everywhere but to really appreciate the diversity, take a walk! The orchids tend to hide and the tiny flowers are exquisite up close.



## Ravensthorpe Regional Herbarium

Next door to the Wildflower Show, the Herbarium is open to interested visitors on request. Please ask at the Information Desk or one of the Show Hosts and someone will guide you to the Herbarium.

The Herbarium is a scientific facility with a collection of over 3000 specimens. Microscopes will be set up for viewing the amazing intricacies of flowers in macro.



## Hort Talk & Orchid Hunt - with Sue MacDougall

Sue MacDougall of 6PR will host a question and answer session at 1pm in the Red Room of the Ravensthorpe Community Centre. Enjoy a bowl of soup, a cup of tea and scones and cream, as a discussion 'all about plants' unfolds.

At approximately 2pm, Sue will lead a self-drive tour to a very special orchid location, 15km west of Ravensthorpe, on Highway 1 - the award winning Kukukenarup Memorial site. This is an easy access site, plenty of parking and a short walk to see who can spot the greatest number of different orchids!



## Photographic Exhibition

The Hopetoun Community Resource Centre holds photographic courses during the year. Each Spring Festival they host a photo competition of our local flora. This is judged by Dan Paris of Esperance and will be on display at the CRC.

## Gala Closing Event

Venue: Hopetoun Community Hall Time: 2pm  
Guest speakers: Angus Stuart, Ken Spurge and Luke Sweedman - MC Nathan Mcquoid  
This will be a sit down tapas grazing style event -  
Booking essential:  
[at https://www.trybooking.com/412676](https://www.trybooking.com/412676)



## Visitor Centres and Museum

The Visitor Centre and Museum in the main street of Ravensthorpe are well worth a visit. All travel information is on offer by knowledgeable staff and the museum tells the story of Ravensthorpe, its gold rush, early settlers and pioneers. Free Wifi available.  
In **Hopetoun** the Visitor Centre may be found in the Community Centre Building Veal Street. Computer use and Internet available.



## Video Lounge

Take a break and rest your weary feet to view the wildflower videos on show.

The Wildflower Show and Herbarium have produced two DVDs on the flowers of the Ravensthorpe Shire. *Land of Wildflowers* scrolls through hundreds of stunning photographs which all have their names, both common and scientific, accompanied by music.

*Wildflower Wonderland* covers the land and its plants, great shots of the Fitzgerald River National Park, explanations of the geology and its relationship with the botany; advice on propagation and other native plant topics.

These DVDs are available at the Wildflower Shop for \$20.



## Exhibition of Pollinators

This exhibition by local photographers illustrates the amazing variety of birds, mammals and insects which pollinate our native plants, and the extraordinary way in which Australian flora has evolved to attract its pollinators.

In the Ravensthorpe Town Hall.



## Ravensthorpe to the Louvre- Len Zuks

World renowned artist and sculptor Len has met with much success and acclaim over many years in his chosen disciplines. He enjoys the reputation as an established artist from his peers as well as the public. His much loved sculptures and art are spread around the universe. One of his sculptures can be found in the Ravensthorpe Museum. Len will be our Roaming Artist during the Wildflower Show so go look for Len and have a yarn before he heads off to Paris to exhibit at Louvre later in the year.



## The Wildflower Shop

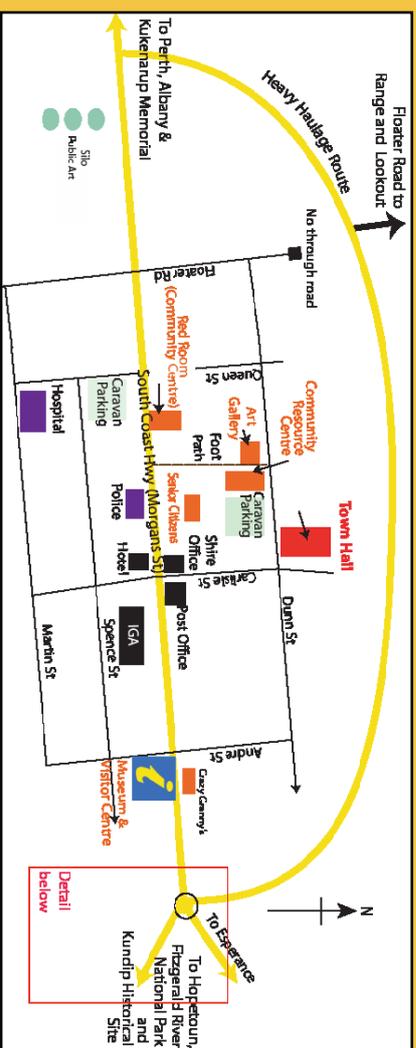
A gift shop on site at the Wildflower Show, offers a wealth of local produce, jams, honey, pickles and preserves, crafts, books, calendars, cards, embroidered towels, soap, fridge magnets, bookmarks and tea towels.

Eftpos is available, so do take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to gather gifts for Christmas!

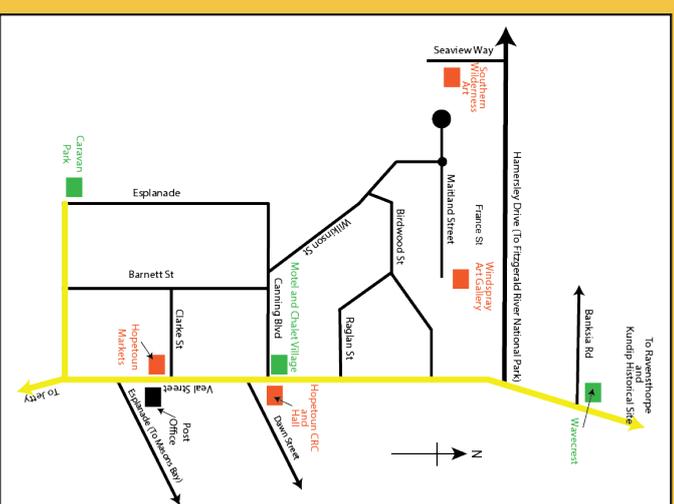


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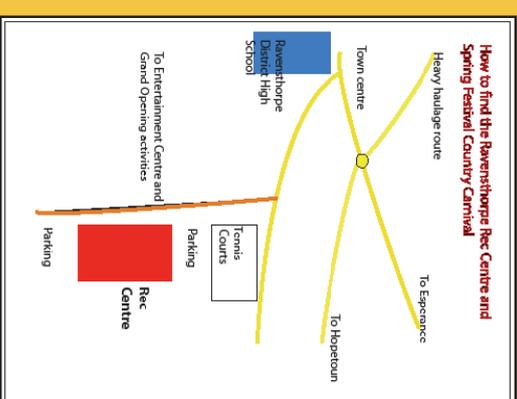
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## Hopetoun



## Detail from above



## Driving Around

Your safety on our roads is our concern. When stopping to view flowers please remain aware of road safety and other road users.

Take care on gravel roads and drive to the conditions.

Pay attention to the local fauna, they tend to use the roads in an unsafe manner!

### Don't miss

the Fitzgerald River National Park!



# Mud Sticks

Dieback (*Phytophthora dieback*) is a disease that presents a very real threat to our native species. A fungus that exists in mud and soil, it affects more than 40 per cent of native plant species and has the ability to forever alter some of our bushland by killing off susceptible species. There is no known cure for this disease, which is most rapidly spread through human activity. You can help to prevent the spread of it by making sure you:

- Use cleaning stations to washdown your vehicles before entry to dieback free areas;
- Always stay on roads and tracks;
- Clean or sterilise your footwear before entering dieback free areas;
- Stay out of quarantined areas;
- Do not enter disease risk areas during, or for three days after, rain;
- Making sure you do not move soil or plant material from infected areas; and
- Reading and complying with information signs



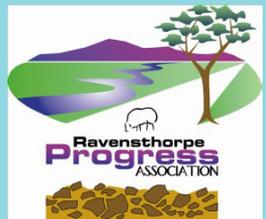
Carwash available  
in Hopetoun



Fargo Truck, Circa 1938 - Farm Gate Art

Check out the **Farm Gate Art Trail**  
- map and brochure available at Visitor  
Centres.

Many thanks to the Ravensthorpe Hopetoun community  
for their collaboration, and to the many contributors  
without whom this event would not be possible.



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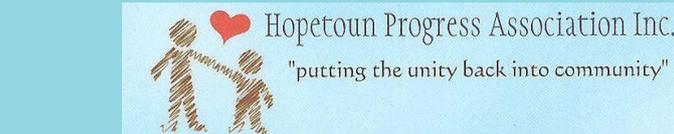
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