



We're all in this together

Life has certainly taken a different turn in the last month. Our communities have been called to make significant changes to how we live and interact with one another. Please remember to check on members of your community who may not have strong networks – a note in a letter box with your contact number and an offer of assistance may be the support someone is looking for. Stay connected, stay well and be kind to one another – as the saying goes *'We're all in this together'*.

In this Newsletter we're talking about all sorts of activities that may be on hold at present – however, we've decided to keep talking about them. When safe and when notified – we will all be back out in our community and supporting local events and businesses. Make sure you keep an eye on relevant websites as more information becomes available.

With the Bushfires on the East coast and our own challenges in WA still fresh in our minds, this edition we take a look at DFES and provide information on how you can volunteer with this critical service. Definitely worth 5 minutes of your time to check out their volunteering website. Also – if you have a much-loved fur baby who is a bit of challenge – the RSPCA WA are exactly what you need – read on!

This year we welcomed in the New Year and the Chinese New Year with a very colourful Twilight event. It was a treat to have a Drumming group perform for us and of course the Dragon dancers made for some fantastic photo opportunities! The Vista Community are always up for a good event and really know how to make the most of it. We've included some photos here for you to enjoy.



We hope you enjoy our latest Community newsletter – if you have any questions relating to the Vista Community, feel free to contact us at sales@thevista.com.au



5 Star Fur Babies



You know the picture – a well behaved fur baby who fetches, walks easily on lead (ie. doesn't remove your arm from the rest of your body!), only chews their toys, barks only when there is a real issue, and would never even think about jumping on Grandma when she comes to visit – we all have that dream....

We also know that all this only comes with lots of love and consistent training.

Maybe you missed out on Puppy school, maybe your pup is ready for round two of training – or maybe you, the proud pup owner need a refresher on how to best manage your four legged family member.

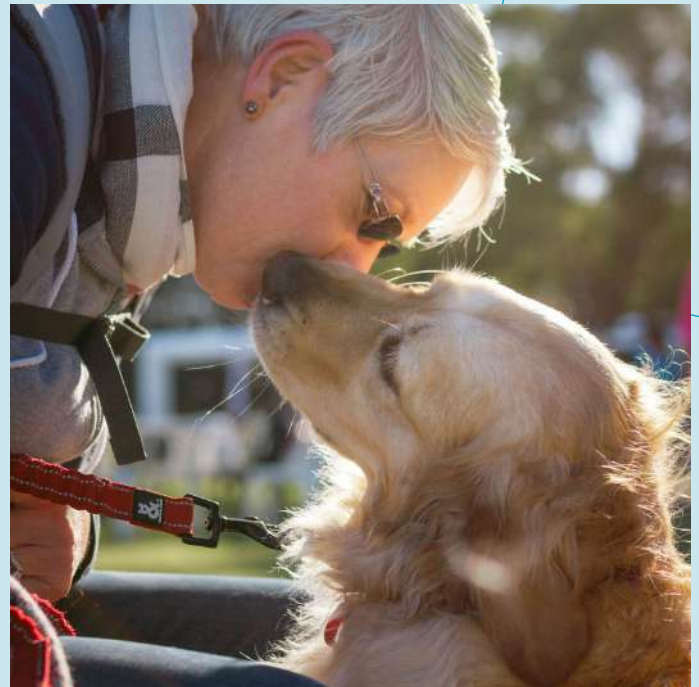
RSPCA WA offer a number of Dog training classes for all stages of development.

If you missed the Puppy stage – consider their Level 1 training. With a total of 9 dogs in a class – you and your pup will receive a lot of attention and opportunities to learn. These classes are designed to be a relaxed and fun experience, where your pup can learn new skills and even some tricks.

The classes run throughout most of the year at Waikiki and Halls Head.

Head to www.rspcawa.asn.au - then select Dog Training from the top menu.

Also – by choosing to use the RSPCA WA Dog training programme, your course fees are contributing to programmes that protect, rehabilitant and rehoming animals in need.



DFES A critical service

Recent events have highlighted the importance of the Volunteer in our community. Particularly those who give their time and energy to the DFES. It is estimated that there are 26,000 West Australians who work with Emergency services – in a variety of roles.

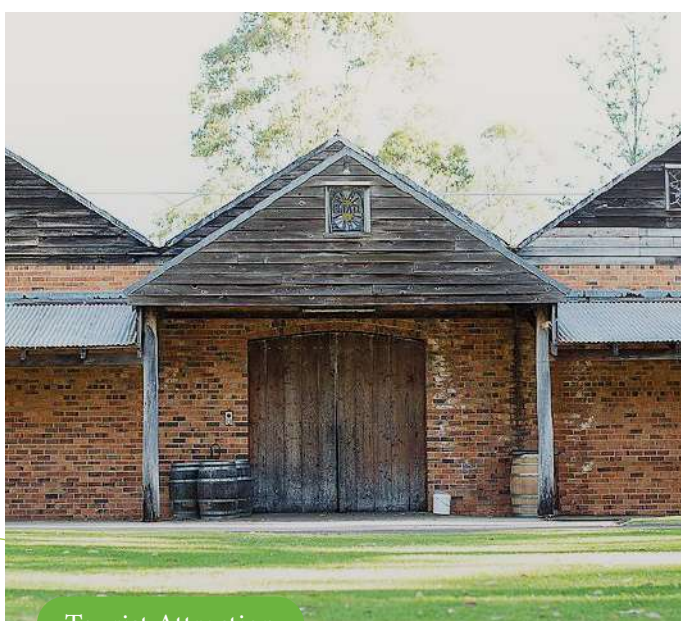
Not only do these volunteers appear on the front line in the event of an emergency, they also work to educate communities and individuals to prevent emergency situations. They are the people on the ground after an emergency – supporting communities, assisting with access to services and generally doing whatever needs to be done.

Perhaps you can see yourself volunteering with DFES. The Karnup Volunteer Fire & Emergency Services are currently looking for volunteers.



Check out www.dfes.vol.org.au

Scroll to the bottom of the page to the [Find Roles](#) button.



Tourist Attraction

Tourist in your Home town

It's worth a reminder that the local surrounds of Vista have so much to offer and there are some hidden gems. There's the beautiful coastline of course and all the fantastic water related activities you can participate in – but do you think 'Winery' when you think Rockingham? These two Estates have been part of the community for a long time now, if you haven't already – maybe pay them a visit!



Peel Estate Wines located on Fletcher Road in Karnup, has been producing wines since 1979.

Peel Estate run regular events and their Cellar door is open every day (except Christmas and Good Friday). There are BBQ facilities and plenty of shade for you to bring the family for a picnic.

Check out the Peel Estate Wines website

www.peelwine.com.au



Stakehill Estate make a range of Chilli wines along with traditional wines and have been doing so since 1998. If you're feeling like something a little different, Stakehill Estate wines may be for you!

Cellar door is open by appointment only, however you can order via their website www.stakehillestate.com.au



City of Rockingham and City of Mandurah so much to do!



Vista Estate is well situated for residents to participate in the Free Community events put on by both the City of Rockingham and the City of Mandurah.

We are very fortunate to have Local Governments that understand the importance and the benefits of providing free and easily accessible events for all sectors of their community. Young families, Senior Citizens, Youth are all catered for.

We encourage you to take five minutes and check out both websites to see what events and activities may be of interest to you and your family and friends. There are classes you can attend and interest groups to join – there is so much on offer.

City of Rockingham
www.rockingham.wa.gov.au

Click on the 'Events, Culture and Tourism' tab on the Home page

City of Mandurah
www.mandurah.wa.gov.au

Look for 'Events' section on the Home page



Cat Haven Become a foster carer

Have you ever thought about fostering a cat? Spring is the breeding season in the feline world, which results The Cat Haven taking in hundreds of kittens every year. This is in addition to the unwanted, surrendered or abandoned cats they normally care for. The Cat Haven are looking for Foster carers to look after kittens who are too young or to unwell to go to their forever home. (Foster care is also required for Adult cats if you think that may be a better fit for you or your family).

Cat Haven provide all food, veterinary care, bowls and bedding etc – these little friends just need your home and your love and attention. The team provide all the information and support you will need.

Over 1200 cats are saved each year thanks to community members who participate in the Foster Care program. There are all sorts of different arrangements – you could foster continuously if you wanted, but there you could chose to foster just one or two furry friend.

To ensure best care and placement for each kitten or adult cat, there is an application process. It is thorough, but straight forward.



Cat Haven is located in Shenton Park and is open 7 days a week. For information relating to their Fostering program – you can visit www.cathaven.com.au or give them a call on **9442 3600**