Spring into Spring

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Season in bloom

March marks the end of winter and the arrival of spring. Take a walk in nature and allow your senses to take over in the garden, smell the growth and even jump into the ocean. Don’t stop and smell the roses. Let’s look at spring. It is one of the four temperate seasons and always follows winter and precedes summer. When it is spring in the temperate seasons and always follows winter and precedes summer. When it is spring in the Northern Hemisphere, after spring equinox, days and nights are approximately 12 hours long. In Australia, the Southern Hemisphere, it is autumn in the Northern Hemisphere.

In an interesting take, Swedish meteorologists define the beginning of spring as the first occasion on which the average daytime temperature exceeds 5°C for seven consecutive days. Thus the date can vary according to location, latitude, altitude and insolation.

During spring, the length of daylight rapidly increases which helps bring warmth and energy, causing new plant growth. Spring brings a lot of warm weather. It could even be the most popular season for people residing in the Great Southern. Simply because it means the end of winter!

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The crew at Paperbarks is born and bred in the region and combine years of experience to ensure the proud, independent bookstore always has its finger on the pulse.

If you frequent their store you would be familiar with the warm welcome provided by the amazing team.

What Paperbarks is all about, is knowing their customers and helping them find what they want, be it books, bags, vinyls or any of their wide range of offerings.

The monthly staff book club has the way to ensure each team member has a broad knowledge of the range on offer and can give reliable recommendations. Something local worth considering next time you drop in is to become part of the Paperbarks VIP Club that offers a store voucher of $10 for every $110 spent.

The Window Polisher. That’s right, this guy doesn’t just polish windows. He polishes the glass so it gleams and can clean your fireplace and fire surround at the same time. Locally owned and operated, this business of five years services commercial and private residences throughout the Great Southern, the South West and as far as Perth.

With a Certificate in Asset Maintenance, Ev specializes in cleaning glass and chrome balustrades, glass colonial doors and windows, mirrors, lead lights and stained glass, chandeliers and shower screens. Cobwebs and mildew stains under your eaves are no match for the team at Paperbarks. Expect to name a few.

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Psssst... are you a member of Paperbark’s VIP CLUB?

Earn one point for every dollar spent in store
Receive a complimentary $10 gift voucher for every 110 points accumulated

JOIN NOW!

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A polished finish

The Window Polisher - knows what causes the build up of grime on glass, so by polishing the inside and outside, he is able to keep them clean for four to six months at a time. He makes sure that having windows cleaned only takes a few minutes a year. Ev specializes in cleaning glass and chrome balustrades, glass colonial doors and windows, mirrors, lead lights and stained glass, chandeliers and shower screens. Cobwebs and mildew stains under your eaves can be removed. Drawers or paths can be preserved cleaned to match the style of your home.

Some savages are worthy of disinfectant rates and gift certificates are available. Please phone Ev on 0429 565 527 for an obligation free quote.

He guarantees his work. Look for the big blue diamond.

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Living the lush life

VARIETY and choice are the name of the game at local Albany favourite Lush Garden Gallery. This store prides itself in offering a huge range of indoor and outdoor plants and trees, including a large selection of citrus, and approximately 200 varieties of ornamental and fruiting trees.

This includes beautiful weeping trees and dwarf fruiting trees that are sure to spruce up and add character to any backyard.

Lush Garden Gallery have also just received a large shipment of 700 new trees ready to sell! They also stock a range of outdoor pottery, water features, fountains and statues.

Their range of outdoor furniture, indoor pottery and cane, ratan and iron furniture for outdoor and patio use is extensive and impressive.

Open seven days a week, you can pop into the store at 20 Campbell Road in the heart of town to view the trendy, knowledgeable and professional team's new stock on the shelf. They also have a wide range of home and giftwares, indoor pottery and cane, ratan and iron furniture. For more information, give the centre a call at 9841 6171 or visit www.rncn.org.au.

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Rainbow Coast Neighbourhood Centre will also be hosting their popular monthly produce market - everyone with garden produce in abundance, seeds to swap or simple recipes and stories alike, are encouraged to come along and be part of the exchange.

The Spring Garden Festival is brought to the Albany community by Rainbow Coast Neighbourhood Centre.

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SOLAHART Albany and Great Southern has been selling Solahart hot water systems in the region for more than 20 years. Owners Darren and Jessica Wood brought their own experience in plumbing and solar hot water to the business when they took it over in early 2015.

With their ever-expanding team, they are committed to delivering an efficient professional and competitive service to customers including sales, in-house installation and after-sales support.

This applies not only to the top quality Solahart Hot Water Systems but also to Solahart PV Systems in both residential and commercial applications.

Their objective is to work with customers to create sustainable home or business energy management by providing a range of Solahart solutions tailored to individual needs.

In reducing both energy costs and carbon dioxide emissions, Solahart products lessen environmental impacts.

Solahart Albany and Great Southern are continuously working to deliver services throughout the region. The team work directly with customers to choose closely with local tradespeople to ensure everyone living in rural areas can get the same quality of service as everywhere else.

Put the date on the Minyung Moora Kalgoorlie Iconic Walk and give the team a call at 9841 6171.

You can also learn more about Solahart products at www.solahart.com.au

The more you bundle the more you save

SOLAHART Solar Hot Water + Solar Power packages

$1000 OFF

Since 1983, Solahart has been the trusted name in Australian solar. And right now, thanks to our cost-saving bundle deals, there are even more reasons to go solar with Solahart.

KOSTERS Outdoor is locally-owned, locally-run and locally-focused, having served customers from right across the Great Southern for more than half a century.

The team at Koster’s Outdoor has a wealth of knowledge and is keen to help you expand your living. From sheds, garages and patios to fencing and gates, the friendly staff is there to help you custom design your new living space. With a wide range of products, styles and colour options on display, why not visit their display shed today to see how you can improve your home?

Koster’s Outdoor patios and pergolas are the epitome of outdoor living, perfect for adding value to your home, with a vast diversity of stylish colours and design ideas available to suit every lifestyle and need.

The endless choices doesn’t stop there; with their sheds being custom designed, the team can help you fit a design on to your property in the tightest of spaces.

Koster’s Outdoor provides the option to automate your gates for added security, ease of use and a touch of class.

Call in and see the team at 19 Graham Street or visit www.kosteroutdoor.com.au
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• Take away open on weekends & school Caravan Park, the perfect spring pre-booked groups of 6 or more people.

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Back on the land, wildflower season runs from September to November and guests are encouraged to grab their cameras, take a hike and find some colourful flora.
Cheyne’s Beach is the perfect spring holiday destination.
Make a weekend out of it at Cheyne’s Beach Caravan Park, where the sun is always shining and nature is at your doorstep.
Book your next family spring holiday by phoning the friendly team on 9846 1247.

You can also visit www.cheynesbeachcaravanpark.com.au or the Cheyne’s Beach Facebook page.

Robert and his team have taken our scrappy drawings and ideas and designed a fantastic house that meets our needs. Further, they managed to work within our tight budget and found nothing in any way. They are a company that is principled, and one you can trust.
– Stuart Hope, Chairman AutumnCare

I congratulate Rob on his 20-year anniversary. Having worked with Rob and his team at Concept Building Design over the refurbishment of Hunter and the new development of Albany Ford and Albany Motors, we understand why Rob has been so successful at his craft.
He works with us to give the best result and cost effectiveness in all our projects. I love Concept’s correct cost and consultation work so much that I recommended them to others.
– Neville Buss, Dog Rock Motel Owner

The Park’s friendly staff offer helpful advice on the area and surrounding region and the site comes equipped with modern amenities, free gas barbecues, campers’ kitchen and a well-stocked onsite shop.

Seasonal takeaway is available with a great and delicious menu to suit all needs.

Surrounded by Waychinicup National Park, there is fantastic fishing, bushwalking, rare birds and wildflowers, four-wheel-driving and boating expeditions to be had at Cheynes Beach.
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**Electric service**

The team at A&K Cramer Electrical pride themselves on excellent customer service and top-quality work. This group of knowledgeable, professional and highly experienced electricians can come to you wherever you may be in the South West for Great Southern, providing creative ideas or simple solutions to all your electrical needs.

A&K Cramer Electrical specialises in servicing all aspects of domestic and general electrical work ranging from installations, renovations, upgrades and more. Better yet, they have no call out fees and offer flexible time slots before you commit.

For more information, give the team a call on 0487 061 745 or 0428 417 981 or email admin@akcramerelectrical.com.au

Alternatively, visit pop into their store at 22 Newbey Street in Albany from 10am to 4pm, Tuesday to Friday, to have a chat.

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**Top of the crop**

C&C Machinery Centre is a locally-owned, family-run business, selling and servicing tractors and agricultural machinery in the Great Southern area, from residential to professional, you can pick the perfect one for your property. Speak to your local Kubota dealer to find out more.

The company supplies the trusted and reliable high quality brand Kubota mowers including ride-on conventional and zero-turn mowers, suitable for residential applications and commercial contractors.

Kubota zero-turn mowers start from $6000 (including GST) so get in early so you don’t miss out on the pre-season discounts.

Kubota's range of compact tractors with front end loaders and attachments are easy to operate and suitable for a range of applications. They stock the Silvan range of sprayers to cope with the influx of spring weeds, including hand-held spot sprayers, small trailed sprayers, back-pack sprayers and more.

Check out the C&C Machinery Centre Facebook page or www.ccmachinery.com.au Call into 25 Newbey Street or ring Matt on 0473 082 050 for any enquiries.

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**Strokes of genius**

The Phoenix Painting and Decorating team can come to you wherever you may be in the Great Southern region.

The team specialises in a diverse range of jobs including commercial, domestic, industrial, restoration work, repaints, new housing, wallpapering, texture coating and more.

Give the friendly crew a call on 0487 061 745 or send an email to michael@phoenixalbany.com.au

WHEN you need a paint job done well, try the experienced team at Phoenix Painting and Decorating.

The up-and-coming Albany business employs eight dedicated and qualified painters with an impressive combined total of more than 10 years’ experience.

Company director Michael Noakes, who worked as a sub-contractor for two decades before starting Phoenix Painting and Decorating one year ago, said he loved to get out and work alongside his crew and hear feedback from satisfied customers.

“We’ve got a great passion for the industry between us all. We take great pride in our work and I’m lucky to have the team that I do,” Mr Noakes said.

“It’s the whole factor that does it; it’s our attention to detail. “We’re professional, we’re on time, we get the job done in a timely manner and we ensure we leave the client’s home in the same state we walked into ... we don’t mind doing that extra bit of help.”

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Top draft pick

POWHERHOUSE Architectural Drafting is a well established business, having operated locally for more than 15 years. With a focus on custom designs and fresh ideas, they have realized a host of valued projects, big and small, for clients throughout the Great Southern and beyond.

Powerhouse Architectural Drafting's committed and practical approach sees the team engage with clients directly or through their trusted builders to aid them in creating a unique home, commercial project or building addition.

Get your project underway and plan to make the most of the warmer weather.

Company Director Tom Houweling said everyone was entitled to an obligation-free quote.

With years of experience and knowledge under their belt, the team at Powerhouse Architectural Drafting can help take the complexity out of architectural planning this season.

They can lead you through the process, from design and planning stage, through to preparing plans ready for the building permit. Let in the sunshine this spring and make exciting plans for your new home, renovation, or commercial project.

Give Powerhouse Architectural Drafting a call on 9841 3311.

For more than two decades now, Albany Carpet Court has been helping the households of the Great Southern region find their perfect interior inspiration.

Having won the Albany Chamber of Commerce and Industry’s Business of the Year in 2016, shortly followed by Best Carpet Court in Western Australia, these prestigious awards showcase Carpet Court Albany’s level of commitment and quality service offered to their customers.

Business partners Jane and Jens have been operating the Albany branch since 2016. The duo are known for their involvement in assisting their local community.

They lead a team of helpful, knowledgeable staff and qualified sub-contractors to give you trusted advice.

Offering a vast range of beautiful carpets, hard flooring, rugs and made-to-measure blinds, they offer a solution whether you’re planning a full-blown renovation, quick room refresh or whole home build.

To learn more, visit the store at 90 Lockyer Avenue - open six days a week - or give the team a call on 9842 1211.

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Recital Rhapsody

OVERLOOKING Princess Royal Harbour, the Sunday Spring Recital in the Harbourside foyer of the Albany Entertainment Centre will be an exquisite Sunday afternoon of classical music featuring two extraordinary artists.

Violinist Peter Tanfield and pianist Shan Deng have combined their skills to bring a world-class performance to you right here in Albany. Enjoy afternoon tea overlooking the water’s edge from the warmth of the entertainment centre as the sounds of piano and violin fill the foyer.

As a soloist and chamber musician, Peter Tanfield made finalist in the Australian of the Year Awards in 2008 in recognition of his generosity in sharing his inspirational gift for communicating the joy of music making. He has played throughout the world and appeared in many major orchestras including the City of London Orchestra and Scottish Chamber Orchestra.

Shan Deng is a well-known pianist whose concert demands have taken her all around the world performing in Australia, Asia, America, South Africa and Europe. She has toured overseas as a soloist with the Queensland Philharmonic Orchestra, and has appeared with many of the Australian Symphony Orchestras.

Join them both on Sunday, September 8 at 3pm for an afternoon recital programme including:

- Claude Debussy - Sonata for violin and piano
- Edvard Grieg - Sonata for violin and piano in C minor Op. 35
- Maria Grenfell - “On Jasmine” for violin and piano (Australian premiere)
- Maurice Ravel - Jeux d’eau for Piano Solo
- Eugene Ysaye - Sonata for violin solo “Ballade” Op. 27/3
- Astor Piazzolla - Three tangos for violin and piano
- Maurice Ravel - Tzigane – Concert rhapsody for violin and piano

Book your tickets at the entertainment centre box office on 9844 5005 or online at albanyentertainment.com.au - adult $32, concession $29 or under 18 $22.