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### **A Morning of Pottery and Community**

The Alliance Housing Christmas Tenant Forum, held on 17 December 2025 at the Alliance Housing office, was a festive and enjoyable gathering that brought tenants together for a relaxed morning of laughter, creativity, and Christmas cheer. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for everyone to connect, celebrate the season, and enjoy a lively atmosphere filled with holiday spirit.

Tenants took part in two creative pottery sessions, pressing leaves into clay and experimenting with freestyle designs—resulting in plenty of laughter and impressive creations.

After the workshop, the delicious aroma of a BBQ signalled mealtime, made extra special by Buckingham The Butchers, who generously donated 60 sausages for everyone to enjoy and Tony for cooking up a storm.





## Finding our Inner Artists

On September 24, 2025, our community came together for a peaceful and inspiring tenant forum, a guided watercolour painting session led by Gabby Holt from Imperfect Painter.

The session offered a chance to unwind, enjoy a light morning tea, and connect with others through creativity. With Gabby's friendly guidance and engaging teaching style, everyone felt at ease, whether they were picking up a paintbrush for the first time or simply enjoying the moment. One attendee shared, "Gabby was very friendly, really engaged with everyone, and very helpful."



The relaxed environment also gave tenants and board members a valuable opportunity to mingle, share stories, and strengthen connections. "I loved the chance to get to know the team, meet other tenants, and hear their stories," one participant said. Another added, "Very enjoyable—lots of laughs!"



A heartfelt thank you to Gabby for creating such a welcoming space, and to all who joined us. We look forward to more events that bring our community together, spark new interests, and build lasting connections.

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Hi everyone! I'm Jess, the Administration Assistant here at Alliance Housing. I joined the team in November 2025 and am often one of the first faces you'll see or voices you'll hear.

I'm here to help things run smoothly and to support tenants in any way I can. I'm always happy to lend a hand or have a friendly chat when you stop by.

Outside of work, I enjoy exploring local cafés, reading, and spending time outdoors. I love getting to know new people and hearing their stories.

## **Where did I grow up?**

I was born and raised in Sydney. I have also lived in Melbourne for 5 years. In June 2025 I decided to move to Bunbury for a lifestyle change and it has been the best decision ever.

## **What is my favourite way to spend a day off?**

My favorite way to spend a day off is at the beach. I love swimming in the ocean, listening to the waves, and just relaxing by the water.

## **What are my hobbies?**

I enjoy playing netball and volleyball and watching the cricket. I love my photography and walking my dogs. I also enjoy a good night of board games.

## **What makes me smile?**

My niece and nephew and my puppies. They never fail to brighten my day with their energy and laughter.

## **What is my go to comfort food?**

My go-to comfort food has to be pizza. I can never say no to a slice (or two) when I need a little pick-me-up. And yes, pineapple on pizza is totally okay with me!



# LOCAL EVENTS



## **Busselton Jetty Swim 2026 | Sat, 07 Feb 2026 at 09:00am**

The Busselton Jetty Swim is West Australia's most loved open water swim, featuring a 3.6km swim around Busselton's iconic beloved Jetty and a distance to suit every age and ability.

For those who prefer to stay dry, there's also plenty of entertainment and activities including the family friendly FREE Busselton Jetty Swim Sunset Concert.

## **MOSAIC - Mini Multicultural Festival | Sat, 14 Feb 2026 from 4:00pm**

### **Bunbury Centenary Gardens**

MOSAIC is a celebration of the many pieces that make our community whole. From cultures and customs to stories passed between generations, each of us carries a little of the people we meet along the way. Together, those pieces form a vibrant and welcoming South West community – one worth celebrating! Join the Bunbury Multicultural Group for a FREE afternoon of music, food, dancing and activities for the whole family!

## **Balingup Small Farm Field Day | Sat, 18 April 2026 from 09:00am**

### **Balingup Town Oval**

Balingup Small Farm Field Day began in 1991, run by a dedicated committee and local volunteers. This year's event features a climbing wall, McDonalds Farm, Lions Train, Face Painting, Farm Animals and food stalls. Adult entry fee is \$20, Pensioner/Senior Card Holder is \$15, Teenagers aged 13 to 17 is \$10, Children under 12 Free.

# TIPS & TRICKS



**APPLIANCES LEFT ON STANDBY STILL USE POWER AND CAN ADD UP TO 3% TO YOUR ENERGY BILL, SO SWITCHING THEM OFF AT THE POWER POINT WHEN NOT IN USE OR ON HOLIDAY CAN SAVE ENERGY AND MONEY.**

**Simple tips to try around your home this Summer**

**Small changes now could mean you see the difference on your next bill**

### **In your living areas**

Use fans and evening breezes where possible, and set air conditioners to 24°C to stay cool without overusing energy. Keep cool air in and power use down by sealing doors and switching off lights, consoles, and chargers when not in use.

### **In your kitchen**

Avoid heating up your home by using appliances like a slow cooker, air fryer, or BBQ instead of the oven. Limit fridge door openings to keep cold air in and reduce the energy needed to stay cool.

### **Summer Safety**

Learn the signs of heat stroke and dehydration and seek medical help if needed, staying informed helps keep everyone safe.

Protect pets by providing cool, shaded areas with water and walking them only in cooler mornings or evenings to avoid burnt paws.

# GAMES & PUZZLES



## Broadway Shows

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