

Leisure Link

Leisure and recreation in the Hills



Community sports spotlight Supporting inclusive cricket in the Hills

New opportunities are being explored to support people with disability to get involved in cricket in the Hills, with Sport4All working alongside WA Cricket to strengthen inclusive opportunities for local clubs and their communities.

Sport4All Inclusion Coach Michael Bourgault du Coudray recently met with WA Cricket to explore the programs, resources and support available to help local clubs become more inclusive and accessible. The collaboration is part of a broader effort to connect sporting organisations with the tools and expertise they need to welcome people of all abilities into the game.

Programs such as StarBlast, an adapted version of Cricket Blast for children with disability, and the Integrated Cricket League for older players are helping create meaningful opportunities for participation, connection and skill development.

For Michael, who grew up in the Hills, supporting inclusion close to home is especially rewarding.

"Everyone should have the opportunity to participate, and by connecting clubs with the right support, programs and pathways, we can help make that possible," he said.

[Read full story](#)

Lake Leschenaultia springs to life

There's so much to see and do at Lake Leschenaultia now the weather is warming up. The bushland is bright with wildflowers along our trails and the canoes, kayaks and stand up paddle boards are now open for hire between 10.30am and 4pm on weekends and public holidays, and daily throughout the summer school holidays.

Equipment hire includes a life jacket, with canoes accommodating up to three people, while kayaks and stand-up paddle boards are designed for one person. Hire costs \$19 for 30 minutes or \$29 for one hour.

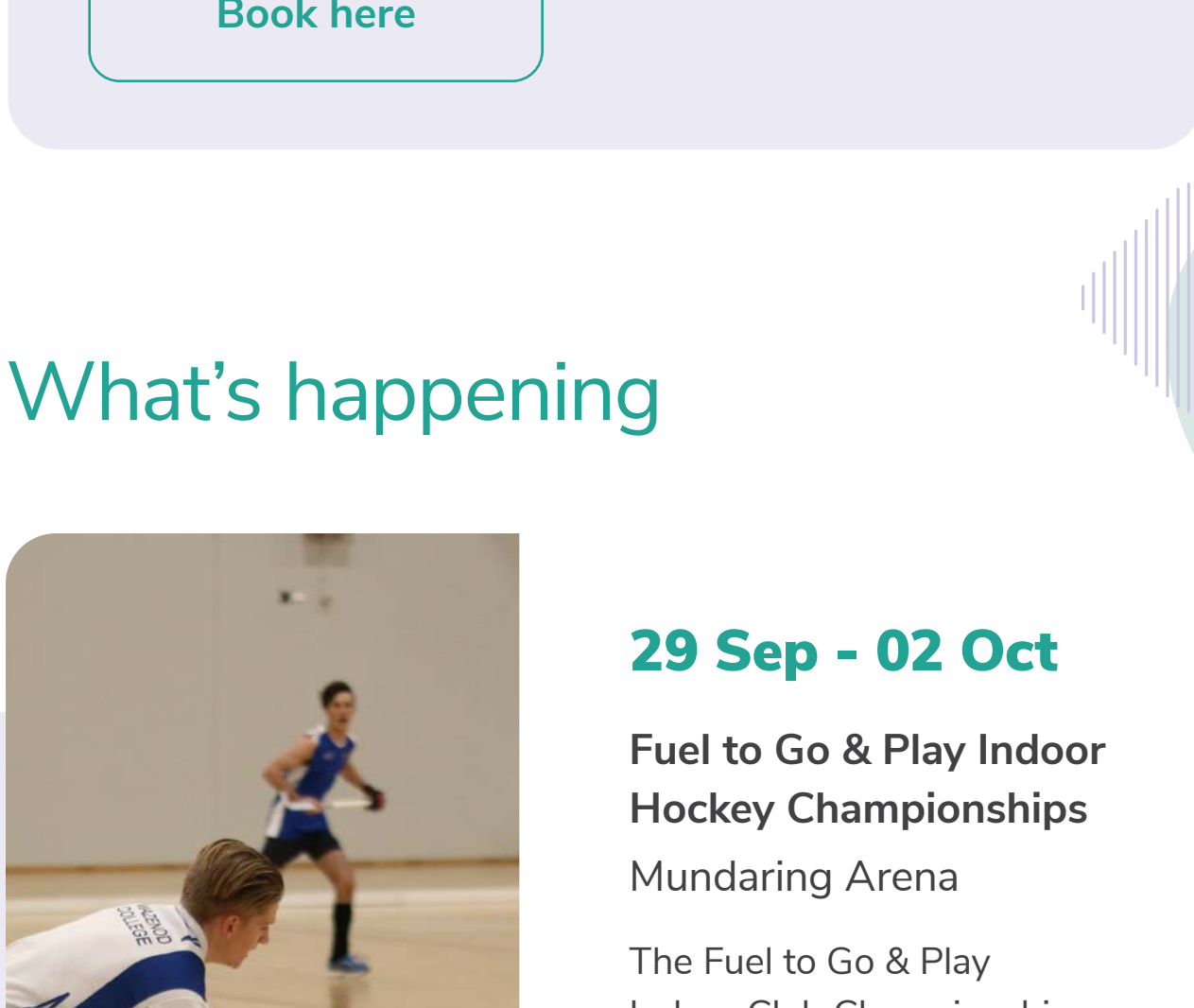
Wanting to stay a little longer? If you're thinking about booking a camping trip to the Lake for the Christmas break, our campsite is filling up very quickly. Jump on to our website to book your site before they're gone.

[Book your site](#)

A lifetime of leadership recognised at WA Aquatic Awards

Shire of Mundaring congratulates former Coordinator of Aquatic Facilities Chris Blankley on receiving the prestigious Smith–Robertson Award at the 2026 Aquatic and Recreation Industry Awards. Starting as a lifeguard at Bilgoman Pool in 1976, Chris went on to lead the Shire's aquatic facilities for almost 30 years while helping shape aquatic safety, training and professional development across Western Australia.

The Shire also congratulates Bilgoman Aquatic Centre on its nomination for the Community Impact Award, recognising its ongoing contribution to recreation, water safety and community wellbeing. Together, these achievements highlight the lasting impact of our aquatic facilities and the dedicated people behind them.

[Read full story](#)

From classrooms to clubrooms Inclusion in action

The Sport4All program continues to make a positive impact across the Perth Hills, helping local sporting clubs, schools and community organisations create more inclusive environments where people of all abilities can participate, connect and thrive.

A recent Disability and Inclusion Club Workshop held at Boya Community Centre brought together 15 representatives from five local sports, including cricket, tennis, equestrian, AFL and hockey. Participants completed specialised inclusion training and are now developing practical action plans to strengthen inclusion within their clubs.

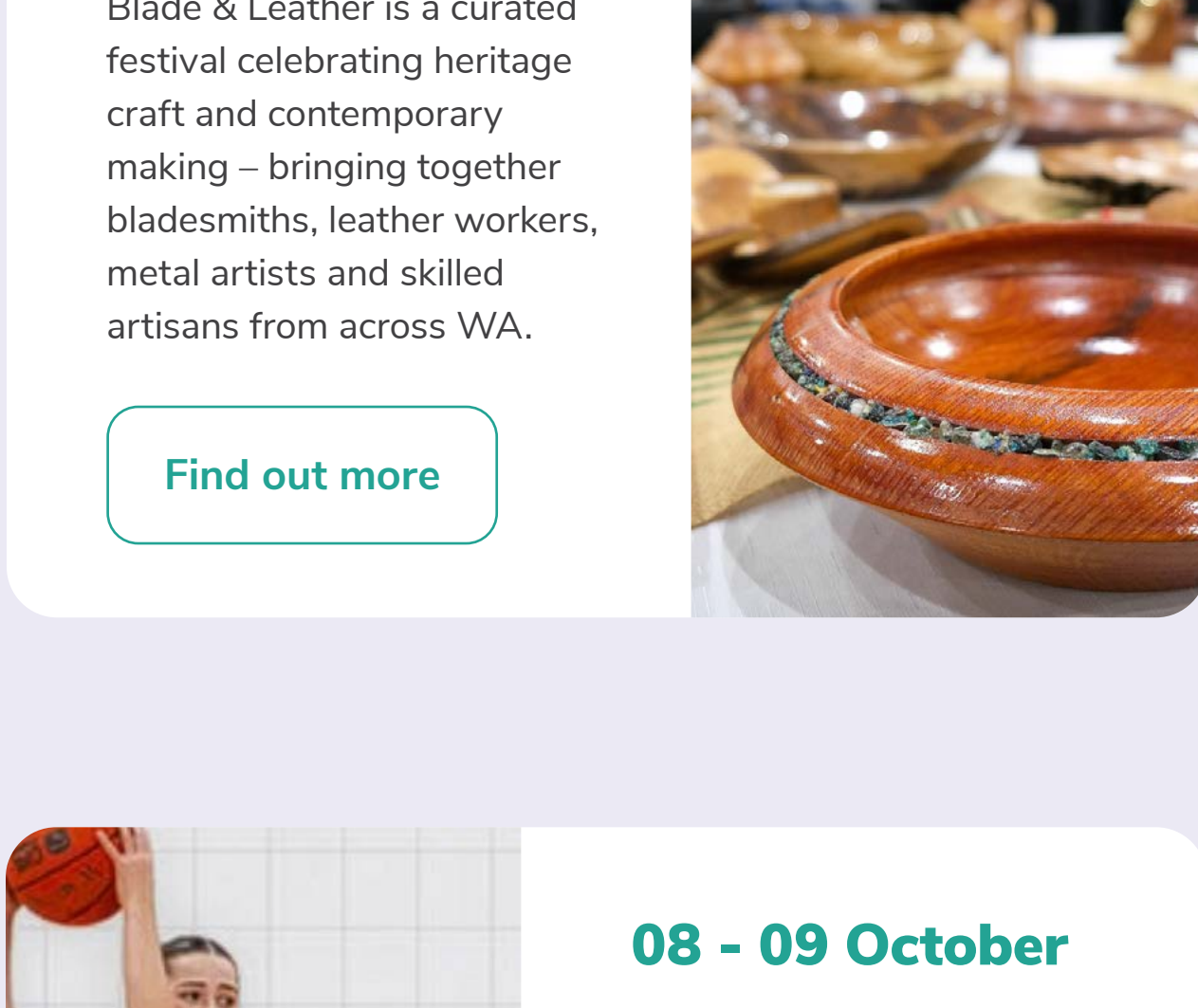
Sport4All Inclusion Coach Michael Bourgault du Coudray also visited Mundaring Primary School and Mount Helena Primary School, engaging with 32 staff members and sharing his lived experience of sport and disability.

"Personally, I am grateful that our community is so open to learning and acceptance. It gives me hope to know how supportive our schools are in welcoming students with disability," Michael said.

"Schools are often the first place children experience inclusion or exclusion, and school experiences can shape how someone grows up. To have such strong values of inclusion and participation already ingrained in school culture is amazing."

The program's momentum continued at the recent All Abilities Expo at Mundaring Arena, hosted by Disability Events Communities (DEC) and supported by the Shire of Mundaring and Sport4All. The event brought together 41 stallholders in the disability and inclusion space, creating valuable opportunities for families, service providers and community groups to connect.

Local clubs and schools interested in learning more about creating inclusive spaces can contact Sport4All Inclusion Coach Michael Bourgault du Coudray to book a presentation or workshop.

[Book a presentation or workshop](#)

Looking for the perfect venue for your next event?

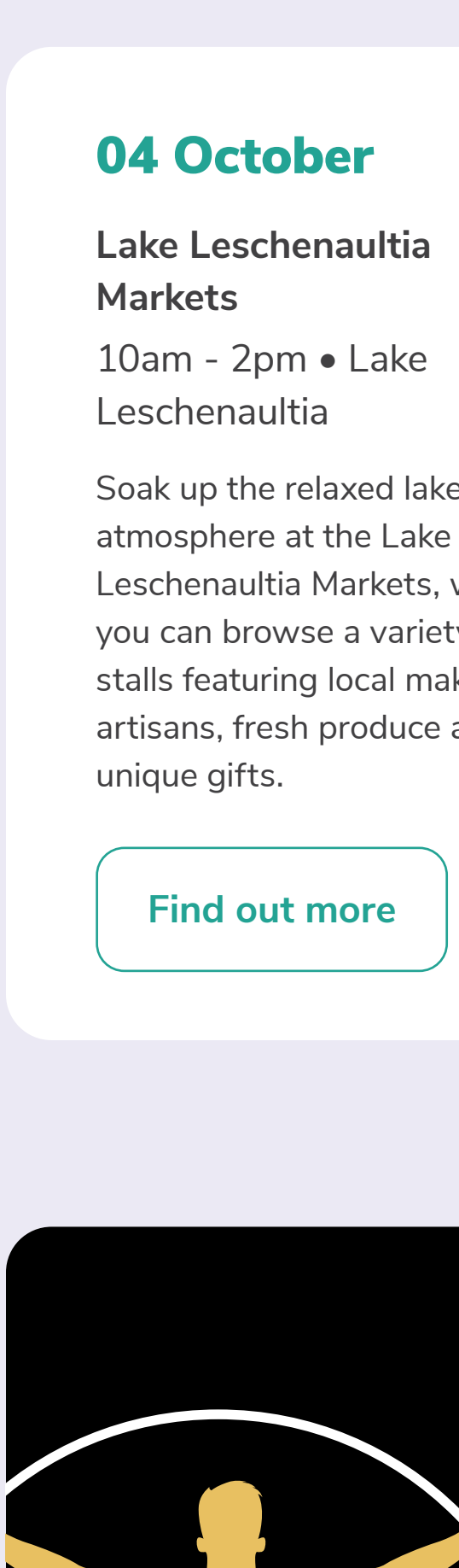
Did you know the Shire offers a range of community halls, meeting rooms, sporting facilities and event spaces available for hire across the Perth Hills? Whether you're planning a community gathering, workshop, club meeting, celebration or special event, there's a venue to suit your needs.

Community groups and not-for-profit organisations can take advantage of discounted hire rates, making it even easier to bring people together. Better still, eligible hirers can access public liability insurance cover through the Shire as part of their booking, helping to simplify the process and reduce costs.

Explore available venues, check hire rates and book online through the Shire website.

[Book here](#)

What's happening

**29 Sep - 02 Oct**

Fuel to Go & Play Indoor Hockey Championships

Mundaring Arena

The Fuel to Go & Play Indoor Club Championships are back this school holidays, providing young players with the opportunity to experience the fast-paced and exciting format of indoor hockey.

[Find out more](#)**04 October**

Lake Leschenaultia Markets

10am - 2pm • Lake Leschenaultia

Soak up the relaxed lakeside atmosphere at the Lake Leschenaultia Markets, where you can browse a variety of stalls featuring local makers, artisans, fresh produce and unique gifts.

[Find out more](#)**03 - 04 October**

The Mounties Miler

8am Sat - 4pm Sun • Mount Helena Primary School

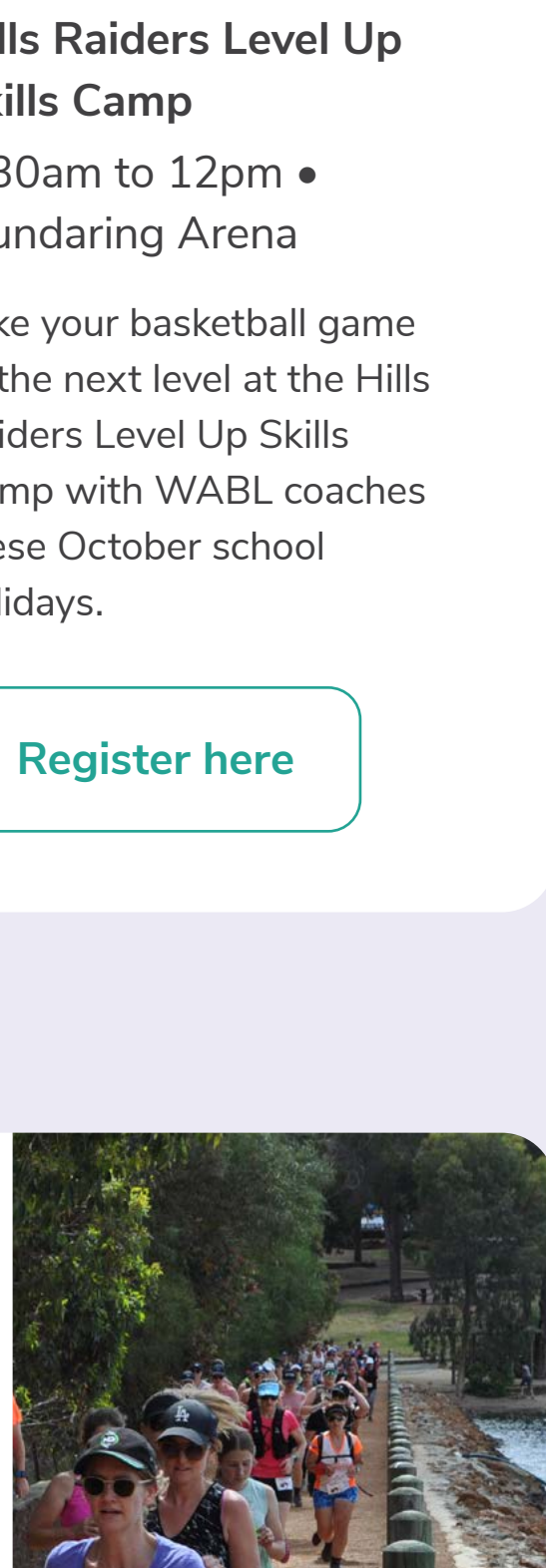
The Mounties Miler: 100 Mile Endurance Challenge is a community event that brings people together to support the wellbeing, resilience and confidence of local children while raising awareness and support for youth mental health initiatives.

[Register here](#)**03 - 04 October**

Blade and Leather

9:30am to 3pm • Mundaring Arena

Blade & Leather is a curated festival celebrating heritage craft and contemporary making – bringing together bladesmiths, leather workers, metal artists and skilled artisans from across WA.

[Find out more](#)**08 - 09 October**

Hills Raiders Level Up Skills Camp

9:30am to 12pm • Mundaring Arena

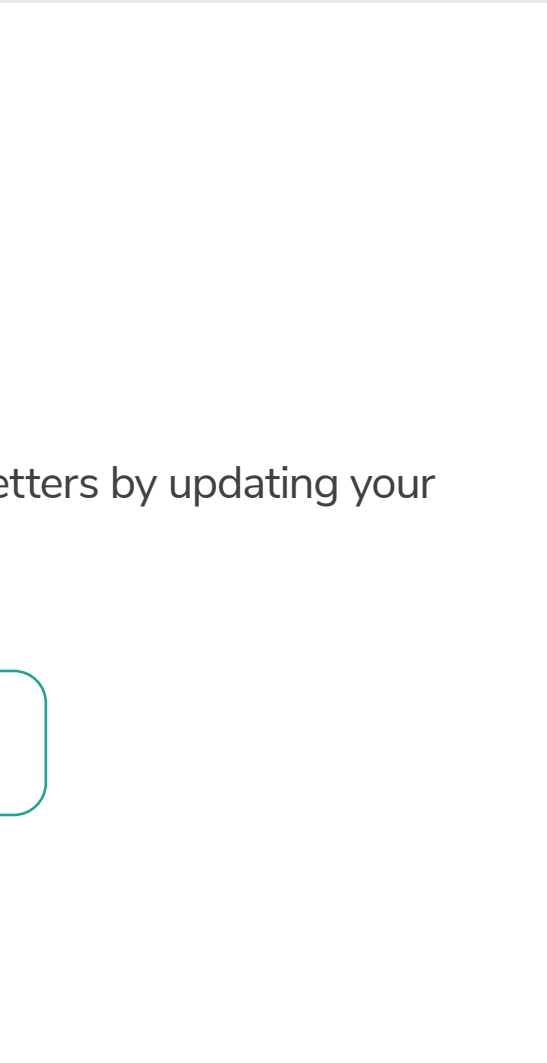
Take your basketball game to the next level at the Hills Raiders Level Up Skills Camp with WABL coaches these October school holidays.

[Register here](#)**07 November**

Triathlon at Lake Leschenaultia

8am • Lake Leschenaultia

The EXSS X-Tri Off Road Triathlon is back, offering a fantastic off-road triathlon experience set against the stunning backdrop of Lake Leschenaultia

[Register here](#)**08 November**

Maida Vale Masters Lake Swim

9am • Lake Leschenaultia

Celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year, the Lake Swim at Lake Leschenaultia offers a 400m "Jump in the Lake" event, an 800m, a 1600m and a 3200m event.

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