

COMING EVENTS

Menzies Matters

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Friends and Family, that's the meaning of Christmas

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY 16 DECMBER 2021

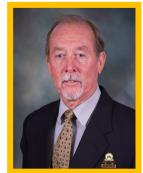
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 16 DECEMBER 2021





THE SHIRE PRESIDENT'S REPORT December 2021

The WAMYIG General Meeting on 3 November was somewhat of a subdued session with attendance numbers well down on previous meetings. The iron ore price on the day of the meeting was \$93.50 US, which dropped to \$84.50 US on 12 November before



recovering to \$92.50 US on 23 November, with further positive signs in China. Of note from the meeting was a presentation from CBH on the similarities between freighting grain and iron ore in respect to rail, road transport and ports. Lavo Hydrogen made a presentation on an integrated hybrid hydrogen battery that was combined with solar power to produce renewable energy from home or business.

After the very sad news of the passing of Janet "Sam" Mazza, Cr Jill Dwyer, our daughter Laura and myself attended a service at St Columba Catholic Church in South Perth on 11 November followed by a gathering at Windsor Hotel. A large crowd attended both venues and it was pleasing to meet Sam's family from South Australia as well as many acquaintances old and new from the Goldfields, mining sector and local government. The funeral for Sam was held at the Menzies Cemetery on Tuesday 16 November, the first burial since Lui Marlo in 1939. Once again it was pleasing to see many people from the local communities of Menzies and Kookynie, Kalgoorlie, WA and further afield in attendance at the cemetery and at the gathering in the Town Hall after the service, for food and drinks supplied by the Kookynie Volunteers Association in appreciation of Sam's service to the community.

A Briefing Session for Councillors was held on 18 November. In attendance on the phone was Cr Jill Dwyer, video conferencing in were Crs Ian and Scott Baird, in person were Cr Sudhir and myself with Cr Paul Warner an apology. The session included a presentation by Simon Poole on a proposal for a Menzies Art Trail and a further presentation by Market Creations on the Shire of Menzies "Brand Challenge".

The Regional Roads Group meeting took place at the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Council Chambers on 19 November, where the CEO, Works Manager Garth Marland and I, as the delegate for the Shire of Menzies, attended. Of note was the finalisation of the 2022/23 Local Road Program and the desire of Menzies to complete the bitumen seal to Lake Ballard in 2022/23, as well as Main Roads' awareness of the importance of access from Kalgoorlie to Tjuntjuntjara.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

December 2021

Welcome to our final Menzies Matters for the year. This means that I have been in this role for almost a year having started in early January this year. Most of the work we have done this year is not seen by the public and has been around making the Shire one of the best managed Shires and a great place to work.

We have delivered some of our projects and we are well advanced in getting a lot more done in the early part of next year. Some of the projects coming up include renovations at the Lady Shenton building, landscaping the land in front of Marmion Village, building accommodation on the Mercer Street caravan park site, Niagara Dam maintenance, and further roadworks. We continue to struggle, along with everyone else in the Goldfields, to get contractors to complete works. However, we continue to push ahead and work with what we can get.

While reflecting on the year gone, I would also like to thank all of the Shire staff who have adapted to change and made the Shire one of the better local government agencies in WA. This may be just my perception, but I truly believe that we have put the staff and processes in place that make us the envy of others. Having said that, it is easy to go from being the seagull to being the statue so we will not be letting up in the new year.

The Christmas period gives us all a chance to have a break and I remind everyone that Shire offices will be closed from 24 December 2021 to 03 January 2022 inclusive. The Post Office and Visitor's centre will be open on non-public holiday days.

Over the Christmas period a lot of people travel and need to be places by certain dates. Please take care on the roads and take your time on the journey. Also, if you haven't had one, give yourself and the community a Christmas present by getting a COVID vaccination. I'll personally buy a coffee for anyone who gets a vaccination between now and Christmas.



SHIRE OF MENZIES

ORDINARY MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

The public is advised that pursuant to Regulation 12(1)(a) of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, the following dates, times and locations have been appointed as Ordinary Council Meeting dates for the period ending Thursday 22 December 2022.

2021		
Thursday 16 December	1pm	Menzies
2022		
Thursday 27 January	1pm	Menzies
Thursday 24 February	1pm	Menzies
Thursday 31 March	1pm	Menzies
Thursday 28 April	1pm	Tjuntjuntjara
Thursday 26 May	1pm	Menzies
Thursday 30 June	1pm	Menzies
Thursday 28 July	1pm	Menzies
Thursday 25 August	1pm	Menzies
Thursday 29 September	1pm	Tjuntjuntjara
Thursday 27 October	1pm	Menzies
Thursday 24 November	1pm	Menzies
Thursday 22 December	1pm	Menzies

Published Council meetings are open to the public, except when stated, and prior notice will be given of any Special or Committee Meetings that are called

Brian Joiner Chief Executive Officer Shire of Menzies PO Box 4



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995 BUSH FIRES ACT 1954

Shire of Menzies

Proposed Local Laws

The Shire of Menzies proposes to adopt the following local laws -

- Shire of Menzies Bush Fire Brigades Amendment Local Law (readvertised)
 Purpose to amend the Bush Fire Brigades Local Law so as to permit greater flexibility
 Effect amendment by removing mandatory training and specified dates to be met by bush fires brigades, and prescribing duties of officers
- 2. Shire of Menzies Health Local Law
 - Purpose to provide a statutory means of effectively controlling issues which have the potential to adversely impact on the health and well-being of the community
 - Effect to allow health related issues to be controlled so as to provide an acceptable standard for the maintenance of public health in the community, and create remedies and offences for noncompliance
- 3. Shire of Menzies Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law
 - Purpose to make provisions for the management of public places, thoroughfares and all local government property
 - Effect to repeal an existing local law, establish necessary controls for public places, thoroughfares and local government property, provide for permitted and prohibited use and activities, and create offences for non-compliance

A copy of the proposed local laws may be inspected at or obtained from -

- the Administration Centre in Shenton Street during normal office hours
- from the Shire of Menzies's website
- by contacting the Administration Centre

Submissions about the proposed local laws may be made by 4.00pm, 22nd day of December 2021 -

- in writing to the CEO at the address below, or
- by email to ea@menzies.wa.gov.au

Brian Joiner Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Menzies PO Box 4, Menzies 6436 www.menzies.wa.gov.au



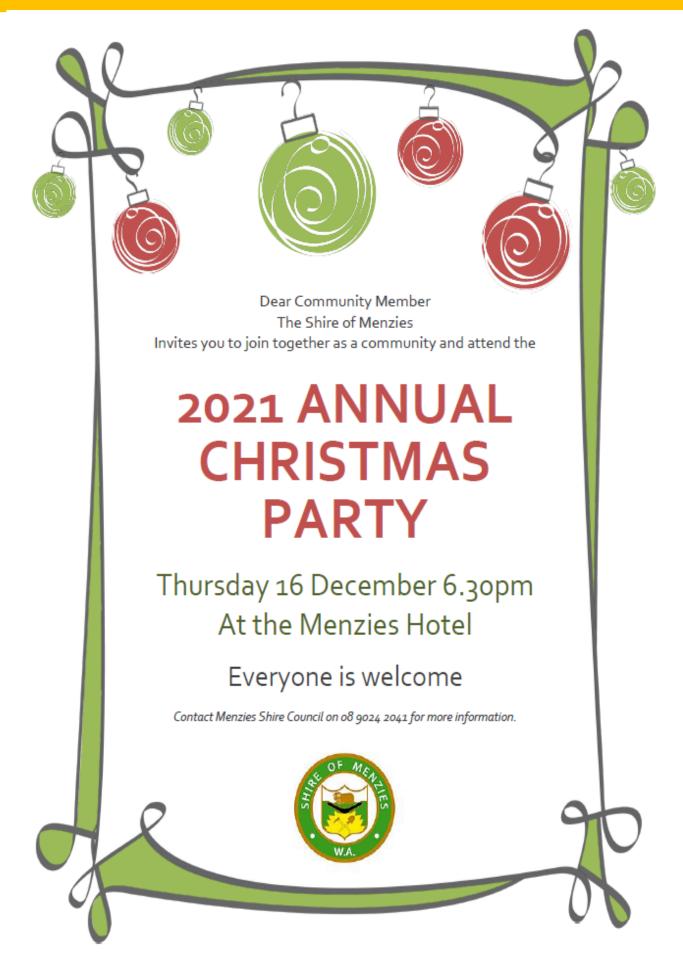
Merry Christmas! Wishing you all the best this holiday season!



Shire of Menzies Councillors & Staff

December 2021







HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If someone in your family or someone you care for is celebrating a birthday, we would love to share your special birthday messages. Please send in to

community@menzies.wa.gov.au

or

come and see us at the CRC and we'll do our best to publish them and help make their day even more special.



MENZIES CRC (POST OFFICE) HOURS

Fri 24 Dec 8:30am - 4:30pm

Weekend Closed

Mon 27 Dec Closed (PH)

Tue 28 Dec Closed (PH)

Wed 29 Dec 10:00am - 2:00pm

Thu 30 Dec 10:00am - 2:00pm

Fri 31 Dec 10:00am - 2:00pm

Weekend Closed

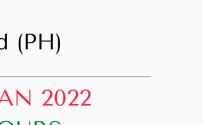
Mon 3 Jan Closed (PH)

FROM TUE 4 JAN 2022

NORMAL HOURS

MON-FRI 8:30AM TO 4:30PM

WEEKEND CLOSED



















wimpanda CDP NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS EDITION 2021/22



Christmas arrives early in Mt Margaret!

Twenty kilometres Southwest of Laverton in the Goldfields region of Western Australia is a small Indigenous community called Mount Margaret.

What makes this Community special is local CDP
Activity Supervisor Chris Hedlam who recently
attended our Wirrpanda Foundation Conference in
Perth and was motivated to return home and create a
little imagination to inspire his Community.

With determination, hard work and creativity Chris found an abounded vehicle and designed a unique entry statement to welcome visitors into his Community.

Recycling, painting, and decorating an old vehicle is one way of encouraging the Community to join him on the CDP activity. There is one thing we can guarantee, and that's Santa Claus will not miss this Community while flying through the night on Xmas Eve. Well, done Saint Chris! Story by Elaine Stevens.



Our Yaaliku Offices will be closed over the Christmas period from Friday 24th December 2021 and will reopen on the Tuesday 4th January 2022.







CHRISTMAS EDITION 2021/22

CDP Partners with Wiluna Remote School Community

CDP has been working in partnership with Wiluna Remote School Community on a special Shade Sail Project that has provided much needed play shelter for school children as the weather heats up!

Thank you to Activity Supervisor Jason Harris, Principal Bernadette Delaney and the wonderful support from Scott and Wayne at WRSC.

Wirrpanda CDP works closely with our Remote School Attendance Strategy Team in Wiluna collaborating across projects and events.









KEY DATES:

29 NOVEMBER – TRY A TRADE LEONORA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

1 DECEMBER – TRY A TRADE WIRRPANDA LEONORA

24 DEC - 3 JAN 2022 - CDP CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Try A Trade Project Launches in Leonora November 29!

We are excited to announce the release of our first collaborative CDP pilot project TRY A TRADE, launching on the 29th November 2021 within the Leonora Community.

This trial based pilot will look at *innovative* ways of delivering remote community based training and education, positive engagement from school age to post school age cohorts, recognition through Nationally Recognised Certification and empowerment through capacity building with career pathway opportunities.

We are proud to partner with Central Regional TAFE, Leonora Youth Centre and Leonora District High School with aim to replicate this concept across the Yaaliku Region.

We wish everyone all the best, more to follow in the New Year!











We want to hear from YOU

Telethon Kids Institute wants to hear from the **WA community** about the important issues for children and young people. This will guide and inform our future research.

Who can take part?

Anyone in WA over 14 years of age.

Young people, parents, carers, service providers, clinicians, anyone interested in child health and development.



What's involved?

A 10-15 minute online survey.

Register your interest in future workshops.





For more information and to take part:

- scan the QR code
- visit telethonkids.org.au/thinkingbig
- email thinkingbig@telethonkids.org.au



This research project has been approved by the UWA Human Research Ethics Committee, 2021/ET000241.





Merry Christmas

from the Wirrpanda Foundation

Our Goldfields offices will be closed over the Christmas period from Friday 24th December 2021 and will reopen on the Tuesday 4th January 2022

All Work for the Dole activities will cease on Friday 17th December 2021 and will recommence Tuesday 4th January 2022

Should you have any questions regarding this closure, or your payments please do not hesitate to contact your consultant/office.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe Happy New Year!!







Do you have a

business idea?

Hi, I'm Shaun, your local business coach.

As a previous business owner, I know the challenges and benefits of running your own small business and I would like to help you to achieve your business goals.

Many Rivers can support you by:

- Assisting you to develop a strong business idea
- Remaining by your side as you build the business skills and confidence to make your idea a reality
- Preparing you with the tools you need to run your business such as legal support or business finance

Do you want to start a business? Give me a call today!



Many Rivers' business coaches work with you to set up, start and sustain your business.

We're ready when you are.



Visit manyrivers.org.au or call 1300 626 974 to find out more.



Protecting you from Coronavirus.





WASH HANDS REGULARLY WITH SOAP AND WATER



CLEAN SURFACES REGULARLY







BE COVIDSAFE





SEVEN GOLDEN RULES FOR PROSPECTING

- Put safety first

 Make sure you have enough water, fuel, maps and first
- Make sure you have enough water, fuel, maps and first aid supplies. Give serious consideration to taking some form of telecommunications and a global positioning system to fix locations, and a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) it may turn out to be your most important safety device.

Obtain a Miner's Right permit when prospecting on vacant Crown land (\$25 from any Mining Registrar's office).

Obtain a 40E permit prior to prospecting within an exploration tenement (if you don't have written permission from the tenement holder).

- Get written permission
 from the tenement holder when prospecting on:
 a mining lease
 an exploration licence (if you don't have a 40E permit)
 a prospecting licence

Comply with all legal requirements

when prospecting on a pastoral lease. You cannot prospect within 100 metres of any occupied building or within 400 metres of any livestock watering point without the consent of the pastoralist.



Show respect when on Crown land because it is used by other people or set aside for many purposes.

Fill any holes that you dug and repair ground that has been disturbed.

www.dmp.wa.gov.au/prospectingwa

DID YOU KNOW

Christmas & New Years

MENZIES DEPOT HOURS

Closing from

Friday, 24 December 2021

Re-Opening on

Tuesday, 4 January 2022

Wed 29 Dec 21 Regular Rubbish Pick-up Day

Tue 4 Jan 22 Regular Rubbish Pick-up Day

Wed 12 Jan 22 Menzies Hard Rubbish Pick-up

Thu 13 Jan 22 Kookynie Hard Rubbish Pick-up





SHIRE OF MENZIES



COMMUNITY NOTICE



HARD RUBBISH CLEAN UP

The Shire of Menzies will be conducting a hard rubbish clean up on January 2022.

Please leave your unwanted items on the kerb or front of your property, and make sure everything is ready to go before the collection on 12 to 13 January 2022.



Wednesday, 12 January 2022 - Menzies Thursday, 13 January 2022 - Kookynie

COUNTRY **FAMILIES @ NGALA**

Support to families with children from birth to 8 years living in regional, rural and remote Western Australia



Ngala have partnered with WA Country Health Service (WACHS) to provide free child health parenting information and support to families living in regional, rural or remote WA.

Facebook Group

Join a community of other country families to access parenting information, resources & program updates. Search: CountryFamilies@Ngala.

Tutorials and Facebook Live Sessions

See recorded and live videos with information for parents with children aged 0 - 8 years.

Online 'Live Chat'

Chat with a Ngala Child Health Nurse via Facebook. Please check website for session times.

Individual Consultations

30 minute video or phone consults with a Ngala Child Health Nurse for child development information and parenting support.

Country Dads' SMS Service

Receive information and resources via SMS or Email.

Call: 9368 9342

Email: CountryFamilies@ngala.com.au



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WA Country Health Service #HealthyCountryKids



To find out more visit www.ngala.com.au/program/country-services





REGIONAL COLUMN

www.dmirs.wa.gov.au www.wa.gov.au

11 November 2021

With Senior Regional Officer for Goldfields Esperance Bouyden McKenzie

Gift card rules reminder

With the busy shopping season upon us, there's no doubt that gift cards or vouchers can be an easy present idea for those hard-to-please friends and family members.

While we believe that gifting cash is ultimately a safer option, if you are planning to buy a gift card this festive season, don't forget that the national rules have changed to give the recipient at least three years to use it.

The minimum three-year expiry date means that any gift card sold after the laws took effect on November 1 2019 would currently still be valid for redemption, and those bought for Christmas 2021 should be valid until Christmas 2024.

How expiry dates are displayed on gift cards is also important, with traders required to clearly state the expiry date on the gift cards themselves. This means you can easily see and challenge the date if they get it wrong and also that the recipient of your gift won't be caught out not knowing when it will expire.

You also cannot be charged post-purchase fees or administration charges that will reduce the value of your gift card, such as activation, account keeping and balance enquiry fees.

While the rules give consumers more certainty, it is important to remember that there is still an element of risk attached to buying gift cards and vouchers.

A caller to one of our regular radio segments claims she was left out of pocket after buying a \$400 gift voucher to a restaurant that had closed down when the recipient tried to redeem it less than a year later.

Unspent gift vouchers or cards may become worthless if a business goes bust or closes its doors, so for this reason we recommend giving cash instead.

More information on the rules, including a list of questions to ask when buying gift cards and vouchers, can be found on our <u>website</u>.

If you have a dispute with a business about a gift card or voucher that can't be resolved, come to Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54 or email: consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au

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Get the facts on the vax



The COVID-19 vaccines are new, and it is very normal for people to have questions. There is so much information – and misinformation – it can be overwhelming. Together, we need to build vaccine confidence because each and every vaccinated person helps us move past the pandemic.





The vaccines are safe

Many people around the world worked together to create the COVID-19 vaccine, sharing money and scientists to get it done in just months, without missing any steps. Vaccines are only allowed in Australia after being tested and found to be safe and effective. All vaccines continue to be quality tested and monitored for safety.



The COVID-19 vaccines do not contain live virus and cannot give you COVID-19

The vaccines pretend to be the real virus and teach your body how to defend itself. This will help stop you from getting really sick and going to hospital or even dying.



The vaccine was approved too quickly to be safe.



The vaccine could give you COVID-19.

Get the facts on the vax

TRUTH





We do know every ingredient that is in the vaccines

The vaccines are mostly water, with salt, sugar and fats. There is no graphene oxide, gluten, egg, wheat, bee venom, latex or animal products in the vaccines.



The vaccines are providing good protection against the new strains

Two doses of the Pfizer or AstraZeneca vaccine are very effective in protecting people from becoming seriously ill with the new variants, including the Delta strain.



You can choose to be vaccinated

You can make your own decision. Make sure you ask trusted people to help you find facts. False news can be very misleading and dangerous.



A microchip would not fit through the vaccine needle

This myth is based on a fake video circulating on social media.



COVID-19 vaccines can't change your DNA

The vaccines deliver instructions to your cells to build protection (immunity) against the coronavirus. This does not happen in the part of your cells where your DNA is.



Receiving a COVID-19 vaccine does not make you magnetic – anywhere on your body

COVID-19 vaccines do not contain any magnetic ingredients that could do this. You would need a lot of metal to attract a magnet. For example, people take multi vitamins which often contain iron. This doesn't make them magnetic because they are so diluted and spread through your body.



We don't know what's in these vaccines.



There's no point in getting vaccinated due to the new COVID strains.



Doctors want to force people to be vaccinated.



The vaccine contains a microchip to track me.



The vaccine will change my DNA.



The vaccine can make a magnet stick to your arm.

Register and book your COVID-19 vaccination







MENZIES MATTERS DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION

If you have anything you would like to have included in the Menzies Matters please contact the Shire Offices on 9024 2041 or email community@menzies.wa.gov.au

The deadline for each month is the LAST DAY OF THE MONTH.

General information notices are welcome, as are notification of upcoming local events or if you have recipes, gardening tips or ideas for any other page. All suggestions are welcome and we appreciate the continual support from the community.



GRT EXPRESS TIMETABLE

Kalgoorlie to Laverton **Thursday**

EXPRESS	TIME
KALGOORLIE RAILWAY STATION	10.00AM
KALGOORLIE VISITOR CENTRE	10.15AM
MENZIES	11.40AM
KOOKYNIE TURNOFF	12.05PM
LEONORA ARRIVE	12.45PM
DEPART	1.00PM
MURRIN MURRIN TURNOFF	1.45PM
MT MORGAN TURNOFF	1.55PM
LAVERTON	2.30PM

Laverton to Kalgoorlie **Friday**

EXPRESS	TIME	
LAVERTON	10.00AM	
MT MORGAN TURN	10.30AM	
MURRIN MURRIN T	10.40AM	
LEONORA ARRIVE		11.15AM
	DEPART	11.30AM
KOOKYNIE TURNOFF		12.00PM
MENZIES		12.30PM
KALGOORLIE		2.00PM



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES 1800 620 440 OR (08) 9092 6000 PURCHASE TICKET ONLINE **GoldRush Tours** services over the Christmas/New Year period will operate on our regular timetable.

Thursday 23 Dec Kalgoorlie – Laverton Friday 24 Dec Laverton – Kalgoorlie

Thursday 30 Dec Kalgoorlie – Laverton Friday 31 Dec Laverton - Kalgoorlie

If you are wanting to use the bus service to go to Kalgoorlie of Laverton over the Christmas/New Year period **please pre-book**.



Menzies Community Resource Centre located at the corner of Shenton and Brown Streets in Menzies, is your local access point offering a range of services in Menzies.



Services include:

- Visitor Information and Public Library
- Community Postal Agency
- Caravan Park Bookings
- Star Track Courier and Toll Freight Lines Agency
- Free Government Access Point
- Internet Access Point
- Conference and Meeting Room Hire

8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday Closed for Lunch 12.00 noon to 1pm (Monday to Friday)

Closed Saturday and Sunday
Call us today on

(08) 9024 2702 or email: cso2@menzies.wa.gov.au

Wanted—Horseshoes

Do you have any unwanted old horseshoes lying about at your place?

Do you find horseshoes while detecting?

PLEASE ... Can I have them?

I am collecting horseshoes to make a large sculpture and want as many as you can give me - the more, the better!

Please ring Simon for collection on 0409 693 875.

Community Garden

Are you interested in a community garden here in Menzies? We are!

Are you tired of driving 130km for 'fresh' vegies each week? We are!

Are you prepared to put in an hour or two each fortnight to keep your pantry stocked with the basics and anything else that may be in season?

Please contact Simon or Cheryl on 0409 693 875.



VOLUNTEER



Shire of Menzies is looking for volunteers, community champions and aspirational leaders to bring this Outback Town back to life.

As a volunteer you will have the opportunity to:-

- Meet new people and make new friends
- Have fun whilst giving back to the community
- Learn new skills that look great on your resume
- Do something you have always wanted to do
- Make a difference

We are looking for volunteers of all ages, interests and diverse background. Our aim is to create Menzies as a fun and interesting place to live. We need your help in the area of tourism, arts & culture, events, international relations and community development, plus many more!

Please express your interest to Almetra Bethlehem by emailing communitydevelopment@menzies.wa.gov.au or come and see us at the CRC.

1080 BAITING IN THIS AREA IS A RISK TO DOMESTIC PETS

Please be advised that baiting programs using 1080 poison are carried out across Western Australia, including this area, and are aimed at controlling wild dogs, feral cats, feral pigs, foxes and rabbits. The poison baits remain toxic for many months. You need to exercise caution. Domestic pets should be kept close and under control at all times. Owners may consider the use of leads and muzzles for their domestic pets.

DO NOT RELY ON WARNING SIGNS

WARNING SIGNS ARE PLACED WHERE APPLICABLE, HOWEVER THEY MAY BE DAMAGED, REMOVED, VANDALISED OR DESTROYED

1080 baiting is part of an integrated pest management program protecting livestock from death and injury; reducing the impact on pastoral and agricultural production; and helping to preserve the unique flora and fauna of WA. Baits are not intentionally laid in public areas such as road reserves, parking bays, rest stops or roadhouses however can be inadvertently moved into these areas by animals and birds.

1080 is an S7 Poison





Leonora Pharmacy

Christmas Closure

Friday	24 th Dec	9am – 12pm
Christmas Eve		-
Saturday	25 th Dec	Closed
Christmas Day		
Sunday	26 th Dec	Closed
Boxing Day		
Monday	27 th Dec	Closed
Tuesday	28 th Dec	Closed
Wednesday	29 th Dec	12pm – 5:30pm
Thursday	30 th Dec	9am – 5:30pm
Friday	31st Dec	9am- 5:30pm
Saturday	1 st Jan	Closed
New Year's Day		
Sunday	2 nd Jan	Closed
Monday	3 rd Jan	Closed
Tuesday	4 th Jan	9am-5:30pm

Trading hours resume as normal 04/01/2022

Leonora Pharmacy wishes everyone a safe and happy festive season





MENZIES HEALTH CENTRE

Nurse Joy

Away from Thursday, 2 December 2021 to Tuesday, 28 December 2021

Back for One-day Only on Wednesday, 29 December 2021

Away from Thursday, 30 December 2021 to Sunday, 9 January 2021

Back on as regular from Monday, 10 January 2021

For pressing health concerns and needing immediate attention, please make your way to Kalgoorlie Hospital/Health Clinics or call 000.

For further enquiries please contact the Community Health Nurse on (08) 9080 4370

EMERGENCIES CALL 000

Poisons information available 24 Hours Phone 13 11 26

If the Centre is unattended and you need immediate health advice call the Health Direct 24 Hour Hotline

1800 022 222

MENZIES HOTEL AND STORE



Available daily fresh sandwiches and rolls, flavoured milks, juices and soft drinks.

Pick up your General Stores and ice or have a 'Menzies Toasty' while you wait.

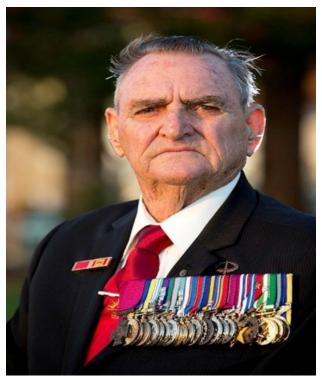
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IF YOU'RE
IN A HURRY– DON'T WORRY
PHONE ORDERS WELCOME (08) 9024 2041



Keith Payne, VC



Keith Payne, VC, OAM

The Victoria Cross (VC) is Australia's highest military honour. It has been awarded to those who, in the presence of the enemy, demonstrate the most remarkable bravery, or daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice and later through the Australian Honours sys-100 people have received this prestigious award.

under the Imperial System. He was also awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and a Silver Star from the United States of Amerifrom the Republic of Vietnam.

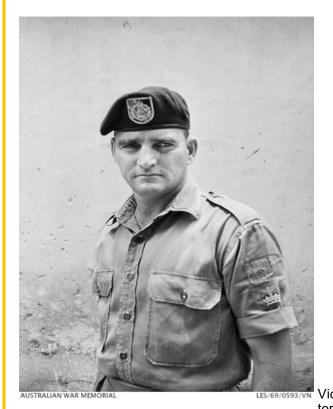


Keith Payne visited Menzies Memorial in 2018

Keith Payne was born on 30 August 1933 and raised in Ingham, Queensland. At the age of 18, he joined the Army after a brief stint as an apprentice cabinetmaker. In 1952-1953, he served with numerous units in Japan and Korea, as well as in Malaysia from 1963 to 1965, but Keith Payne is best remembered for his acts in Vietnam.

He was sent to the Australian Army Training through the British Imperial system (as the VC) Team in Vietnam on 24 February 1969. He was in command of the 212th Company of the tem (as the VC for Australia). Since 1900, only 1st Mobile Strike Force Battalion when it was attacked by a strong North Vietnamese force in May of that year. Keith Payne's Vietnamese men began to retreat as his company was iso-During the Vietnam War, Warrant Officer (WO) lated, encircled on three sides. Keith Payne, Class II Keith Payne, in the battle of Ben Het, who had been wounded in the hands and arms displayed such bravery in the face of the ene- by now and was under heavy fire, covered the my that he was awarded the Victoria Cross by retreat before forming a defensive perimeter Queen Elizabeth II aboard the Royal Yacht Bri- with his troops. He then spent three hours tannia, the last individual to receive this honour scouring the scene of the day's fight for isolated and wounded soldiers, all the while evading enemy troops, who kept up harassing fire. He discovered about 40 wounded men, brought ca, and a Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star some in himself, and organised the rescue of the rest, guiding the party

back to base across the enemy-controlled territory. Years later, asked whether he was afraid, Keith Payne replied, "My God yes, yes, I was." Keith Payne's actions were brave, selfless, and heroic that night earned him the Victoria Cross.



Cross recipient, Warrant Officer 2 (WO2) Keith Payne, Australian War Memorial.

On the 13 April 1970, after his return to Brisbane, the Queen presented Keith Payne with his VC and the Keys to the City of Brisbane by then Lord Mayor Clem Jones. A park in the Brisbane suburb of Stafford where he lived was named in his honour.

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Australian War Memorial. (n.d.). *Warrant Officer Class 2 Keith Payne*. https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/P10676775

Keith Payne, VC. OAM. (21 May 2020). *State Library of Queensland*. https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/blog/keith-payne-vc-oam

Written & researched by Pema Chhunzom



Brisbane Lord Mayor Clem Jones presented the Keys to the City of Brisbane to Keith Payne VC with his wife Florence. Image courtesy of the Brisbane City Council



Keith Payne VC Park, Buddina and Lutana Streets, Stafford, Brisbane. Image taken by State Library of Queensland staff.

Keith Payne retired from the Australian Army in 1975 and got involved in the veteran community, notably in counselling individuals with post- traumatic stress disorder. Keith Payne was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2006 for his commitment to the veteran community. He was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2011 and is rightfully regarded as a national treasure.

Menzies Community School December 2021

From the principal:

What a term we have had! Not only have we had TLG come and visit we have been busy making sure that everything is in order for our annual Menzies Community School end of year assembly. Congratulations to all of our award winners.

Reports and what they do:

This is the term that Semester Two reports go home. These reports are a way of communicating with you about how your child is progressing at school. The reports provide information about how your child is progressing against the West Australian Curriculum achievement standards. It is also a way to provide important information about Attitude, Behaviour and Effort when it comes to learning and also provides information on their attendance. If you wish to discuss your child's report, please make an appointment with their teacher.

Attendance

We will be commencing Menzies Money next year. Put simply, every student who arrives on time, gets a dollar in the "bank book". When they accumulate enough money, they will be treated to lunch at the café. This is a new initia-



MGM Outreach

This is a new service for Menzies that automatically sends out texts to parents in regards to attendance. This is also the way that bulk text will be sent.

Uniform

Just a reminder about our uniform policy. Students need to wear the school shirt with black pants. No student can wear denim in any form.



Talk for Writing

Miss Harbrow, Miss Pratish and Miss Lolly recently participated in a Talk for Writing PL. Talk for writing allows students to orally learn the language needed, before reading it and recreating it in their own writing. It focuses on high level vocabulary and is also very hands on and interactive.

Upcoming events

6-10 December Swimming lessons for PP-Year 6. We will be leaving school around 8:15 am every morning and returning around 2:00 pm every afternoon. Please make sure your child has swimmers, thongs, towel, goggles and lunch. We will provide water and recess.

- 14 December reports go home
- 15 December End of year celebrations
- 16 December Last day for students.













Shire of Menzies Employment Opportunity Cleaner

1x Part-Time/Casual

Level 3 LGOA 2021 + Superannuation

Starting rate of \$29.62 per hour + weekend penalty rate

Are you semi-retired, part-time student, travelling nomad or simply looking for a casual work opportunity?

The Shire of Menzies is seeking applications for a part-time/casual Level 3 Cleaner. We may consider offering travel allowances for DIDO applicants living between 100km to 250km Menzies radius. Duties comprise cleaning of Shire facilities, including the Shire office, caravan park and other public facilities on Saturdays.

Working hours and days will be discussed with applicants, and will be inclusive of Saturday work, and possibly Sunday and weekdays. You may also pick up extra shifts to cover annual leave or sick leave. Below is an example of what your hours may look like:

- Saturday, 8:00am-12:00pm (permanent shift)
- Sunday, 8:00am-12:00pm (on-call/occasional only)
- Monday-Friday, 8:00am-12:00pm or 4:00pm-7:00pm (on call/occasional only)

For further information on hourly rate and employment conditions, please contact Antonio Giometti on 08 9024 2041 or 0438 644 286.

Applicants will need to submit:

- A resume outlining your employment history or work experience
- A covering letter (no more than 2 pages) stating why you are suitable for this position
- Submit your application by emailing your resume and cover letter to admin@menzies.wa.gov.au or apply in person by visiting the Town Hall no later than 18 December 2021 at 4:00pm.

You can also apply through our website www.menzies.wa.gov.au/employment/

Note: the Shire reserves the right to conclude the recruitment process earlier should a suitable applicant be appointed.





Shire of Menzies Offices are located at Lot 124 Shenton Street, Menzies

PO Box 4 MENZIES WA 6436

Phone: (08) 9024 2041

Email: admin@menzies.wa.gov.au Website: www.menzies.wa.gov.au

8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday Closed for Lunch 12.00 noon to 1pm daily

LADY SHENTON BUILDING OPERATING OPENING HOURS

Lady Shenton Building is located on the corner of Shenton & Brown Streets, Menzies

8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday

Meet with Bouyden McKenzie

A Brief History of the Christmas Tree by Debbie Pianto CRC Menzies (Lady

Shenton Building)

The use of evergreens and greenery was used as a symbol for winter festivals as these were the plants that would last all year round and were believed to protect the house from the evil spirits, witches, ghosts and illnesses.

People believed that they would be protected as these plants would remain green throughout the year, especially throughout winter; it was not only a sign for protection but also health.



What is the true origin of the Christmas tree?

The Christmas tree was originally a pagan religious symbol of celebration. It is more so known as a German tradition.

The Christmas tree started off as being a **pyramid tree**, if people could not find a plant to represent the tree. People would use wood to create a pyramid and decorate it with nuts, gingerbread, apples, paper and candles to resemble a tree.

The trees and pyramids would usually be paraded around the town to show to the other households on Christmas Eve as a sign of health, in order to keep the evil spirits away. It became wildly popular throughout the 16th century, slowly it spread to become highly popular among nobility and royalty

Why do we put ornaments on a Christmas tree?

Nowadays decorating the Christmas tree is such a special moment for families, its the time of year where they all come together to decorate the tree that they all sit around and place presents under as the centerpiece of their Christmas celebration.

The Christmas trees were later decorated with delicious treats like gingerbread in the shape of stars, angels and holly as we know today.

Australian Christmas trivia

- 1. When was the first Australian Carols by Candlelight?
- 2. When was Australia's worst Christmas?
- 3. What is the biggest Christmas light display in Australia?

Christmas movie trivia

- 4 What is the most popular **Christmas movie?**
- 5 In what city did the 1947 film Miracle on 34th Street take place?
- 6. In Home Alone where does Kevin's family go for Christmas
- 7. What is the name of the head Elf in The Santa Clause
- 8. Finish this line from *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* 'It came without packages, boxes or ?????'

Christmas food trivia

- 9. What <u>Christmas food</u> lasts the longest after Christmas?
- 10. Why do we eat turkey at Christmas time?
- 11. Why do we eat Ham at Christmas?
- 12. Why do we eat Plum pudding?
- 13. When did the Eggnog tradition begin?
- 14. Why do we leave Cookies for Santa on Christmas eve?
- 15. Why put a coin in the Christmas pudding?
- 16. What is the significance of the Yule Log?
- 17. What Country is KFC popular at Christmas?

Christmas music trivia

- 18. How did Christmas carols get their name?
- 19. When was the first Australian Carols by Candlelight? A. The first Australian Christmas tradition of Carols by Candlelight began in Melbourne in 1937.
- 20. The best-selling Christmas song ever?
- 21. Name 3 of the 10 most popular songs according to Spotify:



Answers for previous page trivia:

Australian Christmas trivia

- The first Australian Christmas tradition of Carols by Candlelight began in Melbourne in 1937.
- 2 Australia's worst Christmas was in 1974, when Cyclone Tracy devastated Darwin in the Northern Territory. More than 60 people were killed.
- 3. The biggest display of lights in Australia had 1.194.380 LEDs covering 3.865 sg meters. David Richards has used his home in Melbourne to raise \$20,000 for SIDS and Kids ACT since 2011.

Christmas movie trivia

- Home Alone is the biggest Christmas movie ever, raking in \$533 million globally. Jim Car rey's Grinch comes in at two, bringing in \$260 million with Home Alone 2 coming in third
- 5. New York City.
- Paris, France 6.
- Bamaby
- 8. Bags

Christmas food trivia

- Fruitcake.
- In the early years Turkeys were cheaper to raise than other birds.
- A boar's head was the edible centerpiece on the wealthiest holiday tables in Tudor Eng land. For those poorer families a Yule ham took the place of the boar's head, as it was more affordable and equally delicious.
- The tradition of eating plum pudding on Christmas is believed to have originated with a Roman Catholic Church decree to make a 13-ingredient pudding to represent Christ and the apostles.
- Eggnog seems to have first been sipped in 1607 in the British colony of Jamestown, Vir. ginia (USA).
- 14. In Germany, apples, cookies and other food were used to decorate the festive tree: some of these decorations disappeared during the night which led to speculation that it was Santa looking from some late-night snacks when leaving the children their presents.
- 15. Finding a Christmas coin in your slice of pudding is believed to bring good luck and especially wealth in the coming year.
- The popular cake symbolises the log you should burn on Christmas Eve. If the log goes out before the morning, it is believed you will
- KFC is the most popular meal for Christmas in Japan.

Christmas music trivia

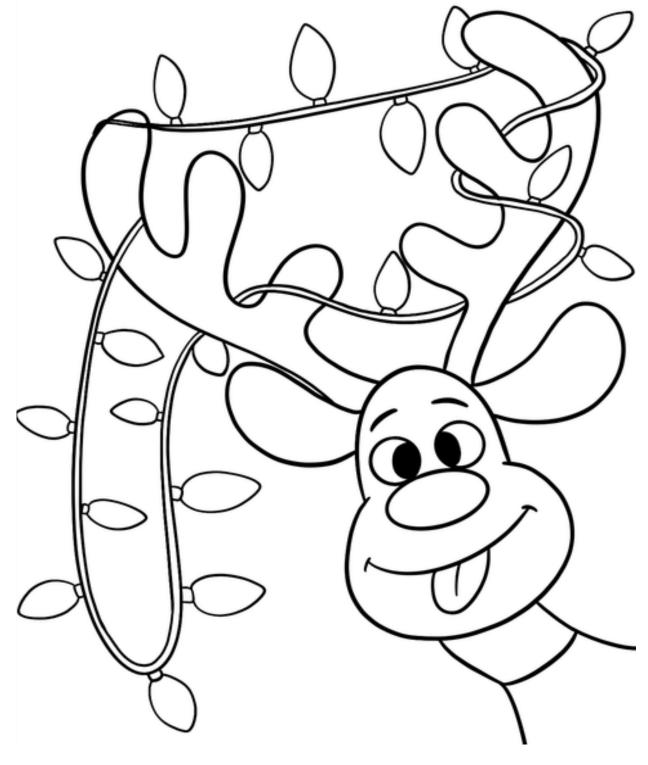
- 18. The word carol is believed to be derived from the French "carole" or the Latin "carula" meaning a circular dance.
- 19. The first Australian Christmas tradition of Carols by Candlelight began in Melbourne in 1937.
- 20. The best-selling Christmas song of all time is Bing Crosby's White Christmas, according to the Guinness Book of World Records.
- 21.
- Choose any 3 from:
 "All I Want for Christmas is You" by Mariah Carey
 - "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" by Brenda Lee
 - "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" by Andy Williams

 - "Last Christmas" by Wham "Jingle Bell Rock" by Bobby Helms
 - "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" by Michael Bublé
 "White Christmas" by Bing Crosby
 "The Christmas Song" by Nat King Cole

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- "Holly Jolly Christmas" by Burl Ives
- "Let it Snow! Let is Snow! Let it Snow" by Frank Sinatra





December

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 MAC Christmas Party	16 OCM & Christmas Party	17	18	19
20	21	22	Admin Office Close From 4:30pm	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29 Nurse Joy back for one-day only	30	31 New Year's Eve		

January

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4 Admin Office Re-open	5	6	7	8	9