



Menzies Matters

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President's Message

On 25 April, I participated in the Anzac Day dawn service, joined by a significant turnout of community members, marking a meaningful occasion. The dawn service was followed by breakfast, organised by the Shire staff members and the community.

In the following weeks, I engaged in various community endeavours. On 15 May, I attended a meeting with Brightstar along with other Councillors, which brought encouraging news, signalling positive developments.

Additionally, the Northern Goldfields Working Group (NGWG) meeting held in Leonora showcased insightful discussions about the region, with notable contributions from the Shire of Laverton and the Shire of Wiluna.

The Cycclassic Event, held on Saturday, 1 June and Sunday, 2 June, was a great success. The event included a DJ and a fireworks display, contributing to a lively atmosphere.

Paul Warner
Shire President



CEO's Message

Council Meeting notes

At its Ordinary Meeting held on 30 May 2024, the Council endorsed the following:

- ◆ Adopted the Schedule of Fees and Charges and the Council Members' Remuneration for the 2024/2025 financial year
- ◆ Received the 2023/2024 Financial Audit Planning Memorandum for the year ended 30 June 2024
- ◆ Endorsed the attendance of some Council Members at the 2024 WALGA Local Government Convention and the 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government
- ◆ Adopted Policy 12.6 Use of Drones within Shire of Menzies

Glenda Teede
Chief Executive Officer



Works Report

Work to repair flood damage to a state similar to before damage was completed early in the month. Mount Remarkable Road was re-opened to the public.

Grading by contractor continued on Yarri Road and Kookynie Yarri Road.

There has been heavy traffic on Mt Ida Road, but, with our permission, local mining staff have been keeping the road in fair condition.

Work has commenced on our car park at Southern end of town and on our Greening of Menzies program. Contractors are now on site.

Footpaths at Marmion Village have been sealed with asphalt.

Signs under our entry program are currently being made by Vissign in Kalgoorlie and will be erected as they become available.

Arrangements have been made to provide help with the fireworks next Saturday night and with the Cyclassic event on Saturday and Sunday. This will take the usual form of providing fire engine, barriers and labour.

A truck fire on Kookynie Road on Tuesday 21st May 2024 was attended by four depot staff and required the local fire engine to cool the truck and extinguish the fire. The road was temporarily closed in both directions as the truck was loaded with a 200 litre drum of diesel fuel and several gas cylinders. The drum and the fuel tank both ruptured and all of the fuel was burned. Gas cylinders kept exploding for some time. The backhoe was fetched from Kookynie and the burned shell of the truck pushed off the road. Damage occurred to the sealed road.

Our garbage truck is still experiencing problems and has been sent to Leonora for further repairs. In the meantime, the Shire of Leonora is providing a truck to collect rubbish on Tuesdays.

Our staff, including our new gardener, have been kept busy tidying up the town by mowing, line trimming and planting and the town is looking very tidy for the coming weekend.

Garth Marland
Works Manager

Ordinary Meetings of the Council 2024

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 approved by the Council for Ordinary Council Meetings for the period ending 31 December 2024.

Date	Time	Location
Thursday 27 June	1 pm	Menzies
Thursday 25 July	1 pm	Menzies
Thursday 29 August	1 pm	Menzies
Thursday 26 September	1 pm	Tjuntjuntjara
Thursday 31 October	1 pm	Menzies
Thursday 28 November	1 pm	Menzies
Thursday 19 December	1 pm	Menzies

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

Glenda Teede
Chief Executive Officer



Menzies Skatepark

Public Tender for the construction of the new
Menzies Skatepark closes on 12 June 2024

Shire of Menzies hopes to have chosen
a contractor by August, with works to begin by
the end of 2024



Community Bus

The Community Bus will be leaving from the Shire of
Menzies office every Thursday at 7am.

Stops will include Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital, Coles and
Woolworths. Departing from Kalgoorlie at 12pm.

The cost is free.

Please reserve your tickets at the Menzies CRC or by
phone: 9024 2702





Outback Graves Markers



The first weekend in May, the self-funded, voluntary organisation dedicated to the preservation of the history and stories of the pioneers of the Australian outback visited the Menzies Cemetery.

The trip included many sites within the Shire of Menzies including Comet Vale, Goongarie, Kookynie and Mulline.



Public Notices – Outback Grave Markers

Taking a look around the Menzies Cemetery I was intrigued by many of the plaques, and after looking on the Outback Graves website, I found this story which seems fitting due to the recent Cyclastics event.

I encourage you to visit the grave sites and the Outback Graves Markers website.

Alice O'MEAGHER

Occupation: Eating-house Licensee

Place of Death: Miss Sherrin's Private Hospital, Menzies

Date of Death: 13 February 1897

Age: 21 years

Cause of Death: Acute Dysentery, Heart Failure



Biography : Up to a short period of time before her death, the deceased had been in remarkably good health but a little over a fortnight before her death, she was treated at Miss Sherrin's Hospital for a mild form of gastritis. Having recovered from the attack, she left the hospital and went about her daily work.

A few days later, she was seized with an acute internal disorder and was re-admitted to Miss Sherrin's Hospital. The violent symptoms of the complaint from which she suffered were successfully treated but the heart had been extremely weakened during the process. She rallied for the next 24 hours through the use of stimulative drugs but about 4 o'clock on the Saturday, she succumbed to her illness.

Miss O'Meagher was from New Zealand, where her father occupied a prominent position at the Bar. She was well known in Melbourne for some considerable time as a cyclist, having won a 15-mile road race for ladies. She also spent some time as a teacher at Mr MacRobertson's cycling school.

During her time in Menzies, on two occasions, Miss Meagher completed a journey to Coolgardie on her cycle but on her return journey the second time, she was unable to complete the trip due to extreme weather.

She was an immensely popular young woman and at such an age, will long be remembered. At her funeral that same afternoon, a procession of 25 cyclists walked two abreast, leading their cycles, which all bore crepe on the handle bar.

The oak coffin, which was painted a light colour according to Miss Meagher's request, was covered with beautiful wreaths.

Mis O'Meagher had lived for 13 years in New Zealand before arriving in Australia.

COMMUNITY BATTERY RECYCLING



DROP-OFF AT COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE / VISITOR CENTRE



Volunteer Librarian

If you have a passion for books and a love for community service, the Menzies CRC is looking for a volunteer to assist with managing the local library.

Full training will be provided, with flexible hours of work (between 8am-5pm weekdays), up to a maximum of five hours per week, fantastic for anyone looking to gain some work experience!

Please see the friendly staff at the CRC to register your interest.

MENZIES MATTERS COVER PHOTO



FULL CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER.

Do you want your photo on the front page of the latest issues of the Menzies Matters?

We are looking for amazing photos to grace the cover of our community newsletter.

please come in and see us at the Menzies Visitor Centre or email photos to **community@menzies.wa.gov.au**

Who thought Maths could be so much fun?

The Yilpa students have been using the game hopscotch to learn more about numbers.



On Wednesdays our students, with the skilful help of Mr Lindsay, are becoming Musical Masters.



School Updates

In the Wanampi Class, during Maths, students are practicing their number skills and learning more about easy short-cuts to add numbers. In English, they have been learning more about reading. Below are pictures of students showing their understanding of a story by turning the story into a comic strip.



The Zoo Vet



The Tricky Fox



The Tricky Fox

The Marlu students went to the Warnkarnuku Day – Good Health and Good Wealth Expo in Leonora where they learnt more about how to maintain their health and wellbeing.





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Report a scam, find tips on securing personal information and how to access counselling services.



Get Alerts

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If you think you have been scammed or need advice contact **WA ScamNet** on **1300 30 40 54** or visit www.scamnet.wa.gov.au

Public Notices – Letter to the Editor

Letters will be published as space permits and may have to be edited. So if you have something on your mind, write a letter to the Editor and we will do our best to publish it. If the letter is about the Council, we will do our best to respond in the same edition if time allows.

As you all know, I have been away for some time.

Returning to Menzies, I'm looking for progress. I have noticed that the Bougainvillea and Jacaranda have grown at the Community Hall. I have also read that our CEO has acted on property that owed rates and there has been a start on the development South of the Oval.

That is encouraging.

My questions to council at the November Meeting 2023 was to ask for the sealing of Jowett Street. The reason is to reduce the dust that blows into my property. I never received an answer, so I had to ask again at the recent council meeting 5 months after the original question.

I suspect that the Shire does not have a road sealing programme. There are many streets in Menzies that are not sealed. Walsh St, Mahon St, Wanton St, Webb St, Jowett St and Gill St to Dave's place.

We know that a contractor was engaged to seal the footpath to the Marmion Village, why not the roads? We all have a dust problem and sealing the streets would help to reduce the dust.

We know that the council was given telephone numbers and contact names on the 23rd of March 2023 to arrange horse mulch free of charge from the Kalgoorlie racetrack for all the gardeners in Menzies. Nothing has happened. They are still waiting. To do this is so simple.

What about the community Hall? The last council conversation I witnessed was the question of who is the rightful owner? This question was asked after we had planned to grow vegetables in the garden of the community hall and treasury had paid for a professional gardener from Alice Springs to show us how to grow vegetables in an arid climate by creating Wicken Baskets.

There have been 2 options of building development publicised in the Menzies Matters and invitations for not-for-profit associations to make application to manage the community Hall, and we are now asking who owns the building?

We need to do better. I was informed at the recent council meeting that action is in place.

As we move down Shenton Street, we come to the old post office. We know that there had been funds allocated in the last budget to upgrade the building. Once again at the last meeting I was advised that action is in place.

Dare I ask, about the railway buildings. This would have to be Menzies embarrassment. Should we sit on our hands and do nothing. There has to be a solution. The council is the authority for Menzies and has the ability to do something positive.

There is enough evidence to indicate that there is an undercurrent negative force that opposes progress. If we don't take on the responsibility, then who is? The legal owners of the railway buildings seem to have gone asleep at the wheel. There is no initiative. What will it take for Menzies to be an attractive place to live. Or is it as good as it will be where no one cares.

Roy Parfitt – Rate Payer

Community Feedback Sessions



The Community Services department of Shire of Menzies invites all community members to share their feedback on existing and upcoming community projects.

Meeting Details:

When

Every second Tuesday at 11am (check the Events Calendar)

Where

Menzies Council Chambers

Who

Community members

CEO

Community Services staff

Amenities

Snacks and beverages provided

For those unable to attend in person, please contact the Menzies CRC on 9024 2702 to arrange a remote call-in or to have your feedback registered and presented at the meeting.

Day One





Menzies lit up the sky



Day Two



Michael Freiberg was the event's overall champion, earning his second Goldfields Cyclclassic title after claiming the accolade in 2017

Isla Carr claimed the top spot as the female Goldfields Cyclclassic champion in her second year completing the race.





**KEEP THE FIRE
BURNING!
BLAK, LOUD
AND PROUD**

7-14 JULY 2024

**MENZIES EVENT
FRIDAY 12th JULY**

In The Garden — Succulents

In The Garden June

This month the featured plants are Succulents. You might cringe but let me quote from a search engine on the subject.

“Succulents are plants with parts that are thickened, fleshy and engorged usually to retain water in arid conditions.”

Sounds to me like a description from a Mills and Boon novel. When the hero and heroine hook up for as we say in the plant world “ pollinating “.



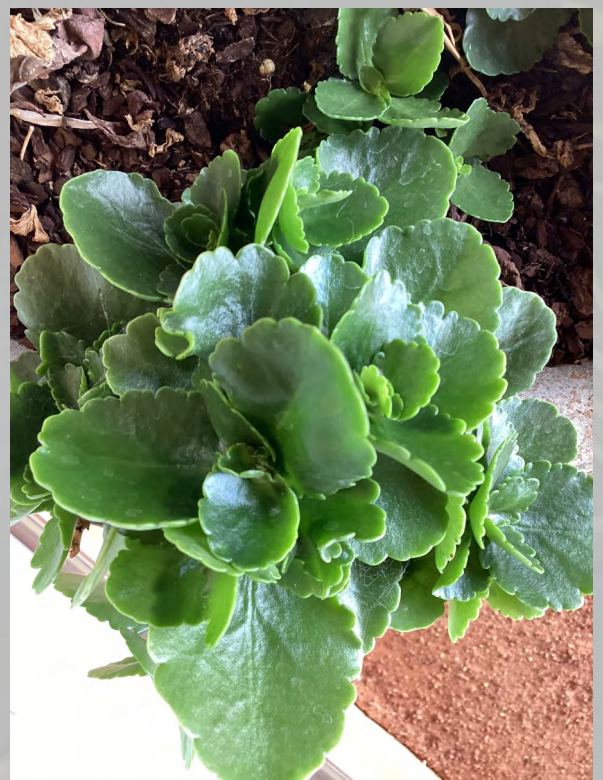
The first plant I would like to share is best known as the Flapjack. Round-leaved leaves that stack neatly atop each other. Having them in direct sun results in red leaf tips.

Mine are about to bloom with the long awaited fragrant yellow flowers.

Planted in the first year of our garden after it was potted up some cuttings.

Flapjack succulent

In the same family “Kalanchoe” is a plant commonly named “Widows thrill”, yes could be a Mills and Boon best seller title. Potted and in part shade under the veranda, this photo shows one of the plants that I divided last year after flowering. This will produce in the early Spring a flush of long lasting blooms again. Great as a cut flower as well. This particular one is a very subtle shade of pink. In stores they come in a variety of colours, red, white, peach, yellow and pink.



Kalanchoe—Widows thrill

In The Garden — Succulents

Aloes, these are another hard stayer and require very little attention, Mills and Boon would describe it as the ideal lover. Produces loads of little pups, so very viral, and has a most elongated stalk with a profusion of flowers. Sounds and look great, but of course there is always the matter of spikes that line the edge of the plant. Oh well nothing is perfect. Ideal as a skin care product and ideal to sooth burns. Simply cut and use the second release of sap.

Recently we were told to use a leaf as a propagation medium... simply insert a cutting into the fleshy leaf and it will shoot inside. Enough to make you blush but read on....



Flowering Aloe





The fabulous Dragon Fruit. Named after their dragon egg sized fruit, with green - yellow "scales" or wings on the skin. After all the years of having such easy access to this delectable fruit, I had to try it here in Menzies. The plant is tough, spiky, robust and heavy feeders. I chose a pot, an old Dunny can, to be precise, and she is thriving in it. Distinctive features are their aerial roots, prominent ribs covered in spines, on triangular stems. Best suited to free draining soil. The taste of the fruit is a cross between a Melon and a Pear. Distinctive floral perfume to the fruit when cut. Loaded with tiny black seeds when presented on a platter they are a standout.

Dragon Fruit

Fruit can be in white, red or even yellow. Highly prized and with market prices around \$20 kilo. Still yet to fruit, it will be well worth the wait when it happens. Sigh, read into that what you will.





Royal Flying Doctor Service

Date (Wednesdays)	Time
June 5	9.30am
July 3	9.30am
July 31	9.30am
August 28	9.30am
September 25	9.30am
October 23	9.30am
November 20	9.30am
December 18	9.30am

Call 08 9080 4370 for Community Nurse

EMERGENCY

24 HOURS - CALL 000

If Centre unattended in need of immediate health advice

24 HOURS HOTLINE - CALL 1800 022 222

POISON INFORMATION

24 HOURS—CALL 13 11 261



FREE DELIVERY SERVICE TO MENZIES

Phone, fax or email your scripts / order to Leonora Pharmacy direct or ask at the Visitor Information Centre to fax your scripts / order through to the pharmacy (this includes non prescription items).

Collect and pay for your order at the Menzies Visitor Information Centre after 2pm the following day.

LEONORA PHARMACY RESPECTS YOUR RIGHTS TO PRIVACY

Please be assured that all prescription and non-prescription items will be sent in a sealed bag.

Leonora Pharmacy Phone: (08) 9037 6820

Email: leonorapharmacy@iinet.net.au





A COMMUNITY IS ONLY AS STRONG AS ITS PEOPLE.

HELP YOURS BY BECOMING A ST JOHN AMBULANCE WA VOLUNTEER TODAY.

What's involved? Driving ambulances, transporting patients, providing first aid or helping out with administration are just a few of the roles when you volunteer with St John Ambulance WA. As a Volunteer you will be supported every step of the way and given all the training necessary to fulfill your role. Training is conducted to a level at which you feel comfortable, confident and ready to assist.

Why volunteer? By donating your time you can make a real difference and give something back to your community. Not only do you get the satisfaction of helping others, but you also gain important skills and experience. No matter what your motivation, being a St John Ambulance WA Volunteer is a great way to get involved in your community and help change lives.

To find out more about making a real difference in your community visit www.stjohnchangelives.com.au or call **1800 069 393**.

Bush Fire Control

For information regarding restricted and prohibited burning periods, fire permits or other detailed fire control information, please contact the **Shire of Menzies** on **08 9024 2041**; or

Work Manager: Garth Marland 0408 494 925

Restricted Burning Period 1

18 September to 31 October (inclusive)

Prohibited Burning Period

1 November to 30 April (inclusive)

Restricted Burning Period 2

1 May to 31 May (inclusive)

Unrestricted Season

1 June to 17 September

Dates may change according to seasonal conditions, which will be advertised on the Shire of Menzies website.

All burning is prohibited on days where:

- the Fire Danger Rating is Extreme or above,
- a Total Fire Ban is declared, or
- a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban is declared.

Local Advertisements

The Menzies Caravan Park is conveniently located next to the Visitor Centre which is also the booking agent. Entry via Brown Street Menzies.

Modern amenities including twenty six powered sites, 6 unpowered sites, two self contained cabins one having disabled facilities, two ablution blocks, disabled access ablution and Camp Kitchen.

There is a black water dump point within the park and pets are welcome but must be on a lead at all times.

For bookings and enquiries call 08 9024 2702 Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm. All other hours, call our caretaker on 0473 633 149 or email: bookings@menzies.wa.gov.au

Bookings can now be done online via the Shire website or scan:



Free camping sites are provided by the shire of Menzies at Lake Ballard (51kms West of Menzies) and Niagara Dam (65kms North East of Menzies)

Facilities at these sites include toilets, BBQs and rubbish bins. Non potable water is provided at Lake Ballard.

Please respect these facilities and put rubbish in the bins provided, and use facilities for the purpose they are intended.

TRAVELLING WITH PETS

Please be aware that there are regular aerial drops of 1080 poison baits in the Goldfields area in attempt to combat feral animals.

Please use caution and take care when in these areas.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

Located on Shenton Street outside of the Community Resource Centre.





Menzies Community Resource Centre (CRC)

Located at the corner of Shenton and Brown Streets Menzies is your local access point offering a range of services.

Opening hours Monday to Friday
9am to 4pm

Call us today on (08) 9024 2702

Or email: cso@menzies.wa.gov.au

Services Include:

- Visitor Information
- Public Library
- Community Postal Agency
- StarTrack Courier

1080 BAITING in this area is a risk to domestic pets

Using 1080 poison are carried out across Western Australian, 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.





GRT EXPRESS TIMETABLE

Kalgoorlie to Laverton

THURSDAYS

June 06 , 13 , 20, and 27

Laverton to Kalgoorlie

FRIDAYS

June 07, 14 , 21, and 28

Express	Time
Kalgoorlie Railway Station	10am
Kalgoorlie Visitor Centre	10:15 am
Menzies	11:40 am
Kookynie Turnoff	12:05 pm
Leonora - arrive	12:45pm
Leonora - depart	1:00 pm
Murrin Murrin Turnoff	1:45 pm
Mt Morgan Turnoff	1:55 pm
Laverton	2:30 pm

Express	Time
Laverton	10am
Mt Morgan Turnoff	10:30 am
Murrin Murrin Turnoff	10:40 am
Leonora - arrive	11:15 am
Leonora - depart	11:30 am
Kooyne Turnoff	12:00 pm
Menzies	12:30 pm
Kalgoorlie	2:00 pm

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

1800 620 440 or (08) 8982 6000

PURCHASE TICKET ONLINE

www.goldrushtours.com.au



MENZIES MATTERS deadlines for publication

If you have anything you would like to have included in the *Menzies Matters* please contact us at the Menzies Visitor Centre on **(08) 9024 2702** or email to **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.

If you have recipes, gardening tips or ideas for any other pages, all ideas are welcome.

The Menzies Matters is available online through the Shire's website.

Hardcopies are distributed at the CRC, Administration Office, Grand Hotel Kookynie, Laurie's Café, Mr Greens Beer Garden, and in every private mail box at the post office.

The Shire also sends an electronic copies to any who request it to their personal email. If you would like to receive a electronic copy please email **community@menzies.wa.gov.au**.

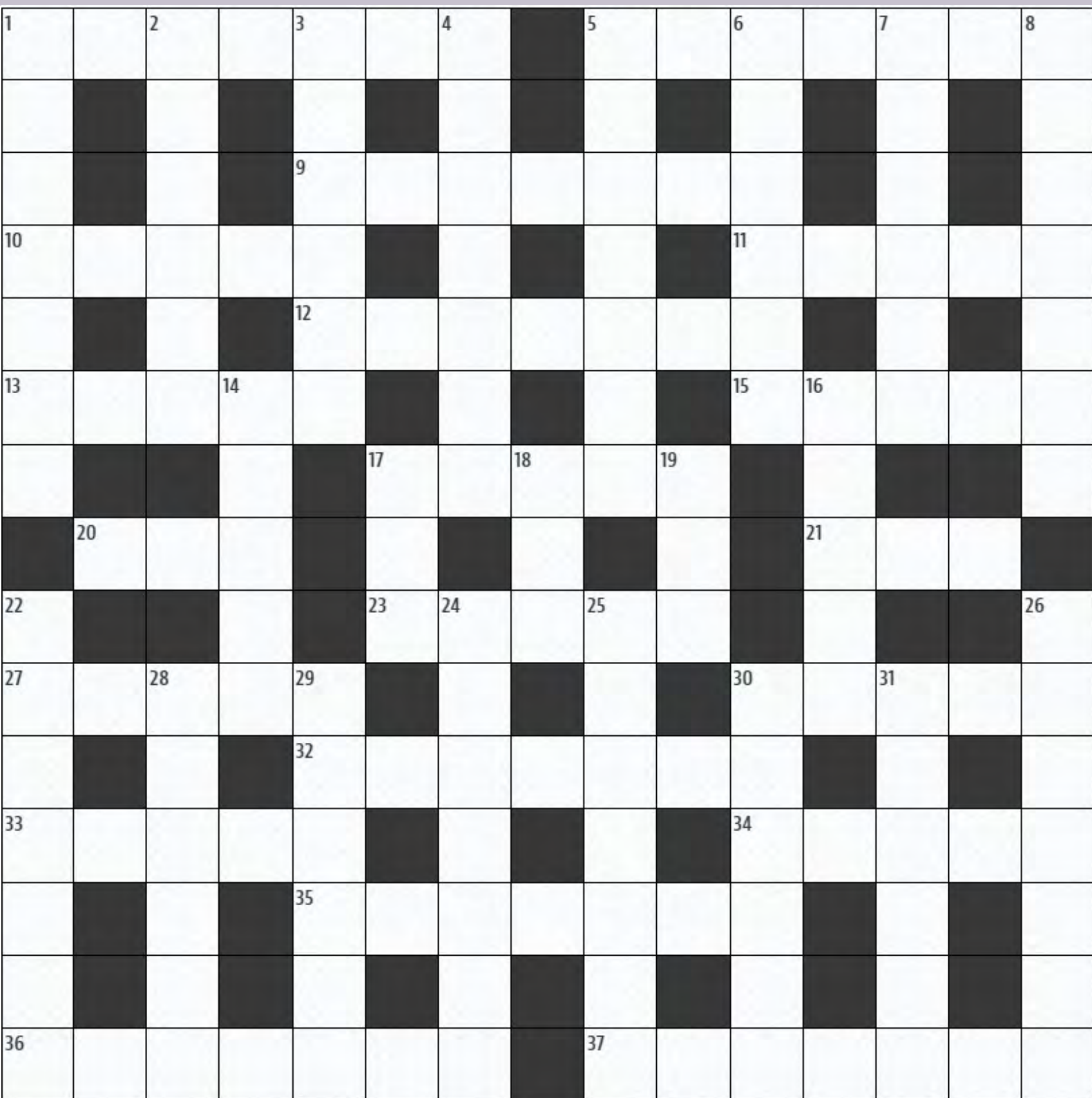
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Puzzles—Crossword



All Puzzle answers will be revealed in the next issue of the
Menzies Matters

Across

1. French castle
5. Classiest
9. The Titanic hit one
10. Bush
11. Approaches
12. Pasta meal
13. Come next
15. Eagle's claw
17. Velvety fabric
20. Chocolate ... cake
21. Amount (of cash)
23. Cutting light-beam
27. Peruses
30. Drive zigzag course
32. Collector
33. Courtyard
34. Angry
35. Renounce
36. Airport area, ... lounge
37. Book excerpt

Down

1. Big dipper, roller ...
2. Cherishes
3. Fit for consumption
4. Tool
5. Solemn vows
6. Personalised (ring)
7. Involve
8. Flinging
14. Reversed the effects of
16. Supermarket lane
17. Friend
18. Fluctuations, ... & downs
19. Him or ...
22. Moses was one
24. Insistent
25. Resulted (5,2)
26. Retaliation
28. Breathing disorder
29. Schools (of fish)
30. Twists & squeezes
31. US Arctic state

Events Calendar — June 2024

	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Week 1	27	28	29	30	31	1 Goldfields Cyclassic	2 Goldfields Cyclassic
Week 2	3 Western Australia Day	4	5	6 Community Bus	7	8	9
Week 3	10	11	12	13 Community Bus	14	15	16
Week 4	17	18 Community Feedback Session	19	20 Community Bus	21	22	23
Week 5	24	25	26	27 Community Bus Ordinary Council Meeting	28	29	30

■ Public Holiday

■ School Break

Events Calendar — July 2024

	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Week 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Community Feedback Session					
Week 2	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				Community Bus	NAIDOC Event		
Week 3	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Youth Activities Community Feedback		Community Bus			
Week 4	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Youth Activities		Community Bus Ordinary Council Meeting			
Week 5	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
		Youth Activities Community Feedback		Community Bus			

 School Break

 NAIDOC Week - Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud & Proud.