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Shire Updates



President's Report

On September 13, I attended the Art Prize Awards Evening at the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, where top-quality artworks were showcased, including a

piece from our community member, Simon Poole. This event highlighted the talent within our region and fostered appreciation for the arts. Following this, on September 17, I participated in the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) Meeting at the Shire of Leonora, which brought together representatives from various local governments and government agencies to discuss collaborative emergency management strategies, ensuring the safety and preparedness of our communities.

On September 25, I attended a meeting at the Shire of Leonora with Senator Jacinta Price,

Senator Matt O'Sullivan, Hon. Neil Thomson MLC, Shadow Minister for Treasury; Environment, Rick Wilson MP, Federal Member for O'Connor, CEOs and Council Members of neighboring shires. This meeting provided an opportunity to engage directly with federal representatives and discuss key issues affecting our region.

In terms of infrastructure improvements, irrigation lines have been successfully laid along the Marmion Village pathways and around the car park, with trees also planted along these lines. Additionally, the new parking bay near the oval is now open to the public, and work on the curbing, footpath, and planting of flowers and trees is set to commence shortly. Lastly, the cottages at Goongarrie have undergone significant cleanup efforts by the Shire works crew members.

Paul Warner
Shire President



CEO's Message

At its Ordinary Meeting held on 26 September 2024, the Council made several key decisions.

First, the scope of works for Stage 1 of the Old Post Office Restoration project, focused on reinstating both the structural and aesthetic integrity of the building, was noted. The tender process for this stage will follow a schedule of rates for works up to a total value of \$500,000.

Second, the Council endorsed the scope of works for Stage 1 of the Niagara Dam project, which aims to further investigate and understand the historical significance of the site. This tender will also follow a schedule of rates, with a total value of up to \$225,000.

In addition to these restoration projects, the Council adopted a new policy on the acquisition, display, and management of art. This policy will guide future decisions regarding the Shire's art collection and ensure that art pieces are properly maintained and exhibited for the benefit of the community.

Although it is still early in the planning stage,

the Shire is working on a project that will result in the historic Goongarrie Station Masters house having a new lease of life. The building is structurally sound but in need of some care and attention. The plan is to bring the building up to a standard where it will once again have a functioning role as accommodation and an office. This will help preserve the building and provide additional surveillance over other heritage cottages in the area that are subject to vandalism.

Looking ahead, the Shire will be hosting a community workshop on 30 October 2024 to discuss key developments such as the Skate Park and the proposed Gym, and Nature Based Playground. Community members are encouraged to participate in this workshop to provide feedback and input on these projects, which aim to enhance the recreational facilities in Menzies.

These actions reflect the Council's dedication to preserving both the cultural and historical heritage of Menzies while focusing on future developments that promote community well-being.

Glenda Teede
Chief Executive Officer

Menzies Discovery Day 2024 Update

Shire of Menzies has decided to cancel Menzies Discovery Day 2024 due to several other events scheduled around the same time in nearby Goldfields shires.

A working group/committee will be established to consider alternative dates and potential changes to the event format, with input from the Shire of Menzies community. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to working together on future plans for Discovery Day in early 2025.

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

Ordinary Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 31, October at 1:00pm.

This meeting will be held at the Shire Admin Building, members of the public are welcome to attend. With 15 minutes at the start of every open for Public Question Time.

The Agenda will be available to view on the Shire of Menzies website. Public questions should be submitted by 12 noon the business day prior to the meeting by completing the form on the Shire website.

Visit menzies.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/
For more information



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. Your insights are invaluable in shaping the future of our community. Check the Events Calendar for our regular feedback sessions, held every second Tuesday at 11am at the Menzies Council Chambers. This is a great opportunity to interact with fellow community members and Community Services staff, all while enjoying complimentary snacks and beverages.

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. Your participation, whether in person or remotely, ensures that your voice is heard and contributes to the ongoing development and improvement of our community projects.



Royal Flying Doctor Service

Date (Wednesdays)	Time
October 23	9.30am
November 20	9.30am
December 18	9.30am

Call 08 9080 4370 for Community Nurse, available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Nursing Post, Menzies

If Centre unattended and in need of immediate health advice call

24 HOURS HOTLINE - 1800 022 222

EMERGENCYS - CALL 000

POISON INFORMATION

24 HOURS—CALL 13 11 261

Snake Season



- Remember warmer weather means snakes are becoming more active!
- Keep your backyard tidy, remove likely hiding places like long grass and rubbish
- Leave the snake alone! Snakes are protected and most bites happen when people try to kill or capture them. Back slowly and gently away to a safe distance and let it move away.

Snake relocation assistance:

Call John Warner - 0418 901 926



birdlife
AUSTRALIA

MENZIES AUSSIE BIRD COUNT

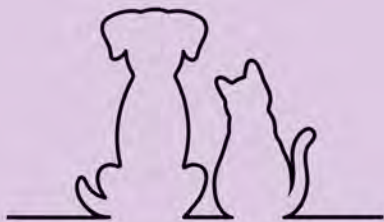
Birdwatching Information Session

with Goldfields Naturalists' Club

Sunday 13 October 9am
Ngalipaku Youth Centre
Breakfast provided

MURDOCH UNIVERSITY STERILISATION PROGRAM

Veterinary students from Murdoch University, under guidance of a senior Vet, will be travelling to Menzies in November to perform sterilisations, pet checks and microchipping for registered dogs and cats in the Shire of Menzies.



**Monday 11, November 7:30am - 5:30pm
at Menzies Town Hall**

Vet Costs

**Sterilisation and pet checks - Free
(to Shire of Menzies Residents)**

**Vaccinations free for pets being sterilised or
\$50 for non-concession card holders**

Please contact the Shire on (08) 9024 2041 by Friday 8 November, limited number for sterilisations available.

Pet Registrations to be paid for by the owner prior to surgery, or on the day, a pet registration tag will be issued.

CASH or EFTPOS accepted at the venue on the day.

we will remember them

Remembrance Day

Monday 11 November, 10:50am
Menzies Town Hall War Memorial
Everyone Welcome

**Commemorating the sacrifices of
members of the armed forces and of
civilians in times of war.**



Escape from Lock-up

John Smith, the escapee from the Menzies lock-up, is still at large, and as far as present indications show, he may continue to be. Nothing has been learned in regard to his whereabouts, and the police have no idea what direction he has taken. It is thought that he cannot have left the district by rail, as the trains have been watched at Menzies and Woolgar, while the police at Kalgoorlie, where Smith is well known, have been apprised of the escape. Smith is also known to the police in the northern districts, and his capture should be effected.

The Public Works Department is responsible for the faulty nature of the locks at the watch-house, and until improved locks are put in use there will always be a danger of prisoners escaping. Seeing that a prisoner escaped several months ago, by the very simple process of unscrewing the bolts which hold the lock, it was culpable negligence on the part of the police department not to have made the lock-up secure; but possibly some action may be taken to repair the cage now that the two have flown.

The man who escaped previously was incarcerated on a trivial charge, and it does not seem to have dawned on the department that a

man charged with a capital offence could possibly follow the example set him. It is not to the local officers that blame is attachable, but to the higher authorities. As a matter of fact, a prisoner could be so fastened in at present as to render his escape impossible. There are double doors to the lock-up, the inner door being of iron bars and the outer of heavy wood. Were the wooden doors kept locked it would be impossible for them to be opened from the inside, but there would then be practically no ventilation in the cells. To confine a man in that way during hot weather would be absolutely cruel, and would render him liable almost to suffocation. All that is needed is a secure lock for each of the iron bar doors, and the failure to provide such locks is proof of the grossest negligence on the part of the departmental officials.

The direct result of this negligence in the present case is that a man charged with attempted robbery, assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, and shooting with intent to murder, is at large, with no immediate prospect of his being recaptured.

Taken from the North Coolgardie Herald,
24 February 1900.

The Miners' Daily, September 21 1897, reported,

"On Monday afternoon Mr. A. Rossell, the local photographer, took a group view of the Menzies pioneers of 1894. The group consists of 18 gentlemen. Copies of the picture will shortly be available."

Articles and all images supplied by the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society. For more information please contact the Society at eghs@kalgroliehistory.org.au or phone 9093 3360.

News and Notes.

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Some pioneers of Menzies, W.A., taken in 1894. (Snap from A. Duke, Northam.)

What a term this has been!

We've enjoyed lots of incursions from Bunnings, Hanroy Smiles, and The Stephen Michaels Foundation, to name a few.

Our enrolment numbers are steadily increasing, and our enrolled students are coming to school regularly. At Assembly this term, we were thrilled to congratulate twenty students for maintaining an attendance level of more than 80% this term.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to the Menzies School Community for your support during our transition period. With your support, we were able to successfully navigate to this point. A new principal, with years of leading smaller schools, will be joining our school next term, and I have no doubt that the community will continue to support her as we work together to support student learning.

Yilpa Class

Through imaginative play, Yilpa class is not only having fun but also learning important lessons about collaboration and teamwork. Our craft sessions have allowed the children to explore their creativity while practicing their fine motor skills.



The joy of blending letters and sounds to form new words continues to be a highlight for our young learners. Each day, we practice spelling and writing, helping students to build confidence in their reading and writing abilities.

Maths in Yilpa Class is all about hands-on learning. We use concrete objects to explore concepts like "more" and "less," and students enjoy grouping items to create simple addition sentences.

Our music sessions with Mr Lindsay are filled with energy as we sing songs and make music together.

Wanampi Class

This term, our Wanampi students have been busy learning and growing!

In English, we have been learning about nouns, verbs, and explored how to write our own stories by creating stronger characters, an exciting plot, and tense conflict in the story. In Maths, we have worked hard to learning our times tables and some students even tackled two-digit multiplication.

Our Science lessons were all about learning discovering interesting water animals found in WA. We completed a mini project and loved conducting an experiment to filter dirty water. In HASS, we learned about the solar system and the water cycle, helping students understand where rain comes from.



We were thrilled to have the Stephen Michael Foundation join us, bringing in fun activities that got us all thinking about kindness and trust. See photos above.

MARLU CLASS

With a mixture of sadness and joy, we sent off our Year 12 student. Faith joined the Marlu class last year and brought with her a gentle nurturing presence that impacted on all the other students.

As part of her farewell, all the Menzies students were invited to share a memory that they have or something they like about her. Her calming, gentleness was appreciated by everyone at school – students and



teachers alike. We wish Faith well in her future

Local

Advertisements



Bush Fire Control

- 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

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**

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.

Leonora Pharmacy



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.

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.

Mr Greens Bar



**JOIN US IN THE BEER GARDEN
EVERYDAY FROM 12 TO LATE**

Menzies Community

Resource Centre (CRC)

Services Include:

- Visitor Information
- Public Library
- Community Postal Agency
- StarTrack Courier
- Toll Freight Line Agency
- Free Government Access Point
- Internet Access Point
- Conference and Meeting Room Hire

Located at the corner of Shenton and Brown Streets Menzies, opening hours Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm

Call us today on (08) 9024 2702

1080 BAITING

risk to domestic pets

**DO NOT RELY ON WARNING SIGNS
WARNING SIGNS ARE PLACED
WHERE APPLICABLE
HOWEVER THEY MAY BE DAMAGED,
REMOVED, VANDALISED OR
DESTROYED.**

**KEEP DOGS
ON LEAD**



GOLDFIELDS INTEGRATED PRIMARY MENTAL HEALTH CARE (IPMHC) SCHEDULE

CENTRECARE WILL BE IN
MENZIES
ON THE FOLLOWING DATES

September 2024 Thursday 12, 26
October 2024 Thursday 10, 24
November 2024 Thursday 7, 21
December 2024 Thursday 5, 19



The IPMHC program is a fee free service that provides counselling and clinical care coordination to individuals experiencing and at risk of developing mental health issues or distress.

GP referrals, Provisional, self-referrals accepted.
Ages 6 years old and above.

FEEL FREE TO DROP BY FOR A YARN.

WHERE: NGALIPALU BUILDING YOUTH CENTRE, MENZIES

TIME: 12PM - 2:30PM

For children, youth, parents and/or carers, please feel free to drop by at the Community School Library for a chat with the counsellor, Philile between 12:30-1:00pm.



WAPHA
WA Primary Health Alliance

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COUNTRY WA.
An Australian Government initiative

Centrecare acknowledges WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) for providing funding in its role as the operator of the Country WA PHN.



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Community Resource Centre**
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For more information please contact Philile on 9080 0333 or email kalgoorlie@centrecare.com.au

GRT EXPRESS TIMETABLE

Kalgoorlie to Laverton

THURSDAYS

Kalgoorlie (Railway Station)	10am
Menzies	11:40 am
Kookynie Turnoff	12:05 pm
Leonora - arrive	12:45pm
Laverton	2:30 pm

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

1800 620 440 or (08) 8982 6000

Laverton to Kalgoorlie

FRIDAYS

Laverton	10am
Leonora - arrive	11:15 am
Kooyne Turnoff	12:00 pm
Menzies	12:30 pm
Kalgoorlie	2:00 pm

PURCHASE TICKET ONLINE

www.goldrushtours.com.au

Menzies Caravan Park

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 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.

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.

Menzies is a good place to live. The people are friendly and helpful. The amenities are as follows:

School, diner, beer garden with a food van, caravan park and children's playground with a summer water park.

A skate park commencing in the new year. A church with a bimonthly service, an air strip and a truck stop with toilets and a hot shower.

Post office, Shire offices and works depot, fuel distributor, recreation center with adjacent game court and nursing post available 3 days a week. There's also a fire truck and ambulance and the flying doctor visits once a month.

Because there is no supermarket in Menzies, the Shire provides a free bus service to Kalgoorlie once a week that enables families to buy their weeks provisions. Kalgoorlie is a big town that provides most services.

Menzies could be considered to be the place to make a second start. The new start would have to be from an owned caravan at the caravan park to obtaining a block of land. I bought my block of land via Gumtree. I have been told that the regulations of living in a caravan on a block have been reviewed because of the housing shortage.

The advantage of Menzies is that the price of land is affordable.

A few projects are about to start in Menzies. The refurbishment of the old historic post office and the Niagara Dam Stage 1 project.

The Grand Hotel at Kookynie has improved its service, encouraging extra patrons.

The Shire has cleaned around the grounds of the old Goongarrie cottages. It can be noticed as one drives past.

There is still plenty of work to do in Menzies. The Shire is working towards making Menzies a place to be visited.

I must mention that there is a void in our community since Cheryl and Simon Poole left our town. Simon was our free of charge Town Planner. He has worked in local Government all his working life and at council meetings he asked some questions. Simon and Cheryl were an asset to the town of Menzies and now they are no longer here. They loved their time in Menzies and will visit again in the near future.

Perhaps when the community hall opens, groups of people will come together and be creative. The Community Hall project has taken a long time to come to fruition. I'm sure there will be a celebration when it happens.

All my reporting for this month. Come and visit Menzies, the town in the Goldfields.

Roy Parfitt

Events Calendar — October / November 2024

	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Week 1	30	1 Community Feedback	2 Community Catch up with CEO	3 Community Bus	4	5	6
Week 2	7	8	9	10 Community Bus	11	12	13 Bird watch Info Session
Week 3	14	15 Community Feedback	16	17 Community Bus	18	19	20
Week 4	21	22	23	24 Community Bus	25	26	27
Week 5	28	29 Community Feedback	30	31 Community Bus	1	2	3
Week 1	4	5	6 Community Catch up with CEO	7 Community Bus	8	9	10
Week 2	11 Vet Program	12 Community Feedback	13	14 Community Bus	15	16	17
Week 3	18	19	20	21 Community Bus	22	23	24
Week 4	25	26 Community Feedback	27	28 Community Bus	29	30	1

- Menzies Aussie Bird Count Week**
- Ordinary Council Meeting**
- Remembrance Day**