



Menzies Matters

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Shire Updates



Shire President's Report

I am pleased to share insights from recent discussions at key events in the local government sector.

Northern Goldfields Working Group Meeting

On September 27, I attended the Northern Goldfields Working Group (NGWG) meeting in Leonora. We had a productive discussion regarding issues affecting our area, including antisocial behaviour, alcohol sales, and the Great Central Road.

WALGA Local Government Convention

From October 8 to 10, I, along with other Council Members and the Chief Executive Officer, attended the WALGA Local Government Convention in Perth. A major topic of discussion was the cost of living, recognised as a pressing issue for ratepayers. The convention also covered important trends in local government and the potential forms of disruption

anticipated in the coming decade. A panel of key political observers shared valuable insights into the issues affecting local governments in the lead-up to the next election. Additionally, there was a spotlight on regional telecommunications and renewable technology innovations in Western Australia. The convention featured excellent stalls showcasing the latest products, machinery, and technology, and it provided great networking opportunities with other local government representatives.

Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) dinner

On October 8, GVROC organised a dinner for its delegates, which I and other Council Members attended. This event provided an excellent opportunity for networking and building connections among members of the local government sector.

Paul Warner



Acting CEO's Message

At its ordinary meeting held on Thursday, 31 October 2024, the Council made several key decisions.

Firstly, I would like to express my appreciation for the teamwork demonstrated by the Shire staff and auditors in ensuring the timely completion of the Annual Audit for year ending 30 June 2024. The exit meeting conducted by the Office of the Auditor General and RSM Australia was well presented at the Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 31 October 2024. The Audited Financial Report is to be presented at the Annual Electors Meeting.

Secondly, the Council endorsed the Community Christmas Party, which will be held on Thursday, 19 December 2024, at the Ngalipaku Youth Centre from 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM. As part of this celebration, there will be a Christmas Light Competition, with the winners being announced at the Community Christmas Party.

Furthermore, the Council endorsed the schedule for the Christmas closure of the Shire Administration Office and Shire Depot, the reduced opening hours of the Community Resource Centre, and general rubbish collection schedule over the Christmas period.

An update to the Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH) project is that it is on schedule.

Looking ahead, and due to increased interest from residents, the Shire of Menzies will take the opportunity to sell, through public auction, several blocks of land owned by the Shire in Menzies, in Menzies and Kookynie. We encourage residents to participate in the event.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the skatepark community consultation and community feedback for the nature playground and community gym. We received a lot of positive responses and will be glad to share the results in the December Menzies Matters.

Kristy Van Kuyl

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION



Royal Flying Doctor Service

Date (Wednesdays)	Time
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

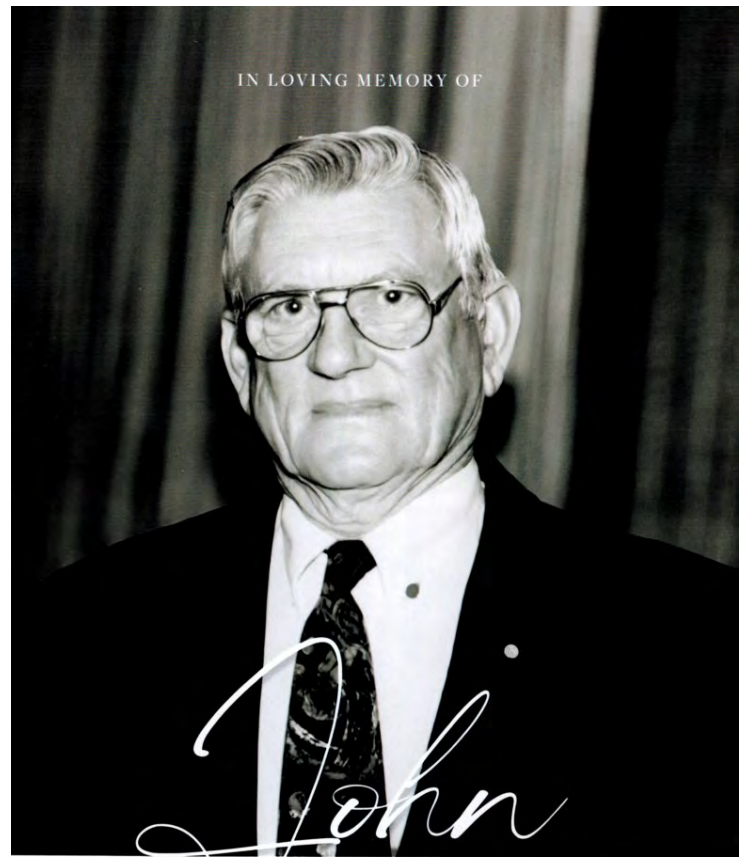
MR STEPHEN JOHN TONKIN

John Tonkin took up his position as Councillor on the Shire of Menzies as a young 35 year old. The journey from his station property to Council meetings involved opening and closing 19 gates.

On retiring from Local Government after forty (40) years of service, John stated that he believed that the essential ingredients for being a good Councillor were to have plenty of common sense and an attitude to fair play.

John applied these attitudes over his entire time as an Elected Member and has been highly respected by everyone that he has worked with and all that he has represented.

Ex-Shire President Greg Dwyer always wore a tie on Council Meeting days due to his respect for former Councillor John Tonkin.



STEPHEN JOHN TONKIN

OAM

4 December 1926 – 2 October 2024

Ordinary Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 28, November 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



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST.....

Opportunity for the Shire of Menzies Community Christmas Party Catering for 100 people please respond by 20th November

MESSAGE US IF YOU ARE INTERESTED!
CDM@MENZIES.WA.GOV.AU


Mobile Service Centres

Can help you with:

- new claims for most Centrelink payments
- updating your information in our records
- confirming documents and supporting information, such as certifying copies of birth certificates
- access to a self service terminal
- using online accounts and Express Plus mobile apps
- registering for a Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) online account
- lodging DVA forms and supporting documents connecting with DVA and support services such as Open Arms.

Visiting Menzies
Friday 29 November
9:30-11:30am

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

Saturday Morning Tea and Mass

Join us for a cuppa and morning tea, where faith, friendship, and fellowship come together

10am Saturday 23rd of November

Community Building on Shenton Street Menzies

Celebration to be held by the Catholic Parish of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
 All faiths and denominations are welcome

'tis the season
Menzies
Christmas Light
Competition

1st Prize
 Christmas Hamper &
 \$250.00 Bunnings Voucher

2nd Prize
 Christmas Hamper &
 \$150.00 Bunnings Voucher

3rd Prize
 Christmas Hamper &
 \$100.00 Bunnings Voucher

MENZIES
CHRISTMAS PARTY

All Welcome

Menzies Community
 Christmas Party
 Thursday 19 December
 4.30pm to 8pm
 Ngalipaku Youth Centre

Admin Office and Works depot
 will be closed from
 5pm Friday, 20 December 2024,
 reopening on
Monday 6 January 2025.

General rubbish collection for
 Menzies and Kookynie is
 scheduled for
Monday, 23 December 2024 and
Monday, 30 December 2024.

For emergencies during this
 period please contact
 Garth Marland - 0408 494 925

Merry Christmas
from the Shire of Menzies



CRC Christmas
Open Hour

The operating hours for the Community
 Resource Centre over the festive period

Monday 23 - Open 9am to 1pm
 Tuesday 24 - Open 9am to 1pm
 Wednesday 25 - **Closed** (Christmas Day)
 Thursday 26 - **Closed** (Boxing Day)
 Friday 27 - **Closed**

Monday 30 - Open 9am to 1pm
 Tuesday 31 - Open 9am to 1pm
 Wednesday 01 January 2025 - **Closed**
 Thursday 02 January 2025 - Open 9am to 1pm
 Friday 03 January 2025 - Open 9am to 1pm

North Coolgardie Herald and Miners Daily News, November 1901, reported, "OPENING OF THE RIFLE RANGE – The new rifle range for the Menzies Volunteer Corps was opened yesterday in the presence of a considerable number of residents. Prior to the opening ceremony, the Corps marched through the streets, presenting a very smart appearance in their khaki uniforms. Mrs Owen fired the first shot at the target and registered a bulls-eye, amidst cheers." Images taken from the Eastern Goldfields Historical Collection.



H. MICKLE,
LEADING HAIRDRESSER AND
TOBACCONIST,
KOOKYNE.
Communications by every mail with
Hobart, Tasmania.



J. J. MICKLE,
Menzies.



D. MICKLE,
Mount Morgans.



H. MICKLE,
Kookynie.



W. MICKLE,
Laverton.

The Pioneer and Leading Hairdressers and Tobacconists of the Northern Goldfields.

Early Menzies by George Spencer Compton (Eastern Goldfields Historical Society)

After Coolgardie (September 1892) the probing fingers of exploration pushed outwards still further into country unknown: it was an orderly sequence of finds that gave the "25-mile: 45-mile and the 90-mile". In all the long years since, the 90-Mile (or Goongarrie) has yielded only about 3,500 ozs of alluvial and specimen gold, with 22,000 ozs from 32,000 tons milled – not a very glamorous record – and yet Goongarrie was, in '93 and '94 a place most satisfying to quite a few men. It is highly likely that a lot of early ounces were never reported, and went into the "chamois" without fuss. It was a 'small man's area' with many rich prizes. Leaving Coolgardie, the track lead out, past Mt. Burges, to the 25-Mile: the 45-Mile then to Canegrass and so to the 90-Mile. No enticing country lay between and very little water: the further from Coolgardie the fewer the comforts! Yet here and there the little gold that was encouraging: the gold that optimism seemed to make shine more brightly and hope to magnify in amount. Two hundred miles back to Southern Cross, therefore very few frills on the menu!

Along the track some few hardy souls moved: a few strings of camels carted their stores. In due

course Tobias Bros. of Coolgardie set up a forward store there, and their manager was a man destined to occupy a very prominent place on the North Coolgardie stage, Harry Gregory.

In '94 the probing fingers pushed out again: this time from Goongarrie taking J.J. Brown, C. Kirkby and C. Jackman to a point 20 miles on. They were on gold, sank a shaft; did their mining and prospecting work well and according to the rules: but the place just did not seem to be good enough to warrant a title: while four miles further on, on a little stony outcrop (of scattered specimens) L.R. MENZIE and J. McDonald's camels kicked over a few rich floaters. The spot became "The Lady Shenton Mine".

Menzie and McDonald were out in the bush on behalf of a Perth Syndicate (Sir George Shenton, H.J. Saunders, R.F. Sholl, N. McNeill and others). After tracing the rich outcrop for a few hundred feet by the stones that lay scattered about with gold in them like small pellets, the two rode back to Coolgardie. On 1st October 1894 the find was registered: Lease No. 1380 in the name of Menzie and Sir George Shenton: and lease 1381 for Menzie and R.F. Sholl. These became "The Lady Shenton Mine" and the place MENZIES.



Local

Advertisements



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

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.



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.



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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.



Supported by

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

*Mr Greens Bar
Menzies Hotel*

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

*Menzies Hotel
Food Truck
& Catering*

**JOIN US IN THE BEER GARDEN
7AM TO 7PM MONDAY TO THURSDAY
7AM TO 8PM FRIDAY
12PM TO 8PM SATURDAY
12PM TO 7PM SUNDAY**

PIONEER STORE ART GALLERY

LOCAL ABORIGINAL ART EXHIBITION // ART GALLERY

**OPEN
1PM - 4PM
TUESDAY & THURSDAY**

**MENZIES
ABORIGINAL
CORPORATION**

**LAURIE'S
CAFÉ
MENZIES WA**

**CALL AHEAD
UHF CHANNEL 38
OR CALL 0482 686 876**

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.

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
Kooynie 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.

Events Calendar — November / December 2024 / January 2025

	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Week 1	4	5	6	7 Community Bus	8	9	10
Week 2	11 Vet Visit	12	13	14 Community Bus	15	16	17
Week 3	18	19	20 Doctor @ Nursing Post	21 Community Bus	22	23 Morning Tea & Mass	24
Week 4	25	26	27	28 Community Bus	29 Services Australia	30	1
Week 1	2	3	4	5 Community Bus	6	7	8
Week 2	9	10	11	12 Community Bus	13	14	15
Week 3	16	17	18 Doctor @ Nursing Post	19 Community Xmas Party	20	21	22
Week 4	23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29
Week 1	30	31	1 Happy New Year	2	3	4	5

- Remembrance Day
- Ordinary Council Meeting
- Doctor at Nursing Post