



Menzies Matters

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Breakfast, Awards and Community Spirit at this Years Australia Day Celebrations in the Shire of Menzies



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Take a look around!

- Historic Sites
- Lake Ballard
- Golden Quest Drive Trail
- Kookynie
- Niagara Dam
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Thanks go to Marina Bauer, Jerry Lenane & Debbie Seale for the Australia Day photography.

They say it all!

Minister for Education, Tourism & Women's Interests Menzies Remote Community School Visit



Miss Walker, Principal Miss Oliver, Minister, Miss Kelly, Miss Blizzard & Miss Sheehan at Menzies RCS.



Minister with the whole School



Principal Sue Oliver with the Minister



Minister with Yr 4-7 Wan-um-bee Class- Left to Right
Cassiah Ridley, Isha Forrest, Tonia Tucker, Crystal Forrest, Shania Cameron,
Iona Sheehan-Lee, Caroline Dimer, Allana Seale, and Pamela Blizzard.

Thanks to Staff of Menzies RCS for the photos.

Dr Elizabeth Constable the Minister for Education, Tourism and Women's Interests arrived in Menzies earlier this month. With such a large and varied portfolio in education, tourism and women's interests the Minister must certainly be a busy one. There was much anticipation for her visit because out of the Northern Goldfields towns the minister's itinerary only included Menzies.

After a visit to Lake Ballard with Staff and Councillors from the Shire of Menzies in the morning the minister visited the Menzies remote Community School and had a luncheon with Staff and Councillors at the Town Hall. Although brief, the visit was well attended and the outcomes positive for Menzies.

In the Kalgoorlie Miner's correspondent Charlotte Hamlyn's article the minister describes the Menzies RCS teaching staff as "sensational and wonderfully professional and experienced people who are doing an excellent job." The minister was also "enthusiastic about the Council's tourism plans in place for the region. I was very impressed with a small remote town like Menzies that's very fired up about tourism." "They've got a wonderful product in Lake Ballard and they are very keen to develop that."



Matters arising from the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Thursday 22nd January 2009 .

1 .Local Government Scholarship Programme.

It is very pleasing to see the resolution of Council to support Mr Royce Bonney in the Works Team as a suitable candidate for the Local Government Scholarship Scheme and where this will assist to consolidate the employee base and contribute to the long term stability in the Shire. Accordingly, we welcome Mr Bonney to the Shire of Menzies work Force and look forward to a long and fruitful relationship.

2.Caravan Park Upgrade Project.

Council progressed this project with significant decisions towards the design of the layout for the extended Caravan Park and where already contracts have been issued for the supply and installation of the Bio-Max waste water recycling facility, removal of the water main in the former R.O.W. and has also engaged a consulting engineer to design the revised plan according to the new resolutions. Accordingly this is an exciting time for this community as we see growth and development occurring and where it is indeed planned that these developments will be effectively concluded by June 30th, 2009.

3.Dog Baiting Issue.

A most distressing issue was considered by Council in January relative to this matter and a significant petition was also presented to council reflecting the concerns the community hold over this upsetting matter. In this regard, Council has offered a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to a conviction where indeed members of the community are encouraged to bring information to the attention of the Police in Leonora to assist them in their enquiry into this matter.

4.Application for a Commercial Diesel re-fuelling Facility.

Council approved an application from the owners of the Hotel to provide a 24 hour per day Diesel re-fuelling facility to operate in town by use of a "Swipe Card" where it is intended to provide a service to the community which is presently not available. Accordingly this is also an exciting innovation and contributes to the development of the economics and development of the town.

5.Road Construction Programme.

The council's construction programme for the year will be achieved by engaging contractors and where Breakaway Earthmoving of Kookynie and Tasman Civil Pty Ltd of Perth have been awarded contracts for this work. Accordingly it is expected that this work will be concluded during March 2009 and where great progress for the road network at the Kookynie Road, Menzies North-West road, Menzies Evanston road and the Mt. Ida road will be evident.

6."Bunbury Men of Song."

A further very innovative and exciting project for the Council is the engagement of a Choral Prelude from the "Bunbury Men of Song" who will bring a team of 25 singers to town for the week-end of May 30th to perform for Menzies on the Saturday evening and where this great event is likely to be highlight of the year for Menzies and where we encourage the community to attend.

7.Extra-ordinary Election.

Council also resolved to hold an extra-ordinary election on Wednesday March 25th, 2009 to fill the vacancy in the Menzies Ward occasioned by the recent resignation of Cr. Mazza and where is also a great opportunity for members of the public interested in Public office to consider nomination for the position.

8.Infrastructure Funding.

Council has recently been awarded Infrastructure Grants from the State and Federal Governments for the purpose of stabilizing the economy in the sum of nearly \$900,000 and where council resolved to apply these funds as follows:

1.) The Menzies Caravan Park	\$400,000
2.) Further sealing of the Kookynie Road	\$391,732
3.) Gravel Sheetting of the Mt. Ida Road	\$100,000
Total Grants	\$891,732

Accordingly this is a great chance for Council to embrace growth and development for the community and this resolution achieves that endeavour.



The Shire of Menzies Council has issued the following Reward Notice

REWARD

\$1000.00

*The Menzies Shire Council is offering a
\$1000.00
Reward for any information leading to a
conviction for the
"Poisoning of Dogs in our Town"*

*This is a despicable thing to do and we
will not stand for it.*

Please call Leonora Police on Phone: 90376 100

Appeal for Information

Regrettably there was a spate of 1080 bait poisonings of a large number of Menzies residents dogs during the Christmas and New Year period. What should have been a festive season became a very distressful time for those families unfortunate to lose their much loved pets. The Menzies Shire Council has offered this substantial reward and this matter is now in the hands of the Leonora Police. It is encouraging that this support will eventually bring some peace of mind to those affected by this cruel and unnecessary action.

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~ Community Notice Board ~

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 for five weeks from that date.

FOR IMMEDIATE HEALTH ADVICE CALL
HEALTH DIRECT 1800 022 222
ANYTIME DAY OR NIGHT

POISONS INFO AVAILABLE
 24Hrs 13 11 26
IF URGENT CONTACT 000 or
SHIRE : 90242041 / A.H. 90242051

POITIER MEDICAL PRACTICE -
LEONORA
APPOINTMENTS - Ph: 90376238
EMERGENCIES -- Ph: 90804300

SHIRE OF MENZIES



Council Meetings are usually held in the Council
 Chambers at the Menzies Town Hall

Next 3 Ordinary Meeting of Council will be -

February - Thursday 26 2009 at 9:00am

March - Thursday 26 2009 at 9:00am

April - Thursday 23rd 2009 at 9:00am

Please note that for 2009 all Council Meetings will be
 held on the 4th Thursday of each month.

The general public are welcome for question time at
 the start of each months Council Meeting.

VISITING SPECIALISTS- LEONORA

FEMALE GP -

Dr Elena Ghergori

Next scheduled visit Mon 23rd Feb 2009

Appointments Ph: 90376238

GYNAECOLOGIST & COLPOSCOPIST

Dr Robyn Leake

Next scheduled visit Mon 16th March 2009

Appointments Ph: 90376238

Water Wise Advice for Menzies Residents

Follow the chart below from the last digit of
 your House or Lot numbers for watering days.

Last Digit of your Lot or House Number	Your Watering days are:
1	1st,3rd,5th,7th,9th, 11th, 13, etc
2	2nd,4th,6th,8th, 10th, 12th, 14th
3	1st,3rd,5th,7th,9th, 11th, 13, etc
4	2nd,4th,6th,8th, 10th, 12th, 14th
5	1st,3rd,5th,7th,9th, 11th, 13, etc
6	2nd,4th,6th,8th, 10th, 12th, 14th
7	1st,3rd,5th,7th,9th, 11th, 13, etc
8	2nd,4th,6th,8th, 10th, 12th, 14th
9	1st,3rd,5th,7th,9th, 11th, 13, etc
0	2nd,4th,6th,8th, 10th, 12th, 14th
You may water only once each day either before 9am or after 6pm	



Fire Disaster Relief Appeal

Appealing to residents of the Menzies
 Shire to donate any clean serviceable
 items for packages to go to Victorian fire victims.
 Please bring donations to the Council Chambers
 before 7th March.

A fundraising Sausage Sizzle with live music by
 'Slim McCloud' will be held in the Shire Carpark on
Sat 7th March 2009





Poets Corner

Kindly supplied
by Aileen Kelly

Degrees of Cooks - by Jack Drake

Inspect any station across this great nation,
The cook will be somebody's wife.
Since the ladies took over, a stockman or drover
Need no longer fear for his life.

But it wasn't that way in the battling old days
When cooks were a species apart.
They were rated by five if they kept you alive.
A cook was the one at the start.

Next came the cuckoo who made a fair stew
But damper replaced home made-bread.
The roasts and the rest would be average at best
But at least everybody got fed.

Number three was the slayer they called a 'bait-layer' -
An unclean and scurrilous lout.
His curries and stews were a glutinous ooze,
His roasts had blood seeping out.

If Baitlayers were bad, 'tucker mockers' were mad.
Their dampers were lumps of raw dough.
And the word I've called 'mucker' also rhymes with 'tucker'.
I can't say it - children, you know.

But on top of the heap, that detestable creep,
That evil unsavoury cur
Shouldn't cook for a dog.
Soaked in dirt, vice and grog
They knew as 'willful murderer'.

He smelled like a skunk, was perpetually drunk.
Men lived on raw meat and burnt flour.
They would run at each end and their workday expend.
Squatting out on the flat by the hour.

For a worker today, a fine breakfast is laid.
At smoko there's biscuits and scones
And the lunches and teas send old hand to their knees
To thank God the Good Old Days are gone.

~ FUTURE Free ADVERTISING SPACE ~

The Menzies Matters is looking for small business advertising for future editions.

If you are a local or regional business looking to advertise in a small community based newsletter in the Northern Goldfields, the Centre Co-ordinator's contact details are on the last page of this edition of the Menzies Matters.

~CONTRIBUTION FOR THE MENZIES MATTERS~

All contributions for future additions of the Menzies Matters need not be long and lengthy articles, short sweet ones are just as good if not better. Hoping to encourage young and old to send a poem, a short story (it doesn't have to be your own - it could just be a favourite) or a thankyou to some one who has done you a favour or special occasion notice. If you have a contribution, contact details for the Menzies Matters are on the back page - top left hand side or call into the centre and deliver your article personally. It would be nice to hear from you.



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The 'Former' Lady Shenton Hotel houses a Community Postal Agency for Menzies. Business Hours are from 9am - 4.30pm Weekdays only.

As yet, we do not have EFTPOS or bill payment facilities but look towards that aim in the future. Basic postal supplies, Postage Stamps, Padded and Tough packaging, Express Post & Registered Post are available.

An Australia Post Catalogue is available for customer stationery orders which generally will be filled within two working days. Please ask for the catalogue and place your orders here.

Post Boxes will be available in the near future for after hours collection of mail. If you would like to enquire about reserving a Post Box please call into the Community Post Office for a form.

Kookynie Volunteer Association Inc.

This is a newly incorporated group seeking to progress the Kookynie Hall Project and identify and contribute to regional working projects by encouraging participation through local, regional and visiting volunteers.

Notice of General Meeting - Date: Sat 21st Feb
Time: 1:00pm Venue: Lyn Duncan's - Gwalia

(For more info contact Lyn ph: 90377175 A/H)

A BYO - BBQ Lunch will follow

Any person who wishes to further the interests of the Association is welcome to attend.

For KVA info Greg Ph:90313031, Robyn Ph:90242702 or
email: riflepoint@bigpond.com (Greg)



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February - March 2009

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Visiting female GP - Leonora	24 Red Cross Appeal	25	26 Shire Council Meeting 9:00am	27	28

March 2009

1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Fire Appeal Concert
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Visiting Gynaecologist- Leonora	17	18	19	20	21