



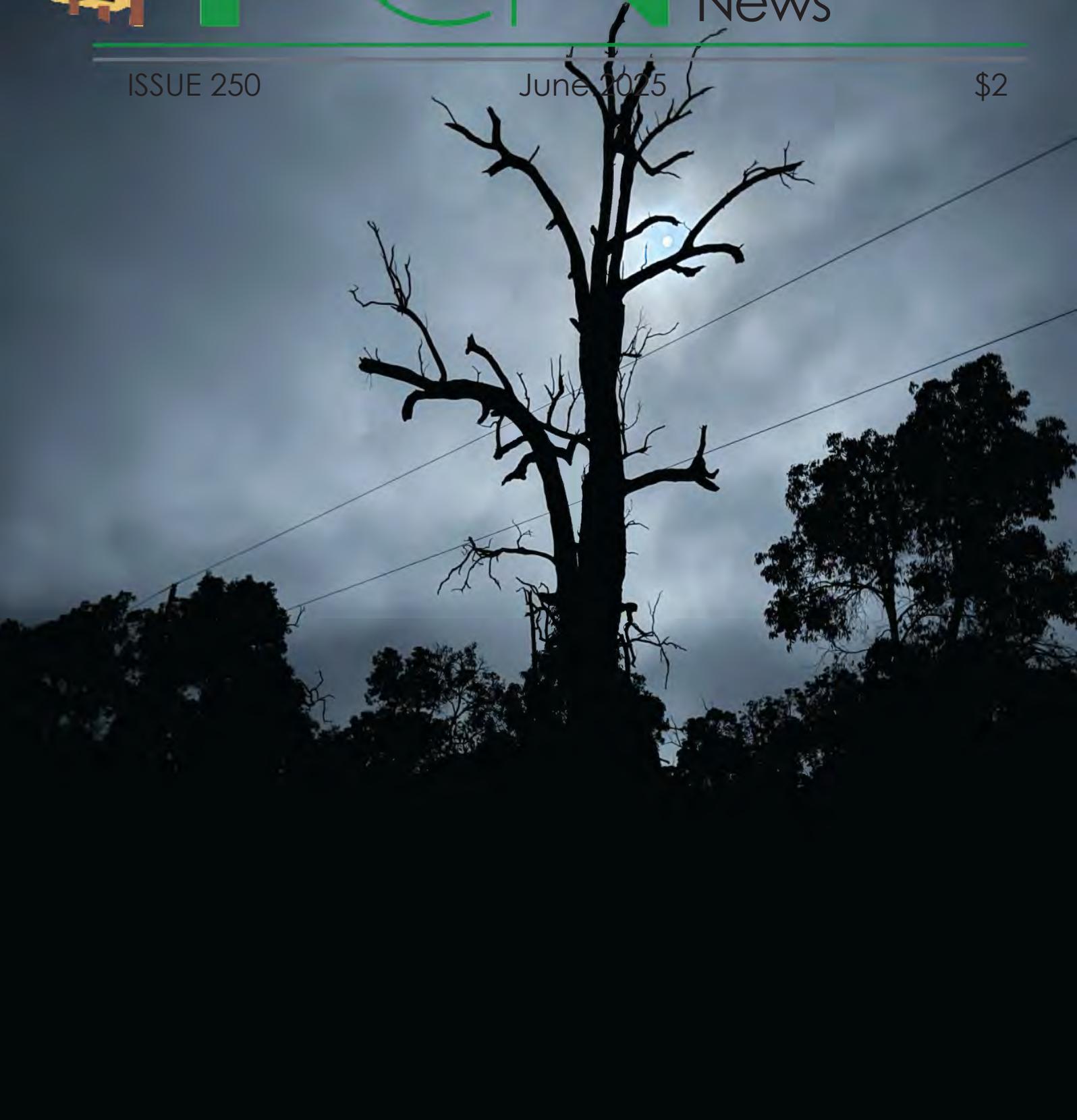
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IRELAND

ANNE O'DONNELL

Photos by Kelly Cabassi

How fortunate to have been to Ireland for the third time and lots of other places as well but the pull to Ireland comes from a rich heritage of my people from the Emerald Isles.

Obviously this visit has to be my last one, the spirit is willing but the knees are not.

Sharing my passion for Belfast, County Antrim, with others who let me have my head was splendid "Go for it Mum" was the catch cry, and I made the most of it. Standing in front of the altar where my Pop and Mater were married, running my hands over the baptismal font where my mum and her brothers and sisters were baptised was unforgettable and my heart was full.

A wonderful parishioner then put things in perspective as we viewed the locked iron gates, the barrier of netting and barbed wire, the high protected fencing and the memorials to the two ladies, one a nun and the other a young girl who died in a bomb attack not so many years ago. The area was Ballymacarret, where Saint Matthew's Catholic Church, convent, presbytery and school had been under instant attack since the beginning of the 20th century.

Fortunately the story was recorded in an excellent little book which really tore at the heart strings. Did the Priests, Sisters, kids or parishioners run and hide?? Not on your life, they stuck it out, and are sticking it out still, with times when the streets are closed off to allow for marchers and attacks, and the security system keeps the area in lockdown when not being used.

Time to move on with an interesting bus ride and then taxi to the fishing village where my Pop was born and raised. It is on the Irish Sea and looks like something out of a picture book, a place where the taxi driver from the next town just up the road, had never been before. A walk on the beach where the fishing boats were moored and a handful of sand and shell grit made one wonder "Did my Pop actually walk on this over a hundred years ago". This area was in County Down and I think Pop escaped the year the railway opened and he headed for the delights of Belfast where he met my Mater and on the outskirts of Belfast in Dundonald they raised their five kids.

Now my Mater was about five foot nothing and skinny as a rake but her story is extraordinary. One of eleven children from ages 2 months to eighteen years were left orphaned when their parents and a young sibling died in an influenza epidemic in the 1880s and the children were either farmed out to relations or put into service.

Three of the four adult young men appear to have been in the mammoth workforce building the Titanic in Belfast but the Sectarian violence ended up with a couple in jail (I'd like to think they threw a few punches) and job losses so they were scattered all over the place, never married and are lost in the annals of time. Only the youngest child is recorded as married in England and producing a fine family, while the oldest boy went to Scotland, got married, was a lemonade salesman, had a child and promptly died.

And so it was that Mater came to Australia and pop, established a home by working on the railway line through Preston alley and ended up the tiniest mill town in the South West of WA, and the family of Mater and the five

kids, plus another to round it off, lived in a hessian lined mill house and finally purchased a farming property - which is still in the family. There are now 56 of us in the direct bloodline.

My recollections as a small child was of hard working, faithful, responsible people who loved where they were, but in every breath were drawn to their heritage. No going back, no stories to tell, no grieving. Letters from Ireland were treasured like gold, and the evening rosary which was never missed under pain of death finished with "the trimmins' where every conceivable event was prayed for. I particularly recall the "and all the souls who go down to the sea in ships and are lost". They had arrived in WA about the same time as the Titanic went down, but that too was never mentioned.

On leaving Belfast, we joined a Coach Tour through the north and our wonderful Guide filled us in on the details of Irish Immigration and it was truly traumatic. Absolutely everyone from the Vikings and down through the centuries lusted for Ireland and they were under attack from all sides. 180,000 died in the Potato Famine, an estimated 200,000 emigrated to the USA and to the slums of England.

The most heartening story we heard was of a ship from Canada bringing in timber for construction who were so appalled by what they saw of people dying in the street that they took as many as they could fit on the empty boat to Canada where they were welcomed with open arms. This journey of loving generosity continued for years and so we can account for the huge Irish presence in the American continent.

Some wonderful Irish families came to us through Group Settlement and the goldfields while others like mine just slogged their innards out to make a new and hopeful life for their family. I am enormously proud of my ancestors and can assure you that the present day Irish are determined to battle and keep their identity in a changing world. In the Republic, Gaelic is taught in all schools, employees are expected to be fluent in Gaelic and all signs are in the old language with English subtitles. There is a sense of tenseness in Northern Ireland the "troubles" still haunt them, but they live and laugh still.

Good luck to them I say. They have a battle on their hands but having had a bottled history and a quantity of research I give them a better than even chance of succeeding as they are a proud, resilient and talented people who love themselves and life in general.

So today we find Irish Pubs in every city and large town, including some truly weird places, we have delight in finding our Irish convict relations with pride. They got shipped over to Botany Bay by the thousands. We all slug a Guinness in March, and some more often. Irish whiskey!!!?that's a tale for another day.

The Irish sent us so many actors and actresses, singers and storytellers, sportsmen and women, politicians and priests a nuns by the thousands You must have a connection somewhere

it is said that half the world is Irish and the other half would like to be.

p.s forgot to say my paternal Grandmother's family came from Ballyjamesduff. Honestly, that is a place name

THE DIAMOND TREE - A LANDMARK OF THE SOUTHERN FORESTS

ARTICLE BY AJ QUINTON

Images from Diamond Tree by Roger Underwood

After writing about the Gloucester Tree months ago and doing extensive research on it, I thought it was time to turn my attention to another famous giant in our tiny corner of the world—the Diamond Tree. Just as iconic, it holds a unique place in the history of the Southwest and has long captured the attention of locals and tourists alike. I wanted to find out: how did they build the platform? Why was it done? When did it all happen? And who made it possible?

Located in the Shire of Manjimup, the Diamond Tree stands tall in the Diamond State Forest. First named in November 1941, just before the start of the 1941/42 fire season, the tree served as a vital part of Western Australia's forest fire detection system. Over the course of more than 30 years, it was used as a fire lookout and eventually became one of the region's most beloved tourist attractions.

Construction of the climbing structure began with George Reynolds, who used a 2-inch gouger to make holes in the tree's trunk. Into each hole, he hammered a wooden peg made from Swan Karri. Sitting on one peg and wrapping his legs around the one below, Reynolds would continue drilling and hammering pegs in a spiral pattern all the way up the tree—installing a total of 120 pegs. To make climbing safer and easier, galvanized steel pegs were later added between the wooden ones. A second set of pegs was then installed behind the climbing line to support a wire cage that enclosed the ladder.



Dick Sprague at work in the top of a karri tree in early 1940s. The photographer was probably Reg Monkhouse, and the tree is Diamond Tree.

Sprague appears to be using an imported American Plumbaxe, considered by bushmen of the day to be the best axes for tree felling.

After completing the climbing pegs and cage, it was discovered that the view from the top of the tree wasn't sufficient to monitor all parts of the surrounding bushland. The solution? Build a tower on top of the tree. Foresters Laurie Jones and George Reynolds, along with a team from Manjimup, undertook the task. First, jarrah bearers were hoisted and bolted into place, forming a stable platform. The actual lookout cabin was built on the ground, then dismantled and lifted in sections using a hand-operated winch. Once at the top, it was reassembled and bolted into place—forming a one-of-a-kind lookout.



Laurie Jones and George Reynolds boring the holes through the limbs with brace and bit, in preparation for securing the main bearers on the top of Diamond Tree

John Evans, a regional fire officer for the Forests Department during the 1980s and '90s, later reflected on the Diamond Tree in a memoir. He wrote:

"Diamond Tree, constructed in 1941, was not just a tree lookout but was unique because the cabin sat on a 6m wooden tower, unlike the other trees which had been fixed directly to the tree bole or upper limbs... Diamond Tree was a significant tourist drawcard in the Southern Forest."

Today, although no longer climbed for safety reasons, the Diamond Tree remains an iconic symbol of our forestry heritage and a powerful reminder of the ingenuity and courage of the people who once worked in its heights.



Greetings.....Our newsletter for June.

Vale Zoran Panzich

Zoran, our local journalist of 1980s and 90s, was always enthusiastic about his new home area after escaping from Sarajevo in 1958. As a journalist he was happy to look into and support any local issues.

Working for the then Warren-Blackwood Times he was soon on board to investigate and expose the newly set up Rajneesh community that had quietly taken up at Karri Valley.

They were left alone until a school was established to enhance "freedom of sexual expression" and a gentleman came to Pemberton looking for his missing daughter.

Zoran wrote many articles in the paper which led to an ABC '60 Minutes' programme.

The Rajneesh leaders were interviewed and when Ma Shiela was asked what she thought of the local's objection to her cult she replied "tough titties".

The cult became only history at Karri Valley.

Zoran was appreciated and now missed.

Pemberton

Pemberton was officially named in the Government Gazette of Western Australia on October 30th 1925.

Our settlement, established at the base of Thomson's Hill was known as Big Brook and as the mill developed in 1912/13 it was known as Big Brook State Saw Mill 2 and 3.

Bullock teams, a mill and a basic bush railway system, singlemens huts along with rudimentary shops, boarding houses and hall and the essence of the town evolved.

A new school was built after being housed in the Mill Hall lesser hall. The Group Settlers filtered in and were battling to tame the forests for farming land.

The settlement needed an official name and with help from the Brockman's at Warren Bridge, the name of Pemberton was settled on.

Somewhere through the years the name of the brook was changed from Big Brook to our present Lefroy (that is another story). Investigation is still going on there, so if you have any information about that change we would love to include it in our next museum exhibition.

We are planning a new focus at our museum for Pemberton's official naming, 100 years on. Our exhibition will open on 18th October and run for 6 months, similar to our present successful displays and exhibitions for our Group Settlers.

Please view our museum at any time that the visitor centre is open in order to get a code to entre. Entry is free for locals whilst the tourists are charged \$5 which goes towards our running costs.

Our workshop is open 10 – 12 on Thursdays with an open invitation to locals, volunteers and new members. Donations of museum items and history notes are always welcome.

State Heritage listed Pemberton Pool is undergoing it's yearly draining and maintenance (although last year had to be postponed). Ongoing works are in place and going well.

Pemberton Heritage and History Group. Email: pembertonhistory@gmail.com

Below: Bob Widdison, Jim Thomson & Bob Thomson



1 JUNE 2025

SMOKE ALARM ACTION DAY

Be smart and take part
Test your smoke alarm





MILL HALL UPDATE

The Mill Hall was an iconic venue for the 100 Year Group Settlement Celebrations held in April. People came from afar to join in the celebrations to honour our precious pioneers.

The Commercial Kitchen was a wonderful asset used for catering throughout the weekend.

Many thanks to Mr Tony Ryan for allowing access to the Ryan Family’s DVD which was shown on the big screen.

There are many inquiries from near and far for hiring the Mill Hall, even at a National level!

- THURSDAYS 5PM BOOTSCOOTING
- JUNE 14TH 7PM OLD TIME DANCE

This hall was built for the community and stands strong as testament to the wonderful hard-working community members who have in the past and continue to maintain this building. You are always welcome to contribute to keep this iconic venue in top condition. We would love you to become a member for \$16.50.

Mill Hall banking details:

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We have an account with Containers for Change. This is for the collection of the 10c cans and bottles. The account is C10562118. You can drop them off or we can pick them up for you. You are also welcome to leave them at the tip in a woven plastic bag (feed bag) and label them with the number C10562118.

President

Deanne Ventris

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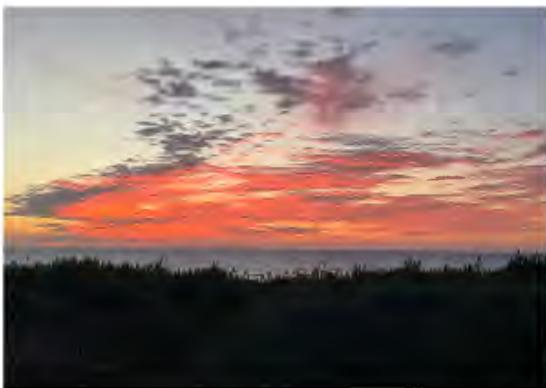
ARTICLE BY TRISTAN MILLS

Images by Tristan Mills

Over the past few weeks, I’ve had a variety of camping experiences, but this one had probably been one of my more unique experiences. Camping at a caravan park in Perth? Yeah, doesn’t really sound like camping to most, but I was in a swag on an empty pad of ground, so I still think it counts.

The Coogee Discovery Park is a great place to stay, under the trees, sheltered and a two-minute walk from the beach and a 5-minute walk from the Coogee Foreshore, making for amazing evening walks with breathtaking sunsets. If you need a cheap way to stay in Perth, this is it.

The very next week however, things were different. It was the annual Pemberton Cricket Club fishing trip, taking place at the Malimup Beach campgrounds, about an hour drive through the bush from the Windy Harbor Road.



This campground is a worthy rival for the Coogee Discovery Park, offering its own toilets (Drop toilet) and water facilities, it was truly a luxury. Roughly 5 minutes from the campground is the beach, where attractions range from fishing, beach driving, finding cool shells or watching P platers get bogged to the chassis and snapping their fishing rod in half on the first cast (This was witnessed at a previous year’s trip). No phone signal, a sheltered campground underneath the peppies, allowing you to disconnect from the outside world and internet drama and have a good time.

REGIONAL COLUMN

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - BUSSELTON
Annetta Bellingeri



Older residents in the Southwest are invited to a free, informative, and welcoming community event hosted by Consumer Protection.

Seniors Connect Busselton is a one-stop-shop event where attendees can get practical advice on topics such as staying active and socially connected, planning for the future, scam prevention, prepaid funerals, seniors' benefits, and how to raise concerns about health or disability services.

Attendees will be able to speak directly with representatives from various agencies such as WA Seniors Card, Injury Matters, Health and Disability Services Complaints Office, Department of Health -Aged Care and collect useful resources.

A qualified health professional will demonstrate simple exercises to encourage movement and well-being. Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided.

Consumer Protection staff will also be in Busselton from 27-29 May, and available to speak with anyone about concerns relating to housing, rentals, vehicles, charities, or consumer rights.

Seniors Connect Busselton will be held on Thursday, 29 May 2025, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Undalup Room, City of Busselton, 2 Southern Drive.

To reserve your place:

Call 6552 9598, or search "Seniors Connect Busselton" online at Eventbrite.

MONTHLY PRAYER

Father God,

We love, honour you and thank you for giving us your son Jesus so that we may come to you asking for forgiveness and set our prayers before you. You have taught us to place you first in our lives and to honour our neighbour as ourselves. Help us to serve our friends, family and community.

We thank you for the rich, fertile land, hard work of our farmers and the local produce we enjoy. We pray for rain to fill our tanks and dams for the orchards and crops. We ask for rain to waters our gardens and help our orchards flourish. The soil is rich in nutrients and we are grateful for this food bowl in which we live.

Heal those suffering from physical pain, hurt, grief or loneliness. We pray they may be healed and receive respite. We thank you for those in our community who work or volunteer to help these people. We thank you for their kindness, love, compassion and care.

We pray for those who govern our land and ask for wisdom, honour and truth to guide them when making decisions affecting our community and the environment. Thank you that we live in a country that values freedom and democracy for everyone to be heard

In your mercy, Amen



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The Southern Forests region is one of WA's most significant food-producing areas, and the numbers back it up. It's not just a local industry; it's a regional powerhouse.

To better understand the scale of our contribution, the SFFC engaged Regional Development Australia – South West to undertake a detailed analysis of the region's economic activity.

The report presents a data-driven assessment of the economic contribution of key primary and secondary industries across the Southern Forests region. It focuses on Agriculture—specifically horticulture, excluding forestry—and Food and Beverage Manufacturing. Together, these sectors contribute \$750 million to the region's total economic output, representing 22% of all output. They also account for 1,400 jobs, or 20% of total regional employment.

These figures clearly demonstrate the importance of agriculture to the Southern Forests. It's the economic backbone of our communities, a major contributor to WA's food security, and a key player in sustaining regional livelihoods. As demand for reliable, high-quality food grows, the need grows for the Southern Forests to continue to deliver, with quality, scale, and impact.



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FRI 4 JUL | 6.30PM-10PM | GATSBY'S MANJMUP

Our growers have made it through another season, and we want to celebrate with a night off the farm at Gatsby's Skyline. Enjoy a line-up of hilarious comedians, a good feed by Cilantro's, and a belly laugh or two with your peers. Entry and dinner provided free for SFFC members, and bookings are essential. Check the next SFFC Member Update to snag your free tickets before 20 June.



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LOTTERYWEST BOOSTS PEMBERTON COMMUNITY HUB - BALANG MIYA

ARTICLE BY SHIRE OF MANJIMUP

The Shire of Manjimup has secured a Lotterywest grant of \$323,488 to support the finalisation of the Balang Miya Pemberton Community Hub, a project that has been more than a decade in the making.

Initially conceived as a simple colocation of the Pemberton RSL, Community Resource Centre and Library, the vision for the hub expanded over time into a vibrant, multi-purpose precinct housing eight community organisations. In 2020, the Shire received an initial \$1.2 million grant from Lotterywest to bring this ambitious project to life.

While the impacts of COVID-19, such as escalating building costs, trade shortages, and supply delays, required the project to be scaled back from its original scope, the hub was delivered in 2023 with a strong focus on core community priorities. Guided by extensive consultation, thoughtful planning, and a commitment to long-term community benefit, groups moved into the co-designed space during 2023-2024.

Together with a \$100,000 contribution from the Shire, the latest funding will enable key finishing touches to the hub, including some minor building works, fencing, air-conditioning, solar panels, an accessibility ramp, and enhancements to the external community space. These final elements will further enhance the hub's functionality and amenity, completing a project built on years of community vision and collaboration.

Shire President Donelle Buegge said the latest funding marks a major milestone for the project. "This funding allows us to bring the vision for Balang Miya to completion after years of dedication, collaboration, and perseverance. While the journey has had its challenges, the commitment of all involved has ensured we have a community hub that will serve generations to come. We deeply appreciate Lotterywest's continued support in making this possible."

In addition to the grant, the Shire has approved an ex-gratia payment of \$40,000 to the Pemberton Visitor Centre and Community Resource Centre to enhance the entrance and shared space they occupy. With funding for the final stage now secured, the Shire of Manjimup and the Pemberton community can look ahead to the full realisation of a hub designed to serve as a lasting foundation for local collaboration, culture and connection.

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LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS HONOURED AS FINALISTS IN EMERGENCY SERVICES AWARDS

ARTICLE BY SHIRE OF MANJIMUP

The Shire of Manjimup is proud to acknowledge local fire and rescue volunteers who have been named finalists in the 2025 Fire and Emergency Services (WAFES) Awards, announced by Minister for Emergency Services, Hon. Paul Papalia this week.

From a pool of nominations across Western Australia, two local entries from the Shire have been selected among the 45 finalists.

Jamie Copeland, Captain of the Pemberton Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service, is a finalist for the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service Individual Achievement Award. He is nominated for his outstanding leadership and mentorship, contributing significantly to the long-term sustainability of the service. Jamie was instrumental in the establishment of the Pemberton Youth Emergency Service Cadets program and remains committed to its ongoing success, helping to develop and inspire the next generation of emergency service volunteers.

The Northcliffe Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service and Northcliffe Bush Fire Brigade are jointly nominated for the Firefighting Team Achievement Award for their tireless efforts in battling the Chesapeake fire that burned for over a month in challenging conditions earlier this year.

Shire President Donelle Buegge congratulated the nominees and expressed deep gratitude for their commitment. "These nominations reflect the extraordinary dedication, skill and passion of our local emergency services personnel. On behalf of the Shire of Manjimup, I extend our heartfelt congratulations to Jamie and the Northcliffe teams. We thank all fire and emergency services volunteers and staff across the Shire for the critical work they do to keep our communities safe."

Winners of the 2025 awards will be announced at the WAFES Awards gala dinner on 29 August 2025.

-ENDS-

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PEMBERTON FIRE CAPTAIN AND YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICE CADETS UNIT LEADER JAMIE COPELAND NAMED FINALIST FOR PRESTIGIOUS WAFES INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

ARTICLE BY PEMBERTON YESC
 Images by Pemberton YESC

Pemberton, WA — Captain Jamie Copeland of the Pemberton Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service and Pemberton Youth Emergency Service Cadets Unit Leader has been named one of three finalists for the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service Individual Achievement Award at the 2025 WA Fire and Emergency Services (WAFES) Awards.

The awards honour and acknowledge the achievements of volunteers, career firefighters and DFES staff throughout Western Australia who have shown exceptional dedication to duty over the past 12 months. Jamie has been recognised for his outstanding mentorship, community engagement, and his pivotal role in founding and leading the Pemberton Youth Emergency Service (YES) Cadets.

Since launching in September 2023, the YES Cadets program has empowered over 20 local youth with critical emergency response and leadership skills, boasting an impressive 80% retention rate. Jamie’s mentorship has already inspired seven cadets to pursue future roles in emergency services.

Shire President Donelle Buegge congratulated Jamie on his nomination and expressed deep gratitude for his commitment. “Jamie’s nomination reflects his extraordinary dedication, skill and passion for the sustainability of our local emergency services. On behalf of the Shire of Manjimup, I extend our heartfelt congratulations to Jamie. We thank all fire and emergency services volunteers and staff across the Shire for the critical work they do to keep our communities safe.”

Among his recent initiatives, Jamie has:

- Secured funding for a large-scale road crash simulation with emergency services and local schools;
- Led joint inter-agency training sessions;
- Provided emotional support to community members during emergencies;
- Promoted safety education through school visits, community events, and social media.

Despite juggling fatherhood and building a home with his wife Pippa, Jamie continues to attend most local call-outs and inspire others to volunteer — with new recruits joining local emergency services thanks to his leadership.

“It’s an honour to be nominated as there are so many worthy people within our community. The people involved in our program are so committed to our Cadets and to supporting and empowering young people to get involved and engaged in community service, both for their own safety and wellbeing and for the safety and wellbeing of our whole community. When young people are valued and appreciated, and understand how to stay safe and why it matters, that spreads throughout their lives—through their families, their friends, and the whole community.”

— Captain Jamie Copeland

The Pemberton YES Cadets program has also received nominations for the 2024 Auspire Citizen of the Year and 2024 Active Citizen of the Year awards, reflecting its positive community impact.

Bevan Eatts MLA, Member for Warren–Blackwood, said:

“Jamie Copeland represents the very best of what regional leadership looks like — practical, humble, and committed to lifting others up. His work with the YES Cadets program not only strengthens Pemberton’s emergency services but is actively shaping the next generation of community leaders. Programs like this are essential for the future of volunteering in regional WA, and Jamie’s dedication is a credit to the entire South West.”

Pemberton Yes Cadets are seeking sponsorship and collaboration with businesses and organisations to continue the program and expand training and learning opportunities for youth. Support is vital to ensure the program’s continued success and the development of future community leaders.

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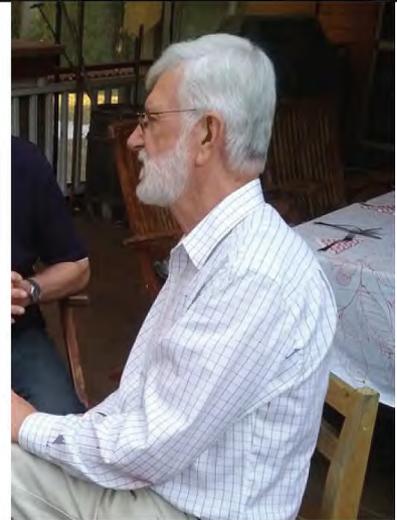
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Vale Don Box: 06.03.1936 – 22.04.2025

It is with great sadness that the Pemberton Arts Group bids a final farewell to past committee member and loyal supporter Don Box. He will be remembered for his kind nature, his courteous manner, his love of music, his sense of humour, his understanding of governance, his generous contribution to the community and above all, his devotion to his family and beloved Joanna.

Don supported PAG from its earliest beginnings, eventually agreeing to become a committee member. He skilfully navigated setting up PAG's constitution and compliance with changes to regulations, always willing to respond to our queries. Don's calm demeanour was an example to us all.

We enjoyed a coffee catch-up with Don at Easter, never anticipating that it would be our last time together. He leaves us with many fond memories.



Sculptural Illuminations Workshop: How wonderful to see the creativity developing throughout the day last Sunday! It was a full house, with 11 participants solving the problems and working out how to build their sculptures, ensuring they were well-constructed and fulfilling the brief of allowing light to shine through planned openings. The designs are truly awesome and will dry for a couple of weeks before bisque firing. They will then be glazed and fired, ready to have their lights installed.



Mural Project: The mural project is flowing along at a great pace! Enthusiastic members of our Pemberton community have taken the dip in putting paint to panel. *"It's enlightening to learn so many new techniques and to be in great creative company,"* said one participant. *"It's a pleasure to be part of the process and really put me on a high!"*



Art Sessions: We are an inclusive group. Come and join us on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning from 9:30am. Gold coin donation appreciated. Try drawing, painting, printing, clay work, pastels, collage – or just use your own preferred medium. Supportive environment and we have some lovely morning tea too!

Pemberton Cycling Update

Hi everyone,

We're now headed into Makuru, the Noongar season of rain and fertility. The cooler temps and damp soil are a welcome shift for trail conditions (and trail builders), and it's a great time to be out riding—just bring a jacket! Here's what's been happening for the club this month:

Some of the PCA crew headed over to Nannup recently for a social ride and had an awesome time checking out a different trail network. The trails were running well and offered a solid challenge, pushing a few of us out of our comfort zones - but everyone made it through in one piece and with plenty of grins. It was also Sean's first ride back since his big crash and he conquered the trail with style - complete with a re-enactment for good measure!

We're also stoked to see our ridership and club support expanding with the arrival of Tyler and Suz. Their enthusiasm for the trails and the club has been impossible to miss. Suz, Tyler and his trusty sidekick (the backpack blower) have put in serious hours checking and tidying up the network over the past couple of weeks, and it's made a real difference. We'd like to give them a warm welcome to town and a big thanks for all their contributions so far - great to have you both on board!

Looking ahead, we've got a **build day** planned for **Sunday June 15**, focusing on the new 'More Tech' trail. This trail branches off the Skills Loop near Jumps and Rollers, and we'll be installing a range of technical trail features and giving the line some love. If you're around, we'd love your help. Many hands make light work, and build days are always a great way to meet others and give back to the trails.

And finally, a big shout out to Mark, who recently completed the Munda Bididi Trail from Mundaring to Pemberton, fully loaded and camping in huts along the way. An impressive solo effort and a great reminder of how lucky we are to be connected to such an iconic bikepacking route - well done, Mark!

Until next time, keep those wheels spinning and smiles grinning!

The PCA Team



Above: Snapshots from the Nannup social ride, featuring Sean, Nat, Michele, two Petes, and lots of good fun.



Above: Our social MTB rides have grown by two - welcome Tyler and Suz!



Left: Our trails are also enjoying the arrival of our newest local riders.



Right: A cheery grin for a welcome sight after pedalling all the way from Perth - great effort, Mark.



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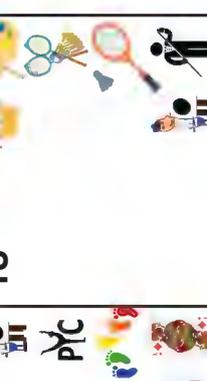
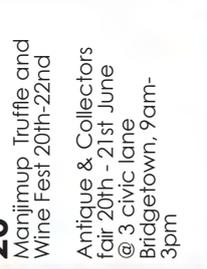
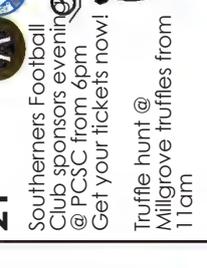
MTB ride - Saturdays 8.00am
Women's MTB ride - Sunday June 8, 9.00am
Road bike ride - Sundays 7.30am
 All rides meet at Pemberton Visitor Centre



June 2025

Thank you to Lauren Cheffers for this months photo

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>ALL-SORTS SWIMMING SESSION</p> <p>On Monday 9th June the Pemberton Alberts will be taking a bus to the Manjimup pool</p> <p>Head here @ PCCSC Corporate Head office to find out more about the session or email allsorts@pccsc.com.au</p> <p>Book your spot at the PCCSC by calling 07783 1745</p> <p>\$5 Entry</p> <p>Thanks to our sponsors:</p>	<p>Tuesday 17th June 2025 9am - 10am</p> <p>Falls prevention classes with Exercise Physiologist Alyson Pennycook</p> <p>Session 1: Focussing on strength and balance. Session 2: focus on health strength, fitness, and mobility</p>	<p>4 Black/white story @ Manjimup arts gallery 4th June - 31st July, 10am-5pm each day</p>	<p>5 Deep Winter Retreat @ Pump hill farm cottages, 6th - 9th June, check in @ 2pm farmstay@pumphill.com.au to book</p>	<p>6 Deep Winter Retreat @ Pump hill farm cottages, 6th - 9th June, check in @ 2pm farmstay@pumphill.com.au to book</p>	<p>7 Tale of 2 trees tree gallery, 1st - 8th June</p>	<p>8 Tale of 2 trees tree gallery, 1st - 8th June</p>
<p>9 Shire President @ Pemberton library 9-11am</p>	<p>10 Pemberton Visitor Centre tourism update @ Jarrah & Jade 5pm-7pm</p>	<p>11 Black/white story @ Manjimup arts gallery 4th June - 31st July, 10am-5pm each day</p>	<p>12 Black/white story @ Manjimup arts gallery 4th June - 31st July, 10am-5pm each day</p>	<p>13 Pemberton Youth Zone returns! @PCCSC 5-8pm</p>	<p>14 Pemberton Youth Zone returns! @PCCSC 5-8pm</p>	<p>15</p>
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 <p>Allsorts Exercise group to Manjimup Pool meet @ PCSC carpark @ 9am \$5 entry Gluten free baking workshop @ Birdgetown Hub from 9.30am \$10 pp</p>	 <p>Allsorts exercise group falls prevention session @ PCSC from 9am-10am</p>					
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Coming up in July
 Mystic Youth art exhibition - Submissions open
 The lost little llama & little red riding hood - Childrens Ballet
 WOW Pemberton
 DIY Advent Calendar & treasure box designing
 Creative farm day @ Pump Hill Cottages
 Got an event? Let us know - pcn@pembertoncrc.org.au

<p>30 Rice paper & Spring roll workshop @ Birdgetown Hub from 9.30am \$10pp</p>	<p>1st July</p>	<p>25 Mystic Youth Art Exhibition 5 September - 19 October 2025 Submit art works before 31st July Open to youth 13-25 @ PCSC @ 0439 214 393</p>	<p>26 Museum Workshop Thursday @ 10.00 - 12pm Pemberton Heritage & Hirtory Ros 0439 214 393</p>	<p>27 Fluoro Friday Community breakfast @ Northcliffe DHS 7.30-8.30am</p>	<p>28 Truffle hunt @ Millgrove truffles from 11am Truffle experience @ Hidden River Estate 3.30pm-9.30pm</p>	<p>29 Truffle hunt @ Millgrove truffles from 11am Truffle experience @ Hidden River Estate 3.30pm-9.30pm</p>
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Compost buddies – nema-todally fabulous



From left to right: Juvenile pratylenchus x 4000 magnification, Sting nematode head region, carrot with root knot nematode.

A fabulous, food-fertilizing foundation!

Nematodes are a type of invertebrate roundworm. They are the most abundant animals on earth and are in every ecosystem; from our oceans to lava fields, Antarctica and yes sometimes even inside us and our animals. Soil nematodes are usually microscopic, and most are amongst the ‘good guys’ that are crucial for the making of healthy soils. There are probably billions of them thriving in your compost bin. One of the amazing roles they perform in the soil is converting organic matter into mineral forms that can be taken up and used by plants. Life would be at a loss without those types of nematodes helping to circulate nutrients in the environment and there are many undescribed species still to be found!

They are what they eat

Scientists like to classify living things and group them together based on similarities. Nematodes are so diverse that we often put them into groups based on what they eat. For soil nematodes we tend to identify them based on these feeding groups: Bacterivores eat bacteria, Fungivores eat Fungi, Predators eat other nematodes and animals, Plant Parasites feed from plants, Plant Associates eat algae, lichen, mosses and roots of plants, and Omnivores have a variety of food sources. Identifying numbers of nematodes by feeding groups in a soil sample is a good way to estimate a soils biological diversity and to indicate the rate of nutrient cycling occurring. Healthy soil has a higher abundance and diversity of free-living nematodes and low numbers of plant parasites.

Some nematodes are pests

Those of us who have cats or dogs (or children!) will be familiar with needing to provide regular worming treatments to stop parasitic nematodes in the gastrointestinal system. Other parasitic nematodes may live in different organs of a variety of animal species or humans and when travelling it is important to avoid them. Parasitic nematodes that attack plants can have huge impacts for growers and we must protect our state to prevent the introduction of exotic pest species. Even turf can be affected. When a patch of ‘hallowed ground’ was moved from the Melbourne Cricket Ground to the Brisbane Cricket Ground for the 2020 AFL grand final it carried a plant parasitic nematode in the turf and accidentally introduced ‘Southern Sting’ nematodes to Queensland!

How can you help?

Good garden hygiene practices are important. When buying or moving plants or seeds, check up on quarantine requirements - you may need to remove soil from the roots or have seeds tested. If you are growing vegetables in the garden, purchasing nematode-resistant varieties and avoid planting the same plant family in the same location in consecutive years. And finally, backyard composting is a wonderful way to put our ‘good’ nematodes to work so that soil can be brought into good health too. They may be microscopic, but nematodes are mighty. They make nutrient cycling possible. Thanks nematodes!



Report your observations

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St Joseph's Primary School

St Joseph's Sports News

We have had a great start to the year in our Physical Education lessons here at St Joseph's school!

In Term 1 we worked on our cricket skills in preparation for the annual Big Bash, students vs parents match. Students across all grades worked on bowling, fielding and batting skills. We worked on overarm and underarm throwing, improving technique and accuracy. Once we had developed our basic cricket skills, we moved into games, playing in pairs and facing two overs each. The students all encouraged each other and cheered each other on. We also had a visit from Maddie Oakley, a Cricket WA expert who gave us some great tips.

We were also lucky to have a visit from some of the triathletes competing in the Karri Valley Triathlon. We learned about the high-tech equipment involved and got to ask lots of great questions. Many of the students were very inspired!

This term students have started training for the Cross Country event to be held at East Manjimup Primary School on the 6th June. We will be doing lots of preparation for this tough event, training every Friday morning.

Another focus for us this term is Badminton. We have local legend Pat Cullen coming along to visit us and work on our skills. We had our first session with Pat last week and started with the basics of racquet grip and foot positioning. The balloons were great fun and an easy way to learn how to use the racquets- but they didn't last too long on the grass!

To finish off, it would be remiss to not mention the Year 4 / 5 class High Ropes challenge. 16 brave students accepted the challenge of this extreme sport, gliding through the canopy of the Busselton forest. Starting off with the 3 metre high course, they were soon zipping more than ten meters above the ground. What amazing courage!



PEMBERTON 1919 HERITAGE SCHOOL UPDATE

ARTICLE BY DEB MACK

Images by Deb Mack

With Bunyah Production leaving town just before Christmas 2024, time has flown by and our group of volunteers continues to beetle away inside and outside at the old site with some important developments being offered over the past few months. The P1919 committee has offered part of the site for the development of a new Pemberton Men's Shed with overwhelming community and Shire of Manjimup support. There are details in a separate article. WA Country Health Services (WACHS) has offered the P1919 committee a 5 year 'peppercorn' lease over the remaining subdivided portion of the old school site, with 3 x 5 year extensions. The committee has accepted the offer in principle and the documentation is being drawn up through the government channels. Once received, the committee will study the offer carefully before signing. This parcel of land includes the old PAG rooms, the tennis courts and the land to the Hospital boundary, which makes development of the overall site more accessible and appealing.

Funding received through Native Forest Transition has resulted in the completion of our Feasibility Analysis with the overall site concept currently being undertaken. Completion of the two together is expected by end of June and available for the community to view and make comment. It will be a concept only, not a definitive plan, but will allow ideas to flow for the future uses of the site.

The committee has met its initial goal of retaining the building in the streetscape of Pemberton and looks forward to where we go from here. There is a lot of interest regarding this site, including from Tourism WA, SW Development Corp and others. We hosted a visit from Yolanda Cool of Heritage Skills Assoc. WA, and Dr. Alonso Ayala Aleman, a Senior Expert in Housing and Human Settlement Planning from Erasmus University in Rotterdam. Alonso's interest was palpable with great discussion on the site's potential. This site should be viewed as the perfect opportunity to provide future growth and development for our community. We would love your support through any means and our membership drive is now on for the new 2025/26 FY with membership fees being \$50 per annum, \$25 per annum concession. For details on how you can help, including with membership and donations, email pemberton1919hsp@gmail.com or phone our Secretary on 0416030954. Deb Mack Secretary



L-R Ellie McGann, Dr Alonso Ayala Aleman, Deb Mack

PEMBERTON MENS SHED

ARTICLE BY DEB MACK

Pemberton 1919 Heritage School Preservation Inc. (P1919) hosted a town meeting to gauge the interest for a Men's Shed to be set up in Pemberton on part of the old school site. The response was overwhelming with around 35 in attendance.

With a presentation from Brett Pollock, former Men's Shed WA Ambassador, outlining process and procedure, along with words of advice and encouragement from both Terry of the Bridgetown Grumpy Old Men's Shed and our Shire President Donelle Buegge, the group voted unanimously to form a Men's Shed in Pemberton. Brett, who has set up 120 Sheds in Western Australia took questions asked by the group and gave answers which ensured attendees had an understanding of what would be expected of them and where funding could be sought. We can't thank Brett enough for taking the time to come all the way to Pemby to address us.

A Pemberton Men's Shed Steering Committee was established that evening and the group has met to discuss what is required to register and set up a Shed. Following the town meeting, alternative location possibilities were suggested with the Steering Committee conducting a Location Analysis of those sites and proposes presenting those findings to another town meeting 22nd July 2025 at the old school site.

Until the Pemberton Shed is registered with Men's Shed WA, please show your support by registering your interest to pemberton1919hsp@gmail.com or phone our Steering Committee Secretary on 0416030954. Deb Mack Secretary

WATCH THAT OLD LADY

ARTICLE BY ROZZI IN OZ

March 24 2025: At last I was on Singapore Airlines to "destination holiday in Cape town" This flight had already been booked in November last year, and was done so that I could be accompanied by Mr and Mrs Adams. This kind couple offered to chaperone the "old lady" .I almost cancelled the long awaited holiday because of a slight health hiccup from which I miraculously recovered as soon as I stepped down from the Pemberton bus in Perth. Nothing was going to hold me back now.

At the Perth airport I was relieved to be joined by the Adams's. We checked in together and remained a travelling trio throughout the 20 hour journey. Land , sea,rail or air travel all have their frustrations ; but in my opinion airport checks tops the list. One's patience can be challenged, especially having to navigate long queues at every point. Passengers are herded along between barrier stands and belts, shuffling along slowly. Although necessary for obvious security reasons, it's tiring especially for young children and the elderly.

Finally we reached the last passport checkpoint. Identities checked, body searches done and hand luggage x-rayed. The latter procedure also required all hand held bags and small items

To be placed on a constantly moving conveyor belt. Trays were provided for transporting these items through the scanner. Fortunately we experienced no hold ups, took our bags and backpacks and followed the signage to the departure lounge. Mr Adams turned to me, "Do you have everything?", referring to my backpack and bag. "Yes, thanks, I do", was my casual response, as we walked through the Duty free department and kiosks and conveniently seated ourselves close to our designated departure gate.

It seemed we had quite a long wait before we could finally board. Tucking my passport safely into my small handbag, I sat down next to Mrs Adams and we started discussing the book she had taken out to read. Her husband said we had plenty of time to relax and he browsed around the nearby kiosks. Time? I looked at my arm to see how long the wait actually was, when I realised I did not have my wristwatch. After searching twice in both my backpack, bag and pockets, it occurred to me that I had most probably forgotten to take it off the tray at the security check point !

Mr Adams joined us and noticed something was amiss. "Did you lose something?" Embarrassed at my carelessness, I told him of my dilemma. Before he could offer assistance, I got up and hurried off. "Do you know where to go ?!" I heard him call after me; turned and gave him a quick thumbs up. I retraced my steps through the duty free shops and down the escalator. I found my way and recognised the counter and the security official who had removed the trays I had used. "Excuse me", I interrupted him, now out of breath and heart beating fast. "I left my wristwatch in one of your trays", I blurted out. He looked at me calmly and asked for its description. " A Swatch branded watch with a gold plated expanding band... and it's of sentimental value", I added hoping it would help the search. "OK lady, have a seat over here and we will look out for it." "This lady in the pink jacket left a wristwatch on a tray ", he called out to a colleague. I

remained standing, peering into every passing tray.

Passengers quickly grabbed their belongings off trays. Empty trays revolved round and round on the conveyer belt to be reused. Mr Adams came looking for me and to see whether the watch had been found. He approached a staff member behind the counter, explained by gesticulating towards me "I'm helping this old lady to find her watch, has it been found yet?" Was he referring to me as the "old lady"? "Excuse me", I whispered under a cupped hand. "Did you just call me an old lady?" His reply was unapologetic. "Oh, I just think they would be more sympathetic if I referred to you as an old lady and hurry the search "

Annoyed, yet grateful that he had come to my assistance, I suggested he rejoins his wife who was alone tending our hand luggage. " Alright then, if you're not back within 15 minutes I'll come back again and hopefully they would have found the watch". Just as I was about to sit down, another security person drew my attention. She looked as if she could be in a senior position and approachable. She listened to my request, produced a contact card and suggested I contact the Airport lost property department after reaching my destination. "Should we find your watch, we will keep it and on your return you can collect it" , she said with a reassuring smile. I was happy with the information and showed Mr Adams who had come back to tell me we now had 30 minutes before boarding.

Mrs Adams was still deeply engrossed in her book ." Now don't, forget to take all your belongings", Mr Adams said teasingly. I laughed . Suddenly two uniformed, officious looking persons came towards us. The taller one of the two displayed my watch which he dangled on his forefinger ! Before he could say anything, I jumped up, exclaiming, "My watch!!", took it and immediately put it on my arm. Excitement and relief got the better of me. I had to restrain myself from hugging this unknown person. Rows and rows of passengers were observing this scene.

I must've uttered thank yous several times. Mrs Adams dropped the book onto her lap. " How did you find it, and how did you find us ?" Mr Adams asked.

"We have our ways and means ", the officer said proudly, glancing at his partner ." We also have the one who took the watch in custody". Looking at me he added, " would you like to lay a charge?" " No, I am so glad to have my watch back, and have already forgiven the person who took it" On this happy note we thanked the officials again and applauded the Airport staff for their security services. (I have followed up with a personal letter of appreciation)

All's well that ends well and that happy "Old Lady" and her companions landed safely and on time(according to her watch) in Cape Town the following day, 25 March to enjoy a wonderful Autumn holiday.

Rozzi in Oz

JUNE 2025 `



Maintaining Smoke Alarms



Once a month

Press the test button on your smoke alarm for up to 10 seconds until you hear the alarm sound. If the alarm does not sound, try putting in a different battery or replace the smoke alarm.

Every year

Clean your smoke alarms

Use a vacuum cleaner with a soft brush to gently clean dust and dirt from your smoke alarm.

Cleaning your smoke alarm helps stop false alarms and makes sure smoke can reach the sensor.

Replace the battery every year, if needed

All smoke alarms have batteries, even smoke alarms connected to mains power.

Replace the battery in smoke alarms that use a 9-volt alkaline battery. Smoke alarms with a non-removable lithium battery will have a warning label saying not to replace the battery.

If you're unsure about the battery type, ask the smoke alarm manufacturer.

Every 10 years

Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years

Smoke alarms do not last forever. Their sensitivity decreases over time, making them unreliable. Replace them every 10 years.



Test your alarms once a month.



Clean your smoke alarms every year.



Replace the battery every year, if needed.



Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years.



Installing Smoke Alarms

Only well-placed, working smoke alarms save lives.



Where do I install smoke alarms?

Smoke alarms should be placed on the ceiling in hallways next to sleeping areas. If there's no hallway, put smoke alarms on the ceiling near the sleeping areas. Also put them in every bedroom, living room, hallway, stairway, and garage.

In a multi-level home, install a smoke alarm on every level even if they are for parking, bathrooms, or laundry rooms.

Interconnect your smoke alarms so when one alarm detects a fire, all alarms will sound, alerting you earlier to the danger.

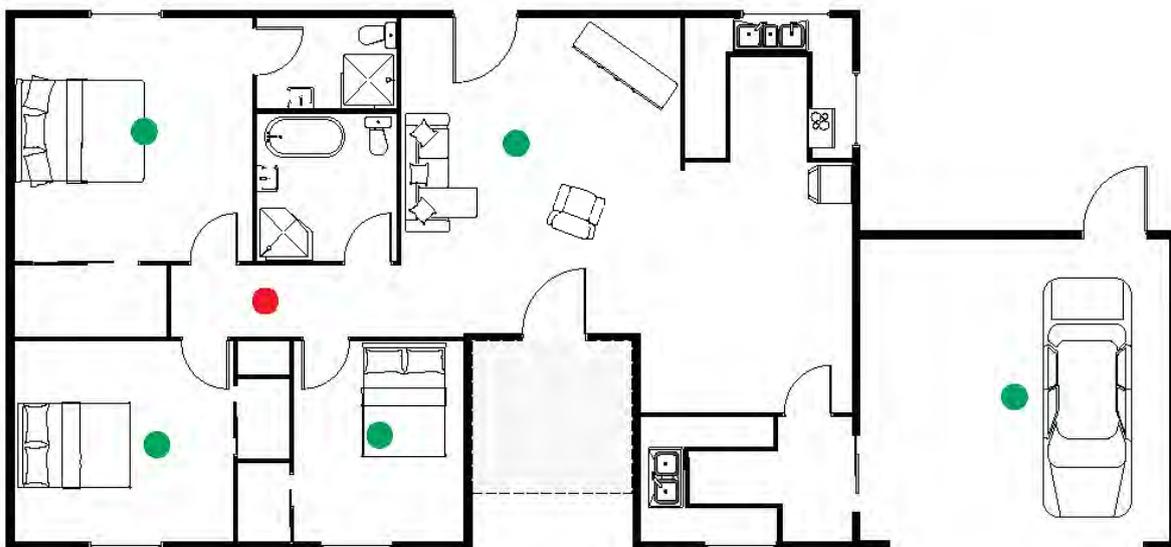
Why?

Most fires that result in injury or death happen at night when people are asleep, often in bedrooms and living rooms without working smoke alarms.

Installing smoke alarms in sleeping areas, living rooms and hallways, and interconnecting them, will alert everyone early, giving them a better chance to escape safely.

Use the plans below as a guide.

Single level floor plan



Key

- Smoke alarms for the minimum legal requirement
- Recommended smoke alarm placement for best protection



Capacity, A Wellbeing Driver

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
June 2025

A word that we feel is over-used and out of context in the modern world today is the word resilience and we would like to question the use of that word. There is even a whole industry built around resilience in the form of providing training and education services in this space.

Resilience is the correct word if used in the context of a person's ability to *bounce back* i.e. recovering from shock or trauma. However, when it is used in other contexts to describe:

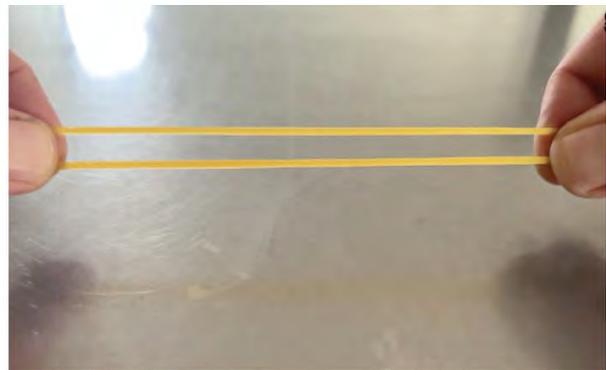
- our ability to cope with everyday life;
- going through a shared adversity such as a natural disaster;
- an adverse personal event (i.e. death or illness);

then it is often used out of context because these experiences encompass much more than *just bouncing back*.

Both on an individual basis and as a community, it is not until we experience a traumatic event or have been pricked by a challenging circumstance, that we will find out how resilient we are. The communities and blokes we deal with tell us that all the time. Consequently, when we use the word *resilience*, we are pigeon-holing an individual and/or community into a category that so *called* experts want us to fit into. For example, after a traumatic event the experts are quick to say that the community and/or individual is resilient rather than acknowledging that we all have a random *capacity* when operating outside our comfort zone. I suggest that a better word to use to encapsulate all the times in our lives (the good as well as the challenging) is the word *capacity*.

Capacity is the capability to contain and accommodate stuff in our lives. This conveys a positive vibe to us as we endeavour to maintain the right balance. We are all born with a random capacity to deal with life's issues. It is a bit like a rubber band, and we all know and recognise an individual's *capacity* to operate

fully, half, or to not appear stretched at all. No matter what we are challenged by, we all have ups and downs, and the word capacity allows us to capture our entire range of qualities be they good, bad or ugly and to then carry on and cope with what hand we are dealt with.



Our total state of physiological wellbeing is encapsulated in our individual capacity to both build stuff into our lives (something that is important for us blokes) and deal with stuff thrown at us from time to time through our life's journey. When we combine the capacity of us as individuals with us as a collective community, we have harnessed an enormous capacity to live and thrive in regional, rural and remote Western Australia.

The biggest issue surrounding our wellbeing from the capacity perspective, is building the collective as a community when we are constantly challenged by population decline in regional, rural and remote Western Australia.

When talking about individuals / communities we should coin our comments around capacity from a strength base platform rather than resilience - this in turn will have a positive influence on our wellbeing.

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Pemberton Community Sports Club PCSC News

Edition 1 - June 2025



Lifetime Memberships: Arthur Mills and Karen Fisher

In 2024, Pemberton Community Sports Club (PCSC) proudly announced Lifetime Membership to two exceptional individuals whose unwavering dedication and longstanding contributions have left an indelible mark on our Club. Lifetime Membership is a symbol of gratitude from our Club and a testament to the lasting impact these members have had on its continuity and success.

It was with great pride that we recognised Arthur Mills, Committee Member/President since 1992, and Karen Fisher, Committee Member/Treasurer since 1995. These individuals have not only excelled in their respective roles but have also consistently gone over and above in their efforts for the PCSC and community.

Congratulations Arthur and Karen! Your legacy is our foundation.

* When you see them, be sure to ask about the notorious wine-making.

Restaurant Now Open for Dinner Thursday and Friday

PCSC is pleased to announce that the Club Restaurant will now be open for dinner on Thursdays and Fridays, as well as Southerner's game day Saturdays. Meals provided by D.J Dunstan's Professional Catering. Menu available on the PCSC website.



Every week at the Sports Club

- Gym
- All-Sorts Exercise
- Chase the Ace
- Snooker
- Darts
- Karate
- Squash
- Footy
- Lawn Bowls
- Yoga

Spotlight On:

*Badminton

There are two opportunities to play social badminton at PCSC: **Wednesdays 9am and 6pm.**

All ages and abilities are welcome and it only costs \$5!!! For more information, please contact Mary on 0449 259 205 (am) or Vivian 0401 501 941 (pm). Did you know? It's a scientific fact that you can't be unhappy while you're playing badminton.

*All-Sorts Exercise Group Extra Classes

All-Sorts exercise is perfect for anyone who wants to benefit from modified and gentle exercise. Held every Monday from 9:00am in the Karri Jarrah room at PCSC.

In addition to regular Monday 9am classes, there will be two extra opportunities to have fun and get fit in June. Meet at the Sports Club parking lot at 9am on 16 June to catch the bus to the Manjimup AquaCentre. Then, on 17 June Exercise Physiologist, Alyson Pennycook, will be holding another session focusing on overall health with strength, fitness and mobility components.

*Youth Zone returns Friday 13 June at 5:30pm

A Fond Farewell...

... to Tristan Mills. As we say goodbye to one of our favourite admin people, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude for everything you've done at PCSC. Your kindness (especially during my "senior" moments), willingness to help with anything at any time, and literal heavy-lifting have been much appreciated. Though we're sad to see you go, you will be remembered fondly and we wish you every success in your next adventure.



Stay up-to-date at PembertonSports.com.au or follow us on Facebook

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Pemberton Youth Zone

Open Dates

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Friday 13th June
Friday 27th June

July
Friday 25th July

August
Friday 8th August
Friday 22nd August

For any enquiries please contact the PCRC



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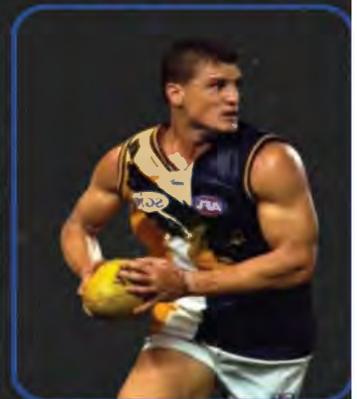


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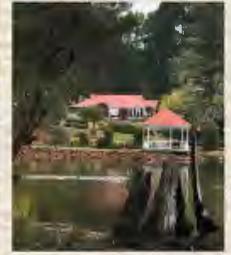
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Manjimup Shire Bulletin

June 2025



SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy June everyone!

The Peace Run is a global torch relay that carries the message of international friendship and understanding to over 70 countries throughout the world every year. It is a universal expression of hope and promise for a better world based on the idea that peace begins within the individual, and each of us can influence the course of progress towards world harmony.

Relay teams bring the Peace Run Torch to school children, community groups and civic leaders, every participant contributing to a wave of goodwill sweeping the globe.

This year a team of volunteer runners from 13 nations will circle the entire continent of Australia - 15,000 kilometres in 111 days - starting and finishing in Canberra. The run was founded in 1987 by Sri Chinmoy, since then humanitarians such as Nelson Mandela, Pope Francis, Cathy Freeman, Mikhail Gorbachev, Carl Lewis, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Mother Teresa and Muhammad Ali have all been torch bearers...and on 5 June it will be at the Manjimup Art Gallery! I invite you all along to partake in inner joy and peace.

On the other end of the scale, the Manjimup 15,000 Dirt High Motorcross event was held over the June long weekend. It was another weekend of heart stopping adrenaline and action, as huge crowds turned out to cheer on both local and international riders. Congratulations to Willie on another outstanding event.

On a personal level, Shire staff and I continue to advocate and engage with government departments in the areas of domestic violence refuges, housing shortages, youth issues and school bus/transportation challenges, as well as continuing to engage with Telstra to highlight the challenges faced throughout our region.

As always my fellow Councillors and I are always available to connect, and encourage you to do so.

Stay safe, be kind to each other.
Chat soon.
Donelle

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Advisory Committee Changes

At its May meeting, Council endorsed a new system of advisory committees, set to be implemented following the October 2025 local government elections.

Key changes include:

- Establishment of four District Advisory Groups in Manjimup, Pemberton, Northcliffe and Walpole. Comprised entirely of community members, these groups will provide broad feedback on district-specific matters such as capital works, major projects, planning proposals and policy development.
- Reconstitution of several existing Advisory Committees as Reference Groups. These more informal groups are designed to encourage wider community participation in providing advice to the CEO and Council.
- Rationalisation of existing committees is being considered, with some committees to be consulted regarding the possibility of being disbanded. Their valuable work may be carried forward by existing committees and groups or absorbed into the new District Advisory Groups.
- Development of a new policy to define the terms of reference and operations for all committees and groups. This policy will be in place ahead of the implementation of these changes in October.

SHIRE NOTICES

Recycling in the Shire

Recycling in the Shire comes in many forms, with perhaps the most visible being the 240 litre yellow-lid kerbside recycle bin service.

All materials collected from yellow-lid bins are sent to Cleanaway's Materials Recovery Facility in Perth, where they are sorted into key recyclables such as tin, aluminium, plastics, glass, paper, and cardboard.

Contaminants are removed and sent to landfill, which adds to the cost of the service - costs that are ultimately borne by ratepayers. If a load is deemed too contaminated, the entire

load may be rejected and sent to landfill, wasting valuable recyclables and increasing disposal costs.

To help reduce landfill and keep costs down, residents must recycle correctly by only placing accepted items in the yellow-lid bin.

For more details, visit the Recycling page on the Shire website.

Community Grant Funding

Did your group receive grant funding in 2024/25? If your group hasn't supplied a tax invoice for your grant funds, and/or acquitted your grant, the clock is ticking! Completed grant acquittals for funding received in 2024-25 must be submitted no later than 30 September 2025. If your group's project has changed or been delayed, please contact the Community Development team to request a variation to your funding conditions.

For new 2025-26 funding applications, groups will be advised of the result of their application once the 2025-26 budget has been endorsed by Council.

SHIRE NEWS

Community Infrastructure Projects

The Building Services team has been working steadily to improve community infrastructure, with several significant projects recently completed or nearing completion.

The recladding of the Pemberton Sports Centre is now complete. This upgrade enhances the building's visual appeal and improves its durability, ensuring it remains a valuable and well-used community asset.

A new toilet block at the Walpole Recreation Ground is nearing completion. With only a few finishing touches remaining, the facility is expected to open in the coming weeks. It replaces the outdated amenities near the skate park and offers a modern, accessible, and unisex facility for the community.

The refurbishment of the Clem Collins Pavilion ablutions is almost complete. This upgrade brings the facilities into the modern era, significantly improving accessibility and comfort for users of this important community venue.

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Pemberton Waste Transfer Station

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Saturday/Sunday: 12pm - 5pm

Pemberton Library

61 Brockman Street - 9776 1311

Wednesday 9am - 1.30pm

Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm

Friday 1pm - 5pm, Saturday 9pm - 12pm

SHIRE CALENDAR

Library Storytime

Manjimup - Friday 10.30am

Northcliffe - Monday 10.00am

Pemberton - Wednesday 10.30am

Walpole - Alternate Fridays 10.00am

Council Meetings

The next Council Meeting will commence at 5.30 pm

on 24 June in the Council Chambers, Brockman

Street, Manjimup.

AquaCentre

Check out the extensive group fitness and swim school programs on the website.

MHCC Activities

Boronia Club :10 am to 2 pm Monday and Thursday

Over 50 Exercise Group: 9 am to 10 am Tuesday and Thursday

Tai Chi: 10.30 am to 11.30 am Wednesday

Bingo: 1 pm to 3pm Thursday



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