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Thank you to **Gaye Van Hazendonk** for this month's cover photo of the Vic Conte Community Garden

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Send all contributions in to

pcn@pembertoncrc.org.au

Deadline is 26th of the month

EDITORIAL

Another month flies by — or perhaps blows away — with the latest impressive storm that whipped through the west coast. Fortunately, it did not cause too much damage in our small part of the world, unlike the metro area, which was flooded and inundated with the usual plethora of trampolines bouncing down freeways and causing untold havoc.

Unfortunately, the flags in the Vic Conte Community Garden did not weather the storm, so the cover photo this month was a little presumptuous. However, if that is the worst of it, so be it.

And life can be a bit like that, really, can't it?

Weathering the storm, battening down the hatches, and hiding indoors when the wild winds are howling and there are potential threats to lives and homes.

Unfortunately, like many emergency service workers, we do not always have the luxury of hiding away when things get rough. Sometimes we must dust off our trusty wet-weather gear, remove the cobwebs from our rubber boots, and get out there in the gale-force winds and sideways rain.

How bad can it be?

Sometimes ghastly, cold, and frightening. Sometimes wild, challenging, and exhilarating.

Yes, a bit like life.

And yes, I know that sometimes withdrawing inward and saving the small remaining percentage of the battery to run the minimum requirements of the solar system is necessary.

However, when the witch's hat has blown off the chimney, what can we do? Do we listen to the constant drip of rain hissing on the fireplace and let the rust take hold? Or do we get outside and see how we can fix our hat back on our head, regardless of the peril?

So now that winter has arrived like an old friend on our doorstep, let's not hunker down just yet.

Check out the awesome work our emergency service crews are doing in a short documentary by filmmaker Kieran Dearle of KDM Productions, exploring emergency services volunteering in Pemberton. More information is on page 26, or you can watch it online at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=UgC8V_8Ak

Huge congratulations to all involved in the project, and a massive thank you to the emergency services crews who help get us through these trials without even being paid. So next time you feel like the wind is howling a little too loudly for you, take a moment to appreciate the volunteers who are right in the thick of it.

If you feel the winter blues creeping in over the next few months and need some support while waiting for the sunshine, make sure you reach out and connect with others. Let a warm, welcoming smile or a kind word be your sunshine.

And if you are not up to leaving the house, check out the online services available through the Shire of Manjimup:

www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/our-services/community-services/healthy-communities/mental-health

Stay warm and well.

Gaye



Fabulous felted fluffy footwarmers

Learn all the tricks and tips for fabulous felting.



FAYE LLEWELLYN
Textile Artist

Limited numbers!



<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/1988374106478?aff=oddtcreator>

Scan QR for tickets

At this workshop you will make your very own fabulous fluffy footwarmers. Faye will give helpful hints and tips on how to produce wildly colourful and useful items using natural materials at the least cost to the maker and the environment. Faye loves to share the techniques she accumulated from her 15 years of experience including many workshops and loads of trial and error. Faye's workshop will provide you with not only a wearable item and a useful new skill, but you will have great fun in the process.

Pemberton Camp School

Saturday 11th July, 2026
9.00am - 4.00pm

office@pembertoncnc.org.au

\$75 per person

Includes all materials
BYO Lunch

08 9776 1745

Making Cakes

Cake making tips and tricks from our local legend - Miss Bazz!



GAIL BARRINGHAM
Local Legend

Limited numbers!



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Scan QR for tickets

Participants will receive recipes, see a hands-on demonstration and will also enjoy eating what is prepared!

Morning class - Layered Honey Cake. This class will show you how to make this famous European cake.

Afternoon class - Victoria Sponge plus Anzac biscuits. This class is for people who would like to be shown some basic baking skills and how to quickly whip up some baked treats - whether for an afternoon tea delight or the kids' lunchboxes.

TBA

Friday 10th July, 2026
9.30am - 11.30am or 1.00pm - 3.00pm

office@pembertoncnc.org.au

\$60 per person

Includes all materials

08 9776 1745

Turning a Story into a Dramatic Script

Begin to imagine, plan and write for either film or stage.



DR ROSE FERRELL
Creative Writer

Get your tickets now!



<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/1988374106478?aff=oddtcreator>

ages 12+

Scan QR for tickets

This lively and fun workshop gives participants the opportunity to turn a story into a script. Through structured writing and planning exercises, sharing our work and discussing key concepts, the focus will be on practical skills which support writing a simple script. Participants are invited to bring their own ideas for a short play /film, or can be given ideas! Attendees will have a clear sense on how to continue their script at home after the workshop.

Textile collage and stitching

Learn a range of stitching techniques



LESLEY PARKER
Artisan

Minimum numbers needed



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Scan QR for tickets

To design and produce a textile piece using hand dyed collaged and hand stitched muslin. The design will be developed from simple drawings and the ideas suggested by the hand dyed fabric. Shapes will be collaged onto the backing fabric and then hand stitched. No need to be a sewer to be creative with fabric and fibre.

Enjoy the process of designing using fabric, collage and hand stitching to create your own original textile art.

TBA

Friday 10th July, 2026
9.00am - 1.00pm

office@pembertoncnc.org.au

\$85 per person

All materials provided

08 9776 1745

Pemberton Camp School

Sunday 12th July, 2026
10.00am - 3.00pm

office@pembertoncnc.org.au

\$125 per person

Includes all materials
BYO Lunch

08 9776 1745

Are you a Thespian at heart?

Learn all about lighting, stage presence and more



DR ROSE FERRELL
Doctor of Drama

Limited numbers!



<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/1988374106478?aff=oddtcreator>

ages 12+

Scan QR for tickets

Come and learn all about stagecraft and strategies for bringing an audience into the performers world. This is an exciting opportunity for anyone that has wanted to immerse themselves in the art of performance.

Together we will use our bodies, voices, costume and lighting to explore performance and stagecraft, learning through doing with laughter and kindness.

An opportunity to prepare and test your own item for 'Pemberton's Got Talent' and more!

WARNING: Participants may be invited to SING, DANCE, BE SILLY, SMILE and LAUGH as we show off our skills to each other!

Pemberton Mill Hall

Monday 13th July, 2026
9.00am - 1.00pm

office@pembertoncra.org.au

08 9776 1745

\$85 per person

BYO Costumes and props

Painting Faces

Learn the power of tone!



TONY WINDBERG
Visual Artists

Get in quick!



<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/1988374106478?aff=oddtcreator>

Scan QR for tickets

Turn portrait painting on its head in this workshop for all artistic abilities: it will be fast and furious and fun, and easier than you may think!

You'll then explore two approaches in two paintings: drawing tonal shapes to fill in with colourful watercolour and gouache washes, then turning drawn lines into a monochrome oil portrait with a focus on form and blending techniques.

This is a great workshop that can be applied to any painting subject. It is perfect for beginners looking to sample materials and methods, or experienced artists wishing to expand their techniques and creative horizons!

Pemberton Arts Hub

Sunday 12th July, 2026
10am - 4pm

office@pembertoncra.org.au

08 9776 1745

\$110 per person

Includes all materials
BYOLunch

Intro to Copper Metal Clay

Learn tips and techniques for working with this awesome medium.



LOUISE TASKER
Artisan

First time offered!



<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/1988374106478?aff=oddtcreator>

Scan QR for tickets

Come play with this malleable material that feels like pottery clay when wet.

Our morning will be spent rolling, sculpting, stamping, and texturing earrings, beads and pendants.

We'll fire them with a torch to produce jewellery that is 99% pure metal.

In the afternoon, I'll introduce setting stones directly into the wet clay, so you'll have the option to extend your skills and ideas.

Pemberton Arts Hub

Saturday 10th July, 2026
9.30am - 3.00pm

office@pembertoncra.org.au

08 9776 1745

\$175 per person

Includes all materials
BYO Lunch

Perfecting pastry

Learn all the chef's tricks for perfecting choux pastry



CATHY OSBORNE
Pastry Chef

Limited numbers!



<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/1988374106478?aff=oddtcreator>

Scan QR for tickets

Join Cathy for a hands-on workshop all about perfecting choux pastry.

Discover that there is so much more to choux pastry than profiteroles and éclairs.

In this practical session, you'll learn how to make choux pastry, create delicious fillings, troubleshoot common problems, and take home your completed items along with the confidence to recreate them at home.

Pemberton Mill Hall

Sunday 12th July, 2026
12.00am - 3.00pm

office@pembertoncra.org.au

08 9776 1745

\$75 per person

Includes all materials

WOW

Lego Challenge

Get ready to build, create, and let your imagination run wild!



PEMBERTON ARTS
Lego enthusiasts!

Come and Play!



<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/1988374106478?aff=oddtcreator>

ages 8+

Scan QR for tickets

Join PAG volunteers Jill & Jen for a fun-filled Creative LEGO Challenge, where anything goes and creativity knows no limits. Whether you're a master builder or just love to play, this is your chance to bring your ideas to life.

With an endless supply of LEGO at your fingertips, you'll have everything you need to create something truly fantastical.

Grab your tickets now and don't miss out!



Pemberton RSL Boardroom

Saturday 11th or Sunday 12th July, 2026
9.30am - 12.30pm

\$40 per person
Includes all materials



office@pembertoncrc.org.au



08 9776 1745

WOW PEMBERTON 2026

Check out the awesome line-up again this year.

As always, the Pemberton CRC is providing quality Workshops, employing 90% local artists and bravely enticing visitors to the region in the thick of Winter.

Make sure this awesome event continues by purchasing tickets in advance to prevent cancellation, and check out the school holiday workshops we have this year!

We are needing Sponsors, in the form of financial contributions, products or the use of a reliable gen set!

Why Partner With WOW Pemberton?

Partnering with WOW Pemberton offers:

- Alignment with regional tourism growth
- Strong community engagement and visibility
- Association with creativity, learning, and wellbeing
- Direct contribution to regional development

Your support will enable the expansion of programming, increased visitation, and stronger outcomes for both the community and local economy.

Looking for financial Sponsorship \$250 - \$1000

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SATURDAY 7TH NOV 2026

The Pemberton Chamber of Commerce is hosting/organizing the **AVOCADO FESTIVAL AGAIN THIS YEAR IN 2026.**

Last year's event was a huge success and we would like to hold this event again showcasing the unique avocado production in Pemberton.

Would you like to become a sponsor for this special event?

CONTACT EVENT CO-ORDINATOR KATIE McDONNELL VIA EMAIL
admin@pembyavofest.com OR BOX 308 PEMBERTON 6260 WA



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The Parish of Southern Forests invites parishioners and members of the community to a meeting to provide information and receive feedback on the proposal to sell St. Hilda's Church (corner Guppy and Ellis Streets)

Sunday, 28th June at 12 noon at the Pemberton Mill Hall

At the meeting advice will be provided

- Background to the proposal
- Implications
- Process the church is following
- Feedback will be received for consideration in moving forward with the proposal.

The meeting is not endorsing the proposal.



PEMBERTON
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July Yoga Classes
6th July 2026
13th July 2026
20th July 2026
27th July 2026

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HOROSCOPES & THE MONTH AHEAD

Welcome winter!!!!

A very special day this month. The 2026 winter solstice in Australia will occur on Sunday, June 21, marking the shortest day and longest night of the year in the Southern Hemisphere. The astronomical moment takes place at 4:24 pm AWST (Perth time), with the South Pole tilted furthest from the sun, signalling the commencement of winter.

Winter solstice rituals focus on welcoming the return of the sun, embracing the darkness of the longest night, and setting intentions for the year ahead. Popular traditions include lighting candles or bonfires, decorating with evergreens, hosting feasts, and engaging in reflection or meditation to honour nature's rhythms.

June 2026 brings transformative, high-energy vibes focused on transitioning from comfort to new, active chapters. Key alignments, such as Saturn conjunct Neptune and Uranus trine Pluto, encourage blending dreams with reality, while Sun in Gemini (early month) and Cancer (from June 21) highlight communication and family.

Romance gets spicy when Venus—which reveals your loving nature—prances into Leo on the 13th. Tap into your passion, make bold gestures (think dozens of roses), and let love rule! This transit is also ideal for splurging on pampering sessions, luxury goods, and spoiling children. Venus remains here until July 9th.

The New Moon in Gemini on the 14th is your best spot for beginning new writing projects. If you ever wanted to write a book, start today. It's also lovely for social events, moving, tackling the inbox, or catching up on the latest gossip.

Home and family are the main focus when the Sun slides into sensitive Cancer on the 21st. During these four weeks, you can update your home, start landscaping projects, visit loved ones, or invite the family over for dinner. The Sun leaves Cancer on July 22nd.

Words become weapons when Mars zips into Gemini on the 28th. While that can be dandy for a war of wits, it can also lead to arguments. It's best to choose your words with care if you want to keep the peace. This transit can be fantastic for writers, students, or journalists. If that's you, your curiosity will lead to rewards. Mars moves out of Gemini on August 11th.

Uh-oh—Mercury stations retrograde on the 29th. Travel woes snarl vacations, computers act up, and everyone takes things personally. You've got until July 23rd to ride this wave. The best plan: make space for delays, back up the computer, and listen before reacting.

The Full Moon in Capricorn on the 29th brings closure around work projects. Tie up loose ends, and you'll have a reason to celebrate. For some, this lunation marks a career high point. If that's you, cheers!

The big news of the month: Jupiter enters Leo on the 30th, where it remains until July 26th, 2027 at 12:48 AM ET. Creativity, fame, and leadership are set to expand. Make art, take the lead where you can, and don't shy away from the main stage if the opportunity arises. Because children fall under Leo's realm, this could also mark a period where their needs are

acknowledged—or, perhaps, the start of a baby boom. Guard against egomania, which can run rampant during this time.

Aries (March 21–April 19): Financial improvements and a renewed focus on domestic matters. A great time to turn passions into pastimes.

Taurus (April 20–May 20): A period of mastery and effortless skill execution. Career ambition is fuelled by Mars but watch for overspending.

Gemini (May 21–June 21): Intense creativity and increased earnings, but fast spending. You are willing to fix broken, old connections.

Cancer (June 22–July 22): Emotional shifts, with a focus on home and nurturing. The Sun enters your sign on June 21st, initiating a fresh personal chapter.

Leo (July 23–August 22): A surge in self-confidence and exciting travel opportunities. Jupiter enters your sign on June 30th, expanding your opportunities.

Virgo (August 23–September 22): Favourable career progress through strong communication, with deep emotional connections in love.

Libra (September 23–October 22): Increased social charm and professional recognition. A good time to reevaluate finances.

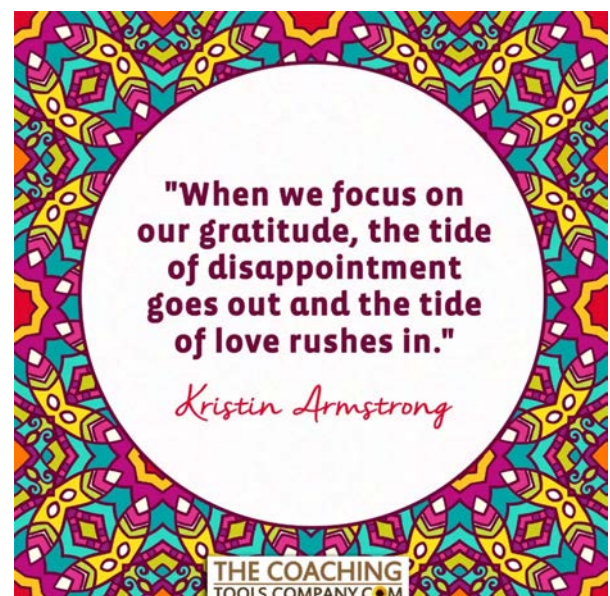
Scorpio (October 23–November 21): Intense transformation and a need to release old structures. The Full Moon on June 29th brings deep reflection.

Sagittarius (November 22–December 21): A time for profound internal shifts and reassessing life direction.

Capricorn (December 22–January 19): A focus on partnership, with opportunities for success in work, especially towards the end of the month.

Aquarius (January 20–February 18): A period for healing inner wounds and finding balance in your daily routine.

Pisces (February 19–March 20): A time to focus on creative pursuits and expanding your spiritual horizons.



CWA NEWS

ARTICLE BY PAT NOCK

Another Anzac Day has been and gone and what a success. We were warned there could be a lot more people as it was also the Pemberton Hotel 100th celebrations and there were.



We would like to thank the Manjimup Bakery for the donation of the bread (when I went to order it and mentioned it was for Anzac Day they generously donated it – so a big thank you.) Also Valmae Jones who provided the beautiful platters at the 11.00am service, Bev Hammond for the sponges but most of all to all the CWA ladies who spent many hours cooking sausage rolls, muffins, scones, Anzac biscuits (yummy) and all the other food there was a great array and if I have forgotten anyone please forgive me.

A big thank you to those hardy souls who arrived at the Rooms at 5.00am to set up and make the sandwiches for the Dawn Service. A tiring but rewarding day.

The Op-Shop goes very well and we still have a lot of summer clothes we are trying to sell so look ahead and come and check out what we have. If we can dispose of a lot more we will be able to take new donations of clothing.

We always welcome bric a brac and other items but don't forget NO ELECTRICAL ITEMS please. Also please check items – if they are badly damaged please don't give them to us-dispose of them yourselves

. Our President, Kate is away at the moment enjoying a Garden Tour in England and then on to Italy and Slovenia – so she should have some lovely weather.

This will be the last time i will be writing this article as I am heading to Boyanup, it has been a lovely 17 years in Pemberton and I have met a lot of lovely people and had some wonderful times but age has told me the block is too much work and I need somewhere smaller

I will still be coming hopefully one a month for the CWA meetings so will still be in touch. Also Ambrose (the Op shop dog as he is known) will still catch up with those who know him. Good luck to all and health and happiness for the future.

MONTHLY PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, It is with grateful hearts that we come before Your throne of grace. We know you are always eager to hear our requests. Therefore Lord, we ask for forgiveness for all our wrongs of the past. Many we have done unknowingly but You understand our human weaknesses.



It is in Your lovingkindness that You supply our needs. Sometimes we take our blessings for granted. We acknowledge that You are our Provider. You give us the strength and ability to go about our daily lives for You are the Giver of life. For all this we say thank You Lord and Saviour. We pray You will extend your hand to all remote areas of the world to those in physical and spiritual need; and for blessings and eternal hope.

Father, You give us hope for things yet unseen, the basis of our Christian faith. Please give us patience to endure all things that may come our way- the good and not so good. We need patience without losing the hope which is in You. The recent rains gave us, the farm owners and households the hope for successful crops for the following season. We will have harvests and animal fodder. Thank You once again for answering our prayers.

The increase of tourists to our town has been heartening. Another blessing for our local businesses and joy to those who come to enjoy the quiet and green beauty of the countryside.

As we conclude our prayers we thank you for the lives of beloved family and friends who have passed on. Please comfort those who mourn and may we appreciate those around us in love as

Our God is a God of love.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



MILL HALL

The Volunteer BBQ held at the Mill Hall on Fri May 22nd was a great social event organised by Jamie Copeland with the Youth Emergency Services Cadets.



There were various stalls showcasing the Community Groups represented in Pemberton run by the

hard-working volunteers. There was also a first-class documentary shown on the big screen detailing what our wonderful Emergency volunteers in Pemberton do. Thanks to Kieran Dearle for an outstanding production.

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.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- THURSDAYS 5PM BOOTSCOOTING
- JUNE 13TH DANCE

We would love you to become a member for \$20.00.

Mill Hall banking details:

WESTPAC BSB: 036126
ACC: 237796

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.

BRUSH UP YOUR SHAKESPEARE

ARTICLE BY ANN TIQUITTY

Images from internet



How many of us dear readers, shuddered when the English Teacher said "Shakespeare" Do you remember the hideous experience of trying to make head or tail of what he was trying to say. But, we stuck with it, unlike our poor students of today who are fed a dumbed down version, modernised and with trigger warnings so the little darlings will not be traumatised. Perhaps this is a bit harsh, but as Shakespeare wrote

'Do you not know I am a woman? When I think, I must speak'

So I am simply following his good advice. Below your first Shakespearean Exam.

Lesson one: Read the list below in the column and tick off the ones you or your family use.

- Laugh oneself into stitches
- For goodness' sake
- Neither here nor there
- The be-all and the end-all
- All that glisters is not gold
- Eaten out of house and home
- Knock knock! Who's there?
- With bated breath
- Too much of a good thing
- A heart of gold
- Dead as a doornail
- Naked truth
- Made of sterner stuff
- Not slept one wink" -"
- Foregone conclusion.
- Give the devil his due
- Faint-hearted
- Send him packing
- Own flesh and blood
- All of a sudden

If you got more than 10, that's 50% you are a Shakespearean addict.

Yep, he wrote them and Thousands more.

Lesson over for today.

LESSONS TO BE LEARNT FROM THE BARD HIMSELF.

Lady Macbeth. "Out damned spot, Out I say" she pleads as she slowly goes mad with guilt as she tries to wash the blood of her hands. Regret? A guilty conscience? I mean, she committed murder for greatness. I mean, what did she think would happen?

Poor old crazy Hamlet "To be or not to be" Basically will I take this or that path but it's a great read.

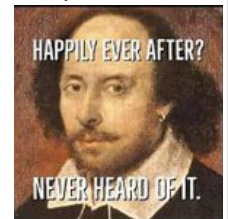
"To your own self be true, and it must follow as the night to day, that you will not be false to anyone" Wow!

That encourages one to stay honest to who you are and what you believe in and what you want, rather than compromising your integrity to please others.

So instead of consigning Shakespeare to the too hard basket, maybe our students and academics should know how many murders, suicides, dirty plots, vengeance, backstabbing, madness and tormented souls he dealt with. One play would put Hannibal Lector in the shade so it really is only what they are being taught and what they watch today.



There are not too many happy endings. I always thought this little poem was written by him, but obviously not!



"Laugh, and the world laughs with you;

Weep, and you weep alone;

For the sad old earth must borrow its mirth,

But has trouble enough of its own"

WINTERFEST 2026 NEW TICKETS RELEASED

WE'VE JUST RELEASED TICKETS FOR
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GAME SESSION

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**18th - 19th
JULY**

GAME SESSION DETAILS

SAT AM
THE CANDY CAPER
D&D 5E (2014) lvl 5, DM Peach Manse
A ROYAL MYSTERY
D&D 5E (2014) lvl 5, DM Dev Halphon

SAT PM
A FAMILIAR QUANDRY
D&D 5E (2014) lvl 3, DM Leanne Monda
A WAYWARD CARNIVAL
D&D 5.5E (2024) lvl 3, DM Orion Read

SUN AM
ADVENTURE IN HERBALISM
D&D 5E (2014) lvl 5, DM Matthew Brewer
HOORAY FOR HEROES!
D&D 5E (2014) lvl 1-3, DM Matt McKail

SUN PM
THE WIDOW'S WEB
D&D 5E (2014) lvl 8, DM Jay Hickory
**FIRST DAY AT
ADVENTURING ACADEMY**
D&D 5.5E (2024) lvl 1, DM Larissa Beaby



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I AM A FLY

Rozzi In Oz

Pssst.....I'm watching all of you right now- out of the corners of my eyes. No, don't look for me, concentrate on what has been written about me. You are all giants in comparison to me; Small, yet I can observe you all out of my compound eyes. I can also listen to your conversations .

Guess what. It's all about the little old me.

Although I am small, I am dreaded by so many of your species. You shoo me away all the time.

Running frantically after me with the morning newspaper just because I was admiring your almond croissant from a distance .I was'nt even near your plate.I noticed flyscreens on your windows and doors. You seem to go to great lengths to keep me at bay. Tiny me . What cowards you giants can be !

"Waiter ! there's a fly in my soup", a common restaurant joke about me. I've also heard many jokes about you in the oddest unmentionable places which I won't repeat. Some say I have no manners , but I really do. Let's think of other things you say about me."Keep the baby's bottle covered- there's a pesky fly around. They carry germs, you know - babies can get diarrhoea

!"From the time you learnt about me at school,(famous me)you've labelled me a menace. So you all regard me as a universal nuisance and try ways and means of eradicating me.

In defense of my species,I am not as noisy as my cousins, the blowflies or the buzzing bees(apparently well loved). I travel quietly. I walk stealthily on my padded slippers. I wash my hair,face,wings and entire body several times a day. Have you noticed ? Do you ? Scientists study my life cycle .It's not as long as yours ; but very interesting, don't you agree?. I suggest you google about me. Look what I can do. I move through the air effortlessly, carried by two beautiful wings. Can you? I believe you made attempts with mythological jumps ! What a calamity during those ancient years. Many crashes landed over the centuries. You were not meant to fly. I know birds fly like me, sailing through the air effortlessly.

Let me tell you just a little about myself. You won't remember all the facts anyway. I am a two winged insect.You knew that? But then Homo sapiens know everything. I am of the Muscidae family.You benefit from my name in many ways. I am used for baiting fish. That is if you can catch elusive me. So now you make imitations of me for fly fishing. How tasteless for the poor fish. You even chase me around with wobbly plastic things , the fly swatter. Ha Ha ! Most times it's a miss! Then up I go to the ceiling.Catch me if you can Look, I can walk upside down!

Can you ? Of course not.

Time to make a getaway; the house hasn't been cleaned properly! Here's a spider. I am her gourmet meal so I'll speed away to the window pane. Just remembered that silly human rhyme about me. : "While flies can travel here and there,Spiders can't go anywhere. I wish I knew the reason why, The spider always catches the fly "

Mmmm.... From my vantage spot I see the sugar bowl.I'll settle on the edge. Lovely and sweet!

Iv'e just speared a grain , sorry , I've dribbled onto the pure white sugar- well, don't use such bad words, cover it up next time.

Oh where was I before I was distracted? Yes, as I was saying, using my name .Cousin Freddy Fly got stuck onto one of those yellow sticky things named after me again - the flycatcher ! Do you really think I can't figure out that I'd get stuck on that sticky coil; with my poor family stuck there motionless ? No, I'm a clever , constant dandy mover . Then you've tried the popular

insect spray. Remember how you searched for the one for flying insects ? It's a commercial catch !! I can smell that stuff metres away. On my exploratory rounds I read the full story on the brands of aerosol spray . "New", "Improved", "Fast working" Hasn't worked on me though. To get rid of our family is an enormous challenge- just admit to that.

There's a country that hosts billions and trillions of my stubborn kind. How popular we are! Yes, you've guessed correctly - AUSTRALIA!! Good 'ol OZ- Lots of farm animal dung, fish guts and wasted food in your well-fed nation.

There is also a special hand gesture to chase me away as I try to explore those human facial cavities- the " Royal Wave".I am grateful for the honour. I knew I was special- royalty of course.

Which reminds me, I have family inside Balmoral Castle too. They'll be at every Royal reception and were at the latest Crowning of the King himself !!

Homo Sapiens, I have news for you. You'll never get rid of the Muscadae clans. We are part of the God created food chain.Remember I am a fly. I was created for a reason with the ability to fly. I can- you can't. Goodbye.

Felt a Numbat with Beverley Prideaux

Come along to this **FREE** event.
Join Beverley and the Bridgetown-
Greenbushes Community Landcare and learn
how to
Needle Felt a Numbat



The numbat is an original design of Reena Lee Creations and the FREE Feltorial is available in the School of Stabbing at www.reenaleecreations.com.au

**Bridgetown Public Library
Wednesday June 10th
Time: 10 am - 3pm**

Lunch and afternoon tea
provided

**Registrations essential to
nrmbridgetown@gmail.com by Thursday
June 4th as places are limited**

This project is supported by funding from the West Australian
Governments State NRM Program





David Ferguson Dunnet (b 1854) came from the very far north west of Scotland to take up land in Victoria and South Australia before heading west. They walked a herd of sheep from SA to Meekatharra where they bought Balfour Downs and later Yarra Bubba as well as having Roy Hill connections.

Moving to the Southwest, the family bought up land in Nannup, Springfield, Scott River and in Karri Valley during the early 1900s.

David F Dunnet had married Ann Gunn in 1894, producing 11 children. Their 4th son, Allan Roy Dunnet settled at Flybrook in 1907 with cattle which led to him starting up a butcher shop business in Pemberton for a short while. His shop later became Phyl Loud's shop next to the old Mill Stores in Brockman Street.

Allan married Thelma Taylor of Nannup and had 3 girls and one boy, Walter (Wally).

Walter later married Margaret Ritter, a daughter of Nicklaus Ulrick Ritter and May Ann McCann of Switzerland.

Margaret's sister, May, married Stan Bamess.

Walter's sister, Isobel married Jim Willmott who used to frequent the Brockman family on the Warren.

Jim Willmott's other brother, Percival, became the first keeper of the Leeuwin Lighthouse and married Mag Wheatley.

Jim's grandfather, Henry Willmott married 3 times and lastly to Margaret Brockman who lived to 105 years (died 1968).

Walter and Margaret established in Flybrook where they had 10 children; Michael, Terry, Kevin, Patricia, Robyn, Jennifer, Barry, Denise and Scott (having lost Melissa at an early age).

Kevin helped on family acreages including Karri Valley which sold to Arthur Bunn. Michael and Terry continued there helping to establish the Hop Gardens.

Kevin's farming in the area produced potatoes and many other commercial vegetables, plus the Flybrook Angus and more lately, avocados.

Kevin was involved in local earthmoving of shale, sand and clay etc and often contributed to local charity work. Helping him was a soul mate in Maxine who he sadly lost.

With retirement, Kevin excelled himself by embarking on the dance scene of Pemberton and further afield when he mastered old time dancing and bootscooting.

He had time for his passion for local history and became a pillar for our PH&HG at our weekly workshops and events.

His family connections with the Willmott family almost took him to the old family home of Sandilands but that venture was curtailed by his premature death.

A gentle giant greatly missed by Pemberton.

STAYING IN PLACE

ARTICLE BY REGINE DUMPERT
Care Coordinator – Pemberton
Staying in Place Program



Hello everyone,

Our Staying in Place Program is gradually becoming well established within our community, and I am pleased to share that I have been assisting a number of local seniors through the aged care process — from applying for assessments to accessing government funding.

Over the past few months, we have also successfully connected with a growing number of support workers and allied health services to help strengthen and improve aged care support within our community. The aim of the program is to help seniors access government-funded services that enable them to remain safely and comfortably in their own homes, while using local services wherever possible. This not only strengthens our community, but ensures that you remain in control of the care and services you receive.

One important thing to keep in mind is that the process will take some time — from the initial phone call to arrange an assessment through to the allocation of government funding. For this reason, it is important not to wait until urgent help is needed, but instead to begin the process early when daily tasks start becoming more challenging.

We were fortunate to recently welcome Helen Morton, founder of the Staying in Place Program, to the Pemberton CRC, where she explained what makes this community-based program so unique and successful. The presentation was well attended and the feedback afterwards showed that Helen provided valuable information and encouraged people to start the process of accessing the service and funding they need and deserve. A big thank you to Helen Morton from the Pingelly CRC!

If you were unable to attend Helen's presentation, I would like to warmly invite you to my presentation about the Staying in Place Program on:

Monday, 29 June 2026

1:30 pm

CWA Hall

3 Doc Ryan Close, Pemberton WA 6260

Afternoon tea will be kindly provided by the CWA.

It would be lovely to see many of our seniors, family members, carers, or anyone interested in learning more about the program. Questions are always welcome.

Wishing everyone a wonderful start to winter — stay warm



Australian Government



REGIONAL COLUMN

Article by Annetta Bellingeri - Senior Regional Officer for the South West,



Where you stand when a business closes down

It's never good news when a business announces it's closing, or they have called in administrators. For many consumers, the first question is: what happens to the goods or services I've already paid for? And what about gift cards or credit notes still sitting in my wallet?

The answer depends on the circumstances.

In some cases, a business under administration may continue trading while efforts are made to save it. If you've paid in full and have proof of purchase, you may be able to collect your goods or have the service provided. If you've only paid a deposit, you might be asked to pay the remaining balance to receive the item.

Gift cards and credit notes can also be affected. An administrator may place conditions on their use, such as requiring you to spend additional money in the same transaction. For example, you may need to make a \$100 purchase to redeem a \$50 gift card. This is a way for the administrators to bring in extra money to save the business. If the business is sold, the new owners can decide whether they will honour outstanding gift cards or credit notes. That's why it's always wise to use gift cards sooner rather than later.

If the business closes up shop because it can't be saved, you may lose your money even if you've paid in full, paid a deposit, bought a gift card or have an item in for repair that was yet to be collected.

Unfortunately, customers are generally last in line to be paid when a business goes bust. After any assets are sold off, secured creditors such as banks and suppliers are paid first, followed by employees. If any money remains, unsecured creditors, such as customers, may receive a share. You can register your details with the administrator or liquidator, but there is a possibility you may only receive part of what you're owed, or nothing at all.

However, there is another way you could get your money back, but you will need to act quickly. If you paid by credit card, contact your card provider and ask about a chargeback. Strict time limits apply, so don't delay.

What about warranties or your consumer guarantees? You may still have rights under the Australian Consumer Law. If the manufacturer of your product is different from the retailer that went under, you can contact them directly about a remedy. And if the business continues trading under administration, it may still be able to meet its consumer guarantee obligations. However, if the business has been sold, the new owners can decide whether they will handle claims relating to products purchased before they took over.

To find out who has been appointed to manage a company in administration or liquidation, you can search insolvency notices through Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC). Details may also appear in newspapers or on the company's website.

If you need advice about your situation, contact Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54 or visit consumerprotection.wa.gov.au

MOVIE REVIEW

REMARKABLY BRIGHT CREATURES

2026 Rated PG13, 1h 51m

With one of my children being a devoted fan of all things octopus from an early age, I can safely say I have watched every conceivable octopus documentary, movie, factual and fictional short story, feature film, cartoon, and animation.

University of Oxford researchers have suggested that, in a post-human world, octopuses could be top candidates to become Earth's next dominant, civilisation-building species. With that in mind, how could you not be intrigued by their extraordinary capabilities?

So, when this brand-new movie appeared on our Netflix list of selections, how could I possibly say no?

What a pleasant surprise it turned out to be. Remarkably Bright Creatures was a real delight and has easily made it into my top five "feel-good movies".

The film is narrated by Marcellus, a Giant Pacific Octopus held in captivity at a small-town aquarium. Over time, a relationship develops between Marcellus and Tova, the late-night cleaning lady. From the outset, it is clear that both characters prefer solitude, yet they find some solace in each other's presence. Somehow, they recognise a shared sadness, each carrying the weight of a tragic past.

Soon, a wayward young man named Cameron arrives in town and joins the night cleaning team. He is on his own private mission to find his family, bringing another sad and heartfelt story into the mix.

With outstanding performances from Sally Field as Tova and Lewis Pullman as Cameron, the movie is instantly engaging. The voice of Marcellus is provided by none other than Alfred Molina, with a wonderful supporting cast including Colm Meaney as Ethan and Kathy Baker as Mary Ann.

If, for you, a feel-good film does not include a bucket full of tears, then you may want to give this one a miss. It is a true tear-jerker, and some parts of the story are tragically sad.

However, the connections formed through grief, kindness, and care for others, whether human or not, make this an extremely compelling story. The interesting twist at the end could perhaps be considered corny by some, but the entire film is so beautifully, carefully, and considerately presented that it really is remarkable to watch.

It leaves the viewer with all the good feels — and perhaps a renewed appreciation for the quiet intelligence and mystery of octopuses.



BUSY BEE'S IN THE VCCG

ARTICLE BY: GAYE VAN HAZENDONK
Photos by CRC Staff & Volunteers

On Saturday the 16th May we had a handful of keen VCCG supporters attend our Busy Bee at the Garden and what a busy day it was!

With lots of fiddly little jobs yet to be completed it was all hands on deck to get it done.



At the end of the day we had yet another water catchment tank installed, the painted paver's moved to reduce runoff, a new side access gate installed and two old wicking beds removed.



We also had security cameras installed to cover the shed and the back of the Uniting Church where there have been historical issues of vandalism.

In addition we will be closing off the back lane to prevent thoroughfare and have "people counters" to ensure we know just how many visitors we have utilising the facilities.



We were blessed by wonderful weather on the day and it was so nice to create a welcoming community space with a lovely group of helpful people.



Why not support the VCCG through a Membership?
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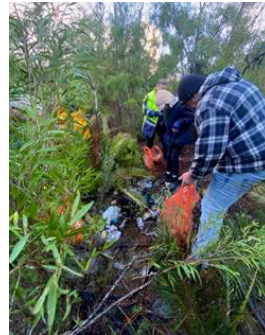
TRIP TO YEAGARUP - WITH THE YES CADETS

ARTICLE BY CHLOE FLYNN
Images by Community Volunteers

On the 1st of May I was lucky enough to join Graeme and Toni Dearle from Pemberton Discovery Tours on one of their adventures with some YES cadets and DBCA park rangers.

It was really nice getting the opportunity to learn about the interesting landscape and what the rangers do as caretakers.

Did you know that the Yeagarup Dunes are a 5,000 year old mobile dune system that is moving inland at 4 metres a year? Slow, but unstoppable.



Also, dogs are not allowed, because it is a National Park, even though people bring them.

The YES cadets are an amazing group of kids, helping out wherever they can and learning really important things as a



team. They cleaned up so much rubbish left by lazy campers.

The Youth in Emergency Services are a fun yet commendable, young squad of hard workers and I look forward to the positive changes they encourage. Graeme and Toni are a lovely couple that never stops providing memorable experiences.

My family remembers our trip with Pemberton Discovery Tours in 2017 fondly. It was pleasantly striking to watch kids rolling down dunes like I did nearly ten years ago.






Learn in the Garden

Caring for Chickens Workshop

With Teena from Gone Clucky

Learn the basics of how to care for chickens!

\$25 per person, \$15 for VCCG Members

Supplies and materials are provided.

Please bring with you: camping chair, a pen and paper

21 June, 2026

2pm - 4pm

for more information email assistant@pembertoncrc.org.au or Call 9776 1745

Places limited - Bookings essential

Teena will be selling chickens on the day, contact 0403 951 950 to pre-order your Hyline Pullet!






JOIN US ON THIS HANDS-ON WORKSHOP!

WRAP, BIND AND CREATE YOUR OWN JAPANESE MOSS BALLS.

KOKEDAMA - A FORM OF JAPANESE GARDEN ART

JULY 19TH 2PM - 4PM

\$50 PER PERSON, \$50 FOR VCCG MEMBERS

SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED.

LIMITED PLACES - SECURE YOUR SPOT NOW





The Vic Conte Community Garden, Pemberton

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ANZAC DAY



HOCKEY CLINIC



WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY



PEMBERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Pemberton District High School students have enjoyed a busy and exciting start to the term, with a range of events and activities bringing together learning, community spirit and student wellbeing.

A highlight of the term was the school's involvement in ANZAC Day commemorations. PDHS's Secondary Student Council proudly hosted the town's ANZAC Day Service at the Pemberton War Memorial and later led the school's ANZAC Assembly alongside special guest Mr Bob Hammond from the Pemberton RSL. Students demonstrated outstanding respect and maturity throughout the commemorations.

Our Year 7/8 students recently returned from the annual Respect and Resilience Camp, this year held on Rottnest Island. They enjoyed a wide range of activities including bike riding, swimming, navigation challenges, historical tours and team-building experiences. The camp provided students with opportunities to strengthen friendships, develop resilience and enjoy the beautiful natural environment of the island.

Students across our Primary years also enjoyed a special Hockey WA clinic led by Keith Old, where they developed teamwork and sporting skills through a series of engaging hockey activities.

Another wonderful community event was Walk Safely to School Day, which saw students, staff and families walking together through the streets of Pemberton before sharing a delicious cooked breakfast provided by the P&C with the support of many generous local businesses. The event highlighted the strong sense of community spirit that continues to make PDHS such a special place.





"Strength through Christ"

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL - YEAR 5/6 NEWS

It has been another busy start to Term 2 in Year 5/6, with students demonstrating enthusiasm, creativity, and a great attitude towards learning.

In Design & Technology, students have been exploring sustainability through an engaging project where they designed their own dream school garden. They carefully considered environmentally friendly features such as water conservation systems, composting areas, native plants, and spaces to relax and enjoy the garden. The designs showcase fantastic creativity while also highlighting a growing understanding of how we can care for our environment and make sustainable choices.

In Mathematics, we have been building on a range of important concepts. Students have been learning how to measure and calculate area and perimeter, applying these skills to real-world contexts such as garden planning. We have also explored transformations, including rotation, reflection, and translation, as well as identifying and creating tessellations. It has been wonderful to see students recognising these patterns and shapes in everyday life and developing confidence in using mathematical language.

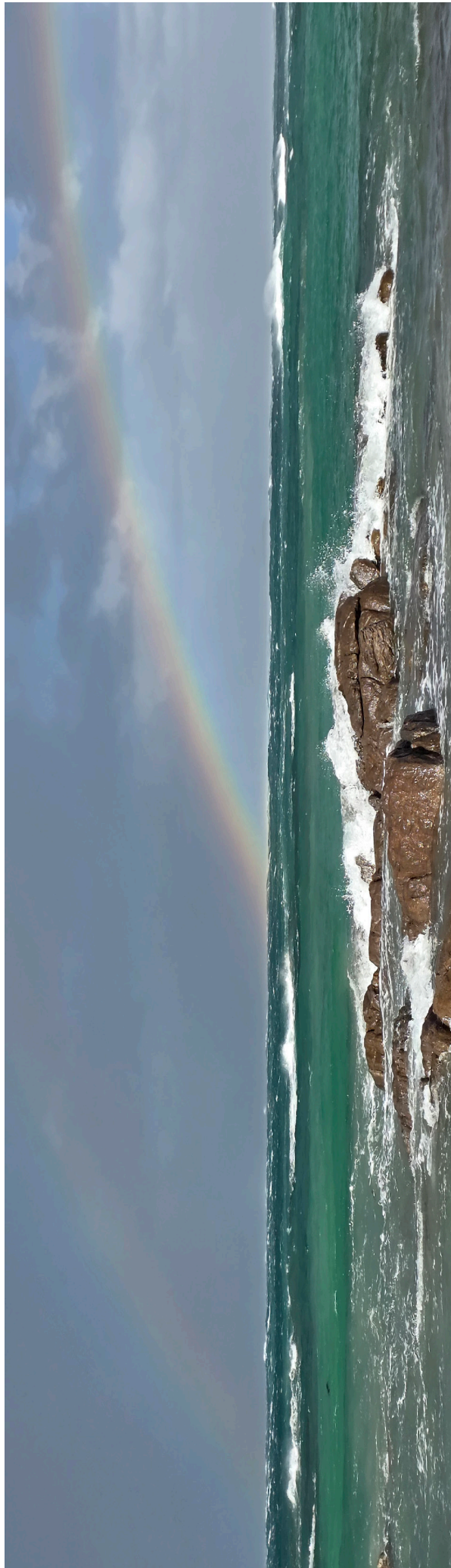
Our Physical Education sessions have focused on preparing for the upcoming Cross Country Carnival in Week 7. Students have been completing regular fitness laps, showing determination and resilience as they work to improve their stamina. It has been fantastic to see their fitness levels steadily increasing, along with their positive attitudes and encouragement of one another.

We have also begun our Pre-Primary buddy reading program, which has been a highlight for many students. This initiative provides our Year 5/6 students with the opportunity to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and form meaningful relationships with younger students. They have shown great care, patience, and responsibility in their roles as reading buddies.

Finally, a special mention to our class leaders, who are doing a fantastic job with their roles this term. The sustainability team has been doing a particularly wonderful job in the school garden- we can't wait to see the garlic grow!

We look forward to another exciting few weeks ahead as we continue learning, growing, and preparing for upcoming events!

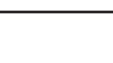
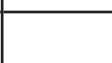
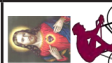




June 2026

Thank you to **Gaye Van Hazendonk** for this months Calendar
photo of the Windy Harbour boat ramp

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	2 Weekend of Workshops PEMBERTON 2026 	Caring for Chickens Workshop With Teena from Gone Clucky 21 June, 2026 Places limited, Bookings essential office@pembertoncrgc.org.au 9776 1745	Kokedama CREATION WORKSHOP JULY 19 th 2PM - 4PM 100 PER PERSON, 100 FOR VCS MEMBERS SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED.	Join Us! \$25.00 CONCESSION \$35.00 ADULT \$10.00 OF FOR PROFIT GROUPS \$10.00 SMALL BUSINESS \$15.00 CORPORATE 	6 Manjimup Repatory Club 'Spelling Bee' Play Auditions open Fleetwood Mac trivute @ Gatsbys Manjimup	7 Manjimup Repatory Club 'Spelling Bee' Play Auditions open
8 PCC 	9 Basis Clinic @10am in RSL Boardroom	10 Felt a numbat with Beverly Prideaux @ Bridgetown Library 10am - see pg 10	11 Free Digital Skills assist for over 55's at the Pemberton CRC	12 Rob V @ Pemberton Hotel 5-8pm	13 Long table dinner & RAC Lakeside restaurant book on RAC website Nannup cup power dinghy race	14 Manjimup Repatory Club 'Spelling Bee' Play Auditions open

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29 Staying in Place talk @1.30pm at the CWA - see pg 11	30 Basis Clinic @10am in RSL Boardroom	Free Digital Skills Sessions Come see us at the Pemberton Community Resource Centre, Wed-Fri, so you can learn to take control of your device! Ages 50+ 9776 1745					Coming up in July 4th - 19th July School Holidays 10th - 13th July Weekend Of Workshops Pemberton - see pg 3, 4 & 5 19th July Kokedama Creation Workshop - see pg 13 18th - 19th July Blackwood Winterfest DnD - see pg 9 29th July Shire Council Meeting in Pemberton - see pg 32				
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Regular Community Events

 Anglican Church Service 1st & 3rd Sun 11.30am Uniting Church Brockman St, Pemberton Michelle 9776 0371	 All-sorts exercise group Mon 9am \$5 each Pemberton Community Sports Club Admin 9776 1066	 Museum Workshop Thursday @10.0 am - 12pm Pemberton Heritage & Hitory Group Ros 0439 214 393	 Netball Tuesdays from 5pm Pemberton Community Sports Club Chloe 0417 340 946
 Craft Group 1st Tues \$5 St Hilda's Church Pat 9776 0388	 Art Classes with Tony Windberg Wed @ 7.9pm, Thurs @ 9.30am PAG Art Room - at the HUB Tony 0427 852 032	 PAG Arts-in-House Tues & Wed 9.30am PAG Art Room @ the HUB Anna 0439 369 702	 Road bike social ride 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sun @ 7.30am Leaving from the Community Hub Christine 0407 774 128
 Mill Hall Dance 2nd Sat 7.30pm BYO, Share Supper - \$5 Pemberton Mill Hall Terrie 0439 840 784	 Badminton (Ladies) Wed @ 9.00am - 11am Pemberton Community Sports Club Evelyn 9776 0332	 Pemberton Golf Club Saturdays @ 12pm Golf links road Club 9776 1455	 Sacred Heart Catholic Church Wed 10.00am, 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun 8.30, 2nd & 4th Sun 10.30am, Cnr Guppy S & Dean St Manjup Parish 9771 2873
 PCA - Womens Ride Second Sunday of the month @9am Meeting @ Pemberton Community Hub	 Boot scooting Thurs 5pm Pemberton Mill Hall Terrie 0439 840 784	 Pemberton Yoga Collective Mondays 5.30pm - 7.00pm Pemberton CSC - Jarrah room Pemberton CRC 9776 1745	 Social Badminton Adults @6pm-7.30pm \$5ea. Pemberton Community Sports Club Vivian 0401 501 941
 Fire and Rescue 1st Sat 2.00pm Pemberton Fire Station Jamie 0447 165 814	 CWA Op-Shop Sat 9.00 am - 1.00pm Pemberton CWA Kate 0437 167 198	 Pemberton Youth Zone Every 2nd Fri @ 5pm - 8pm Pemberton Community Sports Club Pemberton CRC 9776 1745	 Solitaire Club - \$2 Tues @ 11:00am Pemberton CRC Pemberton CRC 9776 1745
 Southerners Home Games Times Vary Pemberton Sports Oval	 Karate Sat @ 9am Pemberton Community Sports Club. Bernadette 0457 272 500	 Play Group Tues, Thurs @ 9.00 Pemberton Community Sports Club crèche Pippa 0401 654 902	 Snooker Club Wednesdays @ 6.30 pm Pemberton Community Sports Club Renata 0488 760 426
 Uniting Church Service 4th Sun 10.00am Pemberton Uniting Church Tom 9776 1472	 MTB Social Ride Sat @ 8.00am Leaving from the Community Hub Mark 0429 384 800	 Rhyme and Story Time Pemberton Library Wednesday 10.30am Sherril 9776 1311	Proudly supported by:  Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

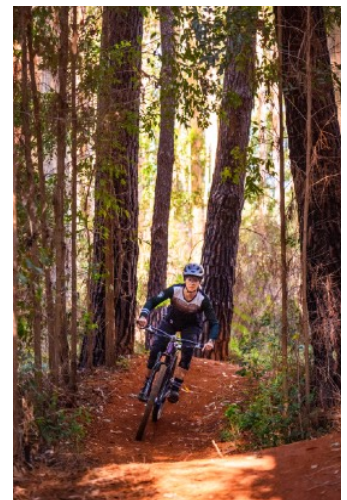
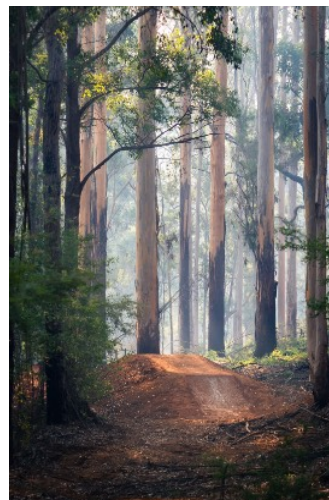
Pemberton Cycling Update

Hi everyone,

As we settle into the cooler, wetter weather of Makuru, there's been plenty happening around the Pemberton trails, with May bringing some very exciting milestones for the local riding community.



The biggest news this month is that the Pemberton Arboretum Trails are officially open! The Arboretum Trails were inspired by the hugely popular Margaret River trail style — smaller, welcoming networks that cater for beginner riders, while still offering plenty of opportunities for those looking to build confidence and refine skills. The trails complement the existing Pemberton MTB Park extremely well; the Pool network offers steeper and more advanced riding, while the Arboretum provides gentle climbs and approachable trail progression. It creates a natural pathway for riders to build fitness and skills before stepping up to more challenging terrain. With two riding parks just minutes from town, the incredible forest setting and arguably WA's best dirt, it's never been a better time to ride in Pemberton, which continues to develop as one of Western Australia's premier riding destinations.



A huge thank you also goes to Manjimup Motors for helping the club source a new Husqvarna 590BTS blower, one of the strongest blowers on the market. It has already made a massive difference to our maintenance productivity, the trails are currently looking very fresh!



Another long-term project wrapped up recently with the completion of the Pirate Trail DH upgrades. After polling riders on their preferences, the club worked hard to create a setup that caters to both downhill and XC riders. The new alignments offer riders a choice between pinch climbs or rock gardens, depending on how they want to tackle it. A new DH entry point has also been opened via the

Pinch Track/Hell Mile Climb, along with updated signage to help riders navigate the changes. As always with any updated trail, make sure to take a sight lap first and ease into the new features.

It's shaping up to be a fantastic winter riding season, and we're excited to see more riders out enjoying everything the Pemberton trail network now has to offer.

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

The PCA Team

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Top: Highlights of the Arboretum trail network, featuring local riders.

Above: The new mighty blower helping our volunteers get the job done.

Left: One of the new line choices and signs on Pirate Trail - choose your own adventure!

MTB ride - Saturdays 8.00am

**Women's MTB ride - Sunday
June 14, 9.00am**

Road bike ride - Sundays 7.30am

**All rides meet at Pemberton Visitor
Centre**

Upcoming events:
Stay tuned!

CRC COMMUNIQUÉ

ARTICLE BY GAYE VAN HAZENDONK

Photos by CRC Staff & Volunteers

ENDINGS AND BEGINNING

All good things must come to an end and so it is that we must say Farewell to our trusted IT Legend - Tristan Mills as he sets off for Northern Adventures! Tristan will still be assisting the CRC remotely with ironing out our IT procedures, so he will still be in the background supporting our continuous IT improvements.



However sad we are to see him go, we are almost as excited in welcoming a new member to the team, Miss Holly Ganatta, another Pemberton Local.

We are very excited to be able to provide this opportunity to Holly and look forward to seeing her support the community through her work at the CRC.

MORE FREE DIGITAL HELP FOR OVER 55'S

Need a hand building your digital skills? Thanks to ongoing support from the Be Connected Program, the CRC is offering free IT assistance for anyone aged 55+.

Whether it's emails, apps, phones, laptops, or general tech woes—pop in on a Thursday. Even without "IT Tristan", we've got you covered!

MEET THE NEW CRC ADMINISTRATION & PROGRAMS OFFICER!

Hi everyone,

My name is Holly and I am a Pemberton local. I am thrilled to be joining the Pemberton Community resource centres teams as the new Administration and Programs Officer! I am passionate about contributing to our community and will welcome the chance to meet you when you visit the CRC.

A little bit about me is that I run the local Catholic youth group in Manjimup, and I can passionately say that our next generation of youth are going to excel in our community.

I am a nature enthusiast, and you will often find me enjoying the local hiking trails with my dog when I am not at work.

Holly will be working Wednesday - Friday at the Pemberton CRC so stop in to say Hi and make her feel Welcome.











THE VOICES OF PEMBERTON

Calling all Storytellers

The Voices of Pemberton Project invites you to get involved in a community storytelling initiative using:

- Digital media (audio, video, podcasts, photography)
- Print media (writing, poetry, zines, storytelling)
- Art media (visual art, illustration, mixed media)

Anyone can Participate

Express your perspective on Pemberton in your own way
Strengthen your connection to community and culture

Contribute to the community collection

Bring in any of your photos, home videos and clips from Pemberton and we will copy them for you.

Digital Editing Skills Workshops for Youth 12-25yrs coming soon!!



PEMBERTON CRC

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BAT BOXES FOR SALE



SOUTH WEST WA IS HOME TO 9 SPECIES OF MICROBATS.

UNFORTUNATELY, MOST OF THESE SPECIES ARE DECLINING IN POPULATION

HELP OUT THE BATS BY INSTALLING A BAT BOX!

WHAT IS A BAT BOX?

A man-made habitat that encourages microbats to live in the area.

WHY DO WE WANT BATS?

Bats are amazing pollinators and pest control agents. They can eat 1000 insects per hour.



PLEASE CONTACT

ASSISTANT@PEMBERTONCRC.ORG.AU

OR 9776 1745 TO PURCHASE A BAT BOX

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Pemberton Community organisation of the Year 2016.

www.pembertonartsgroup.org.au

[pembertonartsgroup.facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/pembertonartsgroup)

PAG NEWS:

Contact Anna: pembertonart2023@outlook.com

0439 369 702

PAG would like to wish everyone the very best for the Month of June! We welcome the beginning of winter, an amazingly beautiful time to be amongst the Southern Forests.

Please remember everyone is welcome to our workshops, but bookings are essential as we are limited to how many people we can fit in our lovely space.

WOW Workshops!

The Pemberton CRC will be running their annual Winter WEEKEND OF WORKSHOPS. PAG are delighted to help by running a few fun creative workshops over the weekend.

Remember to keep Friday 10th to Monday 13th July free to add some fantastic workshops to your calendar.

PAG will be hosting: **Pemberton Arts Lego Challenge**

Painting Faces In Watercolour with Tony Windberg

Metal Clay Jewellery

Information can be found in this newsletter or by contacting the CRC on 9776 1745 or office@pembertoncrc.org.au.

Tricia Reust (Master Pastel Artist) Workshops: 2 very productive & educational days.



Colour Society Of Australia (CSA) Workshops: A collaboration between the CAS and PAG: a weekend of unforgettable experiences, starting with a dinner at Charlie's, enjoying an exchange of skills and knowledge, enjoying the exceptional forest walks and night sky, and learning about colour from the experts. Thanks to Lisa Radomiljac, Elaine Steele & Tony Windberg and the CSA members for an action-packed, informative and interesting weekend!! If you weren't there, you missed out!!



Weekly Art Sessions! Art sessions take place Tuesday and Wednesdays 9.30am-to-12.30pm during school terms. \$2 per session which includes tea, coffee and some morning tea. What a fun space to interact with like-minded people, delving into deep and not-so-deep conversations about life and nature and of course how we express ourselves through creativity. Everyone is welcome to come and join us!

Pemberton Arts Group Inc presents
23rd Annual Spring Exhibition
'ALCHEMY'
Seeking the sublime from the ordinary



2D and small 3D works, Pemberton Community Sports Club
 Exhibition open from 10am—4:30pm daily, Saturday 26th September
 to Sunday 11th October (closes 1pm on 11th October).
 Size limits and prize list will be on entry form, available in August.
 Entry Form, Image and Artist's Statement due Monday 14th September
 Email PAG: pembertonart2023@outlook.com Website: www.pembertonartgroup.org.au
Sculpture by Paul Toulant



Department of
Primary Industries and
Regional Development

Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

A locust is a locust is a... grasshopper? June 2016



Photos left to right: Adult *Valanga irregularis*, juvenile *Valanga irregularis* (second & third image), adult Australian plague locust.

Did you know that all locusts are grasshoppers...but not all grasshoppers are locusts? Grasshoppers and locusts are part of the order Orthoptera, meaning 'straight-winged'. Grasshoppers are plant-eating insects with long hind legs, specialised for jumping and producing their well-known 'chirping' sound. The term 'locust' simply refers to grasshoppers which can breed and feed within large groups (swarms) and cause extensive damage to surrounding vegetation.

Getting to know our natives

In suburban gardens, people mostly tend to see the giant Australian grasshopper (*Valanga irregularis*) and less often the Australian spur-throated locust (*Austracris guttulosa*). Although these species are usually found across Northern Australia from Carnarvon to Northern NSW, they have happily taken up residence in the Perth, Peel and South-west regions during the last decade or so. Both species have very large bodies in their adult stages, ranging between 5 to 7 cm in length, with long back legs and a throat spur. Adults can live up to 12 months. The females lay their eggs in the soil in late spring, and after hatching, the nymphs change colour with each moult and can vary from shades of light green to spectacular reds with blue stripes. The adults are characterised by a strong patterned body colour, white strip on the top of their thorax, dark coloured antennae and red spines (spurs) with black tips on their hind legs.

Giant Australian grasshoppers and spur-throated locusts are often mistaken for the Australian plague locust (*Chortoicetes terminifera*). Australian plague locusts usually inhabit pastoral regions in relatively low numbers, but populations can explode with favourable weather conditions. Adults are between 2.5 to 4 cm long and vary in colour from light to dark shades of green and brown. They have a distinct dark blotch at the outer edge of the hind wing, and the inside of their hind legs are red in colour. Australian plague locusts are rarely seen outside agricultural settings.

Control

Ignoring an agricultural plague - chemical control is rarely effective or recommended in the home garden. Thankfully, a healthy garden environment can keep their numbers manageable. Young grasshoppers especially, are eaten by a wide variety of predators like birds and reptiles which control their juvenile stages. They can also be parasitised by mites, native solitary wasps, flies and nematodes. Hand removal and placing the grasshoppers in the freezer for 3 hours would be the easiest method if you are wanting to control adult grasshopper numbers. Make sure to wear strong gardening gloves as the spines on their hind legs may be sharp! If you see an unfamiliar grasshopper, report it! If there are many, try and find the largest ones as the adults are more distinctive than the nymphs. Take clear photos of the leg and body markings, antennae colour and include a ruler, pen or coin for scale.



Report your observations

MyPestGuide® Reporter via app or online mypestguide@dpird.wa.gov.au

Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS) 08 9368 308 | padis@dpird.wa.gov.au

FUN FACTS: WESTERN KANGAROO

ARTICLE BY KATIE PILLAR
Images by Katie Pillar

Jump into this fun facts article!

Did you know that kangaroos are the world's largest marsupials? Around two-thirds of the world's marsupials live in Australia. A marsupial is characterized by premature birth and continued development of the newborn in a pouch or flap of skin.

When a kangaroo is born, it is the size of a peanut. They are hairless and have partially formed hindlimbs, their forelimbs are developed and they use their curved claws to make their journey to the pouch, where they get the rest of their nutrients.

Unlike other kangaroo species, these ones do not have embryonic diapause. Embryonic diapause is a reproductive strategy that various animals have adapted to be able to carry dormant embryos in their uterus while caring for their live young. This means that a



kangaroo (not a Western Grey) could have 3 babies at a time!

Kangaroos are unable to move backward as their anatomy is designed for forward hopping. They are featured as native Australian animals in Australia's Coat of arms, alongside an emu, to symbolise always moving forwards and embrace

progress.

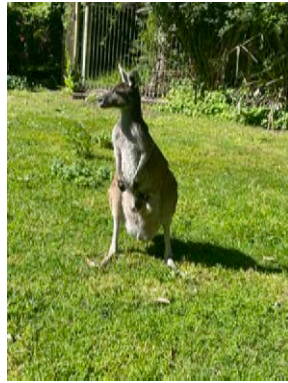
Joeys have strong survival instincts towards their mother's pouches. When they sense danger they jump in for protection. The pouch is kept hygienic because joeys will wait for their mother's to tell them to get out and go to the toilet. Potty-trained from birth!

A kangaroo's tail is used as an extra limb, they use it to push themselves forward when grazing and lift themselves off the ground. The tail of a kangaroo has more than 20 vertebrae surrounded by large muscle. Kangaroo tail is also commonly eaten, as it's high in protein, low in fat, and delicious.

Similar to cats, kangaroos can independently swivel their ears 180 degrees each, giving them a full 360 scan of their surroundings. They point their large ears towards a sound to listen precisely.

The noongar name for Western Grey Kangaroos is Yongka (YONG-kuh).

Life's better with a bit of bounce!



PEMBERTON

Western Australia



PEMBERTON VISITOR CENTRE

ARTICLE BY GRAEME DEARLE
President - PVC

Pemberton recently received a Silver Award in the WA Tiny Tourism Town Awards in Carnarvon. It was an honour to accept the award on behalf of our town and represent Pemberton amongst some of Western Australia's leading tourism destinations.

Awards are more than recognition. They help keep Pemberton visible in an increasingly competitive tourism market. The Visitor Centre works closely with Tourism WA and Australia's South West to ensure Pemberton features in marketing campaigns, itineraries and visitor planning. This work has taken many years to build and helps keep our town on the map.

Tourism benefits far more than tourism businesses alone. Visitors support accommodation providers, cafés, restaurants, retail stores, fuel stations, trades and services throughout the community. The Visitor Centre and Caravan Park play an important role in welcoming visitors, encouraging longer stays and directing people to local businesses and experiences. We will continue to wave the flag for Pemberton.

One of the highlights this month has been the unofficial opening of the Karri Trails Pemberton Arboretum network, with the Minister expected to officially open the trails later this month. Combined with the anticipated reopening of the Gloucester Tree in the near future, these projects present a significant opportunity for Pemberton and the wider region.

At the Pemberton Pool precinct, the newly sealed carpark has been completed and the floating sauna project continues to progress. Improvements at the Visitor Centre are also continuing, with the new internal wall and automatic entry door expected to be completed soon.

As we move into the quieter winter months, rising fuel costs and tighter household budgets continue to influence travel decisions, making every visitor important to our local economy.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has completed and shared the Pemberton survey. Your feedback helps guide future planning and improve the visitor experience for locals and visitors alike.

Accessing Government Info

For STATE government access, there is a free Government Information Access Portal at the CRC (a dedicated PC and printer access).

For Federal Department of Human Services government access, such as Centrelink and Medicare and My Gov.

There is a dedicated PC (next to the Centrelink fax machine).

So if you have government-related business to do or information to find, you can do it at the Pemberton Community Resource Centre for free.



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You can break free from vaping

The harmful chemicals in vapes

Lab testing has found over 240 chemicals in vapes, and many of them are known to be harmful to human health. For others, we simply don't know what breathing them into your lungs will do. Harmful chemicals are being discovered all the time, and new ones like radioactive polonium are being tested. This raises some serious questions about how these chemicals get into vapes and what kind of danger they might bring.

The chemicals in vapes can harm your health and make you feel unwell, impacting your everyday life. Symptoms like breathlessness, headaches and lung irritation can make it harder to work or study, and ruin social activities. Vaping can even lead to serious medical emergencies.

Nicotine

Most vapes contain nicotine even when they say they don't. Inhaling too much nicotine from vapes poisons your body. A small amount is enough to even kill a small child. Nicotine poisoning can affect you in different ways depending on your size and how much you put in your body.

Signs of poisoning:

- Headspins
- Nausea & vomiting
- Seizures
- Feeling restless or irritable
- Diarrhoea
- Confusion
- Abnormal or slow heartbeat, low blood pressure
- Extreme tiredness
- Coma
- Breathlessness, slow breathing or even no breathing

1 vape = how many cigarettes?

We did the maths and found that a 6000 puff vape can contain the same amount of nicotine as about 3 packs of cigarettes.

Vapes are designed so that the nicotine is easy to inhale. This makes it easier to take more hits in a short time and absorb more nicotine into your lungs and blood in one session than you would if you were smoking cigarettes.



Thinking about quitting?



[Book an appointment with your doctor](#)

- If you are struggling with nicotine withdrawal symptoms that aren't getting better, your doctor can help. They can give you advice on nicotine replacement therapy and link you with other support services.



Call [the Quitline \(13 7848\)](tel:137848). Their trained Quitline counsellors can:

- tailor a quit plan to suit you,
- help you work through your triggers and
- provide new tips to fight cravings.

Whether you're just thinking about quitting or you've tried 20 times already, Quitline would love to hear from you.

If talking on the phone is not your thing, you can also send them a message on [Messenger](#), or [Webchat](#) .

Chat to those who matter most



Share your plans to quit with a trusted friend or mentor (e.g., coach, counsellor, or close family member) and reach out for support.



Talk to your loved ones about your decision to quit.

They can support you by:

- Reminding you why you want to quit.
- Distracting you when you have cravings or helping you find the best craving busters.
- Booking or attending appointments with you.
- Celebrating your vape-free milestones.

Don't be too hard on yourself if you vape again.

Quitting vapes can be a journey and you may stumble or go back to vaping – this doesn't mean you've failed. Many vapes contain high levels of nicotine which can make stopping challenging. Next time around you'll know what worked and what didn't. Keep trying and you will quit.

For more information and support visit
www.cleartheair.org.au/

WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

Communication Differences

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
June 2026

As blokes we often get told *men just don't talk!* However, in the work we do we have come to realise that when given the right circumstances and a safe environment, blokes do talk. Sometimes this involves us disclosing personal issues or just telling our story.

In our modern society we seem to have increased life pressures to the point where we reach breaking point in our relationships. Relationships are more than just our partners and can include our workplace interactions, dealing with children or even our parents. We need to encourage understanding of the *need to listen and be heard* in all relationships. Sometimes we are guilty of misunderstanding someone of the opposite sex. We need to maintain the basics when communicating; talking, listening, taking time to hear and be heard and not just acknowledging and contributing a few fleeting words on the run.



Modern technology, even though it is part of the mix, can never replace the basic need for face-to-face communication. Most of our communication is non-verbal, so when we don't have access to a person's body language, messages are often misunderstood.

To achieve more effective communication, firstly we must acknowledge the differences between the genders (men are hardwired differently, are risk takers, winners and problem solvers), and secondly,

differ on how we go about communicating. There is no right or wrong, but we need to recognise the differences such as:

- Blokes generally talk less than ladies.
- Ladies speak in a narrative way.
- Single word answers (yes/no/good/ok) are often valid responses for blokes.
- Blokes find it harder to talk about their emotions, we are hardwired differently but over time have also been conditioned not to talk.

Men, in particular, are challenged by their lack of verbal skills, so we need to recognise when we are worried, be encouraged to seek help and importantly be asked what the problem is. We need to question, *has he resolved the problem and how has he resolved the problem?*

One of the most difficult things for men and women is the ability to discuss issues with the significant people in their lives. These issues can be about relationships, children, farm ownership, health and a range of other matters which affect our inner wellbeing. Often the *unspoken issues* create long term destructive relationship issues that are difficult to resolve.

We need to develop positive communication skills. Some useful tips aimed at assisting with a more productive outcome when communicating, include:

- Choosing the right environment.
- Timing is an important factor to consider - make time.
- When discussing an issue be open to alternate solutions and a realistic compromise.
- Be prepared to listen, listen, listen!
- Identify the relevant mates you can *trust* to discuss matters of concern.
- Getting help if all else is failing.

✉ @RMHI_4blokes

🎧 Working with Warriors Podcast

🌐 regionalmenshealth.com.au



PEOPLE LOOKING AFTER PEOPLE

ARTICLE BY JAMIE COPELAND

Photos by Community Volunteers

Southern Forests volunteers celebrated at packed community event

A packed Mill Hall, children racing between emergency services vehicles, cadets bandaging willing young patients and volunteers finally getting a chance to chat together — not during an emergency, but as a community.

That was the scene in Pemberton last Friday night as around 200 people from across the Southern Forests gathered to celebrate National Volunteer Week and the volunteers who quietly keep regional communities functioning.

Hosted by the Pemberton Youth Emergency Service Cadets, the free community event brought together emergency services, sporting groups, arts groups, local organisations and community services for an evening focused on connection, volunteering and local stories.

The event featured a free community BBQ, raffles, fundraising stalls, emergency services displays and the premiere screening of *Local Knowledge* — a locally produced short documentary by filmmaker Kieran Dearle of KDM Productions exploring emergency services volunteering in Pemberton.

Set against the backdrop of climate change and increasing pressure on regional emergency response systems, the documentary follows local volunteers through a simulated multi-vehicle, multi-casualty training exercise held last year involving Pemberton Police, Pemberton and Northcliffe Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services, Pemberton–Northcliffe St John first responder volunteers and the Pemberton YES Cadets.

The film captures both the beauty and vulnerability of life in small regional communities, where volunteers are often the first and sometimes only immediate responders available.

Audience members described the documentary as “powerful”, “real” and “deeply local”, with many staying behind afterwards to discuss the issues raised in the film and share their appreciation for local volunteers.

Organisers said one of the most meaningful parts of the night was seeing community members able to connect directly with the people behind the services they rely on.

“In small towns, volunteering is woven through almost every part of community life,” organisers said.

“It’s emergency services, sport, schools, arts, events, community groups — often the same people wearing multiple hats. The night reminded everyone how much regional communities rely on those volunteers and the relationships behind them.”

One of the strongest outcomes from the evening came after the documentary screening, when three separate individuals approached Jamie Copeland, Captain of the Pemberton Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service to ask how they could join and help.



“That alone makes the whole night worthwhile,” Jamie said.

The Pemberton YES Cadets also raised \$650 towards new ambulances for the Pemberton–Northcliffe St John Ambulance Subcentre through a raffle, which was supported by Pemberton General Store and South West Haulage Co.

Volunteer organisations represented on the night included:

- Pemberton Youth Emergency Service Cadets
- Pemberton Volunteer Fire and Rescue
- Pemberton / Northcliffe St John Ambulance Subcentre
- Manjimup SES
- Lower South West Volunteer Fire & Emergency Services ICV Crew
- Vic Conte Community Garden
- Pemberton Playgroup
- Pemberton Cycling Association
- Pemberton Visitors Centre
- Pemberton Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- Pemberton Arts Group
- Pemberton Historical Society
- Pemberton Mill Hall
- Pemberton CRC

The event comes amid increasing concern about the long-term sustainability of volunteering in regional Western Australia.

At the same time, volunteering remains critical to community resilience, particularly in regional areas like Warren–Blackwood where emergency response, recovery and community services rely heavily on volunteers.

Volunteering WA estimates around 1.5 million Western Australians volunteer in some capacity, while recent State Government strategies have identified volunteer recruitment, retention and youth engagement as major priorities for the future sustainability of the sector.

Organisers said the response to the event showed there is still strong community goodwill towards volunteering when people are given the opportunity to connect locally and see the impact firsthand.

“There was a real sense of pride and gratitude in the room,” Jamie said.

“People were overwhelmingly appreciative of the volunteers we have in our community. It reminded us that volunteering is about much more than services alone — it’s about trust, local knowledge and people looking after people.”

The documentary *Local Knowledge* was made possible through support from Rio Tinto.

Organisers also thanked VolunteeringWA and Lotterywest for supporting the event through National Volunteer Week funding.



PEMBERTON HOTEL 100TH

ARTICLE BY JOANNE DRAKE

IMAGES PROVIDED BY JOANNE DRAKE

The Pemberton Holtem 100th Speech.

"Today isn't just a celebration, it's a moment in time.

Because for 100 years, this building behind us hasn't just been a hotel, it's been a place of stories, of people, of connection.

By April 1926, construction of a new hotel here in Pemberton was already underway.

A two-storey brick building, nearly 100 feet wide, with two bars, dining rooms, and 19 bedrooms.

At the time, it was to include electric light, hot water, and even a septic system — all considered modern conveniences of the day.

The building would feature a wide balcony across the front, with additional balconies at the rear, and space for garages and even stabling.

It was expected to be fully completed by November... and would go on to become what we now know as the Pemberton Hotel.

By the 1940s, this place had already become something more.

A place where people came to forget their worries, even in the middle of war.

And I love this line from 1941 Pemberton Post article:

'Very pleasant it is to converse with mine host - Mr Hall over a glass of ale.'

And honestly, some things never change.

From its early days... through generations of owners, each has left their mark on this place.

And it's really special to have Alma Roche here with us today, representing part of that history.

We acknowledge all those who have come before, the Roches, Beardmans, Hartnett's & Collins, & Aitkens, and the role they've played in shaping what the Pemberton Hotel is today.

We'd also like to acknowledge Pixie Rijkuris, whose mother Elizabeth Hurley Hammer became part of local pub folklore when she challenged the social rules of the day by entering the public bar during WWII. What a gift to have that story carried forward by her daughter today.

And of course, like any good pub story, there was even a wine theft in 1946. (Reference to Pemberton post article)

But what really makes a place like this, is never just the building. It's the people who stand behind the bar, welcome you through the door, and keep it alive.

Thank you... for everything you've given to this place and this community. And now... like all great stories, a new chapter begins.

WELCOME NEW OWNERS

Paul, Tara, and your team — a very warm welcome to you as the new custodians of the Pemberton Hotel.

This place carries history, heart, and community —and it's exciting to see it step into its next chapter with you.

We're all looking forward to what's ahead and we wish you every success.

Thank you all for being here today and for being part of this story."

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many people and groups who helped bring the weekends stories, history and community spirit to life.

Thank you to Mandy Sneeuwjagt and Andrew Cabassi for their fascinating and informative talk on the legendary Charlie Burns, whose story remains woven into the rich character of our region.

Thank you also to our wonderful Pemberton Line Dancers, the Pemberton RSL, Pemberton CRC, Momentum Dance Co, Ampersand Estates, Batista Wines, Wild Beyond Cider, Jordanna, Olive Mae, Shenai Johnston, Jonelle Grochowski Duo, Lightnin' Jack and the Gibellini Strings for sharing your talent, support and community spirit so generously.

Weekends like this remind us that history is not only found in old buildings and photographs - but in the people who continue to gather, celebrate and keep these stories alive.



PEMBERTON HOTEL 100TH BIRTHDAY



PEMBERTON HOTEL 100TH BIRTHDAY



Pemberton Community Sports Club

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB



JUNE 2026

DAY	WHAT'S ON
MONDAY 	All Sorts Fitness 9:00am
TUESDAY 	- Playgroup 9:00am - Netball 6:00pm - Footy Training 6:00pm - Ladies Darts 7:30pm
WEDNESDAY 	- Ladies Badminton 9:00am - Social Badminton 6:00pm - Snooker 6:30pm - Mens Darts 7:00pm
THURSDAY 	- Playgroup 9:00am - Junior/Senior Footy Training from 4:30pm
SATURDAY 	Karate 8:00am

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Pemberton Sports Club is looking for a reliable **Casual Bar Attendant** to join our friendly team.

Requirements:

- ✓ Current Approved Manager's Licence (essential)
- ✓ RSA
- ✓ Friendly, reliable and able to work evenings/weekends

If you enjoy a **community vibe** and a **great team atmosphere**, we'd love to hear from you!

📍 Pemberton Sports Club

✉ Email: admin@pembertoncsc.com.au

💬 Please message the club or enquire at the bar for more details.

CHASE THE ACE

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Manjimup Shire Bulletin

June 2026



SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the May Ordinary Council Meeting, I had the privilege of honouring Michael and Christine Fontanini from Fonty's Hire. For 50 years, Fonty's have ensured any event has been accessorised appropriately, but what many people do not know is the extent of the donations of time and resources, from a casual "oh don't worry about it" to supplying staff, fencing and machinery for our magnificent 13m Christmas Tree to go up. A sincere thank you to Christine and Michael for all they continue to do for our Shire.

Along with Fonty's, another source of inspiration is Mr Max Lefroy. Mr Lefroy has been dedicated to the Manjimup Airfield for 35 years. This year, Mr Lefroy has decided to take some time for himself. We thank Mr Lefroy for his many years of service.

For anyone who has attended the iconic June long weekend motocross event, the Manjimup 15,000, watching the documentary "40 Years of Manjimup 15,000" is a must. The achievement of a small band of locals to bring an international event to Manjimup in a time of no social media, no emails, just phone calls, letters and manual registrations, was phenomenal. It was incredibly moving to reminisce and learn about our amazing local leaders and the vision they held.

One of the exciting parts of my role is the opportunity for continuous learning and development. I, along with Cr Willcox and Director Ipsen-Cutts who presented on the day, attended the Local Government Emergency Management Forum 2026 – one state, any realities. The forum covered Local Government planning for regional resilience in the event of fire, flood, biosecurity, pandemics and everything in between - because knowledge and preparation before an event is essential for the safety of our communities.

Finally, thank you to community members that have communicated with Councillors on a variety of subjects. These conversations, along with workshops, questions to officers, legislation and regulation, guide the decisions made at Council meetings. Your input is always welcome and I encourage you to engage with all of our elected members.

As always, stay safe and chat soon.

Donelle Buegge
Shire President

2026 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings will commence at 5:30pm and, unless otherwise indicated below, will be held in the Council Chambers, Manjimup, on the following dates.

- 24 June 2026
- 29 July 2026 (Pemberton)
- 26 August 2026
- 23 September 2026
- 28 October 2026
- 25 November 2026 (Walpole)
- 16 December 2026

SHIRE NEWS / WHAT'S ON

Shire President Visits - Chat with Donelle Buegge!

On the first Tuesday of each month, the Shire President visits two towns in the Rural Ward, alternating between Northcliffe and Quinninup one month and Pemberton and Walpole the next. Visit the Shire website for full details.

Participants obtain qualifications at the Manjimup AquaCentre!

Over two weekends in May, the Manjimup Regional AquaCentre successfully delivered local CPR, First Aid and Pool Lifeguard training through the Volunteer Lifeguard Program, supported by the WA State Government. The program resulted in 12 community members aged between 15 and 53 gaining nationally recognised qualifications, helping to strengthen local aquatic safety skills and workforce capacity within the region. By offering the training locally, the initiative removed significant travel and cost barriers that often limit access to these qualifications in regional communities. The newly qualified participants will help support the ongoing delivery and future growth of aquatic programs, services, and volunteer opportunities across the Shire of Manjimup. Congratulations to participants!

Did you know?

Winter weather can sometimes make the pools *feel* colder, but the good news is, the water temperature remains consistent all year round! Our team at the Manjimup Regional AquaCentre check and record pool temperatures every three hours, with the leisure pool maintained at a comfortable 29–30°C and the lap pool at 28–29°C regardless of the season. What changes in winter is the air temperature around the pool, which can make the water seem cooler when you first hop in, but once you're moving it's the same warm swim our patrons enjoy year-round!

National Reconciliation Week

Today marks the last day of National Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 June), highlighting the importance of reconciliation and the role we all play in fostering understanding, respect and a more inclusive community. You may have noticed the colourful Reconciliation Week banners displayed across Manjimup, Pemberton, Northcliffe and Walpole, celebrating Aboriginal culture, connection and our shared journey toward reconciliation. This year's stunning artwork, *Murrunga*, was created by Western Australian Aboriginal artist Melissa Sunfly, a proud Kukatja/Ngardi woman from the East Kimberley. Her artwork reflects stories of Country, culture, family, and connection.

Warren Blackwood Regional Trails Strategy

Consultation sessions for the Warren Blackwood Regional Trails Strategy have now concluded as part of a project by the Warren Blackwood Alliance of Councils. Held across Manjimup, Donnybrook-Balingup, Nannup, Boyup Brook and Bridgetown-Greenbushes, the sessions brought together trail users, community groups, businesses, and residents to help shape a strategy focused on sustainable trail development and connected experiences that benefit both local communities and visitors.

'Weather Your Drive'

As part of the 'Weather Your Drive' campaign (developed by the National Road Safety Partnership Program), the Shire would like to remind our community that changing weather conditions can have a significant impact on road safety. Rain and storms reduce visibility, make surfaces slippery and increase stopping distances. Simple adjustments can make a big difference. Slow down, increase your following distance, turn your headlights on when visibility drops, and stay focused on the road. Taking a little extra care during wet weather helps protect everyone who uses the road.

"Brushes With Nature" Exhibition

Brushes With Nature features works from Rick Sneeuwjaagt and John Kaye. Rick Sneeuwjaagt is a professional forester whose lifelong love of forests, and his 15 years in Pemberton and Manjimup, inspires his works. John Kaye's forestry career in WA led to and inspired his works of native forests, deserts, and the Wheatbelt. This free exhibition will take place at the Manjimup Art Gallery from 27 June - 31 July.

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Pemberton Waste Transfer Station

104 Pemberton Northcliffe Rd, Yeagarup

Wednesday: 11:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday/Sunday: 12:00pm - 5:00pm

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 at the Council Chambers, Manjimup.

Pemberton Library

61 Brockman Street - 9776 1311

Wednesday 9:00am - 1:30pm

Thursday 9:30am-12:30pm

Friday 1:00pm - 5:00pm, Saturday 9:00pm - 12:00pm

AquaCentre

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

MHCC Activities

Boronia Club - 10:00am to 2:00pm Mon and Thu

Over 50 Exercise Group: 9:00am to 10:00am Tue and Thu

Tai Chi: 10:30am to 11:30am Wednesday

Bingo: 1:00pm to 3:00pm Thursday



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The Shire of Manjimup respectfully acknowledges the Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands in which we work throughout the region and we pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

