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Thank you to Catrin Iversen  
for this months cover photo.

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## Editorial

For those who are not aware, it's been an extremely sad time for the PCN Editor with the very recent passing of my most beloved Dad - Jack O'Donnell.

It is hard to think of anything else to write about after weeks of pouring over photos, choosing, scanning, printing, and assisting in writing one mans remarkable eulogy and talking about old times with his friends and family.

It is a lot to do at the most rotten time, it really is!

Although sad and difficult, I have found great comfort in not only knowing that my Dad had a really great time whilst he was here, but also in the many comforting words and actions of those around me.

I would have to say that it is difficult to find the words to express the gratitude one feels for the care and consideration shown by others in times of grief.

It is not an easy thing to do. To stand up and face another person in great sadness. It can be very confronting. However, the great depths of appreciation that can be reached by simple gestures at this time cannot be overstated.

So to all those who have ever comforted a person in a time of great sorrow, I thank you, whole heartedly.

As for myself, I have come away from a deeply sad experience, feeling loved and thoroughly supported by those who care.

I feel it apt to provide a Vale for Dad, who meant a great deal, not only to myself and my family, but to many of the locals in both Northcliffe and Pemberton.

Gaye

### VALE: JACK O'DONNELL

Born 1 Feb 1941 - Died 14 Feb 2023

Northcliffe resident 1968-2021

Windy Harbour advisory council 23 years

Taught at NDHS 1969-1987

Taught at PDHS 1988-2001

Local JP for 30 years

Great sportsman and coach

Southerners all star

Mad Dockers supporter

Adored his Family

Loved Windy Harbour

Always good for a beer and a laugh

### R.I.P Jacko



1965 - Honeymoon visit to Pemby pool



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Send all contributions in to

[pcn@pembertoncrc.org.au](mailto:pcn@pembertoncrc.org.au)

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## Quinni Arts Presents:

### Tie Dyeing Workshop

On Saturday 11th March from 9am

At Quinninup Community Centre

Presented by Helette Engelbrecht



Cost: \$50/\$45 for Quinni Arts Members

For more details or to book your place please

[Email: raestarr55@outlook.com](mailto:raestarr55@outlook.com)

## Pemberton Art Prize 2023

7-23 April, 10am-4:30pm

Official Opening 6 April

Entries close Friday 24 March 2023



## Sculpture in the Vines 2023

Pemberley:

21-30 April 2023, 11am-4pm

Official Opening 22 April

Entries close 1 April 2023



Pemberton Arts Group Inc





Department of  
Jobs, Tourism, Science  
and Innovation

GOVERNMENT OF  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# \$4 million Community Small Grants Fund



Grants of up to \$100,000 are available for projects that aim to diversify the local economy, and create liveable communities through services, infrastructure, tourism and events.

### Need help with your application?

Head to any of the info sessions below:

**Greenbushes Community Resource Centre**  
46 Blackwood Road,  
Greenbushes  
Thu 2 Mar  
4pm to 5pm

**Manjimup Wellness and Respite Community Centre**  
Conference Room,  
1A Edwards St, Manjimup  
Wed 8 Mar  
1.30pm to 3.30pm  
5pm to 6.30pm

**Nannup Recreation and Community Centre**  
Community Meeting Room,  
Warren Rd, Nannup  
Thu 9 Mar  
9.30am to 11am

**Bridgetown Gardens**  
Robinia Way, Bridgetown  
(off Kangaroo Gully Rd)  
Thu 9 Mar  
2pm to 3.30pm

Applications are now open to businesses and community groups.  
First round closes on 21 April 2023.

Call 9777 1555 or email [NFTEnquiries@swdc.wa.gov.au](mailto:NFTEnquiries@swdc.wa.gov.au) to register | Visit [wa.gov.au/nft](http://wa.gov.au/nft) to apply.

# Learn in the Garden

ARTICLE BY DEBORAH DIRKS  
Photos by Jolene Otway

It was great to attend the Pond Workshop on Sunday 12 February at the Pemberton Community Garden.



The workshop was run by Charles and Jolene Otway.

Now these two local perma-culturists really know their stuff and presented it in a relaxed, fun and educational way.

The 2 hour course covered natural, diverse, balanced, safe and healthy aquatic systems and habitats including birds, fish, frogs, insects, plants and water quality.



We were shown how to build a pond from scratch.

Charles and Jolene were hands on to discuss aquatic plant selection with differing water depths.

At the end we happily all went home with a bucket full of various aquatic plants to get our own ponds started.

## NEXT LEARN IN THE GARDEN WORKSHOP SUNDAY 12TH MARCH 2-4PM

Care and Maintenance of Chickens presented by Teena James from 'Gone Clucky' Bridgetown.

Bring your poultry questions for the expert and don't Forget to book your spot!



LEARN IN THE GARDEN  
Monthly workshop series  
2nd Sunday of each month  
12th March 2023

Presented by Teena James

## CARE AND MAINTANENCE OF CHICKENS 2-4PM

Learn how to best care for your chickens  
\$10.00 PER PERSON  
All materials included.



# Gloucester Tree

ARTICLE BY DUNCAN PALMER -DBCA DISTRICT MANAGER,  
DONNELLY DISTRICT  
Photo by Grant Seatory

The Gloucester Tree, located in Gloucester National Park in Pemberton, is currently closed to the public while it is being repegged. Work is expected to be completed by the Labour Day long weekend in March (4-6 March).

Gloucester Tree is a significant tourist icon in the region attracting 107,000 visitors annually with 10,700 visitors climbing the 53m look-out tree.

While the tree is still structurally sound, an engineer's assessment of the tree determined that the climbing pegs needed to be replaced. The repegging work is being completed by specialist arboriculturists and will include two new aluminium ladder sections and a small new platform in the upper portion of the tree linking to the main lookout cabin.

A total of 123 new stainless-steel pegs are expected to be installed.

While the Gloucester Tree is currently closed, the recreation site walking trails including the Munda Biddi Trail and Bibbulmun Track that pass through the site remain open.

The public is reminded that the Bicentennial Tree in Warren National Park is still open and available for climbing.

Climbing Gloucester Tree is an awe-inspiring adrenaline experience providing exceptional views over the surrounding karri forest and farmland. It is one of eight lookout trees built in the south west between 1937 and 1952.

Stay up to date on closures for Gloucester Tree and all other DBCA managed parks and sites on the Park Alerts website <https://alerts.dbca.wa.gov.au/>



Department of Biodiversity,  
Conservation and Attractions

## Chapter 2 The Stars Descend Coming to Northcliffe

ARTICLE BY DIANA MOSS

Photo by Christopher Young

An odyssey of outdoor dance performances is about to unfold across regional Western Australia. Annette Carmichael Projects' THE STARS DESCEND draws together the work of 25 exceptional artists and more than 100 community members across five locations, to share an inspirational story of climate hope. The audience can watch a single chapter or travel for 16 days across Gondwana Link and witness all five installments from

17 March - 1 April 2023 in Wooditjup (Margaret River), Northcliffe, Porongurup, Fitzgerald and Garlgula/ Karlkurla (Kalgoorlie)

Chapter 2 of The Stars Descend in Northcliffe is performed outdoors on Sunday 19 March at 4 pm in a beautiful grove of peppermint trees (known as Wonnil in Noongar) on Canterbury Farm. No parking is available at the performance site, however shuttle buses are available from either Pemberton at 230pm or at Northcliffe Visitor Centre car park at 3 pm.

The performance is followed by a Community Celebration at the Northcliffe Visitor Centre between 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Food is catered by community group Karri Country Good Food and can be preordered when booking your tickets. There will also be a licensed bar and DJ Lewis Horne will get you up and dancing! Local environmental and conservation groups Southern Forest Community Landcare and Southern Forest Wildlife will have information displays to promote the valuable work they do in the local community and how you can get involved.

Community ensembles have been drawn from a diverse mix of people living locally to each performance site, including farmers, scientists, conservationists, teachers, and artists. Local community performers are joined by professional dancers, Russell Thorpe and Janine Oxenham who perform at every chapter as the 'stars'.

The artistic team for Northcliffe is led by the renowned Australian choreographer, Chrissie Parrott AO who now resides in Nannup following an extensive national and international career. She has created a sensual dance feast of fire, orchids and mycelium that is underscored by the evocative sounds of musician Dave Mann and the fire inspired design of celebrated Northcliffe artist Peter Hill. Nina Angeloni, who is part of the Northcliffe ensemble exclaimed, "What an amazing experience! I am so grateful to be involved and working with such amazing and creative legends!

Tickets and more information can be found at [www.heartlandjourneys.com.au/the-stars-descend](http://www.heartlandjourneys.com.au/the-stars-descend)

The Stars Descend is produced by Annette Carmichael Projects and presented in partnership with Gondwana Link. Locally presented by Southern Forest Arts and is supported by Australia Council of the Arts, Regional Arts WA and The Shire of Manjimup.

Photo Title - Soloists Janine Oxenham and Russel Thorpe



### Monthly Prayer

Dear God Our Father,

We want to honour You as the great Creator God and One who is worthy of all praise and worship. All of creation speaks clearly of Your great designer skills and we can see them in each of earth's beauties around us.

In this period of Lent leading up to Easter, we want to focus more positively on who You are and the wonderful things You have done. Some of us want to achieve that extra focus by foregoing things that we usually use, enjoy or eat so that it reminds us of Your Son, Jesus, and all that He did leading up to His crucifixion which we celebrate at Easter.

We do well spending time with You in prayer and thinking of all the special things You and Jesus have done for each of us who seek to follow You and doing the things You ask of us. Among those things is the instruction in Your Word that we love one another as You have loved us. Some people are easy to love and be kind and caring towards but others, Lord, are difficult. Help us nevertheless to love them too and by doing so show them that this is Your way rather than the argumentative, critical and hurtful ways that frequently occur in our communities. We know that loving others is the way you want things to work and what a wonderful place it would be if we all did just that. So we pray – Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.



### CWA News

#### SANDWICH FILLING

I thought you may like my Mock Chicken recipe, it is always popular.

- 2 Tomatoes
- 2 Onions. Both these ingredients chopped.
- 1 egg beaten, S&P, 1 & a quarter cups of grated cheddar cheese.
- 2 teaspoons mixed herbs.
- Fry chopped tomato & onion in a little butter till soft.
- Add beaten egg & cook till egg firms.
- Add S & P to taste. Add cheese & herbs while still hot to the mixture. Chill
- Keeps up to a week.

Been reading the household hints in the CWA cookery book and here is one that we may need to know if things get really bad.

To make a Feather Pillow- try this way, make your pillow covering from good strong ticking or linen for preference. Rub inside well with common household soap and turn to the right side. Pluck your poultry (and of course you will need to scald before plucking) Put your fine breast feathers into a paper bag and hang out to dry in the sun, When dry, pop them into your pillow case and secure with a safety pin. You will be surprised how soon it is full.

How about that!



## Mill Hall Update

The Mill Hall continues to provide a service to the Pemberton community with weekly bookings:-

**TUESDAYS:** Yoga 5.30-7.30pm

**THURSDAYS:** Line dancing/Bootscooting beginner lessons:3pm, intermediate to advanced 5.30pm

**SATURDAYS:** Monthly Old Time Dance: Second Sat of each month

Next dance is MARCH 11TH 7.30PM

APRIL 8TH **EASTER MARKETS**

### New kitchen

The new commercial kitchen is coming along nicely. We are continuing to fundraise for this great project.

- If you have any batteries or pallets that you would like to get rid of please contact Deanne 0428 302782 or Judy 0458 854767.

- We also 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 at my place or we can pick them up for you. Feel free to contact Deanne 0428 302782 or Judy 0458 854767. You are also welcome to leave them at the tip in a woven plastic bag (feed bag) and label them with the number C10562118.

- You are also welcome to make a donation! Banking details: BANKWEST

BSB: 306032 ACC:4182821

The Pemberton Library is now located in the Lesser Hall of the Mill Hall while the current library building is being renovated during the build of the new Co-location Precinct.



The Pemberton Heritage and History Group hosted a lovely morning tea at the Mill Hall recently for Mr Brian Fox and approx.

20 attendees who came along to hear his family's story of the early days in Pemberton.

Mr Fox has written a book and spoke about the very tough days of Group Settlement and the Fox family's experiences during these times. He mentioned

the farmers had a job clearing acreages and building houses. Fortunately, there were a couple of carpenters who built the houses for the families. The government gave the farmers money but they were expected to pay the money back – even including 500-600 pounds to purchase the land in later years. By 1929 some farmers had left due to harsh times. Student numbers went from 70 to 8.

Mr Fox said one good outcome was that the land was opened up in later years for people to purchase and mentioned that Mr Ralph Kelly was very helpful in helping the farmers with finance to purchase these properties. All in all it was a wonderful morning of sharing memories. Mr Fox's book is available at the Pemberton Library.

This is a map of the Group Settlement blocks which will be on display in a new frame at the new Museum in the Old Infant Health Centre.

Deanne Ventris- Secretary



## 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.



# EASTER MARKETS

## PEMBERTON MILL HALL

SATURDAY APRIL 8TH

9AM – 1PM

BOOKS

COLOURING-IN COMPETITION

NICK NACKS & ASSORTED STALLS

RAFFLE

SAUSAGE SIZZLE & CHIPS

COOL DRINKS FOR SALE

MORNING TEA

CONTACT DEANNE VENTRIS 97761757

EMAIL:[pembuser@westnet.com.au](mailto:pembuser@westnet.com.au)



## They're breeding like rabbits!



European rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*).

Have you been watching rabbit numbers increase and need management information? We've collated some of the most useful resources to assist you.

### Our online resources

Rabbit control information is available on the Department's [agric.wa.gov.au](http://agric.wa.gov.au) website. A few webpages that are particularly useful for smaller landholders are below:

- Rabbit control options
- Rabbit control in urban and semi-urban areas
- Rabbit biocontrol: RHDV1 K5 national release
- Rabbit control: bait stations
- Rabbit warren and harbourage destruction

Rabbit control for broadacre farming information is also available on our website.

### Other key websites & resources

- **Pestsmart.org.au** is a hub of best practice information, management guides and videos for the control of various animal pests in Australia, including rabbits.

- **Feralscan.org.au** – press on the 'RabbitScan' icon to view rabbit sightings made across the country. You can also report rabbits you suspect have died from a virus and request a sampling kit for laboratory identification.
- **Recognised Biosecurity Groups (RBGs), Landcare groups, Natural Resource Management (NRM) organisations etc** – are local resource centres, see what's around you and what's on offer.
- **Licensed Animal Pest Management Technicians** – animal pest controllers are less common than insect pest controllers, but they advertise through the same channels (online, print, white pages etc.). They are fee-for-service providers.

If you aren't a regular computer user and need assistance with printed material, please contact our Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS) on 93683080 or [padis@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:padis@dpird.wa.gov.au). Alternatively try your local library or community resource centre to see if they assist you in accessing this online information.

## Report suspect pests



MyPestGuide™ Reporter  
via app or online  
[mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au](http://mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au)



Pest and Disease Information Service  
(08) 9368 3080  
[padis@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:padis@dpird.wa.gov.au)



# WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

## Walking up to 20km a Day – Our Ancestors and Exercise

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE  
March 2023

Our ancestors were used to walking up to 20 kilometres per day, they had to, to survive on the Savannah Plains and the Serengeti or they would end up as someone's lunch. We are not designed for sitting around and not exercising. The human body has not had millions of years to adapt to our sedentary lifestyle and we need to change our habits before it is too late.

Blokes have had a significant change because many of the work tasks that have always been manually done are now obsolete or automated.

Exercise is essential for our brain, mind, body and our cardiovascular health. I read a book titled *Brain Rules* by John Medina and rule 1 (out of 12 brain rules) is *exercise boosts brain power*. An enlightening read.

There are a lot of variables, from nurture to nature, that help how we age but one of the greatest predictors of successful ageing is the absence of a sedentary lifestyle. Industrialization has given us many benefits, but it has also meant, that for most of us, we have gradually quit moving. The result of this is more and more Australians are being classified as being overweight, with the fastest growing chronic condition in Australia in 2022 being Type 2 Diabetes.



There is a lot of current research that suggests exercise can:

1. help prevent Type 2 Diabetes (by up to 60%);
2. improve our cardiovascular health thus decreasing the risk of strokes and heart attacks;
3. affect the outcome of both anxiety and depression. The fact that exercise helps regulate the release of chemicals (serotonin, dopamine, and norepinephrine) into our bodies makes it an important element in maintaining the right balance;
4. halve the risk of general dementia through aerobic exercise, just twice a week. It can also cut the risk of Alzheimer's by 60%.

So, what does this all mean for our exercise regime? There is a lot of advice around with different suggestions on exercise requirements. This varies from 5 minutes high intensity, to 30 minutes per day, to 1 hour a day every second day. We are the only one that knows our body's physiology and what will ultimately work for us. A guide is a minimum of 150 minutes per week of moderate exercise.

If you are limited in how you can exercise you can still make a difference. If you can physically walk only 50 metres a day, double it! Walking 100 metres per day compared to 50 metres can make a difference. The improvement in your body's physiology will be profound and the positive effect is that starting with a little bit of exercise will make you want to move more.

Exercise options are endless, swimming, hydrotherapy, light gym work, walking groups, belonging to sporting groups, volunteering. Although in regional WA sometimes these options can be limited for people to access.

Don't let it stop you exercising – get moving!

**Remember... before it all gets too much...  
Talk to a Mate@!!**

 @RMHI\_4blokes

 Working with Warriors Podcast

 regionalmenshealth.com.au



## Quinni Arts

Quinni Arts was formed two years ago, during the time of Covid 19. Like the rest of the world, Quinninup was experiencing the effects of social isolation and unknown futures for community activities.

The basic premise of Quinni Arts is to encourage social inclusion through creative workshops, community arts projects and events. The group's organisers made the decision to make workshops as affordable as possible to enable those on low incomes to attend and engage in creative activities.



So far Quinni Arts has provided four workshops and casual sessions about once per month, where morning tea and skills are shared.

Quinni Experimental Drama Group, part of Quinni Arts, meets every Tuesday Morning from 10am, new players welcome.

Quinni Arts is now looking at grant options to fund a larger community project, to include both Quinninup residents and visitors from further afield.

For more information please email: [raestarr55@outlook.com](mailto:raestarr55@outlook.com)

## Movie Review

A MAN CALLED OTTO  
2023 2h 6m rated M

The new film "A Man Called Otto", is the second film adaptation of the 2012 novel "A Man Called Ove" by Fredric Backman.

"A Man Called Otto" follows the story of Otto Anderson (Tom Hanks), a grumpy widower whose only joy comes from judging and criticizing people.



As his attempts to end his life are repeatedly interrupted by the sudden arrival of the new lively young family that moves in next door, he meets his match in quick-witted, pregnant woman named Marisol. It isn't long before both Marisol and Tommy have inserted themselves into Otto's life.

In doing so, they open the door for Otto's past to be explored via a series of sweet flashbacks that offer glimpses into Otto's marriage to Sonya (Rachel Keller), who died just a few months prior to Marisol and Tommy's arrival. Sonya's death, combined with his forced retirement, briefly but understandably render Otto uninterested in life. Fortunately, his unexpected friendship with Marisol gives Otto's previously sweet self the chance to re-emerge.

From every laugh to every tear, you become captivated by Otto's story. It's a must-see movie for your entire family. Please if you haven't seen it do go!

By Verity



### SHIRE OF MANJIMUP

Manjimup • Northcliffe • Pemberton • Walpole

#### Public Notice

#### 2023-2024 Community Grant Round Now Open

Community groups and not-for-profit organisations are invited to apply for funding under the 2023-2024 Shire of Manjimup Community Grant Program. Funding is available over 4 categories; general projects incl. arts (acquisitive) prizes, financial hardship, events and youth.

Application forms are available from the Shire of Manjimup Administration Building, Community Resource Centres, Public Libraries or the Shire website.

Applications close on **5pm, Wednesday 19 April 2023.**

For further information please contact Community Services on 9771 7777 or via email [info@manjimup.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@manjimup.wa.gov.au)

Andrew Campbell  
Chief Executive Officer



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[pcn@pembertoncrc.org.au](mailto:pcn@pembertoncrc.org.au)



*Pemberton Community organisation of the Year 2016.*

[www.pembertonartsgroup.org.au](http://www.pembertonartsgroup.org.au)

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

**PAG NEWS:**

Contact Anna: [czerkasow@antmail.com.au](mailto:czerkasow@antmail.com.au) 0439 369 702

**THE PEMBERTON ARTSCAPE:** extracts from description by J Box.

“This major public art work, 80 metres in length, was designed and created by local artists in partnership with the Shire of Manjimup. The inspiration for the concept is the original and beautiful forest landscape and the life within it. The Artscape emphasizes the synergy between the town and its environment.

The unique concept of dual screens with internal lighting was developed by Mark Grey-Smith. Joanna Box designed the dividing panels and the idea for the children’s work. Anna Czerkasow, PAG Chairperson, assisted throughout the project. Each artist brought their own style and focus to the forest theme. The structure was fabricated and installed by Mark Grey-Smith and Joel Lawrence.

**Artists who designed screens** are: Mark Grey-Smith, Joanna Box, Anna Czerkasow, Jeanette Evill, Lillian Johnson, Gwynneth Jefferyes, Suzanne Fellows, Renata Suckling, Marilyn Gibson and Debra Bettoni.

Children from the Pemberton District High School and St. Joseph’s School made drawings of local fauna and forty of these were chosen, cut from stainless steel, and set into terrazzo pavers hand made by PAG members.”

**Have you seen the animal designs in the footpath on Brockman Street (both sides)?**



**\*\*\* ART DATES \*\***

**2023 Pemberton Art Prize:**

**March 24:** Entries close

**April 6:** Opening event

**April 7 - 23** Exhibition period

**Sculpture in the Vines Pemberley: April 22:** Official opening

**<https://www.pemberleyofpemberton.com/sculpture-in-the-vines>**

**April 1:** Entries close

**April 12-18:** Sculpture delivery

**April 21-30:** Exhibition period

# CRC Communiqué

ARTICLE BY GAYE VAN HAZENDONK  
Photographs by Pei-Chen Ho



## SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

Another annual event accomplished for the Pemberton CRC with the completion of a very busy week of business workshops from 20-24th February.

With over 45 people attending the week of workshops and 20 people at the Small Business Sundowner we consider the week to be a great success.

Thanks to our excellent staff, all the last minute dramas were traversed with ease and all ran smoothly, albeit without too many major disruptions to classes.

Monday saw the Planning and Marketing Workshops including Business Advice sessions run by IPS Management consultants, who also did early Tuesday sessions in creating a website and online shop.



POWERED BY IPS MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS



The Tuesday night session about Managing Your Website was presented by Adam Purdy, our local legend from South west Print & Design.



Wednesday was all about Business & Employment support and included information sessions on:

- Traineeships & Apprenticeships
- Opportunities for your Workforce
- Free training programs at SW Regional Tafe



Wednesday night was a great session on Grant Opportunities for Business by Katie McDonnell from Crazy Communities.

Thursday was the heavy duty Finance Management classes which included some awesome Excel training from Jo Nicholson followed by workshops into the evening by Vaughn and the team at RSM Manjimup.



We also had fantastic morning tea, provided daily by the talented Ms Gail Barringham through her small business "Home-made Cakes by Miss Bazz Bakes".

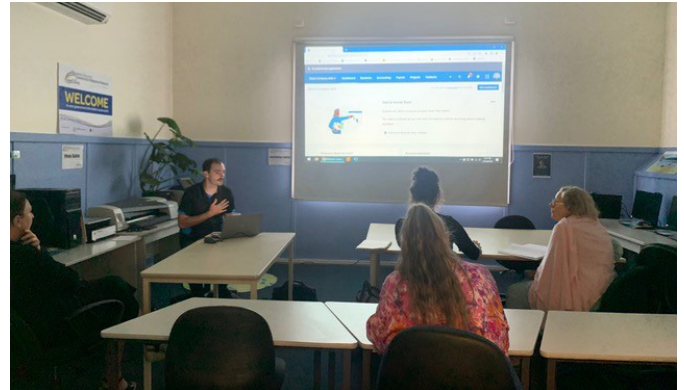
We got some awesome feedback from attendees of the Workshops which included:

*"Workshops were clear and informative, change nothing, but continue to provide your exceptional services and events"*

*"I use many of the CRC services provided. This was a fabulous event and the CRC does an amazing job for this town"*.

WOW!

It's nice to be appreciated. A great deal of hard work goes in and we are lucky to have such an awesome team at the Pemberton CRC, who make it all happen.



*Attendees of the evening finance workshop.*

Then it was down to the Millhouse Collective on Friday night for the Small Business Sundowner, with guest speakers and relevant business support information for attendees.

The Sundowner was sponsored by our very own Pemberton Chamber of Commerce and Industry - A great group of local business people, all wanting to see great things happen for businesses in Pemberton.



Also thanks to donations and sponsorship from:

- Pemberton Visitor Centre
- Southern Forest Food Council
- Hidden River
- 10 Chains Winery
- Silkwood estate
- Ampersand and
- The Pemberton General Store

*Verity winning the SFFC hamper*



Thanks again to all those who assisted, supported and attended the events and especially to Pei-Chen who steered the ship whilst the PCRC Captain was out of action.

We are hoping this will become another one of our Annual events for the CRC so keep February in mind for next year for an opportunity to upskill, train staff and gather info for your small business.



*Local Legend, Melissa Bell from Ampersand, guest speaker at the Sundowner.*

Last but not least, a big thank you to our main sponsor for this event, the Shire of Manjimup.

We are very fortunate to be able to apply for Community grants through the Shire, that include General, Financial Hardship, Youth & Chaplaincy and Events Grants.

The Pemberton CRC was successful in gaining funding through the Events Grant for the Small Business Week, and our other Annual event, WOW Pemberton held in July.

With the Shire Community Grants now open, Not-for-profit organisations have the opportunity to apply for any of the grants mentioned above.



SHIRE OF  
**MANJIMUP**

## ARE YOU INVOLVED IN A COMMUNITY GROUP OR SPORTS CLUB?

*DO YOU NEED SOME FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO KEEP THINGS AFLOAT?*

The Shire of Manjimup Community Grants are now open and as a not-for-profit group, you are entitled to apply for up to \$1500 for financial hardship.

The best news is..... **the Pemberton CRC is here to help.**

Come into the CRC and fill in some information on your organisation. For a minimal fee, we can assist you in applying for a Community grant before the deadline on Wed 19th April. Call 9776 1745 for more information.



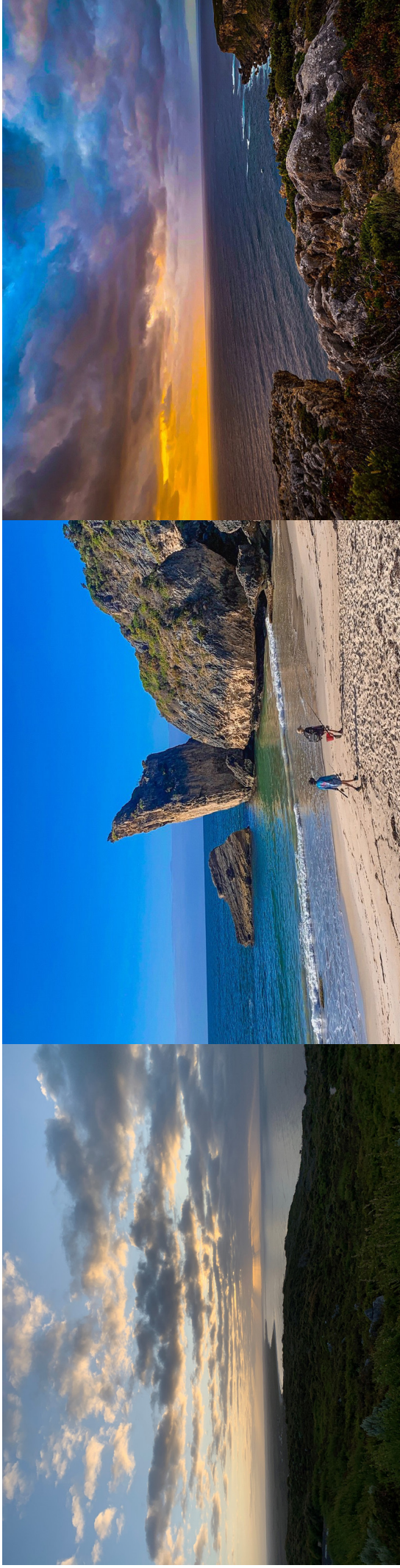
## 2023-2024 Community Grant Round Now Open

Community groups and not-for-profit organisations are invited to apply for funding under the 2023-2024 Shire of Manjimup Community Grant Program. Funding is available over 4 categories; general projects incl. arts (acquisitive) prizes, financial hardship, events and youth.

Application forms are available from the Shire of Manjimup Administration Building, Community Resource Centres, Public Libraries or the Shire website.

Applications close on **Wednesday 19 April 2023 at 5pm.** For further information please contact Community Services on 9771 7777 or via email [info@manjimup.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@manjimup.wa.gov.au)

Andrew Campbell Chief Executive Officer



# March 2023

Thank you **Caitlin Iversen** for the March Calendar photos

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>12th March 2023 Presented by Teena James</p> <p><b>CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF CHICKENS 2-4PM</b></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Full Moon Cocoa &amp; Sound Journey 7pm @Northcliffe</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Financial Counselling - Tim Mearn Anglicare WA @PCRC 10:00am - 1.00pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Learn in the Garden Care and Maintenance of Chichens 2-4pm \$10 ea @ VCCG</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Targa South West Warren District Agricultural Show @Rea Park Manjimup</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>RAC Karri Valley Triathlon 18th 8am, 19th 5pm</p>

**25** MBT event  
11am - 4.30pm  
@Pemberton MBP

**26** MBT event  
8am - 1pm  
@Pemberton MBP

**MBT - State Series 3&4 Cross Country Olympics**  
mountain bike race

**SIP, TASTE & EXPLORE**  
MANJIMUP | PEMBERTON  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
RETURNING 25-30 APRIL 2023  
SIGN UP TO PHOTOPIC NEWS BELOW

**24**

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**21** Living the Dream:  
Workshop #3  
in the Community  
Disability  
Advocacy series  
9.30 - 1.00pm  
@Bridgetown  
Library

**28**

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**Coming up in April**

9th Weaving workshop @VCCG  
6th - 23rd Pemberton Arts Group Annal Autumn Exhibition @Pemberton Sports Club  
21st -30th Sculpture in the Vines @Pemberley  
23rd Hillbrook Wines Market Day  
28th - 30th Pinot Picnic

**Pemberton Art Prize 2023**  
7-23 April, 10am-4:30pm  
Official Opening 6 April  
Entries close Friday 24 March 2023

WAAVIC- WA Apple Variety & Innovation Conference  
@RAC Karri Valley Pemberton

**WEAVING WORKSHOP**  
The Vic Centre Community Garden  
Pemberton  
LEARN IN THE GARDEN  
Monthly workshop series  
9th April 2023  
2nd Sunday of each month  
Presented by Gaye O'Donnell

**Anglican Church Service**  
1st Sun @ 11.30am  
St Hilda's Church, Ellis St, Pemberton  
Molly

**Art Classes with Tony Windberg**  
Thurs @ 9:30am  
PVC Art Room  
Tony 0427 852 032

**Boot scooting**  
Thurs @ 6:00pm  
Pemberton Mill Hall  
Terrie 0439 340 237

**Basketball**  
Thurs @ 6:00pm  
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**Craft Group**  
1st Tues \$5  
St Hilda's church  
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**CWA Op-Shop**  
Sat 9.00 am - 1.00pm  
Pemberton CWA  
Pat 0411 422.335

**Fire and Rescue**  
1st Sat @ 2.00pm  
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Craig 9776 0091

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Various Locations  
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







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Leaving from Pemberton Pool  
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**PAG Arts Session**  
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PVC Art Room  
Anna 0439 369 702

Regular Community Events	
	<b>PCA - Trail maintenance</b> 1st Sat @8.00am Meet at Pemberton Pool Contact Peter 0467 606 605
	<b>Play Group</b> Tues, Thurs and Sat @ 9.00 Pemberton Sports Club crèche Pippa 0401 654 902
	<b>Produce Swap</b> 2nd Sun @ 4.00pm Vic Conte Community Garden
	<b>Pemberton Library</b> Rhyme and Story Time at the Library Wednesday 10.30am Contact Sherril 9776 1311
	<b>Road bike social ride</b> 1st 2nd 3rd Sun @ 7.00am Leaving from Pemberton bakery Christine 0407 774 128
	<b>Sacred Heart Mass</b> Wed 10.00am, 1st 3rd, 5th Sun 8:30, 2nd 4th Sun 10:30am, St Josephs Church Admin 9776 1180
	<b>Solitaire Club</b> Tues @ 11:00am Pemberton CRC Office 9776 1745
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This term our Year 6 students went on a week-long camp with Kearnan College Year 6 students from Manjimup. On Monday, we left Manjimup at 7am to travel to Perth by coach. Our first stop was Perth Zoo, where we eagerly exited the coach. We were greeted by a heat-wave, but seeing the elephants, giraffes and monkeys were definitely worthy highlights for our students. We also thoroughly enjoyed playing peek-a-boo with a cheeky gibbon who tapped the glass where we were standing. Our next stop was Bounce for an hour of jumping fun before moving to SIDE (School of Isolated and Distance Education) to set up our accommodation for the week.

Tuesday was another bright and early start where we splashed down at AQWA to explore the aquatic wonders of the Western Australian coastline. The students were brave to feel the skin of Port Jackson Sharks in the touch pool while our Principal, Mrs Nicolle Achmad watched on from the sideline. Thankfully Port Jackson Sharks are considered harmless to humans, so our students left with all their fingers intact.

We then took a scenic drive down to Fremantle, where we enjoyed a picnic lunch in the Esplanade Park before heading to Fremantle Prison and the Round House to learn more about our convict and modern history.



We were enthralled by the story about Moondyne Joe and were fascinated to see where he actually escaped from prison. We finished our activities at Lazer Blaze in Willetton before traveling to Kings Park for homemade hamburgers for dinner. We paid our respects at the Pool of Reflection before gingerly interrupting hundreds of romantic picnickers for Valentine's Day as we walked back to the bus.

We had an amazing camp and we thank the Year 6 teacher, Head of Primary, Head of Pastoral Care and Principal from Kearnan College, Ms Melanie Thomas, Mrs Peta Barton, Mrs Megan Burvill and Mr Ben Priest for organising a wonderful experience for our Year 6 students. Thank you to our St Joseph's Year 6 parents for donating food and dinners for our camp. Thank you to our Principal Mrs Nicolle Achmad and our Year 1/2 teacher Miss Millie Charlton for sharing this camp experience with our students. Thank you to Kearnan College parent volunteers Mr Luke Murphy and Mr Steele Jacob for their time and dedication in caring and supervising our students, and finally thank you to our bus driver Mr Aaron MacKnight for happily driving us around.





# FEBRUARY AT PDHS



## PEMBERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

We're back for another fantastic school year at PDHS!

We have been delighted to welcome 25 new students to our school, including 10 into Kindergarten. We have also excitedly welcomed two new staff members: Kate Tills (Pre-Primary Teacher) and Josie Thompson (EA).

Our Primary students have jumped back into their learning across our six classes: Kindy with Ms Dowson, Pre-Primary with Ms Tills, Year 1/2 with Mrs Fuller, Year 3/4 with Mrs Barnsby, Year 4/5 with Ms Walker and Year 6 with Mrs Schmidt. Primary students are also enjoying a variety of additional classes including Health and PE with Mr Brooks, Digital Technologies with Mr Cervo, Dance and Indonesian with Mrs Cernotta, and Kitchen Garden with Mrs Guery.

Our Secondary students are continuing to work with our specialist curriculum teachers: Mathematics with Mr Cervo, English with Ms Reason, Science with Ms Foord, HASS with Mrs Guery, and PE with Mr Brooks and Mr Hughes.

Students in Years 7-10 are also completing a wide range of elective classes this semester including Indonesian, Food Technology, Woodwork, Outdoor Education, Photography, Visual Art, Design and Technology, Jewellery and Robotics.

PDHS is introducing a new Literacy initiative in 2023 called MultiLit. This program includes a whole-class literacy program called InitialLit in Early Childhood (K-Y2), small group and individual literacy support from Y3-10 called MacqLit, delivered by our EAs Mrs Tysoe and Mrs Little, and whole-class spelling support from Y3-6 called SpellIt. These are fantastically effective programs that we are excited to now offer at PDHS, and we look forward to seeing great progress from our students throughout the year.



PEMBERTON  
DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

# Operation Quokka is on! Will you be involved?

ARTICLE BY PAULINE HEWITT  
Photos from

During the 2015 fires 98,000 ha, including Quokka habitat, burnt. Researcher Karlene Bain found local Quokka populations were heavily impacted.

Members of SFW recently undertook Quokka Rapid Survey Training. Our goal is to find Quokka in the wild and on private properties, gain an understanding of population health, and better protect them into the future.

We know there are Quokka at Windy, Mt Chudalup and Shannon. Quokka are all about. Are they at your place? You may think, NO. You may be wrong.

Recently we undertook our first Citizen Science "Friends and Family Survey" with Jason, Cora and Logan out Boorara way. We found bandicoot, yellow footed antechinus and Quokka signs!

Some species whose signs may be discovered in a Friends and Family Survey:



Quokka



Woylie



Western Ringtail Possum



Bandicoot



Brushtail Possum



Honey Possum



Western Pigmy Possum



Echidna



Of particular interest during our survey was a Runnel into the sword grass. Sword grass and Blackberry provide protective habitat for vulnerable species. Runnels of this size and shape are strong Quokka indicators.

Next Steps: Jason and SFW will revisit the site in protective gear and undertake a proper "Quokka Survey".

Should the evidence stack up, we'll install wildlife cameras to capture "Quokka shots".

The Vine citizen Scientists

Jason, Cora and Logan



"Quokka Runnel" leading into swordgrass habitat.

Wildlife Cameras: a big help.



NOTE: SFW is sourcing cheap and effective cameras, available to Family Citizen Scientists at cost.

With landholder permission, confirmed sightings will be mapped and recorded in SFW's database to assist in Quokka conservation.

Should landholders wish to share their Quokka data with DPaW, that OPTION will be available.

To participate in Citizen Science survey on your property or share knowledge of a Quokka sighting in the wild, contact Pauline Hewitt.

Let's Find and Care for Our Mainland Quokka Populations Together

For any Wildlife Advice or Assistance- PLEASE CALL US\*

\*Pauline: 0431937965

\*Kellie: 0419918209

\*Mike: 0415937967



## Clever Clogs MAP OUR COMMUNITY MARQUEE: a chance to have your say

While the clean-up from climate disasters is ongoing, the federal government minister for the Environment, Tanya Plibersek, has just approved a suite of gas fracking projects in Queensland. These will only worsen climate change. As one independent noted, Santos' donation to the Labor party of \$83 000 over 2021-2022 was a good investment!

It seems that our system is a little broken and that our leaders aren't necessarily able or interested tackle climate change quickly. The good thing is that across Australia small and large communities are stepping up to do what they can to reduce carbon emissions.

In Margaret River the community has founded the Augusta Margaret River Clean Community Energy group, who has set a target of reducing the carbon emissions of the Shire by 20%. In partnership with farmers they set up a biodigester project and are now in the approvals stage for a wind farm. In Denmark, the Totally Renewable Denmark community group started the Denmark Community Wind Farm which, since 2013, has supplied 40% of Denmark's power needs. The group would like to erect two more wind turbines with the aim of powering 100% of Denmark within 5 years, and then going carbon positive!

Katanning Energy and Geraldton Clean Energy are both solar projects. Both are focused on installing solar on residential and commercial rooftops, and enabling more West Australians to use solar power for their energy needs. Members of White Gum Valley Ecovillage development have bought into a strata housing development which is already fully powered using solar PVs and batteries. And both Bridgetown and Pemberton are looking to ways in which we can turn our towns into renewable hubs.

Clever Clogs is organising a number of initiatives at the moment. We are planning to set up a Map our Community Marquee in the middle of town over the coming weeks. It will be a pop-up booth where you can join us for a chat about what we as a community can do towards transitioning to a renewable power source/s. We'll have a large map of the town, some morning tea to share, and be inviting kids and adults alike to tell us about your home and business. Where is it? What is it like? How many appliances and power tools do you use?

Our Marquee will also offer information about climate change and about different renewable options. We aren't experts, so we won't blind you with science. But we'll do our best to help you find out what you need to know. More than that, we really want to start the conversation: What are your main concerns? What do you see as the best way forward for Pemberton?

We are also planning to run a series of evening presentations, the first of which is to be from the company, PLICO, in April. PLICO leases and installs rooftop solar panels, batteries and inverters on residential and commercial properties for an ongoing monthly fee. You get to use the power generated on your rooftop instead of buying power from Synergy. Plico's contracts are always priced below your current charges (that's the business model) so that you pay less for power. And because the system is leased to you, you don't have the responsibility for its upkeep or future upgrade. Sound good? Come to the presentation to find out further details.

Of course, Plico is only one option. It is an easy, plug-and-play way to make solar power accessible to many in the town all at once. But more complex ways may have better outcomes for the town. These include setting up a cooperative structure, where the community partners with engineering firms, power generators and retailers to set up our own project. In this model the community shares in the income earned from selling power more cheaply to community members. It's a powerful way for communities to become more prosperous at the same time as self-sufficient. We would no longer be solely reliant on grants or funding from the Shire of Manjimup or other tiers of government to push the projects that we want forward. We have our own money.

Both these options are good for the town and good for the planet. The real question is, do we have willing collaborators to join us in the journey to set up our own renewable infrastructure? Big questions for a small town. So come along to the Marquees, and join the conversation. Thanks for reading!

Rose  
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Community  
Organisation for  
Climate Action

# Happy Holidays 1

ROZZI IN OZ



Airport sounds are indistinguishable. Laughter, shouts, announcements, squeaky trolley wheels, footsteps- all mingled into a cacophony of noise. Make no attempt to call out to someone you recognise in the crowds. Rather raise your hand and wave frantically, should you recognise some of your welcoming committee. Otherwise look for your name on a placard. This is no business trip so we would rather make a spectacle of ourselves and do the crazy wave !!

I first spotted the tall, broad figure of my grandson, Imran. He came smiling and hurrying towards me for a long awaited embrace. Another hug from my son in law, Abigail's husband. She was my daughter who spent time with Esther and Steve and family in Pemberton and accompanied me to Cape Town. So many hurried exchanges of news. We moved on to find a quieter place to sit down. Everyone shared pleasantries. Yes, the flight was good. No mention of the negatives- cramped seating space and coughing co-passengers. Yes, everyone is well back home. This is or was home 14 years ago.

Another long queue-when you thought you'd have enough of it. The hold-up now is waiting to pay at the car parking payment station. The machine won't accept the crumpled note which Imran had kept in his pocket for this very purpose. Let's try coins instead. Yes, it worked and a few cents change is spewed out noisily into the tray below. I look at these as if I had never seen it before. I'll have to familiarise myself with this foreign currency again. It's been three years ago I'd last used it. I even have an ostrich leather purse to keep it separate from the Australian currency. Forget calculating in dollars. Now it's Rands and cents.



We get out of the airport terminal buildings at last. On the highway I am surprised, no, shocked by the increased number of traffic. Taxis and trucks speed by and I have to remind myself to stay calm and be fortunate that I don't have to drive in this bustling city of Cape Town. The Mercedes Benz purrs along effortlessly and Abigail and I are comfortably seated. Our six heavily laden suitcases have been transported ahead by Imran who did not mind a rough ride in the "bakkie" (ute). Abigail and I are luxuriously chauffeured by her husband. The three of us chatter all the way, exchanging snippets of news and within fifteen minutes we reach the family home.

Jam, no not the sweet, sticky one; Jam, the family dog comes rushing towards the car as we enter the driveway. He sniffs around my feet and recognises me, jumping up with welcoming barks. The cats, on the other hand, walk proudly by only to appear much later for the usual attention they expect on their own selfish terms.

In the kitchen, the table had been set for the travelers. We enjoyed the welcome snacks and freshly made potted tea. This was unlike the packet of p-nuts and watery brew we were served on the plane. The smoked snoek fish, a delicacy for me was delicious. The closest to this, and Abigail agreed, was the smoked Australian salmon. The topic, food, dominated the conversation and inevitably, comparison of prices between the two countries. We concluded that food was much cheaper in South Africa than in Western Australia.



Fortunately I did not experience much jetlag and sat around most of the afternoon comparing our previous travel experiences and in flight. We concluded, that when it came to climate, both countries enjoyed a mild mediterranean one. Later I

started to unpack my luggage. There was not much in the line of gifts. I had copies of my stories for family and friends. It was obviously more economical to purchase gifts in Cape Town with the current monetary exchange rate. I was appreciative of the bedroom that was allocated just for me. Privacy allowed me opportunities to record events in my holiday journal as well as for morning and evening prayers.

4 My next task was to plan an itinerary for the following weeks and to ensure I had available transport at my disposal. Abigail and her husband agreed to take on this task. There were a few family members to visit and many friends who had been looking forward to my visit. There were the ex-colleagues and of course the new places of interest which had been developed in my absence.

After a good first night's sleep, my internal clock woke me up at 6 am as usual. The morning light tinged with the pink curtains streamed into the room. A new day would bring new, some unplanned as this day proved to be. No wake up call by the rooster at home or the early morning trucks on the highway. I heard movement in the kitchen and Cinnabun, the cat had come into the room meowing a soft good morning and purring for attention. I was refreshed and ready for the day.

The morning went by quietly as I caught up with the local news. Abigail had done her washing, already hung it out to dry before I could offer to help. I realised that she was getting her chores done as quickly as possible and wondered what the rush was all about. Curiosity, as usual, got the better of me and yes, she confessed, we were getting special visitors for afternoon tea. My granddaughter, Leila and her family had decided to come into Cape Town from the country 2 days earlier than expected. They were excited for me to meet the two little boys whom I had only seen on social media.



Not much later, the front door opened and a very excited little boy came running towards me. He flew straight into my arms. "Granny, Granny!!" he shouted. I scooped him into my arms, not anticipating his unexpected weight and held tightly onto him. Big brown eyes stared me in the face, as if taking a quick photo. I could feel his little Danyal's heart pounding against my chest. I think we were equally elated. He had recognised me without a doubt and I was no stranger to him at all. He was so sweet and lovable. Next his mum and dad entered with Daiyan, his younger sibling. I released Danyal to his grandma's arms (Abigail, Leila's mum). The broad smile, revealing four big baby teeth, captivated my heart as well. I took him from his dad's arms. He hugged me and I felt the dribbles in my neck. This year old little one was as bright as a button and as charming as his older brother. My great grandsons had captured my heart!!



After the elation and greetings the boys found their toy box and rummaged through it to show me their favourite toys which turned out to be everything. It became rowdy with the musical instruments and after coaxing them to tidy up, settled them down to look at books and eventually with their evening bottle feeds and to total silence, sleep.

What a special time day 2 turned out to be. I had certainly not expected to see the little boys so soon and very happy that they were so comfortable at our first meeting. This was another confirmation of family love. I feel truly blessed to be well enough to travel so far across sea and land to be with family once more and particularly the opportunity to see and hug my two adorable great grandsons. Let us all treasure appreciate our families while we can.

I hope you enjoyed this short story and look forward to share more holiday experiences.

Hi everyone,

We hope you've been keeping cool on these hot, dusty days! Despite the heat, our members have kept active with plenty of rides (in the cool of morning or evening) and activity out on the trails.

A highlight last month was the PCA Coaching Weekend, made possible thanks to the support of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. Under the expert guidance of Tim from Mountain Bike Coaching WA, participants challenged themselves to learn new skills and master various features within the Pemberton Mountain Bike Park. It was a great success, with all nearly all sessions fully booked. We were so pleased to welcome some new local riders - judging from the smiles and positive feedback, everyone had good fun!

We have also been working on continuing to upgrade the signage throughout the mountain bike park. Our goal is to ensure that all riders can easily navigate the park and know which trails are appropriate for their skill level, improving the overall experience for all park users. We have already installed nearly 30 new signs (which look fantastic!) and plan to continue this work over the coming months.

Our maintenance this month was focused on pruning shrubs and making sure all trails are running clear. Due to the hot, dry conditions of January and February, there is significant leaf and bark drop throughout the park. Once the rain arrives and dust settles, you'll be sure to hear the trusty sound of leaf blowers as we prepare for the upcoming cross-country bike race!

Rounds 3 & 4 of the Cross Country State Series are taking place in Pemberton on March 25-26. Competitors will spend a challenging 2 days racing around circuits within the Pemberton Mountain Bike Park, testing their skill and endurance among our beautiful forest surrounds. Worth a spectate if you get a chance!

If you are interested in joining our club or learning more about our upcoming events, please visit our website or follow us on social media. We look forward to seeing you on the trails!

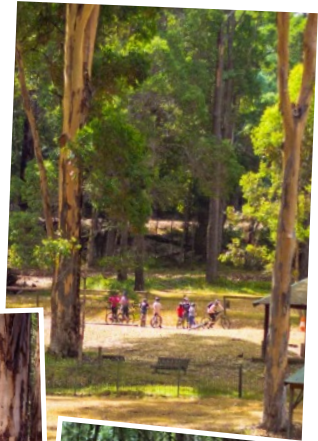
Until next time, keep those wheels spinning and smiles grinning!

The PCA Team



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**MTB ride - Saturday 8.00am**  
 Pemberton Pool carpark  
**Road bike ride - Sunday 7.00am**  
 Crossings Bakery



*Top right: Learning some fundamentals at one of the beginner sessions.*

*Above left: Tim demonstrating a cornering technique.*

*Above right: Tony showing us how it's done on Tech Track.*

*Below: Patrick practising a corner, or 'berm'.*



*Above, L-R: Some of the new trail entry signs installed in the park, with Monique keeping a close eye on the install process!*



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### Ovarian Cancer awareness & International Women’s Day

International Women’s Day is celebrated on 08 March, and this year the theme is embrace equity. Everyone, everywhere can play a part and collectively we can all forge positive change. What better time to highlight, that, with February having been **Ovarian Cancer** Awareness Month – let’s remind all women to remain vigilant by paying attention to any health symptoms that are unusual, new, persistent or troublesome.

**Ovarian cancer** can be difficult to detect in its early stages and sadly there are more deaths from this cancer than any other gynaecological cancer. Ovarian cancer is most common in women over 50, and having a family history of breast or ovarian cancer can increase the risk.

Symptoms to look out for are (these can also be similar to those of other health conditions):

- Pain in lower tummy or side
- Bloating, full feeling in abdomen
- Heartburn, nausea or bloating
- Changes in toilet habits (eg. constipation, diarrhoea, frequent urination due to pressure, increased flatulence)
- Tiredness & loss of appetite, indigestion, or nausea
- Unexpected weight loss or gain
- Changes in menstrual patterns or vaginal bleeding after menopause
- Back pain
- Pain during sex

**If you have any symptoms & they happen on most days for 3 or more weeks, go to your GP or Aboriginal Health Professional for a check up.**

For more information visit <https://cancerwa.asn.au> and search ovarian cancer

### Find Cancer Early

Have you seen our media campaign focussing on Regional Champions on your TV screen over recent months? These contain pearls of wisdom from regional Western Australians who have had a cancer diagnosis and know all too well how important it is to get unusual symptoms you may notice checked out.

The earlier cancer is found, the greater the chance of successful treatment.

For more information visit <https://www.findcancerearly.com.au>



**HOT off the Press .....**

**LiveLighter®** has launched **Move**

**More** - a new campaign encouraging adults in the South West to be more physically active for their mental wellbeing. Go to our website where we have a suite of free online resources to assist in reaching movement goals, including workout guides & a physical activity calculator.

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## Southern Forests Fresh Water Angling club

ARTICLE BY SIMON HOLLAND  
Club president



## Pemberton Visitor Centre

ARTICLE BY: PETULA HOLLAND  
Pemberton Visitor Centre Manager

Hi everyone,

Another month down already.

February has been a busy month not only with our Visitors and tourist, but working on updating our website. Watch this space for a relaunch and new look to our website.

It has also been a busy week for the Pemberton CRC with Small Business Week and the course were extremely engaging. I highly recommend you come to one of these courses next if you missed out this year. A big thank you to the team at Pemberton CRC for their outstanding efforts in organising the small business week and sundowner.

“What’s in store for March”? I will be attending the Perth Caravan and Camping show on the 2nd March. So, if you are a member of the Pemberton Visitor Centre and would like us to promote you, please drop of any information at the PVC for me to take. I will be sending out and email to remind all our members very shortly.

If you are not a member and would like more information on becoming a member, please call the Visitor Centre on 9776 1133 or alternatively email me on [managerpvc@iinet.net.au](mailto:managerpvc@iinet.net.au).



### 4 Mile Brook dam proposal.

Recreational freshwater anglers voiced concerns recently to a proposal for a 3.4 GL irrigation dam being built on the 4 Mile Brook. The proposal had been referred to the EPA, and public comment was sort to determine what level of assessment this proposal should receive. The 4 Mile brook is a major tributary of Big Brook Dam, which was built to secure water for Pemberton weir and hatchery operations. Big Brook’s environmental flow is vital in keeping the cool waters of the Lefroy flowing during the summer months and sustaining a viable fishery and ecosystem. In comparison Big Brook dam has a mere capacity of 0.6 GL. The proposed dam is to service some 240HA of avocado plantings. The Southern Forests Freshwater Angling Club along with Recfishwest and the Australian Trout Foundation called for a full Public Environmental Assessment of this project. We voiced major concerns for impacts on environment and fishery due to reduced flows downstream. We now await advice from the EPA.

### Fisheries Information Night

The club will be hosting an information night on the 29th of march, and welcome guest speaker Robert Bogumil from DPIRD Fisheries. Robert is a senior fisheries officer in operations and compliance and will be talking about and taking questions on current freshwater fishing regulations and ways the public can help enforce these. Hear about our progress on several club projects, and information for prospective members.

If Trout Fishing is your passion or something you would like to try, then come along and have a chat with us.

RSVP Simon 0413311151.

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# Pemberton Sports Club

OPERATIONAL & GOVERNANCE MODEL REVIEW  
Article By Gaye Van Hazendonk - PSC Admin support



As you will all be aware, there is a lot happening at the Pemberton Sports Club (PSC), with plastering, painting and the laying of new carpets all happening thanks to the Shire of Manjimup who is also funding an Operational & Governance Model Review for the entire Complex.

This is the perfect time to be included in this most important process by letting us know what you need for your organisation.

The Pemberton CRC has taken over the Admin support for the Sports club and have been working diligently to help the handful of exhausted committee volunteers to streamline some of the processes required to efficiently run such a massive facility.

Last month, emails were sent, and calls were made to the president and/or secretary of every sporting and community organisation utilising the facilities to gather information for the review.

To say the lack of response was disappointing would be an understatement.

It is vital that the information we have for all organisation using the facilities are recent, relevant and reliable.

We understand that everyone involved in these Sporting and Community groups are volunteers,

however, so are the committee members, organisers of events, out of hours opening and even cleaning of the stadium floors. It all adds up.

We want to see the equipment, spaces, operations and administration of the facility enjoyed by the entire community. It is a massive job.

Please assist the club and its committee by ensuring they have the updated information they require for their records.

The PSC Admin is usually manned on a Tuesday by CRC staff. If you require information, bookings or have queries on other days, please contact the CRC directly by dropping in or calling 9776 1745.

The PSC email is monitored daily and is the best point of contact for non-urgent enquiries at: [admin@pembertonsports.com.au](mailto:admin@pembertonsports.com.au)

Great things are happening at the club and it will take time to implement them all. Please be patient and considerate with your feedback for the many volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure this community run facility meets the needs of all its patrons.

## Pemberton Bowls Club

ARTICLE BY BRIAN MORRIS  
Photo by Tracy Morris

Pemberton Bowls Club are the big winners in the Blackwood Bowling League this year, taking out both the mid-week and Saturday Men's Pennants.

The mid-week win was finalised just before Christmas with Pemberton topping the table with the most wins for the season.

The Saturday Pennant win was completed this past weekend with a semi-final game on Saturday against Manjimup at Pemberton and then the final game at Bridgetown on Sunday. Both games won by Pemberton.

Men's Saturday Pennants are played with three teams of four players from each club, they each play 21 ends with two bowls each.

Each rink won attracts a point and the overall highest score attracts three points. In each game Pemberton won on two rinks and also gained the highest total score giving Pemberton 5 point to one each game.

Pemberton has won the mid-week and Saturday B grade Pennants a few times in the past but has only won the Saturday A grade Pennants on two occasions, the first being two years ago and now this year. It took Pemberton almost 70 years to win its first A grade final!

Last year Pemberton was unsuccessful in the Pennant competition but was the overall winner of the Blackwood League Championships which is a competition held over a weekend where there are Singles competitions, pairs, triples and fours.

Pemberton Bowls Club is a small club compared to some in our League however it does perform well above its size.

This year we have seen a few new players join our Club and take up positions in our Pennant teams, Chris Vellios and Joshua Ellis in particular making a big mark on our teams.

If you have any interest in playing bowls please contact our secretary **Brian Morris** on **0417952427**.

*ED: Well done Pemberton Bowls Club. Sign me up, it sounds like fun!*





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Applications close on **Wednesday 19 April 2023 at 5pm**. For further information please contact Community Services on 9771 7777 or email [info@manjimup.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@manjimup.wa.gov.au)

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# Manjimup Shire Bulletin

March 2023



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was extremely disappointing to learn of the closure of the Manjimup Processing Centre by Parkside recently. The Centre has been a mainstay of the timber industry in the Manjimup region, providing jobs and security for families for many decades.

Another sad loss is the closure of the Pemberton Tramway. The Tramway has been running tram experiences through our majestic karri and marri forests to the Cascades and return for over 36 years.

Council will continue to advocate for fairness by the Government and request that our members of Parliament become involved in lobbying for the saving of the Pemberton Tram and also for new industries to make up for the losses in the timber industry.

On a good note tourist numbers continue to flow and crops seem to have reasonable yields and returns.

Whilst we are moving into Autumn, we are still at the peak of summer and need to be vigilant when minimising fire risk.

Regards Paul

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

**Reviewed Community Funds Policy**  
Council recently reviewed and amended the Community Funds Policy to include a Financial Hardship category. The amended policy also provides greater clarity across the other grant categories. The revised policy is set to increase the community funds by 0.5% to a total of 2.5% of the previous year's rates. Council will allocate 0.75% (\$75,507 in the current financial year) of the funds to a category to assist community groups with financial hardship.

Community groups seeking to apply for the Shire's Arts Acquisitive Prize (up to \$5,000) for an event/exhibition to be held in 2023-2024, can apply for this prize through the community funds program.

## SHIRE NOTICES

### Fire Restrictions

Fire restrictions remain in place across the Shire. Please check the website or facebook page for dates and details for your zone.

### Community Grants 2023-2024

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### Advisory Committee Nominations

The Shire is seeking nominations for individuals to fill positions on following Advisory Committees:

#### • Manjimup Heritage Park Advisory Committee

The committee provides critical advice to Council on the orderly development, maintenance and promotion of the park.

The committee currently has the following vacancies;

- 1 Indigenous Representative
- 2 Community Representatives

#### • Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee

The committee provides guidance and support to the Shire for the implementation of the Reconciliation Action Plan. The committee currently have the below vacancies;

- 2 x Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth Representative (< 26 years old)

To nominate for either of the above advisory committees please email

[info@manjimup.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@manjimup.wa.gov.au) and include your contact information. The Terms of Reference for the above advisory committees are available on the Shire's website [www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/committeesofcouncil](http://www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/committeesofcouncil)  
Nominations close 5pm, Friday 3 March 2023.

#### Request for Tender - Carting of Gravel Shire of Manjimup and Surrounds

The Shire of Manjimup invites tenders from experienced and equipped contractors to provide gravel carting services for road construction and maintenance projects in Manjimup and surrounding areas, Western Australia.

To obtain the documents visit: [www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/tenders](http://www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/tenders)

Tenders must be lodged by 3pm, on 9 March, 2023.

#### Employment Opportunities

- Home and Garden Maintenance Support Worker

## SHIRE NEWS

### Libraries

Manjimup Library staff are super excited! Our renovations are complete and we can't wait to share our refreshed space with you.

Rhyme and Story Time at our Pemberton Library is moving to Wednesday mornings at 10:30am.

### Manjimup Home & Community Care

Would you like to know more about the benefits of a Senior's Card. Come to the information session at the Wellness Centre on 17 March 2023 - 10am to 3pm.

### Art Gallery

#### Moments Made in Italy

The Moments Made in Italy exhibition highlights the vivacity of everyday scenes of Italian life. Across all seasons daily activities are beautifully reflected in Silvia Busetto's effervescent watercolours.

Zoom on down to the Gallery from the 4 March to 22 April 2023.

### AquaCentre

There's a new class on the timetable. Join us for a one hour Target and Tone Class on Fridays at 10.15am. Check out the full timetable at [www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/fitness](http://www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/fitness)

### Brockman Street Lights

In March we will be lighting up for the following occasions:

5th - WA Day

26th - Purple lights for epilepsy

## West Ward Councillors



Cr Murray Ventris  
(08) 9776 1757

Cr Kenneth Lawrence  
(08) 9776 2010



**Pemberton Waste Transfer Station**  
104 Pemberton Northcliffe Rd Yeagarup  
Wednesday: 11 am - 5 pm  
Saturday/Sunday: 12 pm - 5 pm

**Pemberton Library**  
Pemberton Lesser Hall - 9776 1311  
Wednesday and Thursday: 9 am - 1.30 pm  
Friday 9.30 am to 5 pm

## SHIRE CALENDAR

### Library Storytime

Manjimup - Friday 10.30 am  
Northcliffe - Monday 10.00 am  
Pemberton - Wednesday 10.30 am  
Walpole - Alternate Fridays 10.00 am

### MHCC Activities

Boronia Club - 10 am to 2 pm Monday & Friday  
Over 50 Exercise Group - 9 am to 10 am Tuesday & Thursday  
Tai Chi 10.30 am to 11.30 am Wednesday  
Bingo - 1 pm to 3pm Thursday

### Council Meetings

The March Council meetings will commence at 5.30 pm in the Northcliffe Town Hall on 2 & the Pemberton Sports Club on the 23.

### AquaCentre

Check out the extensive group fitness program on the website.



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