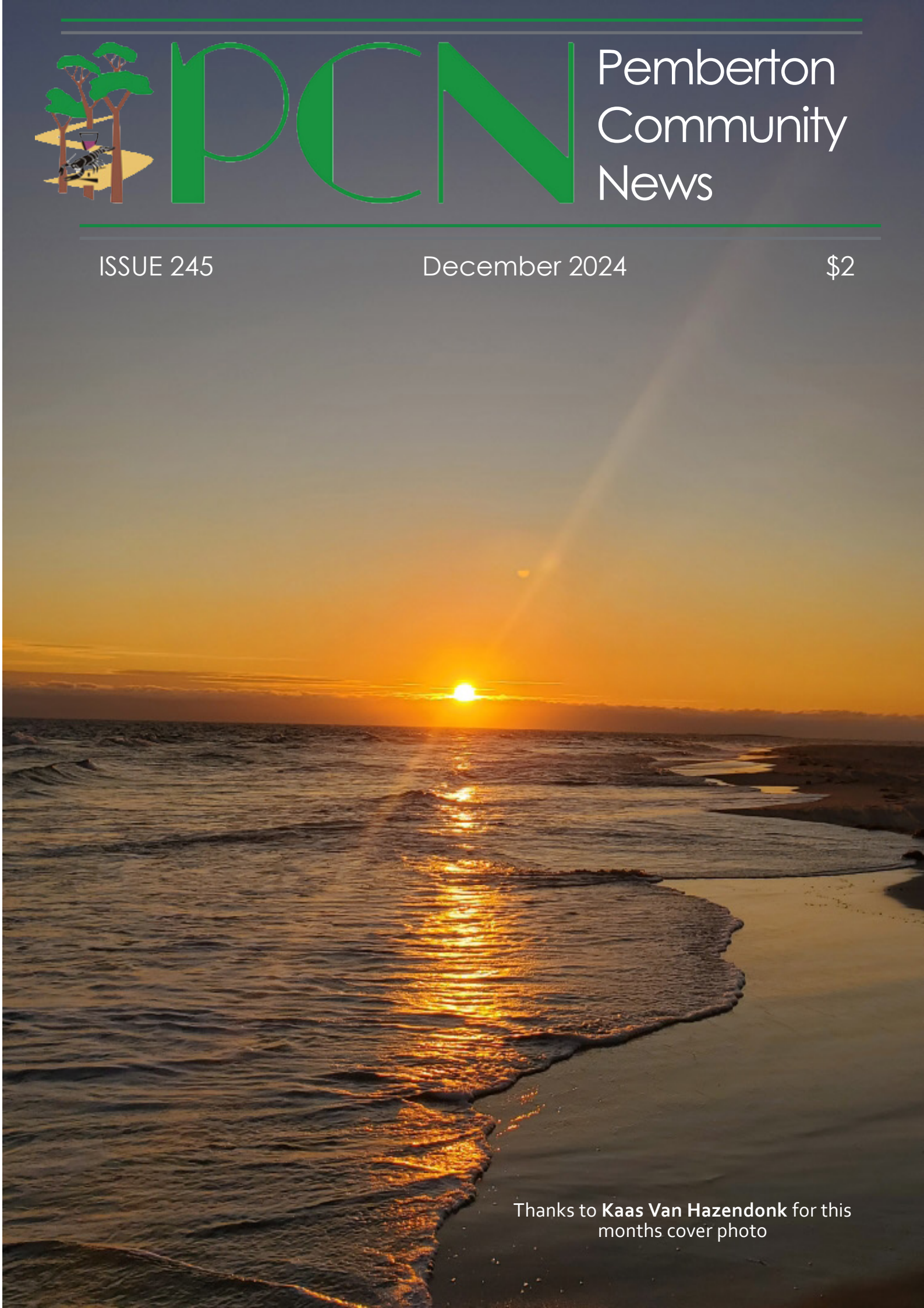
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Editorial

We should all be Fa La La -ing at this time of the year, and I sincerely hope that as the month of December moves along I might be encouraged to burst into song!

For yours truly, it has been a very long year, full of delightful times, a tremendous staff and committee and the realisation of incremental success after a lot of hard work.

However, in the sight of another year of hard work complete, I am fascinated with the level of negativity that seems determined to crush the collective spirit.

In a small community like Pemberton, there are so many individuals, required to meander through the massive amount of details, mental and physical work, roles, responsibilities and requirements, all whilst being very grateful for their lot and appreciative of others efforts.

Fortunately, being a pretty positive person myself I continue to find wonderful grains of gold among the grit and grime of hard work and the daily slog. Which begs the question. Is it so hard to be positive? Is it too hard to find the little treasures of the day? Can one not appreciate the efforts of others even if it is not to your standard?

These are not questions that has an easy answer, but at the end of a long hard year, perhaps it is time to question oneself on the issue. Positive vs. negative.

On this note lets look at this little story. "Twin boys, one negative, one positive. The parents in an effort to assist ask for professional help. The Psychiatrist obliges by placing a large pile of manure in the centre of a room and invites each boy separately to come and see their gift. As expected, Mr Negativity is damning, demanding to be taken from the room. Young Mr. Positivity however, upon seeing the pile throws himself into action digging and diving through the heap keenly.

When questioned he laughingly says "All this manure, there has got to be a pony in their somewhere"

Guess which kid deserves a pony?

"You cannot have a positive life and a negative mind." Winston Churchill.

A wonderfully wise Dr Google gives a great definition. "People with a positive mindset tend to focus on opportunities rather than obstacles, and they are more likely to see failures as temporary setbacks rather than insurmountable roadblocks. Negative Mindset: A negative mindset, conversely, is marked by pessimism, self-doubt, and a tendency to dwell on problems"

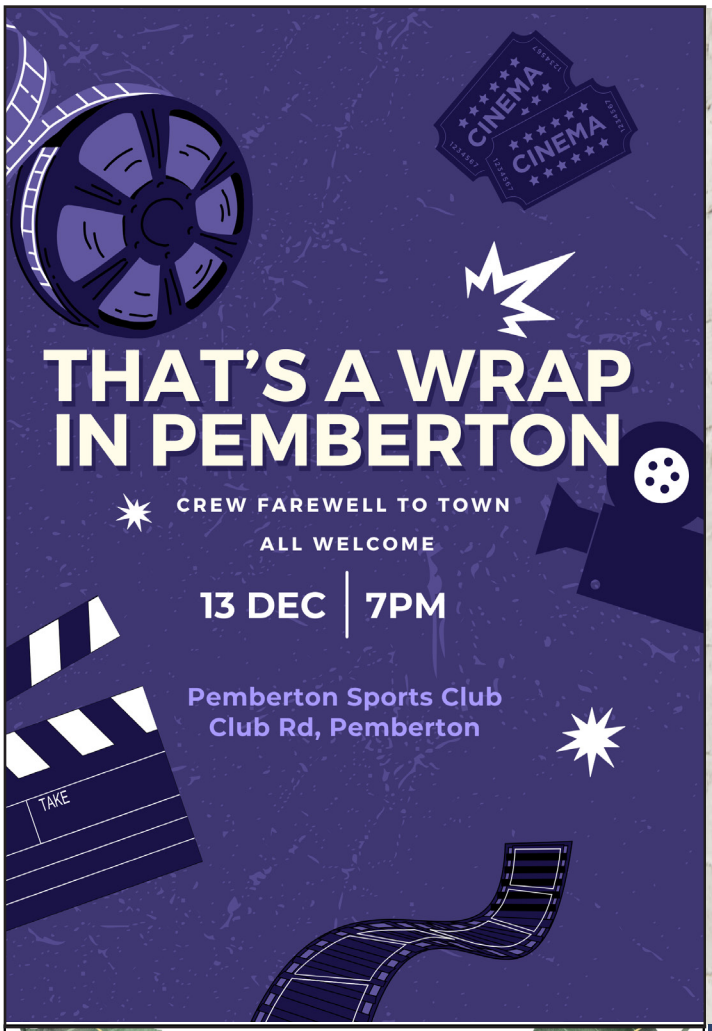
But enough of that as I am now verging on a negative mindset myself.

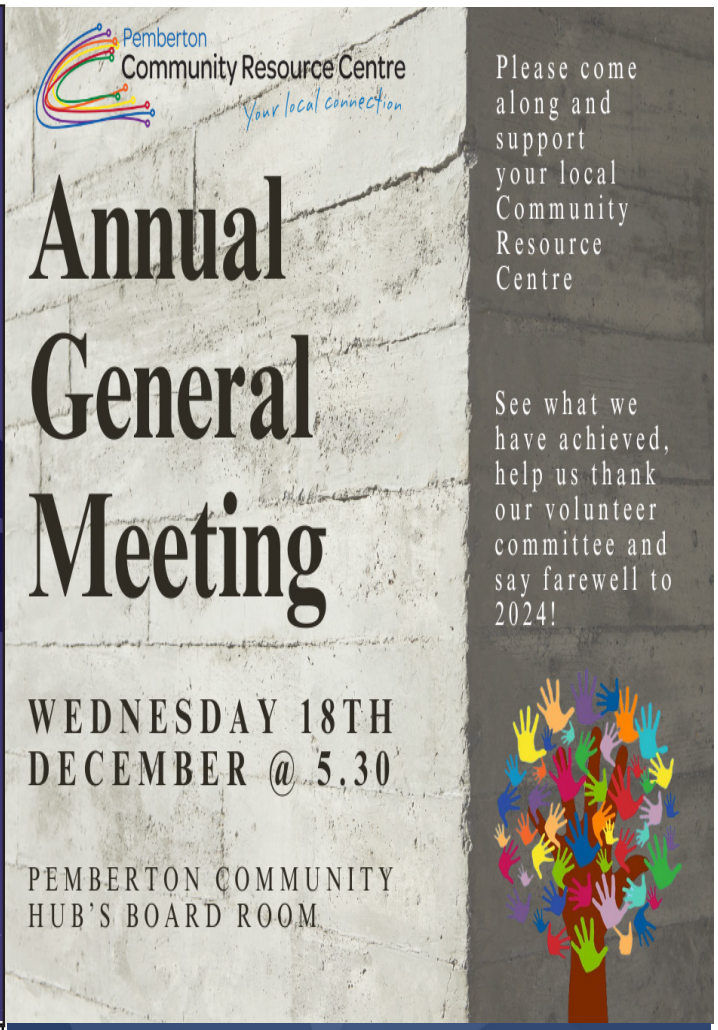
So much to look forward to as December wends its way merrily to Christmas and even with the heat, the bulging credit card, the very thought of the cooking, there is the breeze, the friendship, the joy, the revelries and a swag of good will to give and receive while we remember our many Christmas stories to hopefully embarrass our kids and our partners while we share the jokes and the awful riddles in the Crackers.

So onward and upward 2025. Things to do, places to go, decisions to make, problems to solve, positive all the way. May we all be careful on the roads.

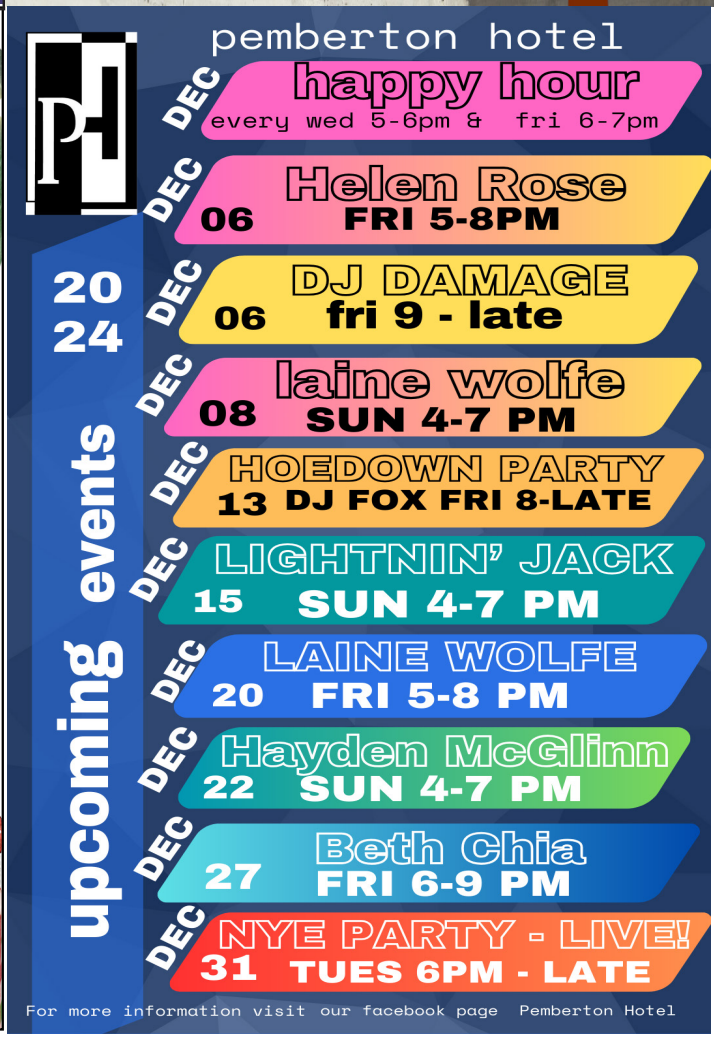
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CINEMA
CINEMA
THAT'S A WRAP IN PEMBERTON
CREW FAREWELL TO TOWN
ALL WELCOME
13 DEC | 7PM
Pemberton Sports Club
Club Rd, Pemberton
TAKE


Pemberton
Community Resource Centre
Your local connection
Annual General Meeting
WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER @ 5.30
PEMBERTON COMMUNITY HUB'S BOARD ROOM
Please come along and support your local Community Resource Centre
See what we have achieved, help us thank our volunteer committee and say farewell to 2024!


NYG
PEMBERTON YOUTH ZONE
PEMBERTON YOUTH ZONE &
NORTHCLIFFE YOUTH GROUP
Christmas & Karaoke Party!
FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER
5 PM - 8 PM
$5 ENTRY FEE
FOOD PROVIDED
SOFT DRINKS AVALIABLE FOR PURCHASE


pemberton hotel
upcoming events 2024
DEC happy hour every wed 5-6pm & fri 6-7pm
DEC 06 Helen Rose FRI 5-8PM
DEC 06 DJ DAMAGE fri 9 - late
DEC 08 laine wolfe SUN 4-7 PM
DEC 13 HOEDOWN PARTY DJ FOX FRI 8-LATE
DEC 15 LIGHTNIN' JACK SUN 4-7 PM
DEC 20 LAINE WOLFE FRI 5-8 PM
DEC 22 Hayden McGlinn SUN 4-7 PM
DEC 27 Beth Chia FRI 6-9 PM
DEC 31 NYE PARTY - LIVE! TUES 6PM - LATE
For more information visit our facebook page Pemberton Hotel

CHRISTMAS CAROLS





PEMBERTON MILL HALL

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2024

7.00 PM

BRING AND SHARE SUPPER AFTERWARDS





CHURCH SERVICE

PEMBERTON CATHOLIC CHURCH CHRISTMAS DAY 9AM

A Little Christmas Story

Article by Ann Tiquitty
Images thanks to the internet

Christmas is nearly upon us dear readers, and hopefully we are filled with memories of 'that special Christmas' as I am even after nearly forty years and it happened right here in good old Pembie.



Now picture this.....the smell of fried chicken in the air, a quarter acre block in the main street, about to become the scene for the annual trip to Bethlehem. The children's choir, the musicians, the spotlight in one corner and the proud parents and audience seated on the grassy slopes unaware that possible disaster is about to happen.

And so we begin. The spotlight is on the angels, suitably angelic in their white sheets, singing lustily, depart the choir on their journey to the stable to meet up with the shepherds, suitably attired in tea towels and dads dressing gown and the spotlight follows their every move. The night is perfect, full of stars and one can even imagine that one is a particularly bright one as angels and shepherds meet at the first corner of their journey.

There is a sudden flurry, unnoticed by most, as a urgent message is whispered into the horror struck ear of Yours Truly.

Baby Jesus is missing!!!

Who forgot the most important prop? The large celluloid doll danced in my brain but fortunately it was a much younger brain in those days and the equations and solution were suddenly obvious were inspirational.

Like a large, blundering gazelle I fled across the road, up the hill to the empty church looming in the darkness, down to the side door, where the hidden key was torn from its secure hiding place and I entered the dark empty church.

Now there is something about a dark empty church which would, in normal times, be just a bit creepy, but nothing ventured nothing gained was utmost in my fevered mind. By the light of the flickering sanctuary lamp I headed for the foyer and the magnificent Christmas Nativity scene, and there he was, smiling, plump and with his arms outstretched and about to be kidnapped.

Now you may have a limited knowledge of just how heavy a life size infant made of plaster and cement might weigh, but desperation gave me the strength of ten, and with him clutched to my heaving bosom and me, covered in sweat, we fled into the night, having secured the scene of the theft . Across the road, down the hill, and into the lane.....yes, there was a lane there back in the day.

It took a certain amount of crawling to get to the next corner and remain unseen and I was keeping even with the angels, shepherds as the choir took us to the Little Town of Bethlehem. We were at the third corner but there was a moment of panic as the strains of We Three Kings began and we were neck and neck as I made the final crouching journey to the final corner where the frantic parents with terror stricken faces in their hessian stable, awaited their fate.



In a last desperate effort I made it to the back of the stable and summoned Joseph with a desperate plea. "I've got Him. Help" Being a reliable young bloke, as Joseph must have been, he whisked the baby away, Mary tucked him into the manger with an audible sigh of relief just as the Wise Men, Shepherds, angels and the hopes and fears of all the years, were there in the spotlight and the beautiful sounds of Silent Night wafted through the minds of all there, including the one lying in a sweating heap among the weeds.

The whole night ended happily for all and to the strains of Joy to the World and I lay there thinking, "This is a Christmas I will not forget in a hurry." And I was right. Even after nearly forty years I never pass that corner, now converted to a very attractive Community Garden without remembering the blissful feeling of having saved the day or indeed the night.

This story has been told before in print and perhaps you have read it before but some memories are worth saving and repeating in this secular society of today we can only hope that Christmas has a special place in the heart of everyone.

P.S. Baby Jesus was safely returned under cover of darkness, but with a little more reverence this time.



NORTHCLIFFE'S
100TH ANNIVERSARY FINALE

New Years Eve Fireworks

FIREWORKS DISPLAYS AT 9PM AND 12 MIDNIGHT
NORTHCLIFFE RECREATION GROUNDS OVAL FROM 6.30PM
BYO PICNIC & DRINKS. NO GLASS OR PETS PLEASE
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Free Family Friendly Event

hosted by the Northcliffe Recreation Association with live music by the

WEST COAST FIREWORKS

CBC BAND



SPONSORED BY NORTHCLIFFE RECREATION ASSOCIATION, SHIRE OF MANJIMUP, NORTHCLIFFE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP, KEVIN & JO FLANAGAN FAMILY, ANN BONAZZI, DECAMPO TRANSPORT

Bridgetown Blues

Article by AJ Quinton

Photographs found on Bridgetown Blues Website



How it all started

In 1986 Pip Mills, Sheila Howat and their small team set out to develop a festival that would re-establish and empower the southwest of WA's region through music. Fast forward to 1993 Chris Hughes and the WA Tourist Commission offered the team support for the development and planning of such a large event.

A meeting with different representatives from each of the local towns was called to decide whether the event was to take place based of off interest, the resounding answer being yes and a committee was formed to head start the commencement of the event.

Six months later the first ever Blues in Bridgetown took place, with approximately 5,000 people attending.

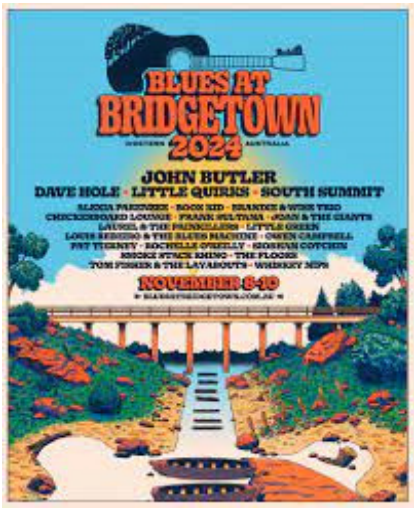
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The Bridgetown blues festival, set in the picturesque surrounds of the Blackwood River Valley is undoubtedly one of the most famous events that occurs in the southwest region of Western Australia, with people coming as far as Perth to see the live blues music, stalls and atmosphere.

On the second day & evening of the Blues the street party starts, a huge range of vendors selling food, art, jewellery and more line the main street alongside entertainers and buskers providing the attendees with a variety of different experiences while roaming the long line of shops and stalls.

This year the Blues had a total of 49 bands and artists including John Butler, Dave Hole, Death by Denim and many more, playing over the three days that the Blues occurred.

The Bridgetown Blues, which in previous years has been teeming with people, music, and stalls, felt noticeably smaller this time around. There was what felt like fewer attendees, less music echoing down the streets, and fewer stalls than in past years. However, this did not diminish the electric atmosphere of the event. The energy and excitement of being part of such a magnificent and significant celebration was still as vibrant as ever.



Regional Column

Acting Senior Regional Officer for South West.

Annetta Bellingeri

Under the Influence

Have you ever seen a social media post with the hashtag 'spon' or 'sp' and wondered what it meant?

This can often be an attempt to disclose they were paid, given gifts, or provided with other incentives to create the post.

Consumer Protection argues this is a very sneaky tactic.

Last year, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) conducted a sweep of social media influencers and found 81 per cent were posting content which raised concern under the Australian Consumer Law.

The most common issues were not disclosing brand relationships or using confusing and vague language, which made it difficult for consumers to notice and make informed decisions.

Some influencers have been found to engage in predatory advertising, multi-level marketing schemes or in the case of "finfluencers" - offering financial advice without the required qualifications and licensing.

Influencers who are making a promotional post, are reminded to disclose this in a way which is immediately obvious to consumers. This includes instances where they have received free products, gifts, or incentives.

They are also reminded to never make misleading claims about a product or service and to be careful not to be deceptive or manipulative in a post.

Furthermore, business owners should also never make misleading claims about a product or service and be careful not to be deceptive or manipulative in a post.

Businesses also have the responsibility that influencers ensure they disclose there was an incentive provided in exchange for the review.

Tip: If you see hashtags like 'spon', 'ad' or 'sp', look for the "paid partnership" label some platforms provide and take note if the post is curated differently from their usual content, a sign this is not a genuine post.

Whether you're a business or an influencer, you have responsibilities to your consumers and followers under Australian Consumer Law.

Concerning conduct by social media influencers and brands can be reported through the ACCC website – accc.gov.au. If you feel you have been misled by statements made in a post by an influencer, the trader may have to offer you a refund.

For more information, call 1300 304 054,

or email your query to consumer@demirs.wa.gov.au.

Government of Western Australia
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety

Monthly Prayer



Dear Lord Our Loving Heavenly Father and Creator of Heaven and Earth,

As we see the advertisements placed on television and in other forms of communication telling us all the things we can purchase for Christmas; sometimes at eye-wateringly high prices, we wonder how You must feel that people in our day and generation place greater importance on how we might spend more on gifts to each other rather than concentrate on the special free gift You gave to us. After all we recognize that the whole purpose of Christmas is to celebrate the coming of Your Dear Son, Jesus, as a lowly baby there in the remote little village of Bethlehem.

It tells us in the bible that we were utterly helpless and Jesus came at just the right time so that, at the end of His short lifetime, He could die so that all of our wrongdoings might be forgiven if we say we are sorry for them and express our faith in Him and what He did. Making Jesus our Lord and Saviour assures us of an eternity spent with Him and with You.

And somehow, we treat all that as inconsequential by focusing our thoughts and actions on issues of passing relevance to our lives here and now, when the reality is Your gift of Jesus is the greatest gift that has ever been given and gives us a guarantee of eternal life if we place our faith in Him..

Father, forgive us for not having appreciated the value of Your gift to us over previous Christmases and help us all to place the focus of our celebration of Christmas this year on Jesus and His love for us shown by His willingness to die in our place.

We ask all of this in His precious Name, Amen.



CWA

Article by Pat Nock

Once again we have come to the end of another successful year. This has been a very special year for the CWA being its 100th birthday which has been celebrated around the State in many various ways.

The Government got on board during July (which Is our actual birthday) lighting up many of the main attractions in Perth in Blue (our official colour).

Jan Staley and I were lucky to attend the official High Tea held at Government House hosted by the Governor Chris Dawson and his wife , who are joint patrons of the CWA of WA.

Our statue of "The Countrywoman" attracts a lot of attention and we often see people taking photos with her. If you haven't seen her why not come down and have a look.

We are waiting for John Marshall to pave at her base which will make it nicer to stand near for photos. The Shire kindly donated the pavers required for the job. Many thanks to them. Market Days have been fantastic this year and hopefully will continue to do well.

We have made quite a significant number of donations this year – not quite as many as we would have liked due to us finding serious whiteant damage in one of the ceiling beams and also the toilet which required some major repairs and of course cost. Thanks to David Coombs Carpentry who did the work.

We have some lovely items for sale in the Op-Shop which would make great Christmas presents, especially some beautiful childrens books that are in fantastic condition and would make great gifts.

We continue to receive great support from the locals and it is always lovely to see those who come every Saturday for a look and a chat.

On behalf of all the ladies of the Pemberton CWA I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Pemberton Police

Article by Ross Bartley - Sergeant

Pemberton Police are investigating a traffic incident that occurred about 11am on Wednesday 13 November 2024 on the Vasse Highway in Yeagarup.

The incident which occurred near the Karri Valley Resort, involved a truck carrying an oversize load being a demountable home. The truck struck an overhead power line

causing damage to the line and another vehicle that was travelling behind it. Police are trying to identify the truck involved. Anyone with information regarding the matter

is encouraged to contact Pemberton Police on 97163100 or via email at:

Pemberton.Police.Station@police.wa.gov.au

Shire of Manjimup

Public Notice
Ordinary Council Meeting
Change of Date

Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Manjimup Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday 5 December 2024, has been rescheduled.

The rescheduled meeting details are as follows:

Date: **Thursday, 12 December 2024**
Time: **5.30pm**
Location: **Manjimup Council Chambers**

Benjamin (Ben) Rose, Chief Executive Officer

MILL HALL UPDATE

ARTICLE BY DEANNE VENTRIS



The Mill Hall continues to be an excellent venue for the community.

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

- BOOTSCOOTING IS HELD
  EVERY THURSDAY 5.00PM
- ST. JOSEPH'S CONCERT
  DEC 3RD TEA 6PM CONCERT 6.45PM
- MILL HALL AGM DEC 4TH 11.00AM
- SATURDAY DANCE DEC 14TH 7.30PM
- CHRISTMAS CAROLS DEC 22ND 7.00PM

The Mill Hall has new banking details.

WESTPAC

BSB: 036126 ACC: 237796

We would love you to become a member for $16.50.

This hall was built for the community and stands strong as testament to the wonderful, hard-working community members who have in the past and continue to maintain this building. You are always welcome to contribute to keep this iconic venue in top condition.

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

President

Deanne Ventris

Pemberton Heritage and History Group Inc

Hello everyone,

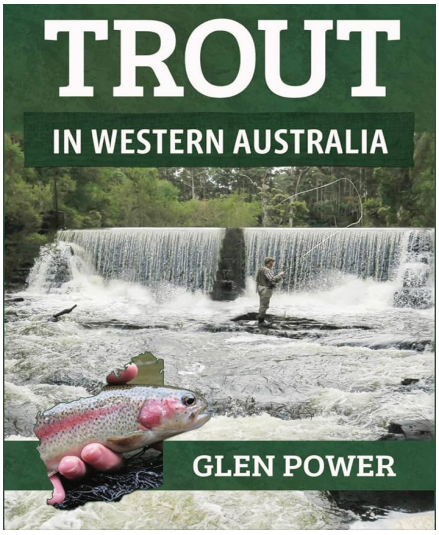
The Pemberton Heritage and History Group were delighted to host the book launch of Glen Power's Trout in Western Australia at the Museum a few weeks ago. Everyone who attended found Glen's presentation very interesting, and we were very grateful to receive the donation of some of the books to sell at the Visitors' Centre. If Trout fishing is your game, check it out.

Volunteers continue to meet on Thursday mornings to work on our collection. Everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa and chat at 10;00 am.

Finally, we will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 10th December at 10:00 am in the Workshop. Please mark this date in your diaries. We would love to welcome you to our group.

Regards

Leanne - President



Public Notice

Mains water supply cannot be guaranteed during a bushfire

Water Corporation is prepared for bushfire season. However, we cannot guarantee that water pressure or water supply will be maintained in the event of a bushfire. Extreme demand, fire damage and power cuts can all result in a total loss of water.

If you plan to stay and defend your property during a bushfire, you must have your own independent water supply and pumping capability. You cannot rely on mains water.

Details and resources about how to prepare for bushfire season can be found at **mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au**. For warnings and advice visit **emergency.wa.gov.au**.

watercorporation.com.au

WATER CORPORATION

Christmas in Pemberton: A celebration of Art & Community

Article by Renata Suckling
Photographs by

Christmas is coming to life in Pemberton, thanks to the creativity of St. Joseph's School students! The children's designs have been turned into six vibrant artworks now featured as part of the town's Christmas street decorations. This wonderful project was made possible through a grant from the shire and Chamber of Commerce.



At the unveiling ceremony, hosted by Mr. Paul Omodei, the young artists were each celebrated with a postcard and bookmark featuring their designs. A poem was also read, describing the artwork and thanking each child by name for their contributions.

To make the decorations even more special, each painting includes hidden details like butterflies, ladybirds, frogs, and ants for children to spot—adding an extra touch of fun.

Christmas cards of the artwork are available at the Pemberton Visitors Centre, and A4 copies can be picked up too. Restaurants can even use them as colouring sheets to keep kids entertained during meals.

And there's more! On Saturday, December 14th, a Christmas tree will be set up in town. Local school children, are invited to add their own decorations. If you're contributing, please ensure your decorations are sturdy enough to stay put, even in strong winds.



This year's celebrations show how Pemberton's creativity and community spirit can enhance its festive magic!



Taiwan's Secret Side

Article by Pei-Chen Ho
Photographs by James Brook

Hi everyone, my name is Pei-Chen, and my nickname is Bobo. I have been living in Pemberton for 10 years and I would like to share some fun facts about Taiwan and Taiwanese culture.



1. Taiwan is often confused with Thailand - I am from Taiwan, and I am Taiwanese NOT Thai

2. In Tiwan we don't really have spring rolls as our entrée, as a matter of fact I have never seen my mother make spring rolls.

3. Even though most of the Asian countries are close to one and other we don't generally speak the same language for example: Japan speaks Japanese & Taiwan speaks Mandarin and Taiwanese.

4. We have a similar population to Australia however the total land space of Australia is 215 times bigger than Taiwan.

5. When we greet each other, we don't say "How are you", we often say "have you eaten?"

6. We do not greet as how are you, we often said have you eaten?

7. We generally call someone's dad "uncle" and someone's mom "aunty" as we do not address elderly people by their names, considering it impolite. It doesn't mean we are related.

P.S It took me a long while to call James mum by her name because I felt it was a bit impolite.



Water supply in a bushfire

This information could save your life

While leaving high-risk bushfires is the safest option, if you plan to stay and defend your home, you must have an INDEPENDENT water supply and pumping capability. This typically requires water tanks of at least 20,000 litres, pump and generator.

This is required as mains water supply and pressure cannot be guaranteed during a bushfire due to the risk of power cuts, fire damage and extreme demand.

Use the Department of Fire and Emergency Services resources to develop your personal bushfire plan: **mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au** You can also download the My Bushfire Plan app via the App Store or Google Play to access your bushfire plan anytime - even without an internet connection.

To support bushfire plans, if you have groundwater bore access to surface water, you can take and store emergency water without it counting against your annual entitlement. For more information on this, and for the location of emergency bushfire water supplies in dryland agricultural areas, visit the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation website.

Drinking water

We recommend you keep a supply of drinking water on hand throughout summer in case your water supply is interrupted.

Assistance for customers affected by bushfire

After a bushfire, we can assist you with issues such as damaged water meters and payment difficulties. If you have been affected by bushfire please call us on **13 13 85**.

The Emergency WA website **emergency.wa.gov.au** provides emergency information and community safety warnings. Call **000** in a life-threatening emergency or the SES **132 500** for emergency assistance.



WATER CORPORATION

Pembertons Busy Season: Reflecting a big year & looing ahead

Article byGraeme Dearle

As the year comes to a close, Pemberton has been busy with activity. The filming of Mystery Road puts our beautiful region in the spotlight, showcasing its unique charm and spectacular scenery to a national audience. This is an exciting opportunity to highlight Pemberton's potential as a destination for visitors seeking authentic experiences.

Amid the bustle, we are thrilled to announce that the Pemberton Visitor Centre's new website is now live. This modern, user-friendly platform is designed to enhance the visitor experience, making it easier than ever to explore what our region has to offer. From booking accommodation and tours to finding up-to-date information on events and activities, the website reflects the professionalism and hospitality our region is known for.

As we enter the festive season, traditionally one of Pemberton's busiest times of the year, the timing couldn't be better. Visitors can now access everything they need in one convenient place, ensuring their trip to Pemberton is seamless and memorable and we would love locals to check it out!

Looking ahead, we are also preparing for the Pemberton Visitor Centre's Annual General Meeting on Sunday, 3rd December. This is an important opportunity for our board, members, and community to reflect on the successes of the past year and outline plans for 2025. We encourage all members and supporters to attend and contribute to the future direction of the Centre.

The PVC Board would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to our local tourism operators, volunteers, and businesses for their continued efforts in showcasing the best of Pemberton. Together, we have weathered challenges and embraced opportunities, ensuring our region remains a leading destination in Western Australia.

As we welcome visitors this Christmas season, we remain committed to professionalism, collaboration, and showcasing the natural and cultural treasures that make Pemberton truly special. On behalf of the PVC Board, we wish you all a safe, happy, and prosperous holiday season



Movie Review

Surfs Up (2007)
Rated PG, 1hr 25mins,



Adventure, satire, comedy, animation, family, sport.

Surfs Up is a humorous documentary style movie directed by Ash Brannon and Chris Buck. If surfing penguins take your fancy, then this is the movie for you.

Our main character, Cody Maverick (voiced by Shia LaBeouf) is an young energetic man with a passion for riding the waves of Shiverpool, Antarctica. Following in the footsteps of his idol, Big Z, Cody tries to make a name for himself, forcing his way into recruitment for the legendary surfing event, the Big Z Memorial Surf Off held on Pen Gu Island.

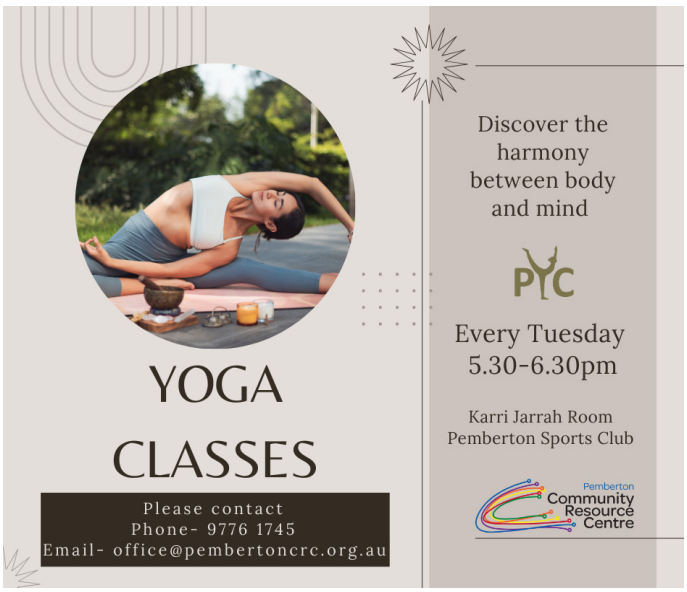
This tropical island is home to a variety of unique individuals, from birds, beavers, a chicken all the way from Lake Michigan and penguins, making friends along the way, such as Chicken Joe, Lani and even his idol, Big Z.

The movie follows Cody's journey, learning valuable lessons such as passion, humility and the true spirit of surfing, there's more to surfing then being the best.

Surfs Up was an enjoyable watch, with the interview and documentary style, its constantly breaking the fourth wall, as well as how much personality is shown by each character, it really draws you in. Considering the movie was released in 2007, the CGI and animation blew my expectations, never getting distracted by genuinely bad animation/CGI.

Surfs Up managed a 6.7/10 on IMBd and 79% on Rotten Tomatoes, overall good ratings and it was nominated for an oscar award for best animated feature film of the year and won 2 Annie awards for animated effects and animated characters.

If you've become a Surfs Up enthusiast after reading this, you might be a little disappointed about Surfs Up 2, almost a completely different movie to the original with all new characters and storyline.



Pemberton Cycling Update


Credit: flowmountainbike.com

Hi everyone,

Once again, December has snuck up on us - yet among the celebrations and reflections, there's still some updates to share!

First up, Flow Mountain Bike has officially launched their campaign promoting the south west of WA's amazing riding locations. Their article on Pemberton dropped in late November - if you follow us on social media, you may have already seen us share their posts, otherwise head to: https://flowmountainbike.com/features/riding-singletrack-new-and-old-in-pemberton-wa/ and check it out!

A quick reminder: while the Arboretum trails are mentioned, they won't be open until mid-2025, so hang tight for more updates on this exciting development.


Credit: flowmountainbike.com

We're also excited to announce our upcoming Christmas Light Social Ride! This will be an evening ride where we tour the Christmas lights around town—a perfect opportunity to decorate your bike, dress up in festive gear, and join in the fun. Don't forget to bring suitable night-riding lights and safety gear. See below for further details and join us in spreading some holiday cheer!

Trail maintenance remains ever-necessary, with the humid and warm conditions generating lots of plant growth. We're fortunate to have some extra volunteers this month, thanks to PDHS's Community Week program where students will spend some time helping get the spring growth under control and ensure the trails are in top shape for the summer holidays.

Top: Our very own Hudo helping showcase the MTB park.

Above right: A sneak peak of the new trail network under construction.

Right, below: Some snaps from last year's Christmas Light Ride - snazzy outfits, jingling bikes and some very pretty lights!





While it seems to have been quieter year, there's plenty going on behind the scenes to help set the Club up for an exciting 2025 - we can't wait!

Thanks for your continued support, we wish you all a safe and happy holiday season with your loved ones. We look forward to seeing you out on the trails in the New Year!

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

The PCA Team

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***MTB ride** - Saturdays 8.00am*

***Women's MTB ride** - Sunday December 8, 9.00am*

***Road bike ride** - Sundays 7.00am*

All rides meet at Pemberton Visitor Centre

Friday December 13

Christmas Light Social Ride

Don your festive gear and join us for a ride around town to view the local Christmas lights!

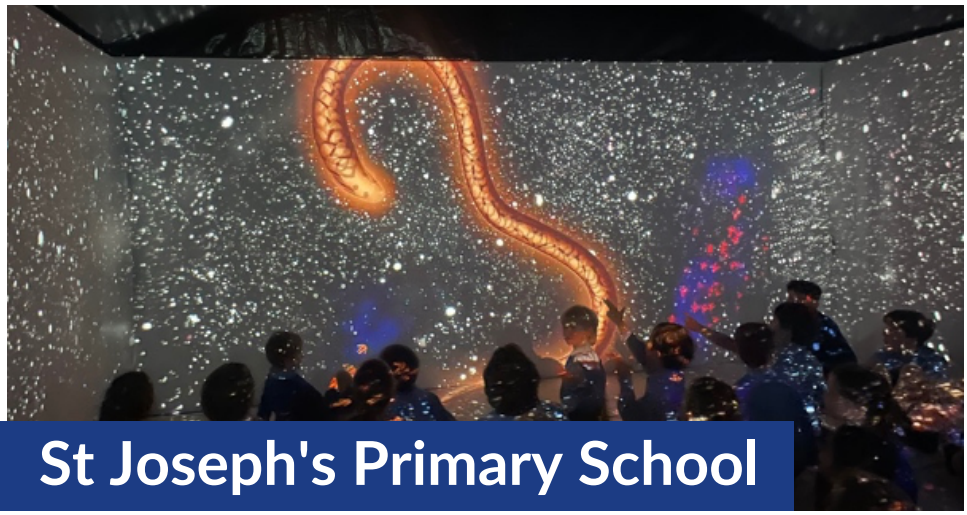
Meet at the

Visitors Centre

*for a **7.30pm departure***

(approx. 1 hour ride)

Please ensure you have suitable night riding lights.



St Joseph's Primary School





Creative Schools and STEAM
We have loved having artist Tony Windberg in the Year 1/2/3 class weekly, as part of our involvement in 'Creative Schools', an initiative to engage students in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) through inquiry-based learning. The children have been working on learning traits such as working collaboratively, persistence, wondering and questioning and reflecting critically on our learning. We created spacecraft with moving components and worked in teams to create landscapes of our newly discovered imaginative planet 'Wodkejry.

Songlines Exhibition
On 30/10/24, our Year 1 to Year 6 students embarked on an exciting excursion to the Songline Exhibition in Manjimup. This educational experience was designed to enrich our students' understanding of Indigenous culture, art, and history, fostering an appreciation for the rich tapestry of stories that shape our nation.

Sports Carnival
St Joseph's students had a fabulous time competing in the sports carnival hosted by PDHS. We were very pleased to receive an overall second place and have some of the students take home a medal. Congratulations to Matilda, Charlotte and Kelvin! We are very thankful to all the wonderful adults who banded together to host such a fun and exciting event.

Excursion to the Pemberton Fire Station
Kindy to Year 2 had a fantastic excursion to the Pemberton Fire Station this week. A huge thank you to Rosalyn, Steve and Jamie for the informative session. The children especially loved being able to see off the working parts to the fire engine and the fire truck, as well as being able to dress up and shoot the hose like a real firefighter. I think we have some future volunteers in the making!















PEMBERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

The annual Interschool Athletics Carnival was a wonderful success on Friday 15 November 2024 and there are so many people to thank for that!

Thank you to our wonderful gardener, Dan, for all his hard work and organisation in the lead up to and throughout today.

Thank you to the staff and students from St Josephs, Nannup, Walpole and Northcliffe for joining us, showing such great spirit and positivity throughout the day.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped throughout the day, including the Workplace Learning Program students from MSHS.

Thank you to the staff and students of PDHS who displayed our school values so enthusiastically and represented our community with such pride.

Thank you to the Mill Hall Committee for providing yummy lunches and BBQ for our hungry competitors and spectators.

Thank you to all the families and friends who came along to cheer on all of the students from across our network.

Congratulations to all of the students who took part and well done to the following PDHS students who received medals:
- Champion Boy Year 3/4: Jackson
- Champion Girl Secondary: Chloe
- Champion Boy Secondary: Lachlan

Shield Results:
Primary: Karri 1st and Jarrah 3rd
Secondary: Jarrah 1st and Karri 2nd

Well done to all for a great day!

PEMBERTON
DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL









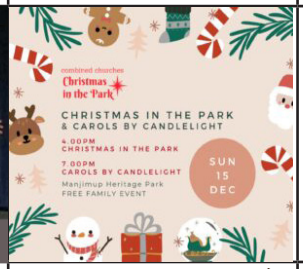


Thank you **AJ Quinton** for the December Calendar photo

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				**29 Nov**	**30 Nov** Twilght Christmas Markets @Pemberton Mill Hall 3pm - 7pm	**1** Star Gazing @Jaspers Tree campground call 0427133335 to book Caurus Thompson @Pemberton hotel
2	**3** St. Josephs Concert from 6pm @ Pemby Mill Hall Immunisation @ Pemby Hospital, 9.30-10.30 am	**4** Star Gazing @Jaspers Tree campground call 0427133335 to book Mill Hall AGM from 11am @ Pemberton Mill Hall	**5**	**6** Dance if it makes you feel happy @Northclif Town Hall DJ Damage @ Pemberton Hotel from 9pm	**7** No till gradening workshop @3 Edwards st Manjimup Dingup Hall Market Day 9.30 am - 4pm	**8** Sigma Breathwork 4pm -6pm @Pemberton Mill Hall go to website to boo tickets
9	**10** Pemberton Heritage & History Group AGM from 10 am in workshop	**11**	**12** School Holidays Starts!!	**13** Hoedown Party @ Pemberton Hotel, 8-11pm PYZ & NYG Christmas Party 5pm - 8pm @PCSC	**14** Cherry Harmony Festival, Manjimup 8.30 am - 4 pm LAST DAY- Now & Then Art Exhibition @Manji Art Gallery, 9am - 4pm	**15** Lightning' Jack @ Pemby Hotel Christmas in the park @ MJP Heritage Park4pm -7pm Cherry Brekkie @MJP Town Hall,8-11am

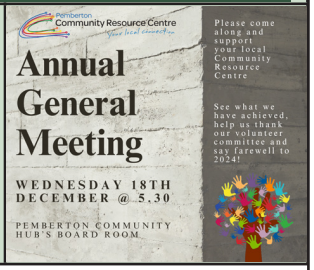
16	**17**	**18** CRC AGM @5.30pm Community hub boardroom	**19**	**20** Laine Wolfe @ Pemberton Hotel	**21**	**22** Hayden McGlin @ Pemberton Hotel, from 4pm Christmas Carols from 7pm @ Pemberton Hotel
23	**24**	**25** Christmas Day!	**26** Boxing Day	**27** Beth Chia @Pemberton Hotel, 6-9pm	**28** Comedy Under the Stars @ Pemberly, contact 0448 185 162 to book	**29**
30	**31** New Years Eve Fireworks @ Northcliffe Oval, from 6.30 pm NYE Party @ Pemberton Hotel from 6pm					

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Regular Community Events

	All Sorts excercise group Mondays 9-10 am @ PCSC Jarrah Room Dulcie 9776 0063		Karate Tues 5.30pm, Sat 9am Pemberton Community Sports Club Bernadette 0457 272 500	PYC	**Pemberton Yoga Collective** Jarrah Room @ Pemberton Sports Club Tuesdays 5.30 - 6.30 pm PCRC 9776 1745		**Anglican Church Service** 1st Sun @ 11.30am St Hilda's Church, Ellis St, Pemberton Molly 9776 0989
	Art Classes *with Tony Windberg* Thurs @ 9:30am PVC Art Room Tony 0427 852 032		**Ladies Badminton** Wed @ 9.00am Pemberton Sports Club Evelyn 9776 0332		Produce swap Sundays from 3pm Vic Conte Community garden Contact 9776 1745		**Craft Group** 1st Tues @ $5 St Hilda's church Pat 9776 0388
	Boot scooting Thurs @ 6.00pm Pemberton Mill Hall Terrie 0439 340 237		**MTB Soial Ride** Sat @8am Leaving from Community Hub Mark 0429 384 800		**Rhyme & Story time** Pemberton Library Wednesday 10.30 am Sherril 9776 1311		**Fire & Rescue** 1st Sat @ 2pm Pemberton Fire Station Craig 0419 045 362
	Bowls Thurs & Sundays Pemberton Community Sports Club Brian 0417 952 427		**PAG Arts Session** Wed @ 10.00am PVC Art Room Kate		**Road Bike Social Ride** 1st 2nd & 3rd Sunday @7.30 am Leaving from Community Hub Christine 0407 774 128		**Mill Hall Dance** 2d Sat @7.30 pm BYO, Share Supper Pemberton Mill Hall Terrie 0439 840 784
	Catholic Church Service 8.30 Wed 10am 1st,3rd & 5th Sun 10.30 2nd & 4th Sun Cnr Guppy & Dean st		**Play Group** Thurs @ 9:30 Pemberton Sports Club crèche Pippa 0401 654 902		Social Badminton Adults @6 - 7.30 pm $5each Pemberton Sports Club Emma 0400 518 185		**PCA- Trail Maintenance** 1st Sat @ 8am Meets @ Pemberton Pool Peter 0467 606 605
	Chico's Fitness Classes Fri & Sat 6am Pemberton Community Gym Chico 0450 958 321		**Pemberton Biking Belles** Every 2nd Sunday @ 9am Meets @ Pemberton CRC Dale 0429 220 050		**Snooker Club** Wednesdays @6.30 pm Pemberton Sports Club John 0488 760 426		**Southern Forests Photography Club** 3rd Wed @ 6pm Pemberton Sports Cllub Rob 0428 275 665
	CWA Op-Shop Sat 9:00 am - 12:00pm Pemberton CWA Pat 0411 422 335		**Pemberton Golf Club** Saturdays @12pm Golf links road		**Youth Zone for 12-18 years** Every second Friday from 5-8pm Pemberton Community Sports Club Contact the CRC on 9776 1745		**Uniting Church Service** 4th Sunday @ 10 am Pemberton Uniting Church Tom 9776 1472

PEMBERTON ARTS GROUP INC



Pemberton Community organisation of the Year 2016.

www.pembertonartsgroup.org.au *pembertonartsgroup.facebook.com*

PAG NEWS: Contact Cate: pembertonartsgroup@gmail.com

This has been a very busy month at PAG.

We have had workshops every weekend, the opening of Anna Czerkasow's exhibition and a change of committee.

Anna has stepped down as Chairperson after many years of guiding the art group and organising workshops and exhibitions. As she has done such a fantastic job in organising the exhibitions, we have voted unanimously for Anna to continue as our Art Exhibition coordinator.

Our new committee is:

Chair - Cate Ferguson

Secretary - Jeanette Evill

Treasurer - Jill Baker

Vice Chair - Sean Tysoe





Many people have been discovering our Pemberton workshops, with locals and 'out of towners' from Augusta to Perth delighted with our fantastic new art facilities. Prints rolled off the press in the latest **drypoint printmaking** workshops in November (above) with Tony Windberg. There was definitely an air of infectious enthusiasm! Look out for more in 2025, including collagraphs, and have a go: it's fun and easy!



Gods, Goddesses and Gurus: Louise Tasker and Anna spent a fabulous day running the clay workshop. A wonderful, creative group produced interesting and detailed sculptures, guided by Louise's capable demonstration of techniques. The participants experienced times of intense concentration, inspired creativity, thoughtful problem-solving and considerable arm-fatiguing clay-rolling! We were sustained throughout the day by Jill's delicious refreshments. The creations are now drying in preparation for firing and final painting. By the end of the workshop, everyone was exhausted, exhilarated and definitely satisfied! Image on left: Alison's creation (image Tony WIndberg. Images below: Anna Czerkasow).

Workshops: If you are interested in clay work, paint pouring art, printmaking, painting, jewellery-making, kite-making or fabric work - you name it - please express your interest and contact us!

Art sessions: Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30 am – 12.30pm during school terms

Bring your project or try something new…..painting, pouring, printing, felting.









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The pest and its impacts

Pokeweed (*Phytolacca americana*) is a large, perennial shrub that is toxic to livestock, humans and can contaminate agricultural produce. It is a declared pest, prohibited in Western Australia (WA) with a control category of C1 (Exclusion) and must be eradicated if found.

Pokeweed has recently been found in Perth and several locations in the south-west of WA, including Balingup, Bridgetown and Pemberton. A collaborative program to eradicate this weed is now underway with government and industry working together. The aim is to control all pokeweed plants prior to them setting seed during summer.

This plant is toxic to both humans and livestock and can contaminate agricultural produce.



Pokeweed characteristics:

- Pokeweed is found in disturbed areas, along roadsides and in gardens.
- Seedlings are often found under roosting trees as birds eat the berries and are unaffected by the natural chemicals.
- Seeds can be transported in soil.

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HEALTHIER HOLIDAYS



As the weather warms up and the festive season approaches, now is the perfect time to embrace balance – feeling good while having fun! Keeping active is a great way to stay healthy during this time, whether it's playing games with loved ones, enjoying a game of frisbee at the beach, or heading out for an early morning hike.
Being more mindful with our food choices can also help maintain our health over a busy time; this could include having less alcohol or adding more vegies to your party platters to enjoy the festivities without feeling overly full. We love this delicious and aesthetic bocconcini Christmas wreath! Indulging in a festive feast is okay, but it's important to keep in mind that stretching it out across a month can leave us feeling less than great. For practical tips on how to enjoy the holidays while staying healthy and refreshed, check out LiveLighter's Healthier Holidays Hub. Let's come out of this festive season feeling happy, healthy and refreshed!

Skin Cancer Action: combatting Australia's 'national cancer'

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WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

Give Credit Where Credit Is Due – What Are Our Expectations?

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
December 2024

The world operates on the back of the people who show up! This saying is so true, and we see it in action throughout so many of the amazing communities we visit in regional, rural and remote Western Australia. Our small but durable communities are filled with individuals that have a huge capacity to endure the multiple challenges of working and living in the bush. That's why it's especially important to recognize our community champions who go above and beyond to keep things ticking over so everyone can enjoy a bit of work/life balance in their patch. We all do things daily without expecting a pat on the back, but it's not hard to show a little appreciation to those who spread themselves too thin.

A field known as *Positive Psychology* (focusing on one's strengths) has come up with findings that this aids in increasing wisdom, satisfaction and a sense of purpose. It's common sense really: how good do we feel when someone tells us we have done a good job?

There are three main areas where we can have a direct influence and use some positive psychology: in our family lives, in and around our working lives and in our community groups (sporting clubs, rotary/men's sheds, church groups).



The interesting thing is that it's almost a social and personal expectation to continually commit ourselves to our family, working, and community lives, and rightly so. These are all important areas and putting time and effort in gives us satisfaction.

Getting the balance right, however, between these three commitments is tough, especially when *expectations* are not understood. In the work we do we come across a lot of misunderstanding and distress caused by individuals not communicating what their expectations are. For example, a husband and wife discussing personal versus relationship expectations, a parent and teenager discussing boundaries, a boss and staff member discussing working conditions/priorities, and/or a footy coach discussing positions/roles within his team.

Some simple tips:

- Challenge negative thoughts and behaviours; is this helpful to me and my situation or only going to make it worse?
- I can't control what happens around me, but I can choose how I respond to things.
- Focus on and encourage the positive things in ourselves and others. Studies have shown that gratitude is linked to positive emotions, satisfaction and overall wellbeing.
- Provide feedback in private. Best and fairest, employee of the month and the school certificate presented in front of all our peers is fine, but to give someone individual feedback and let them know they're doing a great job will have a longer lasting impact.
- People can't hear what we don't say. Express our feelings and expectations and be willing to not only discuss these but we may need to be open to negotiation.

Having high expectations can be positive. They can help us grow as individuals and/or as a collective, reach achievements and hit our targets. However, many of us can also take this too far. We can easily become cynical about ourselves and others, especially when it comes to making mistakes. Shaming and blaming doesn't help! Look for the strengths in others and yourself and don't forget to give credit where credit is due.

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Backyard Buddies
Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

December 2024

It's Starting to Look a Lot Like Christmas…Spiders.



Melanistic form of *Austracantha minax*, and the typically coloured form at Canning regional park. (Photo left: Caitlin Henderson. Photo right: MyPestGuide user David.)

Have you ever been in the garden, or out walking in the bush and spotted a miniature Christmas bauble with legs? You might have encountered *Austracantha minax*, otherwise known as the Christmas or jewel spider, Australia's very own living holiday decoration! Some might say it gets its common name from the time it's most prolific, but where's the fun in that?

All about these beauties

These spiders are found throughout mainland Australia and surrounding islands. They're easily recognised during the summer months by their shiny black bodies adorned with patterns of white, yellow, or orange. Their most striking feature is the six spine-like projections on their abdomen. Females are larger, measuring 7 to 12 mm in length, and brightly coloured, whereas males are smaller at 3 to 5 mm and dark red/brown.

They are skilled web builders, creating intricate, interconnected webs ~ 1 to 2 meters from the ground, there are often as many as 30 individuals in these aggregations. Interestingly, they add white silk tufts to their support threads, making them visible to larger animals and preventing accidental damage.

Christmas spiders may be a sign of summer and the holidays here in Perth, but why don't we see them the rest of the year? The answer is they're around but don't get those dazzling colours until they reach maturity, so much less conspicuous at other times.

Speaking of colour, it has been observed that later in the autumn months (typically from March to April), some Christmas spiders undergo a dramatic colour change, becoming melanistic - entirely dark brown to black in colour. It's speculated that darker coloration could allow the spiders to absorb heat more efficiently during the cooler autumn months, potentially extending their active period. 'The mysteries of these spiders, like other spiders, may continue to be revealed as the ever passionate but very few spider scientists record observations and do studies in the spiders likewise dwindling bushland homes.' - Dr Leanda Mason.

How to encourage them into your garden

As with trying to encourage any wildlife into your garden it is important to minimise the use of pesticides, as well as provide natural habitats and appropriate vegetation. Spiders flourish where there is good hunting, a diverse garden provides food sources and shelter for a greater variety of insect life. Remember, if there's no food for the bugs then there's no bugs for the spiders!
Happy Holidays from the Backyard Buddies team.

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Permaculture Principle 11
Use Edges and Value the Marginal: Where Magic Happens

Article written by Susanne Peet



The eleventh permaculture principle, Use Edges and Value the Marginal, invites us to explore the often overlooked spaces between systems. It's in these liminal zones, where different elements intersect, that innovation, abundance, and resilience thrive. The image of a sunrise over a river captures this essence perfectly, showcasing the dynamic interplay between land and water, light and darkness. The proverb "don't think you are on the right track just because it's a well-beaten path" encourages us to challenge conventional wisdom and seek out opportunities in the unconventional.

Beyond the Garden Patch

- **Urban Oasis**: The interface between urban and rural areas offers unique opportunities for sustainable living. Community gardens, rooftop farms, and green corridors can transform underutilised spaces into vibrant ecosystems. These urban edges provide habitat for wildlife, improve air quality, and enhance the overall quality of life for residents.

- **Workplace Innovation:** The boundaries between departments or teams can often stifle creativity and collaboration. Encouraging cross-functional projects and fostering open communication can lead to groundbreaking solutions. By valuing the unique perspectives of different teams, organisations can tap into the power of diverse thinking and innovation.

- **Personal Growth:** The intersection of different aspects of our lives – work, family, hobbies, and personal development – is where we often experience the most growth. By consciously creating opportunities for overlap, we can discover new passions, build stronger relationships, and enhance our overall well-being.

Home is Where Edges Thrive

- **Pondside Paradise:** The edge of a pond is a microcosm of biodiversity. Aquatic plants, insects, amphibians, and birds thrive in this transition zone. Creating a diverse range of habitats, such as shallow shelves, emergent vegetation, and floating plants, can support a rich ecosystem. By nurturing the pond's edge, you're not only creating a beautiful feature but also supporting a thriving mini-ecosystem.

- **Digital Detox:** The boundary between online and offline life is increasingly blurred. Creating intentional spaces and times for digital detox can improve mental health, focus, and creativity. By valuing the importance of disconnecting, you can recharge and return to the digital world with renewed energy and perspective.

- **Time Management**: The interface between work and leisure time is crucial for maintaining balance and well-being. By consciously creating boundaries between these two areas of life, you can improve productivity, reduce stress, and enhance overall life satisfaction.

Remember, edges are not just physical boundaries; they are also mental, emotional, and spiritual spaces. By cultivating a mindset of curiosity and exploration, we can uncover hidden opportunities and create a more vibrant, resilient, and fulfilling life.

How can you identify and leverage the edges in your life today?

Come back next month to discover the final principle, Principle 12 - Creatively Use and Respond to Change

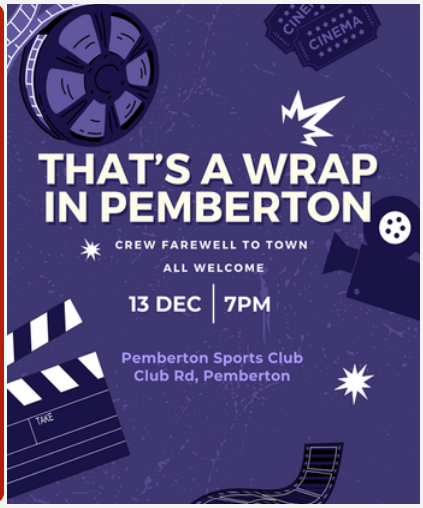


Pemberton Community Sports Club

NEWSLETTER - December 2024



THE PEMBERTON COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB ADMIN IS CLOSED FROM THE 16TH OF DECEMBER TO THE 12TH OF JANUARY. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR.



SPORTS CLUB MEMBERS

Don't forget to renew your Gym Membership before December 16th - Admin closed until 12th January

WEEKLY SPORTS SCHEDULE



Tuesday - Playgroup 9.00am**
- Racket ball 9.30am*
- Soccer Training 4.30pm**
- Yoga 5.30pm**
- Karate 5.30pm**

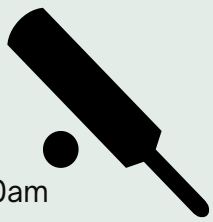
Wednesday - Snooker 6.30pm
- Soccer Training 4.30pm**
- Men's Bowls 1.00pm

Thursday - Playgroup 9.00am*
- Ladies Bowls 1.00pm
- Juniors Cricket Training 4.00pm
- Seniors Cricket Training 5.00pm
- Corporate Bowls 6.00pm
- Basketball 6.30pm**

Friday - Chase The Ace (Members only)

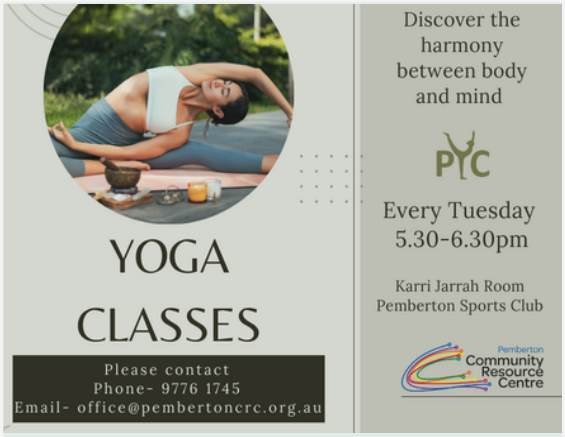
Saturday - Karate 9.00am*
- Basketball Fun Shooting 11.00am

Sunday - Social Bowls 1.00pm



Breaks over the Christmas Period*
Breaks for School Holidays **

PCSC Bar Closure for Holidays TBA







Names

Article by Rozzi in Oz



The question is: "What's in a name?" I had been pondering over this familiar quote and it has just dawned on me- Shakespeare of course! "What's in a name?""That which we call a rose by any other name would smell just as sweet", from Romeo and Juliet . I beg to differ though, but will refrain from making comments. We gave careful thought to names when we had our two adorable daughters. They were not" things" .Humans have the capacity to think carefully and intelligently when choosing names for their offspring. We have heard some interesting and unusual ones. I suppose it depends how you introduce the person.A friend of ours always introduced his wife in an amusing way."This is my dear wife ,Hazel. Her second name is Nut. So she is my Hazelnut ! " They both had a great sense of humour and always laughed about it to everyone's amusement.

My husband and I agreed to choose Biblical names for our children. I must admit I thought the name , Heathcliffe would be appropriate should we have a son. However, we were blessed with two adorable daughters born five years apart. They are Abigail and Esther-Rose. Their names meaning a father's joy and the caring queen. Both live up to their names ! Now naming a house is another story. My parents in law created an unusual name. The nomber would have sufficed, but they chose " Verleske". Swedish ? Norwegian? I failed to guess it was the first three letters of their son' s names, Verrell, Leslie and Keith. We kept the name of our cottage quite simple: " Sunny Although we did not have a view of the sun all day, it still reminds me of a warm, cosy cottage . The name was boldly displayed in yellow letters on the front porch.

Think about names of homes you've seen. I wonder what postmen think of the names they've had to search for and what their origins were.I have come across " Journey's End" and " Cosy Nook" and wonder who the families were. The first probably worked hard to eventually settle in a home and the second enjoyed their comfortable little home. "White Magnolia" was the name of our family home displaying a huge magnolia tree in the front garden with it's fragrant saucer-like blooms in Summer.



What about names of businesses? " The Corner Shoppe" is an old favourite. The barber's shop named " Close Shave " and the pub, "Pig and Whistle" Our very first supermarket chain in South Africa is " Pick and Pay ". One of our local restaurants here in our town. has an interesting but eye catching name. The name sounds unpleasant but it's owner and his wife is very friendly and chirpy ! Some family names reflect their country of birth. Especially the Italian ones which are familiar in our town .

It always amuses me when I hear names of popular movie stars or singers. During my teaching years I've had Elvis, Madonna, Marlon and Frankie. Parents probably liked the name of perhaps hoped the child would live up to the name.Who knows? names are very personal and no one should be judged by their name and should not be of concern to others. Our names grow onto us even if we say we don't like it. Yet we respond to it immediately if it's is mentioned. It is the main form of our identity.Imagine if we did not have names! Your name is like your shadow and follows you wherever you go !.

One cannot resist looking up when a name is called out by the receptionist in a waiting room. Mmmmm.... so that's Mrs Annabel Linda. Sometimes you will remember the name and the face but often you forget it as it's someone unknown. Next up is Violet Small, and a large lady smiles , happy her turn has come to be attended to. What are you thinking.? When the tiny baby was born, Violet's mother had no idea. she would undergo such a change in her adult life.

My daughter and I walked her dog, Jam in the park one day. I fondly call him Jammikins but his name was given as Jamaica by my granddaughter. Other dog owners called their pooches. Interesting names like Fluffy, Boston, Kelley, Tiny and others came bounding when called. Others lingered to the annoyance of their owners to first take their last sniff or pee.Yes, names are special to humans and pets.



I have a habit of associating names so I can remember but it often backfires!When corresponding with my tutor in Britain, I thanked him for finding me a place to study at Edge field College. He politely responded and referred to Edge Hill College. To my embarrassment I had mixed up the field and the hill! Once I addressed one of the parents of my pupil as Mr Lincoln instead of Abrahams. He said he was honoured by the mistake! My late sister refused to be served by George, the butcher, because he called her Maizina (corn flour) instead of Georgina. It was more amusing to us because her name was the feminine of his own.

Here in Australia, I noticed names often get changed to the diminutive. Aussie, pressie,Tassie,brekky and you could probably name many more.Worldwide , shortening of children's names is a form of endearment.Think about names in your famiy that has undergone this change.

So, "What's in a name?"

Not all roses have a scent and not all names are appealing, but should be respected. It's Christmas again and where does this name originate ? From Jesus Christ, the most precious and respected of all names . It's a time of sharing Christmas blessings with people all over the world of every name and origin.

Enjoy the Chrismas Season !!



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Did you know?

Pemberton residents are eligible for a rebate on the cost of purchasing, replacing, or plumbing in an existing rainwater tank to your toilet and/or washing machine? You can also exchange up to two of your old showerheads for new water efficient ones for free! Visit www.watercorporation.com.au/waterwise offers to find out more.



Pemberton Trout Festival

I was thrilled to help kick off this year's Pemberton Trout Festival at Big Brook Dam! I had the pleasure of helping launch the event, releasing 400 trout with families and kids eagerly pitching in. Alongside Shire President Donelle Buegge, we had a blast "fish wrangling" and watching the community enjoy the festivities.

I was also pleased to announce a $57,280 grant for the Freshwater Anglers of WA to enhance the Pemberton Trout Trail with better signage and paths. A huge thanks to everyone who helped make the festival a success!



$8 Million for Pemberton Trails

Earlier this year, we announced an $8 million investment in the Pemberton Trails Masterplan, backing the town's goal to become a renowned Trail Town. This funding includes $750,000 for upgrades at Big Brook Arboretum campground just outside Pemberton, modernising facilities to better serve the growing number of visitors. I've spoken with many of you about the potential of our trails, and this investment is a step toward making those visions a reality.

Student Assistance Payment

Pemberton families have received $33,000 in cost-of-living support through our WA Student Assistance Payment.

This program saw payments of $150 for primary school students and $250 for secondary school students paid directly into parent's bank accounts, this is on top of a $700 Household Electricity Credit.



If you have a local community event that you'd like me to attend, or an issue you need help with don't hesitate to get in touch. My team is always happy to help!

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PEMBERTON 1919
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Pemberton 1919 Heritage School Preservation Inc.

Notice is given that the **annual general meeting** of the Pemberton 1919 Heritage School Preservation Inc. will be held at the RSL Meeting Room, Pemberton Community Hub.
Tuesday 10th December 2024 at 6pm.

Business
1. To discuss the appointment of office bearers, replacement of office bearers due to resigned positions

2. To discuss our focus, concerns, ideas and way forward for the preservation, reuse post Mystery Road.

Dated: 20th November 2024

Debra Mack
Secretary
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Appointment of proxies
Please note that:
1. A member entitled to attend, and vote is entitled to appoint not more than two proxies.
2. Where more than one proxy is appointed, each proxy may be appointed to represent a specified proportion of the member's voting rights.
3. A proxy need not be a member.

Forms of proxy must be lodged prior to commencement of the Annual General Meeting 10th December 2024 to pemberton1919hsp@gmail.com

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Christmas & New Year Operating Hours

Admin Office Closure
25 December 2024 to 1 January 2025

AquaCentre
25 to 27 December 2024: Closed
28 to 31 December 2024: Open 10am to 5pm
1 January 2025: Closed

Public Libraries Closures
Manjimup - 16 December 2024 to 1 January 2025
Pemberton - 23 December 2024 to 1 January 2025
Northcliffe - 25 to 26 December 2024
Walpole - 23 December 2024 to 1 January 2025

A/H Emergency only 6454 4600
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Depot Closure
23 December 2024 to 1 January 2025

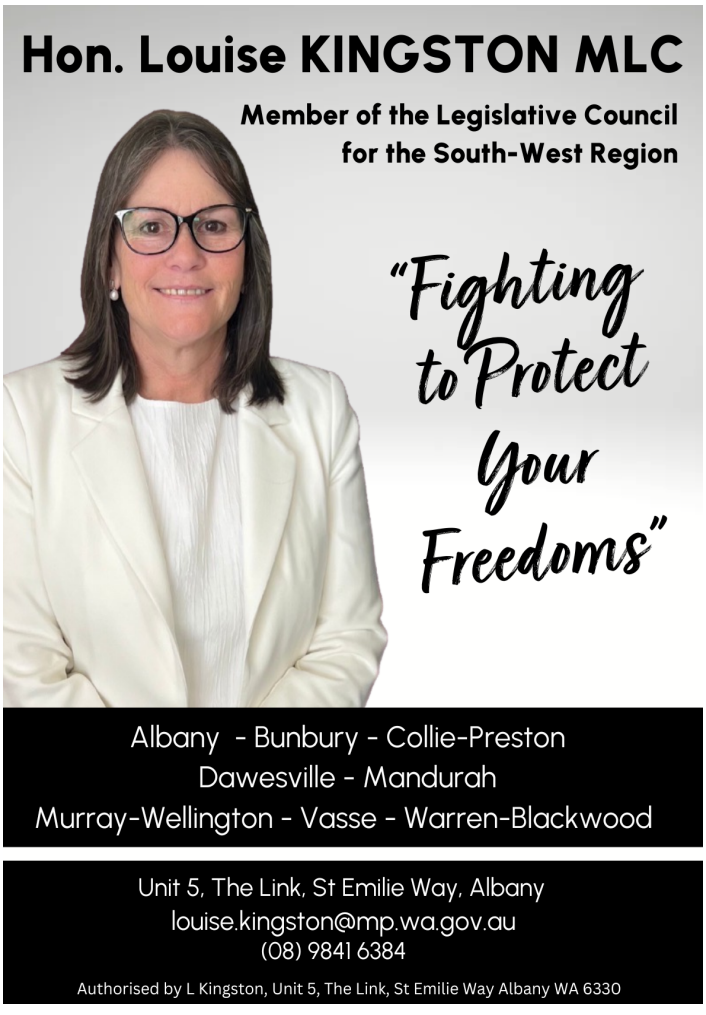
Manjimup Home and Community Care
25 to 26 December 2024: Office closed, essential services only
27 to 31 December 2024: Normal services
1 January 2025: Office closed, essential services only

Kerbside Rubbish and Recycling Collection
No change

Waste Facilities Closures
25 December 2024 and 1 January 2025

Shire staff and Councillors wish you a happy festive season!





Manjimup Shire Bulletin

December 2024

SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, we've (almost) made it through another year!

As we come into the Christmas season, a time to celebrate with family and friends, we are reminded that for some, this season may not feel so festive. It could be a first Christmas without a loved one or a time spent far from home.

Within our Shire there are community events to bring people together, to celebrate and feel connected. Check out the Community Carols on 15 December at the Heritage Park, an all day event for the whole family, culminating in a festive sing along at 4pm.

Quinninup Community Celebration is also on the 15th, a chance to come together and meet all the new (and old) residents.

New Years Eve marks the end of Northcliffe's 100 year celebration - go out with a bang and enjoy the fireworks at the Northcliffe Recreation Ground.

The Cherry Festival is back in all her glory so why not spend Saturday the 14th cruising the town picking up Christmas gifts. Grab your ticket to the Long Table Dinner under lights in Brockman Street and experience why Manjimup is the food-bowl of the South West.

On behalf of your Councillors and myself, we wish you a relaxing and festive season. Stay safe on the roads, be fire aware, and as always, thank you to everyone who sacrifices their family time to keep us safe, especially during this time of the year.

Finally, if I could ask one thing of you all, look up, make eye contact, smile and say hello – you never know the difference it could make to someone's day.

Merry Christmas, chat soon.

Donelle (Shire President)

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

2025 Council Meeting Schedule

The Council meeting schedule is set to look a little different in 2025, with the Shire's Ordinary Council Meetings shifting to a monthly schedule and moving from Thursday to Tuesday evenings.

Meetings will be held on the following dates:

- 25 February 2025
- 25 March 2025
- 22 April 2025
- 27 May 2025
- 24 June 2025
- 22 July 2025 (Pemberton)
- 26 August 2025
- 23 September 2025 (Northcliffe)
- 28 October 2025
- 25 November 2025 (Walpole)
- 16 December 2025

All meetings will commence at 5.30pm and, unless otherwise indicated above, will be held in the Council Chambers, Manjimup.

SHIRE NEWS

Shire Explores Future Opportunities for Aged Care Services

The Shire of Manjimup is proud to support our community through the Manjimup Home and Community Care service (MHCC), a trusted and professional aged care provider. As part of our commitment to ensuring the highest standard of care for our growing and evolving community, the Shire will be exploring opportunities to expand and enhance local aged care services.

To this end, the Shire is considering 'testing the market' to identify reputable providers of residential aged care and home and community care. This process aims to uncover the best options for facilitating growth, improving local services, and enhancing the assets available to our community.

Here's what you need to know:

Continuity of Care: Our intent is to ensure no disruption to the high-quality services currently provided by MHCC.

Community Focus: Any potential provider would need to demonstrate their ability to expand and grow aged care services locally for the benefit of the Manjimup community.

Due Diligence: The Shire is in an early due diligence phase. This involves careful research and preparation to make informed decisions in the best interest of residents.

A Thoughtful Process: Significant preparatory work is required before any decisions are made. It could take 12-18 months before there is clarity on the next steps.

This initiative reflects our commitment to long-term planning, ensuring aged care services in the region continue to thrive and meet the needs of our community into the future.

We'll keep you informed every step of the way and welcome your feedback as we progress through this careful and considered process.

Beneath the Yellow-Lid - What really happens to your recycling?

Do the things you put into your yellow-lid recycle bin really get sent to recycling?

Yes, everything collected in those bins absolutely does get sent away for recycle processing.

It's sent to Cleanaway's Perth facility where all the wrong things (contaminants) are screened out and the good stuff is sorted into half a dozen streams of pure material. Cleanaway achieves 99.95% purity in their finished product.

What's the right stuff? Simple! Only five materials: plastic, glass, metal, paper and cardboard.

We're looking for common household items like plastic bottles and food pots (dairy food tubs, punnets etc), glass bottles and jars, aluminium or tin cans, and flat, clean, dry paper and cardboard.

All loose, nothing in bags. Lids off, rinsed, drained. Nothing smaller than the palm of your hand.

What's the wrong stuff? Everything else!

We have other systems for materials that are recyclable but don't belong in the yellow-lid bin. Ask us and we'll try to point you in the right direction.

So, does our recycling get sent to be recycled? Yes!

Christmas and New Years Hours

The Shire's administration office and depot will be closed over the Christmas and New Year period. Please see our website for dates and times for all Shire facilities and services.

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

Pemberton Library
61 Brockman Street - 9776 1311
Wednesday 9am - 1.30pm
Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm
Friday 1pm - 5pm, Saturday 9pm - 12pm

SHIRE CALENDAR

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

Council Meetings
The next Council Meeting will commence at 5.30 pm on 12 December in the Council Chambers, Brockman Street, Manjimup.

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

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

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