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Send all contributions in to

pcn@pembertoncrc.org.au

Deadline for all content is **26th of the month**

Editorial

As we say farewell to 2025 and welcome another new year, we may realise that every ending carries with it the quiet promise of a new beginning.

That beginning may be something we hope for—or something we resist. It may be a change in our circumstances, or within ourselves. It could arrive as a massive transformation, or as a minor but meaningful alteration. Either way, change has a way of finding us.

We see it in nature and in ourselves—leaving the nest, shedding the skin, reinventing who we are when the old version no longer fits. These moments don't always arrive neatly or on our schedule. Sometimes they come gently, like a New Year's resolution whispered with hope. Other times they arrive with force, demanding change whether we feel ready or not.

At times, the only choice we have is the severity of the change: do we detonate, or do we renovate?

There is wisdom in dismantling what no longer serves us, but there is also care required in how we do it. Not everything old is broken. Some structures simply need reinforcing; others must come down so something stronger can be built in their place. Laying new ground requires effort, patience, and a willingness to get our hands dirty. Foundations matter. What we build next depends on how honestly we assess what came before.

New paths aren't forged by forgetting the past, but by learning from it. Insight comes from reflection. Wisdom grows when we listen—especially to our elders, who carry stories of trials survived, mistakes made, and lessons hard-earned. Their experiences remind us that progress isn't about erasing history, but about standing on it with clearer vision.

This time of year invites that kind of reckoning. What have we learned? What have we outgrown? What deserves to be carried forward, and what must be released? Growth asks us to be brave enough to let go, and steady enough to begin again.

As individuals and as a community, we are always in the act of becoming. Building from the ground up doesn't mean starting empty-handed—it means choosing wisely what materials we bring with us. With reflection, respect for lessons learned, and the courage to lay new foundations, we can move forward stronger, wiser, and ready for what comes next.



Endings should not be seen as failures, but as invitations—to create something new.

Beginnings are built, after all, one thoughtful step at a time.

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Lions Club of Manjimup

JAZZ IN THE JARRAH

Come and Support RFDS

Saturday, 7th February 2026.

Heritage Park
Manjimup at 5pm.

Army Band - Perth.
Charlie McGee & the Formidable Vegetables.

Free Concert
Donations collected for RFDS

Bring chairs, rug etc.
Coffee Bus & BBQ food available.

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PEMBERTON HOTEL

Happy Hour

Public Bar: Wed 5-6pm, 7pm Jackpot Draw,
Happy Hour Friday 6-7pm

PEMBY HOTEL

upcoming events 2026

- FEB 01 — JONELLE GROCHOWSKI DUO — SUN 5-8PM
- FEB 06 — BETH CHIA — FRI 5-8PM
- FEB 08 — SHENAI JOHNSTON — SUN 12-3PM
- FEB 13 — HAUS OF REX — FRI 8 TILL LATE
- FEB 15 — LIGHTNIN' JACK — SUN 12-3PM
- FEB 20 — SQUID — FRI 5-8PM
- FEB 22 — OLIVE MAE — SUN 12-3PM
- FEB 27 — ROB V — FRI 5-8PM
- FEB — POOL LEAGUE — MONDAYS 6PM ALL WELCOME!

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Tuesday, 10 February 2026

9 am to 4 pm

Opposite Pemberton Hotel, Brockman Street

PEMBERTON

For more information, go to **servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice**

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Pemberton Blueprint

Make your mark, shape our towns

SHIRE OF MANJIMUP TOWN BLUEPRINTS: PHASE 2

In 2025, The Shire of Manjimup embarked on an exciting new journey with the launch of the Town Blueprint project; a community-driven initiative to shape the future of our towns.

We have heard and reviewed your feedback and now we would like to share each town's draft Blueprint, through Phase 2 of the Town Blueprint project:

We need your input!
Help us fine-tune each Blueprint to make sure they accurately represent your town and capture your feedback.

How do I get involved?
Attend this community workshop and help us review the draft Blueprint for Pemberton.

Can't attend?
An online survey will be released following each of the Phase 2 workshops. Hard copies of Town Blueprints and surveys will be available in each town's library after the workshop.

Get involved to help set the future vision and direction for your community.

Pemberton Community Workshop

Pemberton Mill Hall
Tuesday 17 February from 6pm to 8pm

Learn more:
9771 7777
www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/blueprints

SHIRE OF MANJIMUP

Horoscopes & the month ahead



February 2026 is set to be an emotionally charged month with significant astrological events, including a Full Moon in Leo and a Solar Eclipse, influencing all zodiac signs.

Key Astrological Events

Full Moon in Leo (February 1): This lunation brings creativity, romance, and personal joy to the forefront. It's an excellent time for recognition and celebrating achievements. Embrace your inner performer and express your passions. Uranus Stations Direct (February 3): After a period of retrograde, Uranus's direct motion will facilitate changes that have been on hold, allowing for progress in various areas of life. Mercury in Pisces (February 6): This transit enhances creativity and intuition, making it a favourable time for artistic endeavours. However, emotions may cloud judgment, so it's essential to remain grounded.Venus in Pisces (February 10): Love and compassion are heightened during this period, making it an ideal time for romantic gestures and deepening relationships.

New Moon Solar Eclipse in Aquarius (February 17): This event encourages new friendships and social connections, potentially leading to significant changes in your social circle.

Zodiac Sign Insights

Overall, February 2026 promises to be a month of emotional depth, creativity, and potential growth across various aspects of life. Embrace the changes and opportunities that come your way!

General Predictions

Career and Finances: February is a month of potential financial growth, but it may require hard work and strategic planning. New ventures are encouraged, especially after the Full Moon. Health: Overall health is expected to be stable, but minor issues may arise. It's advisable to address any health concerns promptly. Family and Relationships: Family dynamics may experience some challenges, but open communication can help resolve conflicts. Relationships may deepen, especially during the Venus transit.

STAR SIGNS

Aries- February will prompt Aries to slow down and pay attention to what usually stays behind the scenes. Work processes will require a revision of strategy — not all efforts bring the desired results. Important conversations related to future projects or a change of role are possible in the middle of the month. In personal life, the focus shifts to honesty — unspoken issues quickly come to the surface. The end of the month is suitable for restoring energy and inner balance. **Taurus**- For Taurus, February 2026 opens new financial reference points. Offers may appear that initially seem unstable, but upon closer analysis turn out to be promising. In relationships, the need for reliability and clarity increases. The emotional background becomes more balanced toward the end of the month, allowing well-considered decisions without external pressure.**Gemini**- For you, February will be marked by choice. Gemini will need to decide in which direction to develop their knowledge and skills. The month is favourable for learning, negotiations, and expanding contacts, but it requires discipline. In the personal sphere, unexpected turns are possible — someone from the past may remind you of themselves, prompting a rethinking of old feelings. **Cancer** -In February 2026, Cancer will focus on issues of security — both emotional and material. Changes in family agreements or living conditions are possible. In the professional sphere, it is important not to withdraw into yourself — support comes through dialogue. The second half of the month offers a chance to strengthen trust in close relationships.**Leo**- For Leo, February becomes a month of testing ambitions. Not all goals require immediate implementation, and this is important to accept. At work, situations may arise where you need to compromise for the sake of long-term benefit. Personal life requires attention to your partner — sincere interest and involvement will help avoid misunderstandings. The end of the month is suitable for creative initiatives.**Virgo**- February 2026 helps Virgo bring order to affairs and thoughts. The month is favourable for systematization, planning, and closing old obligations. In the area of health, it is worth paying attention to routine and recovery. In relationships, practicality is valued — actions matter more than words, especially in the middle of the month.**Libra**- Libra will feel the need for personal boundaries. February shows where you give more than you receive. In career matters, unconventional tasks may arise, requiring flexibility and diplomacy. In personal life, the need for balance increases — honest dialogue will help prevent the accumulation of tension. **Scorpio**- For Scorpio, February 2026 becomes a period of deep inner work. External events seem to reflect hidden processes. Transformations in the professional sphere are possible, related to responsibility or a shift in priorities. In relationships, intuition is heightened — you subtly sense others' motives, the main thing is not to slip into suspicion.**Sagittarius**- February brings Sagittarius new horizons but requires patience. The desire to move forward encounters the need to refine details. The month is suitable for strategic planning, especially in financial matters. In personal life, inspiring encounters or a renewed interest in existing relationships are possible.**Capricorn**- In February 2026, Capricorn gets the opportunity to strengthen positions. Past efforts begin to bring tangible results, especially in career matters. However, the month requires flexibility — rigid control can slow the process. In the personal sphere, it is important to allow yourself more warmth and spontaneity; not everything needs to be calculated.**Aquarius**- February becomes a month of reassessing values for Aquarius. What once seemed important may lose relevance. Unexpected ideas may arise at work, which are worth writing down and developing gradually. In relationships, the need for freedom increases, but it is important not to distance yourself emotionally from loved ones.**Pisces**- In February 2026, Pisces feel a boost of intuition and inner sensitivity. The month is favourable for creativity, spiritual practices, and working with the subconscious. In the professional sphere, it is important to clearly define your boundaries. In personal life, sincerity and gentleness will help strengthen the bond and avoid misunderstandings.

Northcliffe History

Article written by AJ Quinton
Images found in 'Northcliffe the town that refused to die' by Carole Perry

In august 1911 the Minister of Agriculture of Western Australia had an idea to build a town of 300 hectares near Gardner River.

The government officers at the time:

1. Chatley
2. Fauckner
3. Richardson

-were sent to develop the town. The staff were given approximately three months to begin development in the town before the first group of pioneers were to arrive. Within nine months, by June 1924, 2000, people had spread across an area approximately 30.5 km2 in size. During the first creations of the town the Public Works Department (PWD) had nothing but one small group of labourers, causing a shortage of manpower.

The building materials were driven along the Northcliffe, Pemberton and Boorara roads to be carted into the district but were impassable until bridges had been built over the Warren and Gardner rivers.

By November and early December 1923, the first group employed by the PWD had arrived and were given two jobs:



1. Build a bridge over the Gardner River to allow a spot mill to be set up.



2. Build a more substantial bridge over the river to allow trucks to access the town site.

In January 1924 the first general store was built so the towns' people could purchase lanterns, matches, food, cooking implements and bedding for those who could afford it.

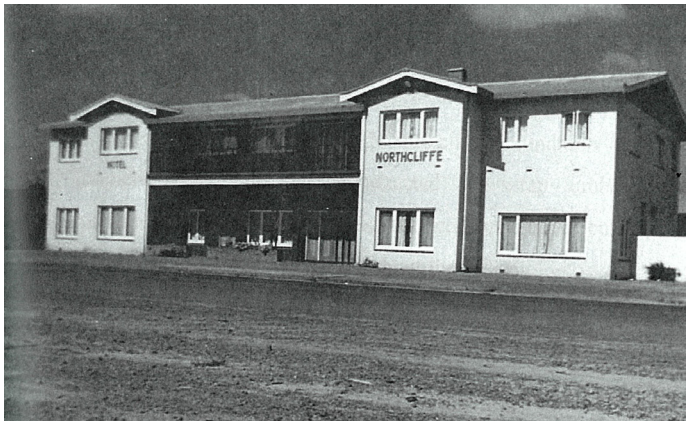


In 1933 a small railway station was built to apparently give Northcliffe a sense of pride and significance. *Above: Northcliffe Train station, Train & Construction of Railway*

In October of 1923 a young man, a saw miller by the name of John Carrigg approached the group board with an offer to supply housing to the town. He asked the Manjimup District Forester if he could use a new patch of Jarrah near Manjimup and build 490 group cottages. He was given 335.3 hectares of Jarrah Forest to build the cottages. He was expected to provide enough timber for 490 cottages, along with recreation sheds, townsite cottages, shops, hospital, extensions, bridges and culverts for approximately a dozen bush schools. Each cottage was constructed with Jarrah weatherboards, gable roof, plasterboard ceiling, woodstove chimney and a 4550-litre water tank. Four years after the project started Craiggs order for cottages was reduced to no more than 374, with a total of 116 cottages being reduced from the starting number.

In January 1924 approximately 40 adults and more than 100 children were transported to Manjimup from Fremantle on the immigrant train, eventually to be sent down to group 94 in Northcliffe. Within 24 weeks approximately 2000 more adults and children were spread out and around Northcliffe stretching across 20.5km2 with little more than tents and basic cooking supplies.

To help with bringing homes and stores to Northcliffe they would use motor transport.



Above: Northcliffe Hotel

It was 26 years before the Northcliffe hotel was built, with the motel units added 85 years later. The Manjimup Road Board rates books confirm Mrs. Eaucher, the owner of the lots in 1940, established the Northcliffe hotel in 1957, the motel units not added until 2012. During January 1924, John Ipsen was brought down to build the group store, office and staff cottages, today the store is twice the original size, the original plans made in 1924 being 9m by 5m. This shop originally named the 'Northcliffe Trading Store' in four years was re-named to the 'Sunny West Co-operative'. The shop officially closed during the 1980's and re-opened in 1986 as the 'Craft Shop' displaying local basket weaving projects, this building also eventually became the headquarters of the Northcliffe Environment Centre. In 2003 the store received a triple A heritage classification.

In July 1925 Jarrah 'shacks' were built by George Giblett and turned into a bakery and butchers for the town.

On May 7th 1924 an official proclamation announced the naming of the townsight. The name Northcliffe was declared in memory of Alfred.C.M Harmworth,

a owner of the London Times and daily mail and a member of the group settlement board and his name was considered a suitable choice. The naming of Northcliffe came as a surprise to the people of Big Brook (Pemberton) as they had been waiting for months for the town to be re-named Pemberton, but Northcliffe was named 12 months before them!

On 26th September the Minister for Agriculture announced the narrative forest timber was at more value than the prospect of developing any more dairy farms. He eventually gave the first department control of 360.000 hectares to reduce the amount of agriculturalists down to 13,000 hectares. A pioneer wrote in his bibliography "We realized we destroyed millions of dollars worth of valuable hardwood that is irreversible, but in those days trees were our enemy". 88 years later in 2012 the western end of Northcliffe was completely closed to potential building developers.

From 1928 a temporary church hall in town became the one teach one room all ages school. However in 1935 the bush school closed when enrolments dropped to as low as 3 kids. The school was transported into Northcliffe with approximately 30 children attending and became the official school of the town. Enrolment for the Northcliffe school came up to 150 by 1958, with more classrooms added. This totalled 5 classrooms within Northcliffe, two in the bush school and three for the main school. *Below Northcliffe Hospital*

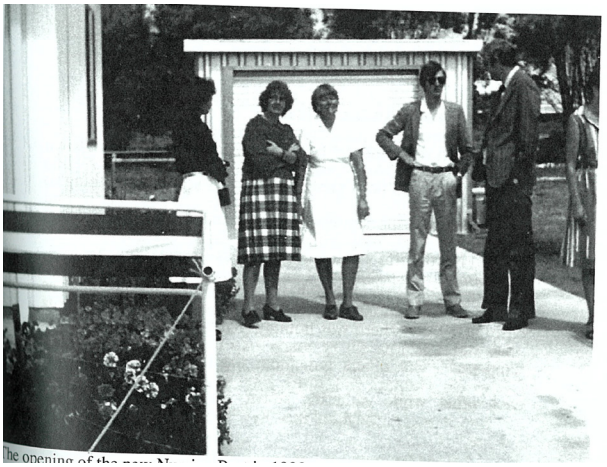


By the 1960's more families moved down to Northcliffe as part of the war settlement scheme. The school's enrolment climbed to 200 students, but the number of teacher weren't able to keep up.

In August of 1924 the construction of the Northcliffe hospital was started and by January 1925 the hospital officially opened with one permanent doctor, Dr.West a nurse and two kitchen staff. The hospital had an operating theatre, three wards for men, three wards for women and four maternity beds with cots. In 1983 the hospital was sold and transported to a farm on Pioneer Road outside of Northcliffe, a small building put over the top of the original hospital site that continued to be the local nursing post.

Below: Northcliffe Hospital





Above: Northcliffe Opening of Nursing Post

Below: Northcliffe Mill





Bereavement – Living with Loss

4 – week group course

Facilitators:
Hayley Tuck (BSc Nursing, AGBC Cert Bereavement Support Groups, Co-Manager Solaris Cancer Care Bunbury)

Have you experienced the loss of someone close to you? This group course has been helpful to so many in your situation, express and process your own experience in a supportive, professionally facilitated group, with others who have experienced the great pain of loss.
We believe that grief doesn't go away, it stays with you, and you learn to live around it. Through discussions you will gain skills in identifying emotions, share ideas about how to honour and remember your loved one, and learn practical coping skills.

Dates
Friday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th Feb 2026

Time
Morning

Venue
Bridgetown Library

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Pemberton Heritage and History Group Inc

Vale John Buitenhuis

October 19th 1930 – December 6th 2025

John was a much appreciated volunteer at our Pemberton Museum.

John was born in the Hague, Holland and grew up during the war years. The Allied bombers would fly overhead on their way to Germany.

John travelled with his family for work in Surabaya, Indonesia but on leaving there in 1950 he came to Fremantle looking for work.

There were job opportunities in Pemberton so he got on the train.

First he worked on the Michelidis tobacco farm before moving in to work at the mill, where he boarded with the Boon family in Pump Hill Road. Later he moved into a Single Men's hut behind the mill.

During this time John met Joy Green, all of 5 feet tall while he was 6 feet 6 inches! Her parents were not happy and objected to his unknown background.

Love survived and they married and moved to Perth where John worked at the Mercedes outlet.

Bunnings was offering work at their new Donnelly River Mill so he moved there and the young family grew, Gary, Brent and Steven. The village life and outdoor activities suited the young family very well and their rent was only 12 Shillings a week.

When the mill closed they moved back to Perth working for Mercedes again and Kylie was born there.

They retired to Binninup where they built a house and had a comfortable home on the beach.



Right: John Buitenhui

Pemberton was always a comfort area for older age and they moved back to settle nearer the Green family.

Joy sadly passed leaving John to adapt. He valued his friends and family enormously and often travelled many miles to catch up with them.

The Wednesday evening meal at the Pemberton Hotel was always a 'must' and the table was often joined by friends and visiting family.

The staff embraced the regular evenings and were extremely saddened to lose John.

They set his place with wine and flowers.....

Writing...."For John.....Thank you for the stories, the smiles and the seat at the table. You are missed. Save us a seat up there!"

Pemberton Heritage & History Group workshop days start back in our new workshop on Thursday 5th February.

Monthly prayer

Loving and gracious God,

We are so blessed and grateful to know your love and protection. Thank you for the precious gift of your Son, Jesus, through whom we can come to you in prayer.

We ask for your wisdom and discernment for those in leadership—within our Shire, our state, and across our nation. Guide them with integrity and compassion in every decision they make.

We lift up those suffering around the world, enduring war, injustice, and the loss of freedom. Bring them your peace, healing, and hope.

Thank you for our generous community and the beautiful environment that surrounds us here in Pemberton. Help us to be faithful stewards of your creation and to care for one another with kindness and grace.

We pray for those burdened by sickness, loneliness, or grief. May your loving presence bring them comfort and healing, and may we be your hands and feet in offering care and support.

Let your Holy Spirit dwell among us, filling our hearts with peace, joy, and love. Bless the coming year with happiness, unity, and growth for all who live in this place.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Mill Hall



The Mill Hall Committee look forward to 2026!

Happy New Year to you all.

There is a concert of duos singing at the Mill Hall in February. Come along and hear KIP AND WINTER WILSON on WED 25TH FEB 7PM $20. TICKETS AT THE DOOR.

•BOOTSCOOTING IS EVERY THURSDAY 5.00PM

•SAT FEB 14TH 7.30PM - DANCE

•WED FEB 25TH 7PM WINTER WILSON

The Mill Hall continues to be a wonderful venue for the Pemberton community.

We would love you to become a member for $20.

The Mill Hall's banking details:-

WESTPAC BSB: 036126 ACC: 237796

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

President

Deanne Ventris

Regional Column

One Ride Can Change Everything

By Consumer Protection

Quad bikes are not toys and along with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), Consumer Protection is encouraging farmers, partners, parents and carers to protect their loved ones when riding these powerful machines.

Ahead of the summer holidays the ACCC has launched the 'One ride can change everything' safety awareness campaign. Although some quad accidents will be relatively minor, others can have devastating, lifelong consequences for the rider and their families.

Since 2011, 235 Australians have died in quad bike incidents, with men accounting for more than 80% of fatalities, figures from SafeWork Australia show. Twenty-three of those deaths occurred in Western Australia, with two of them being children aged under 10. In fact, Australia-wide children under-16 make up more than a quarter of all emergency department presentations relating to quad bike injuries.

You should never let kids ride quads made for adults, even as passengers. When they ride an adult-sized quad bike they are often over-confident in their ability to control the bike. Children also don't have the skills or physical strength to handle the power of these bikes and it can have catastrophic outcomes.

Despite being marketed as "all-terrain vehicles", quad bikes cannot safely go anywhere and everywhere. Steep slopes or rough terrain increases the risk of a roll over. Even at slower speeds, these bikes can topple over and crush or suffocate the rider with the hundreds of kilos these machines weigh.

Side-by-sides are another all-terrain vehicle growing in popularity and unfortunately this means so are the incidents. Many fatalities and serious injuries occur when occupants don't use or remove safety features from their vehicles such as seatbelts, doors or netting. Coronial inquests into fatalities involving side-by-sides have found that if victims had been wearing seatbelts at the time of the accident, they would not have been thrown from the cabin.

There are three golden rules to follow when using quad bikes to help you, your loved ones, friends and work colleagues stay safe. Always wear a helmet, but make sure it's the right fit, and done up firmly. Adult-sized helmets don't protect child-sized heads, and no helmet works if it's left in the shed.

Make sure your quad bike is fitted with rollover protection, also called an operator protection device (OPD). If the quad topples over it will be held off the ground to provide a crawl out space. Finally, children under the age of 16 should never ride an adult quad bike, even when an adult is present.

When it comes to side-by-sides, always wear a seat belt and never let children drive. It's also worth checking the manufacturer's advice before letting children ride side-by-side vehicles as passengers.

One ride can change everything. Don't risk it, ride safe every time. Learn more with the national quad bike and side-by-side vehicle guide - productsafety.gov.au/quadbikes

Understanding your road trip rental rights and responsibilities

Hiring a car while on holiday can open the door to new places and make exploring our beautiful country easier. But some holiday-makers discover things don't always run smoothly, which is why understanding your rights and your responsibilities is so important.

Before you choose a car, it's worth taking the time to compare options such as pick up and drop off locations, who's allowed to drive, and whether a deposit is required. Beware of headline prices that might not tell the whole story. It's misleading for a rental car company to use attractive prices to lure customers in when extra fees and conditions apply. If a car is advertised for $45/day, that must be the total price including all mandatory fees. Any conditions such as a minimum hire duration must also be clear in the advertising.

When it comes to the hire contract, read it carefully. It explains the rental and insurance costs and any additional fees, as well as how you're allowed to use the vehicle. For example, you may not be allowed to take a 4-wheel-drive off road. Understand whether you need to return the vehicle with a full tank, as well as the cost per litre if you don't. Often the fuel costs charged by hire car companies can be a lot higher than you would pay at the pump.

Some vehicle hire contracts may ask you to agree to unlimited charges being made to your credit card. This could be considered an unfair contract term as it may not give you notice or an opportunity to dispute the charges so it's important to find out in what circumstances and amounts this might occur.Hire car insurance can be a sore point for travellers. Understand if there are limits on in-house insurance but also look into cheaper alternatives. Instead of taking the rental company's excess reduction product, you might be better off checking with your own insurer or travel insurance provider. If something goes wrong and the car is damaged or lost, you might be able pay the excess to the rental company and then make a claim for reimbursement from your insurer.

Despite wanting to get on the road as quickly as possible, make sure you take the time to check for damage both inside and out. Take photos of the car and ensure any damage is recorded in the vehicle damage report and counter-signed by the company representative. You cannot be asked to acknowledge a vehicle is undamaged unless you have been provided with this report and you've had the chance to inspect the car.

The damage on the report can only cover panel and other visible, external damage. You cannot be held responsible for the mechanical condition and roadworthiness of the car, this is up to the rental car company.When your holiday ends and it's time to return the car, take photographs of the car and you're entitled to be present when the company completes its final inspection. Asking for a written confirmation that it was handed back undamaged provides peace of mind.If any damage occurred during your hire period, ensure the company gives you a written outline of the expected costs and the process for repairs before you leave the premises.

Should you ever find yourself unable to resolve an issue with a car rental company, Consumer Protection is available to help on 1300 30 40 54 or consumerprotection.wa.gov.au

Australia Day?

Article by Ann Tiquitty

To Us:"This powerful rallying cry that brings Australians together fostering a sense of belonging,"



To them—the new breed of Woke, virtue signallers, find it Bogan, unsophisticated, embarrassing, sparking discussions about its cultural merit.

Oh dear, makes me want to Chunder down Under

In my limited, but lengthy time here in the South West, I remember well every special Australia Day, particularly at Fonty's Pool for the Australia Day Sports where we saw everyone in the world along with the great Log Chopping-second only to the Royal Show. Got sunburned horribly by lying on the stone wall and spending days coated in a layer of rolled oats and vinegar—but lived to tell the tale.

Annual Marroning Day when My Irish Wilga family took to the brook somewhere near Woop Woop. Honestly it was a place between Wilga and Grimwade, The Big Browns where submerged tied with rope to the nearest tree and kept beautifully cool while we, as kids caught some beauties with a snare . Our men did not get much leisure time so special day. We had a good Australian diet and my Mater could make Irish Stew out of every conceivable mammal.

As an adult in this locale, I have been to fabulous Macedonian Weddings, Italian Nights, Saint Pats Annual Balls, eaten, under protest a smidgen of Haggis cooked up by some Scottish friends as we sang Auld Lang Syne, helped to make Ding Snagger, Wore clogs and danced with a Dutchman (not both at the same time). I have prayed with the wonderful Philippines, drunk German Beer and argued the toss with a host of others. We all love a good Chinese Meal, Greek Souvlaki and all the trimmings, and recently I have wept for our Jewish friends. Loved Test Cricket, admired all the teams from the Subcontinent, and even the Balmy Army, and stood in wonder cheering loudly for our Aboriginal footballers and athletes

Probably Sandgroper Night in Pemberton at the opening of the Community Centre is a bit of a standout.

Packed to the rafters we sang about Italians (with knotted hankies on our heads) whinged obligingly with the Poms, had a whole item about the value of Thongs with the audience participation, and the Irish assured us they would rather have a fight than a feed .....and all in song.

A standing ovation and a encore round of Slim Dusty's You've Done Us Proud left us all in the after glow. How proud we were.

Been to a thousand barbies, but where is the steak and chops of old? One more sausage and I'll scream. Bin the Ban and bring back the Sheep I say.

The National Anthem, the Australian Flag. Let's give it a rest please. We managed to throw in One and Free, instead of Young and Free without too much trouble, so lets have a go at 'Girt" Shall we...?

Australians all let us rejoice For we are oneand free We've golden soil and wealth for toil surrounded by the sea.

I love Australia, every day in every way. For those who don't, perhaps a one-way ticket to Elsewhere would be the ideal thing???

So what day would I like to celebrate Australia Day? Every day Mate.

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Tony Smith, Trad & Now Magazine (Australia)

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Barry Hammond, Penguin Eggs Magazine



Pemberton Mill Hall
Pemberton 6260
7pm Wednesday February 25th
Tickets $20 cash on the door

www.winterwilson.com

COMMUNITY WEEK 2025











PEMBERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

PDHS's annual Community Week took place in December and was a tremendous success for another year. Community Week aims to provide our students from K-10 with the opportunity to undertake philanthropic projects that give back to the local community of Pemberton.

Our Primary students did a fantastic job helping out the local Emergency Services. Students from K/PP were delighted to wash Pemberton's St John Ambulance while our Year 4-6 students scrubbed the trucks from the Pemberton VFRS.

During Community Week, our Year 1/2 class learnt about the CWA and enjoyed morning tea with some of the volunteers. Our Year 2/3 class created a delightful Christmas-themed art installation for the DBCA garden. Our Year 4/5 class donned their gardening gloves and got to work at the Vic Conte Community Garden, while our Year 5/6 students rolled up their sleeves to help with track maintenance at the Pemberton Mountain Bike Park.

Throughout the week a large group of our Year 7-10 students volunteered their time to do some physical work in the Pemberton community. They were very busy assisting the RSL to do some weeding at the Pemberton Cemetery and refreshing the front of the old PDHS site with some gardening and painting. Other Year 7-10 students made cards and gifts for the Pemberton Hospital residents and workers, along with Christmas Elves to decorate the town site.

To conclude our Community Week activities, students from across our school contributed to the annual Seniors Christmas Lunch. Our K/PP and Year 1/2 class made some beautiful cards and gifts, while Year 7-10 students prepared parcels of decorated cookies. Our Year 1/2 class performed a Christmas Carol for the guests and our Year 9 students helped to host the event. Many thanks to the PDHS P&C, St Joseph's P&F, Pemberton Sports Club and the Club Restaurant for supporting the event. We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful afternoon!

PEMBERTON
DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

The Voices of Pemberton

Article by AJ Quinton

Photos by CRC Staff & Volunteers

Through my role at the Pemberton Community Resource Centre (CRC), I have been given the opportunity to help plan and deliver the FRRR-funded Voices of Pemberton project, running from December 2025 to May 2026.

Although this project is still in its early stages, it has already allowed me to develop a range of skills that I never expected to gain in a rural community setting. The Voices of Pemberton focuses on collecting and sharing local stories through a variety of creative formats, including print, art, video, and audio. To date, we have successfully gathered print, video, and audio stories from members of the community.



On Wednesday 21 January, Gaye and I travelled to the Northcliffe Community Resource Centre to make use of their new podcasting studio. There, we interviewed several Pemberton locals, capturing their stories and personal perspectives on life in the town. Through these interviews, I learned a great deal about Pemberton's past—how the town once operated, farming life, forest conservation, and the changes that have occurred over time. Most importantly, I gained valuable insights and life lessons from those who have lived and worked here for many years.

I am incredibly grateful to be part of a project that not only preserves local history but also creates opportunities for intergenerational learning. The willingness of community members to share their stories so openly highlights the strong sense of connection and pride within Pemberton.

The Voices of Pemberton project, delivered through the Pemberton CRC was all thanks to funding from Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal(FRRR).

This has been an inspiring experience so far. I look forward to continuing to learn more about Pemberton and the people who call it home.

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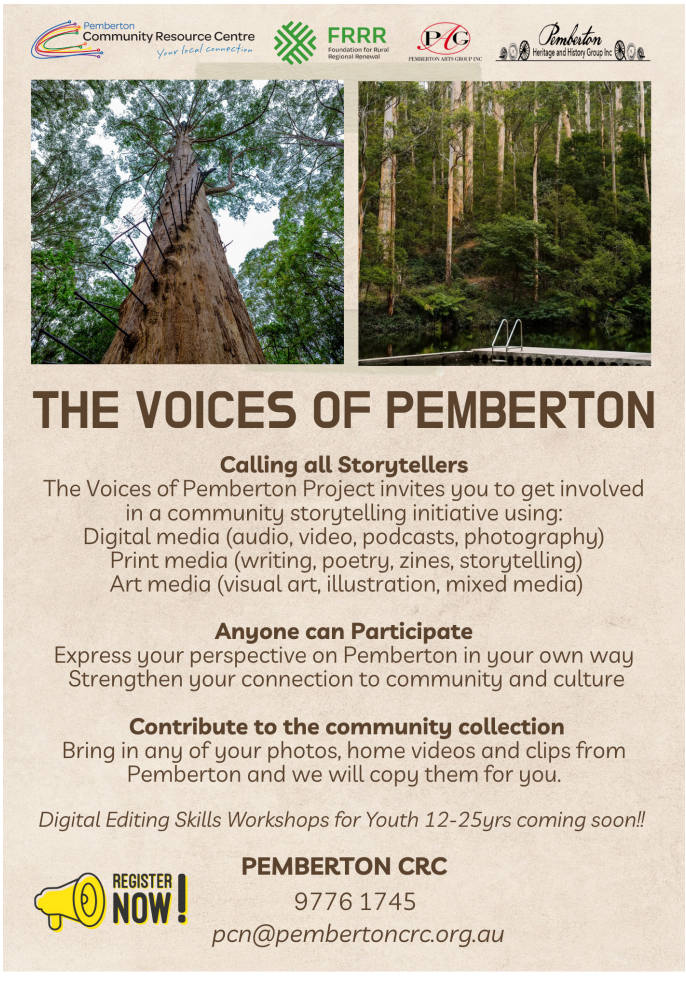
Thanks to the hard work and collaboration from Deanne Ventris from the Pemberton Heritage and History group and Pemberton Mill Hall, a range of people were contacted to participate and a huge thanks to the people who travelled to Northcliffe to attend the session and tell their story.

What a great way to start the project!

If you are interested in this project and have any photos, videos or written history that you would like to be used in this project please email ***pcn@pembertoncrc.org.au***

If you would like to be interviewed for the collection, please call the CRC ***9776 1745***!







Thank you to Kass Van Hazendonk for this months photo

February 2026

The Community Calendar is Proudly supported by: Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Lions Club of Manjimup JAZZ IN THE JARRAH Come and Support RFDS Saturday, 7th February 2026. Heritage Park Manjimup at 5pm.		Kip Winter Dae Wilson @ Pemberton Mill Hall Wednesday February 25th $20 entry	Water Pistol War Pemberton Youth Zone 6th Feb 2026	Chinese New Year Friday 20 February Pemberton Youth Zone	The Vic Cante Community Garden Pemberton Weaving Workshop With Gaye Van Hazendonk 15 Feb 2026	1 Jonelle Gorochowsji Duo @ Pemberton Hotel 5-8pm
2 Pool League @ Pemberton Hotel from 6pm	3	4	5 Art Classes with Tony Windberg starting 0427 852 032	6 Kristofferson Cup @ Manjimup country club, 6th - 8th February PYZ Water Pistol War @ PCSC 5-8pm $5 entry Beth Chia @ Pemberton Hotel 5-8pm	7 Jazz in the Jarrah Manjimup heritage park from 5pm more info on page ... Piano Room Manjimup town hall 7.30pm	8 Shenai Johnston @ Pemberton Hotel 12-3pm
9 Pool League @ Pemberton Hotel from 6pm	10 Services AUS van visit @ Pemberton Hotel Car park, 9.30am - 4pm	11	12	13 Boyup Brook country music muster @ Boyup Brook music park, 13th - 15th Febraury Haus of Rex @ Pemberton Hote 8pm till late	14	15 Lightnin Jack @ Pemberton Hotel 12-3pm

16 Pool League @ Pemberton Hotel from 6pm	**17** Pemberton Blueprint community workshop @ Pemberton Mill Hall 6pm - 8pm	**18**	**19**	**20** PYZ Chinese new year @ PCSC 5-8pm $5 entry Squid @ Pemberton Hotel 5-8pm	**21**	**22** Olive Mae @ Pemberton Hotel 12-3pm
23 Pool League @ Pemberton Hotel from 6pm	**24**	**25** SOM Council Meeting 5.30pm in Manjimup council chambers	**26**	**27** Rob V @ Pemberton Hotel 5-8pm	**28**	

SKATE PARK JAM

10/4/2026 Pemberton Skate Park

Sign going up!
Skate Workshop
GIANT Bubbles
Yarn Bombing
$15 BBQ

9776 1745

Coming up in March

14th - 15th RAC Karri Valley Triathalon
TBC Pioneer Cup Gold Tournament
TBC Warren Agricultural Show

Got an event? Let us know - ***pcn@pembertoncrc.org.au***

Monthly Events

Anglican Church Service
1st Sun 11.30am
St Hilda's Church, Ellis St, Pemberton
Michelle 9776 0371

Craft Group
1st Tues $5
St Hilda's church
Pat 9776 0388

Mill Hall Dance
2nd Sat 7:30pm BYO, Share Supper - $5
Pemberton Mill Hall
Terrie 0439 840 784

PCA - Womens Ride
Second sunday of the month @9am
Meeting @ Pemberton Community Hub

Fire and Rescue
1st Sat 2.00pm
Pemberton Fire Station
Craig 0419 045 362

Southern Forests Photography Club
Last Wed 6.00pm
Pemberton Community Sports Club
Rob 0428 275 665

Uniting Church Service
4th Sun 10.00am
Pemberton Uniting Church
Tom 9776 1472

Regular Community Events

All-sorts exercise group
Mon 9am $5 each
Pemberton Community Sports Club
CRC 9776 1745

Art Classes *with Tony Windberg*
Wed @ 7-9pm, Thurs @ 9:30am
PAG Art Room - at the HUB
Tony 0427 852 032

Badminton (Ladies)
Wed @ 9.00am - 11am
Pemberton Sports Club
Evelyn 9776 0332

Boot scooting
Thurs 5pm
Pemberton Mill Hall
Terrie 0439 340 237

CWA Op-Shop
Sat 9.00 am - 1.00pm
Pemberton CWA
Maria 0488 805 494

Karate
Sat @ 9am
Pemberton Community Sports Club.
Bernadette 0457 272 500

MTB Social Ride
Sat @ 8.00am
Leaving from the Community Hub
Mark 0429 384 800

Museum Workshop
Thursday @10.00 - 12pm
Pemberton Heritage & Hirtory
Ros 0439 214 393

PAG Arts-In-House
Tues & Wed 9.30am
PAG Art Room @ the HUB
Anna 0439 369 702

Pemberton Golf Club
Saturdays @ 12pm
Golf links road
Club 9776 1455

Pemberton Yoga Collective
Mondays 5.30pm - 7.00pm
Pemberton Community Sports Club - Jarrah room - PCRC 9776 1745

Pemberton Youth Zone
Every 2nd Fri @ 5pm - 8pm
Pemberton Community Sports Club
CRC 9776 1745

Play Group
Tues, Thurs @ 9.00
Pemberton Community Sports Club
crèche - Pippa 0401 654 902

Rhyme and Story Time
Pemberton Library
Wednesday 10.30am
Sherril 9776 1311

Road bike social ride
1st 2nd 3rd Sun @ 7.30am
Leaving from the Community Hub
Christine 0407 774 128

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Wed 10.00am, 1st 3rd,5th Sun 8:30, 2nd 4th Sun 10:30am. Cnr Guppy St & Dean St
Manjimup Parish 9771 2873

Social Badminton
Adults @6pm-7:30pm $5ea.
Pemberton Community Sports Club
Emma 0400 518 185

Solitaire Club - $2
Tues @ 11:00am
Pemberton CRC
CRC 9776 1745

Bowls
Thurs & Sundays
Pemberton Community Sports Club
Brian 0417 952 427

Snooker Club
Wednesdays @ 6.30 pm
Pemberton Community Sports Club
John 0488 760 426

Basketball
Thursdays @ 6pm
Pemberton Community Sports Club

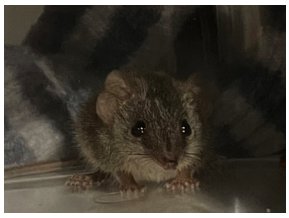




Fun Facts - The Mardo

Article by Chloe Flynn

Photos by Chloe Flynn



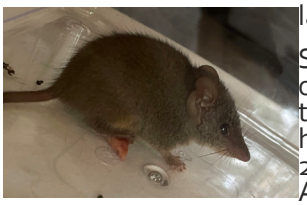
It's about time I made a second "Fun Facts" article.

A Mardo is a small shrew-like carnivorous marsupial that's native to Australia.

While marsupial means "pouched", not all marsupials have pouches. The Mardo has a rudimentary pouch, a simple fold of skin.

Mardo (pronounced "Mar-doo") is the common name; they're also known as the Yellow-footed Antechinus (pronounced "Ant-eck-in-us").

Most Antechinus species live in the Eastern states, but the yellow-footed antechinus is known to be locally common in Southwest WA, meaning that we have a large population in a small area.



Semelparity means they have one reproductive episode in their lifetime. Once the males have matured, they have a 2-week mating session in August that ends in them being so stressed out that they get sick and pass away. What a life! There are around 30 Australian marsupials that do this.

The Mardo's diet consists of invertebrates like insects, plus small vertebrates like lizards, eggs and nectar. They are an opportunistic feeder and highly skilled hunters; being very agile and excellent at climbing.

Mardos can live in a vast range of habitats, from tree hollows in forests or leaf litter in gardens to coastal heaths and swamps. They can also inhabit houses and buildings.

Don't mistake the midnight scurrying in your walls for rats, it might be a family of mardos. Rats are much larger and have a round face compared to the mardo's pointy snout. Mardos have crinkly ears with double lobes and. They are much more skilled climbers than rodents. Use live (non-lethal) traps with fresh bait and check them regularly to safely get rid of them.

Unlike their relatives, Mardos are diurnal instead of nocturnal. This means they are more active foragers during the daytime.

And finally, do you know which Australian animal can jump higher than a tree?

None of them. A tree can't jump!



Connecting Windy Harbor

Article by Tristan Mills
Photos by CRC Staff & Volunteers

Community Pop-Up Information Booth

On 14 January, the Pemberton Community Resource Centre (CRC), together with Rachael Thomas from the ***Regional Tech Hub***, took a leisurely trip down to Windy Harbor to host a pop-up information booth for the local community.



The aim of the visit was simple: to connect with locals and provide practical support and information on staying connected—no matter how remote the location. Over the course of our half-day visit, we had many valuable conversations with residents, hearing firsthand about the challenges they face with internet access and mobile connectivity. These discussions helped us better understand local needs while sharing guidance, options, and resources that may help improve everyday digital access.

Building on the success of this visit, the Pemberton CRC, once again in partnership with Rachael Thomas from the Regional Tech Hub, will be hosting a workshop and training session on **Wednesday, 5 February, starting at 10:00 am** at the Balang Miya Pemberton Community Hub.

This session will cover:

• Helpful resources available through the Regional Tech Hub

• Clear explanations of common internet and mobile technology terms

• Tips and tricks for finding the best internet and mobile options in your area

• Ways to reduce network congestion and secure better connectivity deals

The Regional Tech Hub offers fantastic, easy-to-understand resources designed to help Australians get connected, and this workshop is a great opportunity to explore them with local support on hand.

We would love for you to join us for this half-day workshop, with tea and coffee provided and a free lunch included. Everyone is welcome—whether you're struggling with connectivity, looking to upgrade, or simply want to better understand your options.

Come along, ask questions, and let's work together to keep our community connected.

Call the CRC for more info on 9776 1745

CRC Communiqué

Article by Gaye Van Hazendonk
Photos by CRC Staff & Volunteers

The importance of Commitee members

We are very lucky to have the support of a dedicated group of Committee members at the Pemberton CRC.

As always, we would be unable to continue running an organisations without the outstanding committee of volunteers who assist in all the governance processes and 2025 was particularly challenging with an indepth organisational review and constitutional re-write.

We would like to sincerely thank John Sebire, who stepped down as Chairperson after several years in the position. Luckily for us, Bek Lothian stepped up to fill the Chairpersons position and we have a full committee of 10 community members.



The Pemberton CRC Committee and Volunteers enjoyed a catchup at the end of 2025 for our annual Christmas party to thank everyone for their efforts and support over the year.

Welcome to the Team!

Leanne Taylor - Admin/Finance - Tue and Wed

Hi, I'm Leanne and have just started at Pemberton CRC as a Finance/Admin officer.



I have mainly lived in Rockingham and Hobart but spent a lot of time in Pemberton over the years and am very happy to finally live in this beautiful corner of WA.

I owned a business working as a qualified cabinetmaker, and worked in libraries and in aged care, with a passion for helping people with dementia.

I am trying to learn photography and I love exploring nature. I am looking forward to meeting you at the Pemberton CRC.

Regine Dumpert- Care Coordinator - Thurs and Fri



Hi, my name is Regine and I am the new Care Coordinator for the Staying in Place Program in Pemberton, which I am very excited about!

I have been living in Manjimup for 14 years, working as a support worker, in administration at the hospital and at TAFE. In 2024 I was working for a Home Care Package Provider, learning a lot about the government funded Home Care Package, which is supporting elderly people to stay in their home.

When I am not working, I love taking my dogs for a walk, horse riding, spending time with my daughters and catching up with my friends.

I look forward to sharing my knowledge with anyone who is interested in the Staying in Place Program.

PEMBERTON ARTS GROUP INC



Pemberton Community organisation of the Year 2016

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

PAG NEWS: Contact Anna: pembertonart2023@outlook.com 0439 369 702

Welcome 2026!

The Pemberton Arts Group Inc would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year. We look forward to a creatively abundant year ahead.

Autumn Exhibition!

The PAG Autumn Exhibition kicks off in April. The theme is "Reflection". Have you created an artwork reflective of a moment in time? Have you created art that captures the reflecting light off the moon in the evening? We are very excited to see the various ways our artists interpret 'Reflection'. Keep an eye out for entry forms. The closing date for applications will be in March, with the exhibit opening 3 April until 19 April 2026.

Sculpture In the Vines 2026!

Once again, the wonderful ***Pemberley of Pemberton*** will partner with PAG to host the annual outdoor art exhibition called ***Sculpture in the Vines*** from 17-26 April 2026. Open Daily 11-4, you can check out the fabulous art and partake in casual wine tasting. Groups can book in for guided tours and Wine Experience sessions on weekdays.

Donors

We are seeking expressions of Interest from local businesses that would like to donate towards prizes for both the PAG Autumn Exhibition and Sculpture in the Vines. You will be supporting local artists and contributing to positive community engagement. If you are interested, please get in touch with us.

The Dogs of Christmas!





Our local creative kids put together an amazing artwork prior to Christmas. Led by Tony Windberg the youngsters put together an awesome creation which is located at the RSL Park on the main street. Thank you to everyone involved. We look forward to seeing this again towards the end of the year, and to see if they gather a few more additional doggy friends! Please see attached photos.

Weekly Art Sessions!

Art sessions take place Tuesday and Wednesdays 9.30am-to12.30pm during school terms. $2 per session which includes tea, coffee and some morning tea. What a fun space to interact with like-minded people, delving into deep and not-so-deep conversations about life and nature and of course how we express ourselves through creativity. Everyone is welcome to come and join us!

Vic Conte Community Garden

With the fantastic new facilities now complete at the Community Garden, we are excited to announce the return of our **"Learn in the Garden"** Workshops. These workshops are designed to encourage new garden memberships, help community members build practical skills, and enjoy everything this fabulous community asset has to offer.

To make this happen, we're currently looking for enthusiastic presenters who would like to run workshops, so if you have knowledge or skills to share, we'd love to hear from you - Call the CRC on 9776 1745.

The workshops will be held in the afternoons on the third Sunday of every month, carefully scheduled to avoid clashes with local church services.

Our first workshop for the year will be Plant Weaving in February. Garden members receive discounted workshop fees, and a substantial portion of all ticket sales goes directly toward the ongoing maintenance and improvement of the Community Garden.

Looking ahead to 2026, we have an exciting range of workshops planned including:

- Stand-alone solar systems
- Homemade kokedamas
- Fruit tree pruning
- Caring for chickens
- Potatoes: varieties, growing tips, and cooking ideas
- Herbal medicine basics
- Creating mosaics for the garden

Whether you're keen to learn something new, share your skills, or simply spend a relaxing afternoon in the garden, the Learn in the Garden Workshops offer something for everyone. Come along, get your hands dirty, and be part of our growing community

Would you like to participate or contribute? Got some great ideas to share?

Garden members meet every Sunday afternoon from 3:00 pm for a relaxed food swap and to plan new projects for the Community Garden. It's a great opportunity to connect, exchange ideas, and help shape what happens next.

Whether you'd like to run a workshop, volunteer your time, or simply come along for a chat and some fresh produce, everyone is welcome



Movie Review

Wake Up Dead Man: A Knives Out Mystery
2025 | Mystery/Crime | 2h 24m | MA15+



Not being a huge fan of the first few Knives Out mysteries — mainly due to Daniel Craig's rather challenging attempt at an American accent — I was pleasantly surprised by this third instalment.

Having been raised on regular doses of Agatha Christie and Sherlock Holmes from an early age, whodunits have always been a family favourite after a good comedy. Yes, we're a well-rounded lot!

With such an amazing lineup of cast members, how could this be anything but entertaining? Daniel Craig returns as Benoit Blanc alongside Josh O'Connor, Glenn Close, Josh Brolin, Mila Kunis, Jeremy Renner, Kerry Washington, Andrew Scott, Thomas Haden Church, and more.

Unfortunately, some of the cast feel underused, appearing only briefly and delivering no more than a line or two. That said, the story itself is solid.

The plot centres on a young, ex-boxing priest sent to assist an older, long-serving — and thoroughly unpleasant — parish priest in a small congregation. As expected, the ghastly priest ends up dead, and almost everyone within a country mile has a very good reason to have done it.

Josh O'Connor stands out as Jud Duplenticy, the young priest and former boxer. Despite the film's comedic undertones, his performance feels grounded, believable, and consistent throughout, making him a standout character.

While not the most challenging detective tale, Wake Up Dead Man is an easy and enjoyable watch — particularly if, like me, you take pleasure in unravelling the plot.

Accessing Government Info

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

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

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

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

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GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Backyard Buddies
Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

February 2026

European wasp surveillance in full swing



European wasps have been observed foraging for water at a public swimming pool and scavenging on a meat and vegetable stew.

The annual hunt to detect and eradicate European wasps (*Vespula germanica*) from WA is in full swing!

The European wasp is a declared pest and must be reported. The early detection of this species is critical to preventing its permanent establishment and spread. This 2025/26 season is heating up and there are nests being located and destroyed across the Perth Metro, Albany (Mira Mar/Spencer Park), and Napier. Active monitoring continues in Bunbury and Geraldton due to prior outbreaks.
These are huge areas to monitor, so please keep your eyes peeled and report anything suspect.

What to look for

There are similar looking black and yellow wasps in WA, so look for these key characteristics:

- **Scavenging** on human food and drinks, fruit like grapes, apples and stone fruit, pet food, and roadkill/deat rats etc.
- **Nest underground** - nests are HUGE, grow larger than a basketball in a single season, and have a small (golf ball sized) entrance hole.
- Completely **black antenna.**
- **Legs up** in flight (rear legs don't dangle).

Common detections

There are many everyday activities that take place where people have detected and reported European wasps. These include:

- **Scooping the pool** – finding downed wasps.
- **Cleaning fish** – seeing scavenging wasps flying around fish cleaning stations.
- **Barbecuing / picnicking / eating at outdoor café/restaurants** – seeing wasps land on food and drinks.
- **Feeding pets** – wasps often land on pet bowls or dog bones, often disrupting pets feeding.
- **Drinking from a water fountain** – seeing wasps foraging for water.

Learn more or report

For more information about the eradication program and how to differenciate European wasps from other wasp species, see European wasps: declared pests in Western Australia | Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development or contact our Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS).

Reports of suspected European wasps can be made to PaDIS or the MyPestGuide® team. Please include as much information as possible (location, activity observed) and any photos where you can.

Report your observations
MyPestGuide® Reporter via app or online mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au
Pest and Disease Information Service (08) 9368 3080 | padis@dpird.wa.gov.au

DFES Summer Saftey

Summer Safety, Fire, Heat and Community Care

Don't Get Summer Fatigue

•February still brings high bushfire risk, even though we're coming to the end of summer.

•Late summer fires are common, so it's important not to switch off.

•Since 1 January 2026, more than 850 bushfire warnings have been issued across WA, with over 12% of those fires in areas also under heatwave warnings.

•Encourage your community to keep checking Fire Danger Ratings and bushfire alerts through Emergency WA, and to stay prepared.

Fire Safety During Heatwaves

•Heatwaves increase the risk of fires starting and spreading quickly, even on days with little wind.

•High temperatures dry out vegetation, making it easier for fires to ignite from machinery, vehicles, dry lightning or simple accidents.

•Encourage your community to delay non essential outdoor work during extreme heat and keep ignition sources away from dry grass and bushland.

Total Fire Bans and Fire Danger Ratings

•The Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) helps you understand how dangerous a fire would be if one started.

•The rating is your prompt to take action to stay safe. You need to stay informed and know what the Fire Danger Rating is for your area each day.

•Total Fire Bans (TFBs) may be declared on days with very high or extreme fire danger. A TFB means no activities that could start a fire are allowed, including hot work machinery, campfires, or solid fuel BBQs.

•Check Emergency WA for Fire Danger Ratings, TFB declarations and local alerts throughout February.

Let's take action this month!

•Stay aware:

Check Fire Danger Ratings and Emergency WA daily. Heatwaves can escalate fire risk fast, so keep notifications on and your watch zone set.

•Refresh your emergency plan:

Make sure your household plan still works for fire, extreme heat and other summer hazards. Update details for pets, medications, mobility, and transport. No plan yet? Create one using the Emergency WA multi hazard planner.

•Stay connected:

Share local safety messages and look out for those who may need extra support. The more connected we are, the safer we stay during high risk periods.

•Check in with your community:

Reach out to older adults, isolated neighbours and anyone who might need help during a bushfire or heatwave.

Need support?

Your local CPA or the Community Preparedness Directorate. can help with engagement and resources.

Every action you take now helps protect your family, your neighbours, and your community - Together, let's stay safe this summer.

Additional Resources

•For step by step guidance, checklists and practical tips, download the Bushfire Preparation Toolkit from the DFES website.

•Fire Danger Ratings and Bushfire Warnings Factsheet

DFES have just launched a new People at Higher Risk page. It's designed to support people who may face extra challenges during emergencies including older adults, people with disabilities, First Nations peoples and culturally diverse communities. You can view the page here: https://dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/at-risk-communities





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Newsletter article

Put your health first this holiday season: Find Cancer Early

Cancer Council WA is urging people over 40 years of age in the South West region to be aware of any new symptoms and get them checked this holiday season, as evidence shows that delays in treatment can result in poorer survival.

The holiday season gets pretty hectic, with a lot of focus on other people, so it's easy to forget about ourselves. Taking a little time to talk with your doctor about any symptoms can help you stay healthy for the moments that matter most.

The key message is to know your body and what is normal for you. If you notice a change that is not normal for you, you should see your doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker, especially if you have coughed up blood or noticed blood in your poo or pee.

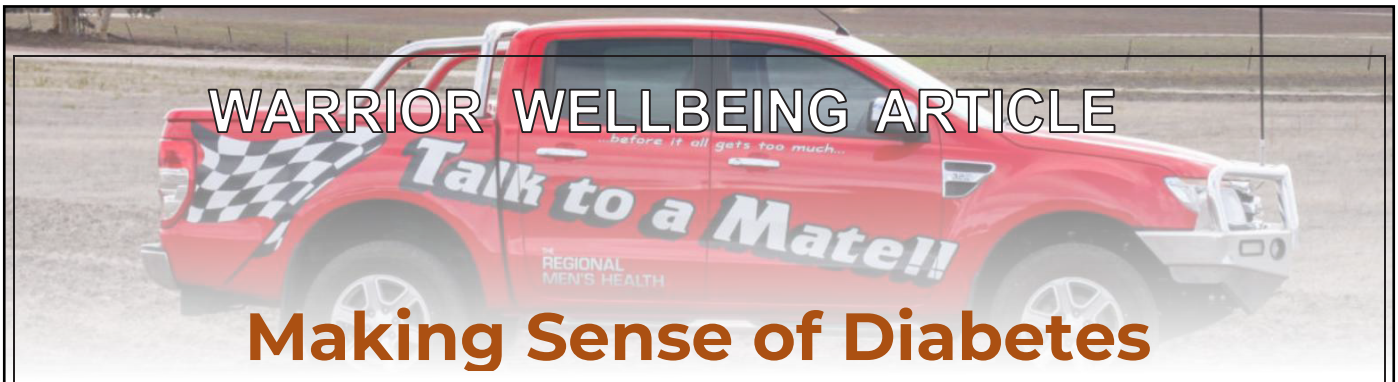
People should see a health professional if they have had any of these symptoms for more than four weeks:

- Problems peeing
- Runny poo or diarrhoea
- Unexplained weight loss
- Becoming short of breath
- A persistent cough
- A new or changing spot on the skin
- An unusual pain, lump or swelling anywhere in the body.

If you have any of these symptoms, it doesn't mean you've got cancer, often, it turns out to be something less serious. It's important to get them checked straight away just in case, as treatment works best when cancer is found at an early stage.

Cancer information and support

To find out more about common cancer symptoms, visit www.findcancerearly.com.au, or if you're feeling overwhelmed and you need someone to talk to, call the Cancer Council Information and Support Line on 13 11 20.



Making Sense of Diabetes

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
February 2026

The cells in our bodies such as those found in our muscles need energy to grow and do what they do. One source of energy starts when we eat carbohydrate rich food such as bread, pasta, rice, potatoes, fruit, milk and yoghurt. In a normal situation these foods are broken down in our digestive system into glucose, a sugar. This sugar is what is needed by the cells, but it can't get into them without a special key, *insulin*. Insulin is a hormone produced in the pancreas and its job is to regulate the amount of glucose in the blood.

In a person who has diabetes, one of two things happens. Either they do not produce enough or any insulin to regulate the amount of glucose (Type 1), or their body's cells don't respond to the insulin *key* (Type 2). The result for both these events is the same, there is a back-up of glucose in the bloodstream, i.e. *high blood sugar*. If our cells aren't getting the energy they need then we will naturally feel tired and rundown. Prolonged high blood sugar can cause serious complications resulting in damage to the organs of our body (the heart, kidneys, nervous system and eyes).

Type 1 is the least common form of diabetes and characterised by an early and sudden onset usually before the age of 20. In this instance a person's immune system destroys the cells in the pancreas that create insulin. As a result, these people need to inject insulin regularly to supplement the deficiency.

Type 2 is the most common form (above 80%) and usually a late gradual onset affecting adults. People with this condition produce enough insulin but their cells are not responsive and can't take up the glucose. There is usually a genetic link to the development of this form of diabetes, but there is also a strong link with unhealthy lifestyle factors such as poor diet, smoking and being overweight (having a beer gut) and being inactive. Medication is available to treat this form of diabetes alongside recommended lifestyle changes.



We always encourage blokes to go and see their GP if they fit any of the above categories and/or have a family history of diabetes. This is especially important if they are experiencing any of the common symptoms of diabetes including constant thirst and peeing a lot, feeling run down a lot of the time, headaches, blurred vision and cuts that take ages to heal properly. Sometimes these symptoms can be quite mild in people who are in the early stages of developing diabetes (prediabetes).

If you have a family history of diabetes or concerns about any of the above symptoms don't wait, go and chat with your GP about having your blood sugar checked. It could save you a lot of grief down the track.

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Working with Warriors Podcast
regionalmenshealth.com.au

THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE

B·A·S·I·S Clinic

Balance Ability Strength Independence Support



FREE GROUP SESSIONS

BASIS Clinic is a student-led initiative dedicated to improving the lives of older adults (65+) in the Shire of Manjimup. Through community-based support, the clinic enhances healthcare access and empowers individuals to maintain their independence, health, and well-being.

The Clinic is hosting a series of Group Sessions that will feature the following:

HEALTH EDUCATION

Engage with a range of health care providers such as Podiatrists, Dietitians, Pharmacists, Optometrists and more to assist with health management.

LiFE PROGRAM

The **Lifestyle-integrated Functional Exercise** (LiFE) program has been proven effective in reducing the risk of falls and in improving capacity for functional everyday activity.

MORNING TEA

Connect with the community over a complementary Morning Tea!

GROUP SESSION DETAILS

Pemberton

Tuesdays 10am - 12pm

From 17th Feb 2026

Pemberton Community Resource Centre

9 Doc Ryan Close, Pemberton WA 6260

Northcliffe

Thursdays 10am - 12pm

From 19th Feb 2026

Northcliffe Family and Community Centre

58 Zamia St, Northcliffe WA 6262

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UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF RURAL HEALTH SOUTH WEST

Call us to register your interest!

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PEMBERTON 1919
HERITAGE SCHOOL PRESERVATION INC.

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 Pemberton Old School, 29 Brockman Street, Pemberton
Tuesday 17th February 2026 at 6pm.

Business
1. To discuss the appointment of office bearers.

2. To discuss our continued focus, concerns, ideas and way forward for the preservation and reuse of the building.

Dated: 19th January 2026

Debra Mack
Secretary
0416030954

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 24th February 2024 to pemberton1919hsp@gmail.com

Pemberton 1919 Heritage School Preservation Inc

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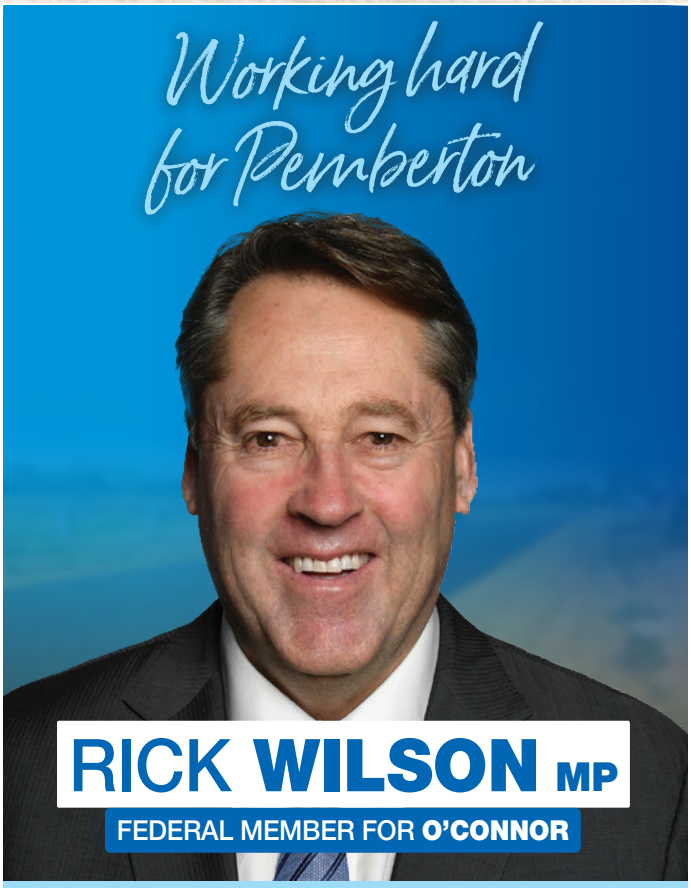




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PEMBERTON ARTS GROUP INC

PEMBERLEY

SCULPTURE IN THE VINES

Friday 17th - Sunday 26th April, 2026
11am-4pm daily

Great prizes include Public Art Acquisition up to $15,000!

Entries close Saturday 21st March 2026

Artist information and entry form available at:
www.pembertonartsgroup.org.au
Galleries of previous years:
www.pemberleyofpemberton.com/sculpture-in-the-vines

PYZ

Term 1 Sessions

pembertonyouthzone@gmail.com

PYZ 2026

FEBRUARY 6	**Water Pistol War**	Bring eye protection, a change of clothes and a water pistol.
FEBRUARY 20	**Chinese New Year**	Games night
MARCH 6	**Scavenger Hunt**	Look for clues, find the goods
MARCH 20	**Hangout**	Basketball
APRIL 3	**Dodgeball**	Games night
APRIL 10	**Skate Park Jam**	Skate Workshop with Freestyling WA BBQ + Yarn Bombing + Bubbles
MAY 1	**Karaoke**	Games night
MAY 15	**Hangout**	Basketball
MAY 29	**Four Square**	Games night

$7.50 Entry
Dinner Provided
Soft drinks available for purchase

12+ yrs

School Holiday

With thanks to our sponsors

Pemberton Community Resource Centre

Shire of Manjimup

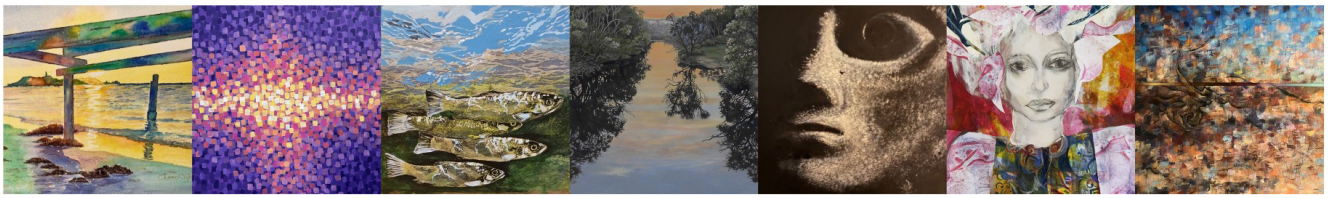
Regional Arts WA

Pemberton Community Sports Club Inc.

PLEASE NOTE, THIS PLAN IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Pemberton Arts Group Inc *presents*

Pemberton Art Prize 2026



REFLECTION



Exhibition open 3rd-19th April 2026,
daily 10am-4:30pm, Pemberton Sports Club
(closes 1pm on 19th April).

2D and small 3D works
(size limits and prize list will be on entry form, available early February).

Entry Form, Image and Artist's Statement due Monday 23rd March.

Email PAG: pembertonart2023@outlook.com **Website: www.pembertonartsgroup.org.au**

Paintings (from left) by: Coleen Clifton; Jess Kain; Holly Lamey; Barbara Maumill; Roger Seares; Elaine Steele; Louise Tasker.

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Pemberton Arts Group Inc

Pemberley

Manjimup Shire Bulletin

February 2026

SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February already! I hope you managed a bit of down time over the Christmas/New Year period and are ready to jump into the New Year.

Things have started with a bang. January saw the commencement of the West Coast Demersal Fishing Ban – which as expected, saw increased pressure on the Windy Harbour settlement. This is expected to continue for at least the next 20 months. Council voted in favour of a motion to request financial assistance from the State Government to upgrade essential infrastructure to accommodate the increase of fisherpeople. Interest has been shown by Minister Punch and we were appreciative of a meeting with Minister Jarvis also.

This was my second meeting with Minister Jarvis in January, the first was regarding the loss of rates from State owned timber plantations. We will continue to advocate and discuss both issues.

Last year many of you took part in the Town Blueprints. Thank you to everyone who attended workshops and provided feedback for the direction of our Shire for the next ten years. What has been made clear in this process is we have a lot of work to do in advocating for an improvement in services but also how fabulous our region is and the optimism in all of our towns and settlements. The draft will come back to community shortly before being adopted by Council.

Late last year I was fortunate to be elected as Chair of the Regional Roads Group and the Southwest Zone and honoured to be given the opportunity to represent the 12 Southwest Local Governments on State Council, all of these positions give me the opportunity to ensure our town, region and the South West have a clear voice on issues affecting us. I thank my fellow elected members for the trust they have placed in me.

What's coming up? Jazz in The Jarrah is a fantastic outdoor concert held in the Heritage Park by Lions Clunb of Manjimup and raises funds for RFDS. Bring a picnic blanket and come join us.

7 February is the celebration of our wonderful Citizen of the Year for 2026. This year the event is held in Walpole. See the Shire website for info and congratulation to all the nominees and thank you for all you do.

My town visits commence again on Tuesday 3 March in Pemberton and Walpole – check my socials and the Shire website for details. I hope to see you for a chat about anything that concerns you or a vision you may have.

Until then, stay safe and chat soon,

Donelle

2026 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

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

- 25 February 2026
- 25 March 2026 (Northcliffe)
- 29 April 2026
- 27 May 2026
- 24 June 2026
- 29 July 2026 (Pemberton)
- 26 August 2026
- 23 September 2026
- 28 October 2026
- 25 November 2026 (Walpole)
- 16 December 2026

SHIRE NOTICES

Current Vacancies at the Shire

The Shire of Manjimup is looking to fill the below vacancies. Please visit the Shire's website for more information.

Fitness Instructor
Pay: $46.31 to $67.60 / hour - inclusive of casual loading
Job Type: Casual
Location: Manjimup
Closing Date: 27 Jan 2026

Lifeguard
Pay: $41.96 / hour
Job Type: Casual
Location: Manjimup Regional AquaCentre
Closing Date: 27 Jan 2026

Library Assistant
Pay: $41.96 / hour– inclusive of casual loading
Job Type: Casual
Location: Shire Libraries (Manjimup, Pemberton, Northcliffe, Walpole)
Closing Date: 9 Feb 2026

SHIRE NEWS

Earthscapes Exhibition: 14 February to 13 March

This exhibition will celebrate the stunning natural beauty of the region through the work of two local artists.

Rhyme and Story time return

Sessions for Term One 2026 at Shire Libraries:

Walpole Library: 06/02/2026, 10:00am–11:00am

Manjimup Library: 06/02/2026, 10:30am–11:30am

Northcliffe Library:

09/02/2026, 9:30am–10:30am

Pemberton Library: 11/02/2026, 10:30am–11:30am

Citizen of the Year 2026

Join us for the Shire of Manjimup 2026 Citizen of the Year Awards on Saturday, 7 February, from 12pm to 3pm at the Walpole Town Hall. The event celebrates outstanding community contributions, featuring this year's nominees, light refreshments, and an inspiring local speaker. Everyone is welcome to help celebrate those who make a difference.

10 Tips for a great start to school!

School is starting up again soon! Below are 10 practical tips for a great start to school.

1. Talk about feelings
   Talk positively about going to school, making new friends and about some of the experiences your child will have, such as learning new songs, painting and playing outside.
2. Get enough sleep
   Your child needs a good night's sleep for their brain to be ready to learn (about 10 to 12 hours).
3. Book sharing
   Have a special time each day to read stories together – sit comfortably so your child can see the book and your facial expressions.
4. Learn how to make friends and pretend play
   Create opportunities for your child to socialise with others outside the family.
5. Playgrounds and parks
   Your child's muscles will get stronger and it prepares them for outdoor play at school. Make sure they are well supervised when playing.
6. Speaking and listening
   This includes following instructions and being aware of what other people are saying.
7. Classroom crafts
   Make sure your child has lots of chances to play with the things they will be using in school, like scissors, pencils and paint.
8. Getting dressed
   It is helpful for school children to be able to dress and undress themselves.
9. Healthy eating
   Healthy lunches and snacks help with concentration and learning.
10. Going to the toilet
    To help your child manage the toilet at school give them chances to undo, pull down and do up their clothes, flush the toilet and wash their hands without your help.

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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 16 December at the Council Chambers, Brockman Street, Manjimup.

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

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

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