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EDITORIAL

I have recently been interested in the concept of Patience.

Defined by the Cambridge dictionary as "the ability to wait, or to continue doing something despite difficulties, or to suffer without complaining or becoming annoyed". It is not an easy thing to do.

After my little sojourn to QLD, I was fascinated with how relaxed and patient I found the majority to be. Waiting in line, merging in traffic, stopping at leisure to have lengthy conversations and the retail stores all closed for the holidays. What was this? Was it the heat? I started to wonder.

I have not found this to be the case in WA, where road rage rules, merging is a myth and we all seem to be constantly flat out, with barely time to wave.

I, myself am renowned for lack of patience. Just ask my children. They will tell you that I am in fact, the most impatient person IN THE WORLD! Perhaps an understatement on occasion I will confess.

So, for my new years res, I have been attempting to cultivate the patience that has seemed to elude me all these years, and what would you know? It seems to have some merit.

On returning to work, I was rushed to get a report completed, only for the meeting to be re-scheduled, for three weeks?. Suddenly there was plenty of time, so what was the rush?

Waiting for a response recently provided me with better options, stopping to visit someone instead of rushing home, proved to be almost life-saving and really listening with intent helped me understand a differing point of view.

It would appear, that by slowing down and being patient, I seem to have somehow created more time or perhaps space, for things to happen as they should.

An interesting concept for a highly organised and motivated individual, living with constant deadlines. How can doing nothing create something?

Interestingly, due to a recent recommendation by a high functioning friend, I delved into the realm of utilising Chat GPT and the Artificial Intelligent available to us now online.

When asked the question of creating space with patience, the response was thus: *intentionally making room for something or someone to unfold naturally, by actively practicing patience and allowing time to pass without rushing or forcing the outcome.*

"Patience is the best remedy for every trouble."

—PLAUTUS



WOW! What an interesting concept.

Well worth the investigation, and so far I am very pleased with the initial results of my little research project.

Let's see if I can sustain this level of patience

over the year and please all feel free to try it, let me know the results, and please remind me; to cultivate; should you see me slipping.

Gaye



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9^{am} Saturday 22 February

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off Windy Harbour Road, 1km South of Northcliffe

over 25 market stalls

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2025

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AT 10:00AM →



Julie Rose
 South West Regional Education Officer
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Find Cancer Early this Summer season

The best New Years resolution you can give to yourself, is looking after you! The holiday season gets hectic, often with a lot of focus on other people, so it's easy to forget about ourselves. Cancer Council WA is urging those over 40 years of age, in the South West, to be aware of any new symptoms and have them checked, with evidence showing a delay in treatment of four weeks can result in poorer survival outcomes.

We surveyed almost 1250 adults aged 40 years and over who lived in regional WA, about the **Find Cancer Early** campaign and found 15 per cent of participants who had experienced a symptom in the last six months, delayed visiting a doctor because of time issues or competing priorities.

Taking time during the summer season to see your doctor about possible cancer symptoms may save your life. If you know something isn't right, we encourage you to see your doctor, clinic nurse, or Aboriginal health worker early. Getting our symptoms checked out and treated early means we can get back to the people we cherish and the things we love doing.

For more information visit findcancerearly.com.au or call the Cancer Council **Information and Support Line on 13 11 20.**

Donate to Cancer Research Giving Day

Cancer Council WA is encouraging people to support **WA Cancer Research Giving Day**, on **Tuesday, 11 February 2025**, between **9 am – 9 pm**. Every dollar donated, on, or before 9pm, 11 February 2025, will be matched dollar for dollar by a group of generous donors (ie. a \$10 donation translates to \$20 for cancer research).

Stopping cancer starts by understanding it, and research is the key to unlocking the answers we need for a cancer free future. Survival rates for some of the most common cancers, including breast, melanoma and prostate cancer is more than 90 per cent, and the overall five-year survival rate for all cancers is now more than 70 per cent. This, in part, is thanks to research that in turn informs improvements in screening, diagnosis and treatment.

With 14,000 West Australians diagnosed with cancer every year, we must continue to fund our world-class local researchers to improve diagnosis, detection and treatment for every cancer. The generosity of people donating to research gives hope. Donations enable researchers to innovate and try completely new ideas and approaches, giving them instruments they need to improve diagnostic and treatment outcomes.

To donate visit cancerwa.asn.au or call **1300 65 65 85.**



- \$25 = \$50** Can help our researchers investigate new cancer treatments using up-to-date equipment.
- \$50 = \$100** Can help pay for a blood sample to be processed, allowing discoveries in how cancer develops.
- \$100 = \$200** Can help pay for an under-mattress sensor to study the effect of sleep on cancer.
- \$250 = \$500** Can help our researchers to use tumour samples to improve the way we prevent and detect cancers.

Have you had any of these...

... for more than 4 weeks?

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

... once or more?

- Blood in your poo
- Coughing up blood
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If you have and you are over 40...

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CAVES ROAD ADVENTURES

ARTICLE BY TRISTAN MILLS
Photographs by Tristan Mills

If you're looking for a day of fun and want to venture away from Pemberton, look no further than Caves Road in Augusta/Margaret River. This stretch of road is home to numerous caves, including Jewel Cave, Lake Cave, Giants Cave, and Mammoth Cave.

I recently spent a day exploring a couple of these caves for a bit of fun, starting with Jewel Cave (booking recommended). Jewel Cave offers a fully guided tour that descends 250 steps into the earth. The cave was discovered in 1957 by locals Cliff Spackman, Lex Bastian, and Lloyd Robinson, lowering Cliff through a solution hole 12 meters deep into a large chamber. In 1958, they returned properly equipped to explore the cave further, uncovering more than 2 kilometres of passages. The cave was subsequently opened to the public on Boxing Day in 1959.



If you're interested in the history of this cave, I highly recommend visiting it yourself, as there are countless facts to discover. In addition to the cave, there is an expansive gift

shop and a fantastic café. So, if you're waiting for your tour, sit back and enjoy a coffee.

Mammoth Cave was my next stop, roughly a 30-kilometer drive away and well worth the trip. This cave offers a self-guided tour, where you're provided with headphones and audio tracks to guide you through. Exploring Mammoth Cave at your own pace is a wonderful experience, with its expansive



chambers and rooms complemented by a detailed audio guide.

Mammoth Cave was first explored by settlers in the late 19th century, with significant exploration efforts beginning in the early 1900s. During winter,

parts of the cave feature a stream flowing through it. Following the stream leads to a large cave-in area overrun by vegetation, providing a scenic exit from the cave.

Although I didn't get the chance to explore Lake Cave and Giants Cave, the two I did visit made for a day of fun and a truly worthwhile experience.

THE WONDERS OF WOODFORDIA

ARTICLE BY GAYE VAN HAZENDONK
Photographs from the Van Hazendonk Family

The Woodford Folk Festival occurs at Woodford, Queensland and is held annually, from Dec 27th through to January 1st. More than 2,000 local, national and international, artists, musicians and presenters grace the stages of Woodfordia.

It is the largest gathering of artists and musicians in Australia.

This year was the 37th Woodford Folk Festival and the 30th held at Woodfordia and the entire Van Hazendonk family were all lucky enough to attend.



Having been at the festival once before, many, many years ago, and being a

WA festival goer for many years now, I thought I knew what to expect, but I was so wrong.

The sheer magnitude of the undertaking was mind boggling, let alone the quality of artists, artistry, workshops, entertainment, facilities and organisation. It was a wonder!

I must give you some history on this amazing enterprise.

Woodfordia Inc evolved from the Queensland Folk Federation (QFF); in 1986. The Maleny Folk Festival was launched in 1987 and it attracted 900 people and had a budget of \$3000.

By 1994, the Maleny Folk Festival having continued, annually, managed to purchase 240 acres on the current site, now known as Woodfordia, relocated the festival, and changed its name to the Woodford Folk Festival.

They had devastating floods in 2010-11 but thanks to help from their local Shire, Woodfordia has managed to endure and continues to thrive.

Over 100 000 trees have been planted and loads of permanent infrastructure built that can support a temporary village of over 20 000 people.

This experience left me in awe of the level of commitment of the volunteer base and the beautiful



people who organised, attended and contributed to the event. It was accessible and inclusive, with attendees ranges from 0-90 years.

The adventure was just too fantastic to be adequately covered in a paltry article.

I would highly recommend this as a worthy experience and an extraordinary way to bring in the new year!



A FOND FAREWELL TO GORDON AND MARGARET SMITH

ARTICLE BY CHRISTINE TRAPPITT
Photographs by Christine Trappitt

Sadly we farewell two people who have become part of the fabric of Pemberton over the last 25 years. Literally as far as Margaret is concerned, the fabric of Pemberton, as she was the instigator of the quilt which hangs in the Pemberton Visitor Centre, titled Karri Forest Beauties 2016.

If you haven't seen it, it is well worth a look, as some 26 ladies contributed to the quilt and Margaret backed and framed it with a bit of sewing wizardry, which became her trademark.

She was also instigator of quilting classes and workshops, which drew quite a number of the Manjimup and Pemberton ladies over the years.

In 1999 Gordon and Margaret arrived in Pemberton and over a period of 2 years Gordon built a beautiful kit home in Wattlebird Grove. Together he and Margaret established the beautiful garden which you see in the photo. It was definitely their small haven of peace and serenity in which they spent many happy hours.

Although retired, Gordon worked on a consultancy basis for the Shire of Manjimup in the early years in Pemberton and provided his expertise and advice to private concerns.

Pemberton Aged Accommodation Inc of which he was President for 12 years, has been the beneficiary on many occasions during this time as he provided professional 'pro bono' advice. The two most recent items were his drafting of the Development Application to the Shire of Manjimup for the current proposed duplex on Doc

Ryan Close and secondly his contribution of many hours in preparing the comprehensive documentation for the Amendment to the Local Planning Scheme for the Rezoning of Lot 200 Club Road, Pemberton. This will allow for future residential as well as commercial development providing the community with a valuable asset into the future.

In 2016/17 Gordon guided the committee through the complex building project, which was partly funded by Royalties for Regions, and resulted in a further 3 units being added to the community subsidised Retirement Village of 9 units.

Gordon wore other community hats, as President of the Pemberton CRC and Chair of the WA Country Health Service for Pemberton and Northcliffe. He and Margaret regularly attended and were very involved in the work of the Baptist Church, local bible study groups and prayer meetings of the combined churches.

They will be fondly remembered in many hearts as two people who gave generously to the community and were living examples of their Christian faith, treating everyone with the same respect and consideration.

We wish them well in their new adventure, returning to Perth to be closer to their families.



BENDOTTI CHIP DAY

ARTICLE BY BRIAN MORRIS
Photographs by

Wednesday 22nd January was the Pemberton Bowls Club WA Chip Day Bowling Carnival, the most important and prestigious of the bowling carnivals held at Pemberton each year. This event which is a men's invitational fours competition is one which attracts players from all over the South West of WA with only 56 playing positions available. Teams were from Busselton, Binningup, Augusta, Donnybrook, Balingup, Boyup Brook, Bridgetown, Manjimup and Pemberton as well as individual players from Walpole, Gin Gin, Augusta and Perth. All teams play three games with 14 ends for each game with prizes for round winners as well as the usual 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions.

To keep all players well fed the Pemberton ladies put on a special spread of morning and afternoon tea, lunch and the special of the day the chips and marron, the signature dish for the carnival. Chips were provided by the Bendotti family business WA Chip & Bendotti Exporters, the marron were provided by John Bendotti and the Omodei family with the marron cooked and prepared by John Bendotti. I know all the players I spoke to enjoyed the meals provided such that they want to book their spot for next year's carnival. Well done to the ladies!!

The play for the day was exceptionally competitive especially with a few "gun" teams entering in the event, whilst it was competitive it was also played in very good spirit with games against old friends and a few new ones in the day. Winners for the day were a composite team made up of Keiran Conway and Hamish Ferguson from Pemberton with Ginger Milentis and Andrew Drayton

from Augusta. Second place was Ken Proctor and his team from Augusta and third place was the boys from Binningup. There were also smaller prizes for the three round winning teams.



*Winners: Ginger Milentis,
Keiran Conway, Andrew
Drayton & Hamish Ferguson*

For those that didn't win the major prizes there were raffles which included a box of marron, a leg of lamb and vegetables for a roast, bottles of wine, trays of avocados as well as the \$50, \$30 and \$20 draw. The prizes were donated by Pemberton Bowls Club members and the avocados by Bendotti Avocados.

Events like this take a huge amount of organisation by a few from the Pemberton Bowls Club, it also needs lots of donations by Club members and finally it takes financial donations by sponsors to ensure the success of the day. The major sponsors being WA Chip & Bendotti Exporters, Stan's Manjimup Farm Machinery and Southern Forest Machinery, Pemberton Bowls Club greatly appreciates the support we receive from our sponsors for this event and the other events we run each year.

All money made on this day go towards maintaining the facilities at the Pemberton Bowls Club, in particular the replacement of the bowling surface which is required every 12 to 15 years. At this stage a new bowling surface will be laid in April this year and so the saving starts again for the next one.

Once again a very successful WA Chip Day bowling carnival, the planning can now start for next year.

REGIONAL COLUMN

ACTING SENIOR REGIONAL OFFICER FOR SOUTH WEST.

Annetta Bellingeri



Proof of purchase putting consumers in a bind

Receipts have become a big issue with consumers reporting they are not receiving proof of purchase for items above \$75.00.

Under consumer law, all businesses have an obligation to provide proof of purchase to consumers for goods or services valued at \$75 or more.

Where a transaction is valued less, consumers have the option of requiring a proof of purchase to be provided within seven days of the transaction.

It doesn't stop there, there have been a number of concerning consumer complaints about local businesses denying paper receipts and instead requesting personal information to issue proof of purchase electronically.

Two separate consumers have reported a popular Australian fashion retailer refused to provide paper receipts without disclosure of their personal information such as a mobile phone number or email address. After one consumer declined to provide their personal information and asked for a paper receipt, they say they were told they were not allowed back in the store again.

According to the Consumer Data Right under the Competition and Consumer Act 2010, a business may not collect, use, or disclose personal data without a consumer's consent, and a consumer can withdraw their consent at any time.

The Australian Privacy Principles state that personal information must only be used for the particular purpose for which it was collected (in this case to provide a receipt) unless certain exceptions apply.

While many organisations might say it is to reduce their carbon footprint, there could be other dubious reasons why a company might request personal information.

This could include data matching with a third party to build profiles of consumers for targeted advertising

based on what they learn about the consumer from the data.

The data could also be sold for a profit to exchange information on consumers. If reasonable steps were not taken to make a consumer aware that their data could be used in these ways, then the business could be in breach of the Australian Privacy Principles.

According to the Australian Community Attitudes to Privacy Survey 2023, three in five (58%) Australians do not know what organisations do with their data. People often feel they have no choice but to hand over their personal information to access a service (50% agree or strongly agree).

As there are also no regulations on how long a business can hold a consumer's personal information, this can make consumers more vulnerable to data breaches.

Under Australia's privacy laws, there are strict rules businesses must follow around governance, minimum system controls, testing, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting.

They must also comply with the Notifiable Data Breaches scheme, notifying the consumer or the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner about any serious data breach.

Under consumer law, a supplier is obligated to provide proof of purchase in a method reasonably acceptable to the consumer, which means a consumer can elect to receive a paper receipt instead of an electronic one.

If a business in WA refuses to provide a receipt, we would like to hear from you on 1300 30 40

54 or consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au. Further information about suppliers' responsibilities regarding receipts can be found on our website at www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au.



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HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR XINNIAN KUALIE

Article by Pei-Chen Ho

Happy Chinese New Year – Xinnian Kualie (Happy New Year in Mandarin)

The Lunar New Year 2025 falls on Wednesday 29th January 2025 and let me tell you something about it.



Giving a Red Envelope – It’s a tradition to put crisp, new bills inside a red envelope and you’re suppose to avoid putting coins in the envelopes. Avoid giving amounts with 4 as this number in Chinese sounds like “death” and odd number is not acceptable either.

Stay up late on New Year’s Eve – You are not supposed to go to bed early on New Year’s Eve. On the contrary, you should stay up late and alert in order to keep the Nian monster away. Another saying is that the longer you stay up, the longer your parents will live.

No sweeping the floor or taking out rubbish – If you do so, you are carrying your fortune out.

Burn incense sticks at the temple – It is believed that those who enter the temple first and make an offering to the gods by burning the inaugural incense sticks will receive the biggest of blessings. Thus, crowds of worshippers gather at the temple in the early morning of Chinese New Year’s Day to pray for a new fortuitous year.

Buy new clothes and wear red – Traditionally, those hoping to start the year with a bang may often splurge on new clothes from head to toe. If you are really feeling the festive spirit, it is even better to wear the lucky colour red.

I wish you a happy and prosperous Chinese New Year

CWA NEWS

ARTICLE BY PAT NOCK



Well another year has been and gone. It was a very busy year for the CWA of WA in 2024 as it was our 100th Birthday and there were celebrations held around the State.

We look forward to another prosperous year for our Branch in 2025 and to welcoming our locals who visit us every Saturday. Don’t forget our Market Days – the last Saturday of every month.

On another note we are going to have to suspend donations for a while as we are overwhelmed and our Shed is full to the brim – we thank you for all the donations you have made so far. In case you are unaware we wash and iron all clothing and linen before we put it out for sale. Most of the washing is done by members who live out of town and are on tank water. We will let you know when we are taking donations again – we just have to sort our shed out first.

February is our AGM (11th February at 10.00am). If you would like to come along and check us out we would love to see you we are always looking for new members.

This will be my last newsletter as I will be handing over the reins as President to a new one at the AGM.

Please keep supporting us so we can support you.

PROTECT CAMPING CANINES

ARTICLE BY DAVID

Poison baits are a real and present danger for our dogs. Feral pests are targeted with toxic baits which can turn up anywhere we take dogs hiking, camping and fishing.

Adventurous pups are at particular risk – picking up, licking a bait, or even scavenging a poisoned carcass, can spell curtains for our dogs. 1080 baits are lethal. There is no cure. Unfortunately, hundreds of domestic and working dogs are lost to toxic baits every year.

Muzzling your dog has been the only preventative measure available - however for many dogs this is not possible. Our new Bait Aversion training can help.

The training is based on a robust scientific research project, and delivered by the highly experienced Animal Ark Snake Avoidance Training team. In collaboration with toxic bait manufacturers, our targets are safe, toxin free samples of common, commercially used baits. As the dog approaches, or picks up the bait, a “correction” is delivered – an effective, aversive technique.

The training works well and whilst never guaranteed, it has proved very successful for most dogs, most of the time. The younger they start the more effective, but you can teach an old dog a new trick and avoid a canine camping catastrophe.

Bait and Snake Aversion training is recommended by numerous veterinarians.

Bait Aversion Pty Ltd travel throughout Western Australia as specialist trainers and educators.

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RYAN ST CLOSE NEXT TO ST JOHN
AMBULANCE

TIME IS AT 10 AM
TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2025

ALL POSITIONS VACANT



Looking through so much information in the museum and museum workshop!

We have a lot to collate for our Group Settlement weekend of 11th, 12th and 13th of April which is coming closer.

Our itinerary is firming up with registrations on Friday at 5pm at the museum. Saturday is mainly for bus tours out to the main Group Settlement areas. A dance at the Mill Hall that evening.

Sunday 13th for a tram ride/ town history walk and church service before a casual long table lunch at the Mill Hall with room to mix with past residents, friends and families. Following will be a showing of Dr Ryan's film.

Please email your RSVP to pembertonhistory@gmail.com Along with additional family history that you may have.

tel: Ros 0439214393, Deanne 0428302782



Photo of Wellburn's original Group Settlement farm on Group 65. Fred Wellburn remains resident in Pemberton today.

FUNDRAISER For Manjimup Arts Hub

Held in the Manjimup Arts Hub workshop, Rose street.



SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY

9.30am till 1pm

"Paint your Pooch "

with Devonshire Cream Tea

Bring a photo of your pet



SATURDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

9.30am till 1.30pm

"Painting with Flour"

with Devonshire cream tea

Cost \$50

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Registration form... Book Now

Queries Holly Lamey 0407 205 068

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Pemberton Honouring Our Group Settlers



Weekend of April 11th, 12th, 13th 2025

ROZZI IN OZ REFLECTIONS

Blessings to all our readers for a bright new year!

Just a few questions to get us focused on today's topic. What is happening in the world today? What have I contributed to make this a better world and community? Where am I on my life's journey? These questions surfaced my mind as I reflected on all the years of my own life which the Creator has granted me. Let's start at the beginning of our lives; or to be more realistic, during our youth when life became more meaningful. The time we began to realize that we all have purpose on this earth regardless of our origins.

So here we find ourselves in a country that has so much to offer as far as resources and expertise is concerned. Born into families with responsibilities as well as the ability to provide us with wonderful opportunities which we have either accepted or rejected. No doubt, in our youth we started to think about our direction with regards to jobs, careers and relationships. With all this in mind, can we answer the above-mentioned questions? Determine what age "youth" means to you. The suggestions we start with family values. That which we hold onto and has influenced us since we became aware of them as passed down from our grandparents and parents. These family values, including heredity, moulded our characters. To love others, show respect, get along with family and friends, to help those in need; help those need a shoulder to cry on; and you could probably add many these values helped you to grow morally as well as spiritually.



As you ponder over these things as I have done, how have older people perceived you? Did they expect you to behave as an adult whilst treating you as if you were a child? If so, why? If you are expected to behave as an adult surely you should be respected as such. To move on with this discussion, let's look at our lives in this world as an artist looks at his canvas, poised with a palette of paint in one hand and brush in the other.

The Canvas in front of you is not blank. You have been allocated a space amongst many others who have already had their turn to create their scene of life. Now comes the challenge. Will you choose the brightest happy colors to add to your piece of scenery; or are you about to slap on dull colors and gloomy greys? Perhaps a combination, which you notice is quite common on the whole canvas.

MONTHLY PRAYER

BY MICHELE SCHMIDT



Dear Father God

We thank you and praise you for the gift you give us of this beautiful abundant land we live.

We are grateful for our community, friends and family. We pray for those suffering from either loneliness, tragedy, loss or ill health.

We ask you to help those struggling under financial strain, dysfunctional relationships or other hardships.

Please provide for our community members and assist those in need to reach out. We are in awe of your almighty power, love and mercy on us.

We thank you for hearing our prayers.

In Jesus name,

Undoubtedly we will strive to make this world a better place for survival. The exercise was to help you reflect on your life in the world amidst all situations. We have all been endowed with gifts that enable us to change our corner of the world into a more desirable and harmonious place. The corner, being the community in which we live. This place would be the stepping stone into eternity. We not know when this will be, but we have all been granted enough time to prepare ourselves. We are fortunate to have the ability to make our own life's choices and to take responsibility for the outcomes, positive or negative. For this reason, we all choose carefully, taking our tool bag of the values we all have to help us along the way. Equipped without paint, brushes and tool bag, we will create that piece of scenery which will be of great attraction.



You have made a start. Step back and look at a work in progress. Depending on your life, you have done your best regardless of your situation. There was no copying, each one's scenes unique. Many will view all our art when we're gone. Where we have erred somewhere along our journey, there may have been smudges but these we erased. We were given soft pastel shades of tenderness to cover our errors. That droopy sunflower is erect again and now facing the yellow rays of the sun, reflecting its brightness. The stream, blocked by the fallen log is flowing freely again and the bees and butterflies dance in the sunshine once more. What a picturesque scenery!



Because you have signed your artwork, your future generations will be able to find it on the great canvas and admire and remember it. They will be inspired by the attractive work. And so we pass on our values and the best memories and ideas will guide our children and grandchildren. These are the legacies in life. It is not always the finance and assets. It is the scene that reflects good moral and spiritual values.

The final question for all at the onset of 2025 - Leaving the hypothetical scene, what will we leave for the generations to come? The question does not need an answer but to give your scene a thought. Starting a life's journal could help this process. It could be a treasure for many who would have the privilege to read your memoirs both written and illustrated.

Have you secured your art equipment and toolkit?

Happy journaling starting in 2025.



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NATIONALS WA ANNOUNCE \$276 MILLION FOR SAFER LOCAL ROADS

BEVAN EATTS CANDIDATE FOR WARREN-BLACKWOOD

Media Release January 2025

The Nationals WA have unveiled a plan to tackle the rising road toll across WA with the \$276 million Safer Local Roads program.

This initiative is designed to improve road safety on more than 8,200 kilometres of highspeed local government roads, with a focus on reducing fatalities and serious injuries.

The Nationals WA candidate for Warren-Blackwood, Bevan Eatts, said road safety must be a top priority ahead of the 2025 State Election.

“With 173 lives tragically lost on our roads in the last twelve months, WA is facing a devastating road safety crisis,” Bevan said.

“The Nationals WA are committed to taking meaningful action by investing \$276 million in the Safer Local Roads program.

“This funding will deliver critical safety improvements like lane widening, audible line marking, and sealing road shoulders.”

The program is based on recommendations from the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) and the RAC, who have called for a total of \$552 million in funding to be shared between the State and Federal Governments.

“The Nationals WA will ensure the State’s \$276 million share is included in our first Budget, sending a clear message to the Federal Government about the importance of this program and the urgent need to fund road safety,” Bevan said.

“Half of all fatal or serious crashes in regional WA occur on local government roads, yet these are often overlooked for funding, and many are in dire need of improvements.

“These simple, low-cost treatments, such as sealing road shoulders and installing audible tactile lines can drastically reduce the frequency of run-off crashes.

“According to modelling, the program has the potential to reduce fatalities by up to 50 per cent and serious injuries by 35 per cent,” Bevan said.

The Safer Local Roads program will cover 439 high-speed roads in regional and peri-urban areas – making up around one-third of WA’s sealed regional road network.

Bevan said the program could be funded from the Insurance Commission of WA, which will return over \$217 million in dividends to the Treasury over the next four years.

“The Nationals WA will ensure this money is reinvested into road safety, where it can make a real difference in saving lives and reducing injuries on our roads,” he said.

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WANT TO THRIVE IN 25?

ARTICLE BY GAYE VAN HAZENDONK
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Is it already February and you haven't started that new years resolution yet?

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Exercise isn't just about looking good—it's about feeling good, both physically and mentally. When you move your body, you're giving yourself the gift of more energy, a clearer mind, and a stronger, healthier body. Every step you take, every stretch, every rep, brings you closer to being the best version of yourself

You don't have to run a marathon or lift the heaviest weights to see progress. Start small. Take the stairs. Go for a walk. Dance to your favourite song. It's all about creating habits that make you feel empowered and confident.

The benefits are endless: better sleep, boosted mood, reduced stress, and improved health.

Look at all the local options available to you, from low impact exercise to something more challenging. There are also a range of sporting activities and lots of beautiful walks. Just check out the Community Calendar, the PCSC newsletter and surrounding Ad's to see all that's on offer here in Pemberton.

So, lets get moving, your body and mind will thank you for it. The hardest part is often starting, but once you do, you'll see how amazing it feels to prioritize your health.

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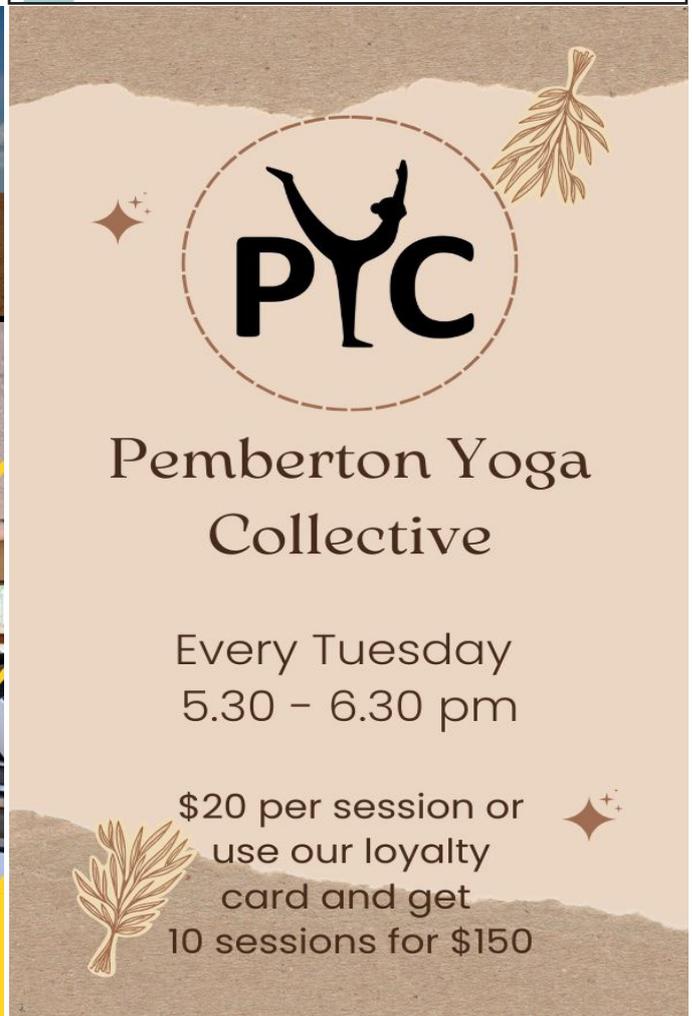
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SAVE THE DATES IN 2025

We have returned for the new year with a grand plan for 2025. As you can see from page 29, we have all our annual events already in motion, so Save the Dates and look out for confirmation of our fantastic community programs, coming your way soon.

PEMBERTON YOUTH ZONE

We had a huge year last year with a great group of youth, regularly attending the PYZ every second Friday. In 2024 the group created a new logo, and participated in badminton, basketball, and dodge ball competitions, as well as karaoke, boardgames, arts/crafts and consumed HEAPS of food.



To finish off the year we had a combined Christmas party with the Northcliffe Youth Group which was a huge success.

We look forward to another great term of activities, but need some help in the kitchen to feed so many hungry souls. If you can assist with food prep, let us know.

We also have our annual school holiday program in April which is the main fund-raiser for the PYZ. We always need assistance on the day to help out. The youth that put in volunteer hours on the day get a free entry ticket. Nice!

ALL-SORTS EXERCISE GROUP

This great group of enthusiastic exercisers have had some interesting presenters this year, both online and in person.

The last session was an "Intro to Yoga" with one of the teachers from the Pemberton Yoga collective.

All yoga postures and exercises were done in a chair and ended with a guided relaxation which was enjoyed by all who attended.

This group continues each week during the school term, led by volunteers. You can just show up, any Monday with your \$5 and participate.

There will be a range of presenters attending classes throughout the year so keep an eye open for what's on!



VIC CONTE COMMUNITY GARDEN

In November 2024 the Vic Conte community garden sub-committee was established and since then this small, but dedicated group have been meeting weekly, and working towards a sustainable outcome for the garden.

Last Saturday saw the group fundraising at the CWA market, selling produce and plants from the garden as well as other items donated from community members.

All the proceeds go towards the maintenance and upkeep of the garden for the benefit of the entire community.

So thank you to all the people for donating and supporting this fundraising venture.



The VCCG subcommittee have more great things planned for the garden and would appreciate your support.

On page 28 is the QR code for garden membership and any donations are most welcome.

There will be more interesting things occurring in the garden, with the plans still going ahead for a shed as well as solar and rainwater collection systems.

The group meet every Sunday at 10am in the garden if you would like to meet the team, hang out in the garden and participate in their planning for the future.

Pemberton Cycling Update

Hi everyone,

We hope everyone had a fantastic festive period filled with fun, family, and friends—and that you’re managing to stay cool during these summer days! It’s the start of a big year, and there’s plenty happening in the Pemberton biking scene to get excited about.

To wrap up 2023, we held our Christmas Light Night Ride, and it was a huge success! It was a great turnout and a memorable way to celebrate the holiday season on two wheels, with plenty of festive decorations and lots of laughs. Everyone’s creativity and enthusiasm inspired us to make next year’s ride even bigger and better—so watch this space!

A few of our riders also tested their endurance with an overnight gravel bike ride to Nannup. Despite some soaring temperatures, they clocked in 193km and 2,747m elevation along their route from Pemberton to Nannup, Manjimup and home via some scenic gravel roads - with some much needed cold freshwater dips along the way!

The Arboretum development is well underway, with the toilet, car park, and access road now all under construction while Magic Dirt Trailworx continues working their magic building some epic trails. It’s great to see this project progressing, and we’re looking forward to sharing more updates as it unfolds.

There are also some exciting events coming up soon! The WA Gravity Enduro (WAGE) will take place on 12-13 April at the Pemberton MTB Park, followed by the Karri Cup on 26 April in Northcliffe—mark your calendars! On the road cycling scene, January saw the Nationals Road Race hosted in Perth, where a local WA rider Luke Durbridge took an impressive win on home soil. Perth will host the Nationals again in 2026 and 2027, with the race circuit navigating Kings Park and the CBD, so keep an eye out as its worth a watch.

Back on the trails, summer weather has encouraged lots of plant growth in the MTB Park, particularly blackberries. Our hardworking team of volunteers is doing their best to keep the trails clear, but riders should stay alert for tendrils creeping across the trails —those thorns are no joke!

Thank you for continuing to support the Pemberton biking community—we’re looking forward to another great year ahead.

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

The PCA Team

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Above: Some snaps from our recent Christmas Light night ride - 'twas very jolly indeed!

Below: Warm days call for early starts - Peter, Jordan, Sean and Mark before they set off (and nearly melted) on an overnight gravel bike ride to Nannup.



MTB ride - Saturdays 8.00am
Women’s MTB ride - Sunday February 9, 9.00am
Road bike ride - Sundays 7.00am
All rides meet at Pemberton Visitor Centre

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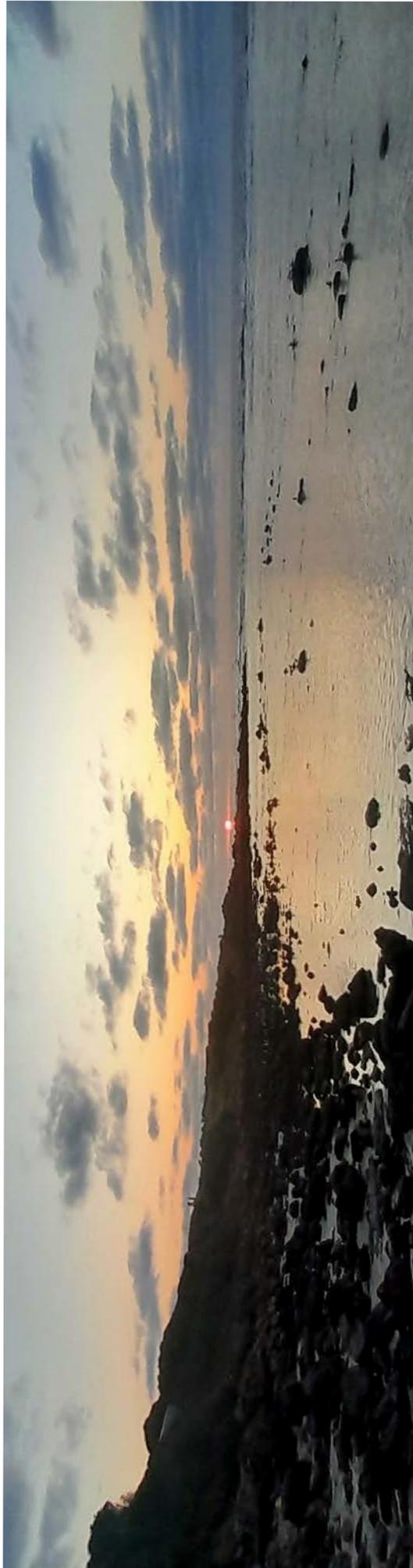
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- \$60,000 for **Pemberton Community Co-location Precinct**
- \$8 million to develop the **Pemberton Trails Masterplan**
- \$3 million for **upgrades at Gloucester Tree and Bicentennial Tree**
- Funded **upgrades at the Pemberton Freshwater Research Centre**
- **\$10,000 Science Resource Grant** for Pemberton District High School
- Funded **upgrades at the Pemberton Volunteer Fire and Rescue Station**
- \$572,036 to Pemberton Honey Co. for **the purchase and installation of a honey extraction plant and the construction of a nature playground**
- Funded **upgrades and new audio equipment** at the historical Pemberton Mill Hall
- \$100,000 to Pemberton Cycling Association **to establish mountain bike trails in the Pemberton Arboretum**
- \$100,000 for Aerial Adventure Pemberton **to set up sea containers as a ticketing booth and café area for a new high ropes course**
- \$100,000 to Pemberton Bowls Club **to replace the bowling surface**
- \$97,000 to The Pemberton Tramway Company **to restore the Railway Station**
- \$21,250 to Pemberton Golf Club **to upgrade the ablution block**
- \$50,500 to Pemberton Community Resource Centre **for a shed and an enclosed trailer**
- \$95,115 to Pemberton Sports Club **for flooring, air-conditioning, air filtration system**
- \$55,000 to Pemberton Chamber of Commerce & Industry **for an events coordinator**
- \$57,280 to Freshwater Anglers of Western Australia **to construct a Trout Trail**
- \$68,000 to Pemberton 1919 Heritage School Preservation Inc. **for a feasibility study**
- \$98,687 to Pemberton Discovery Tours **to purchase a tour van**
- Plus **much more!**

Jane Kelsbie MLA
MEMBER FOR WARREN-BLACKWOOD

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Thank you AJ Quinton for the February Calendar photo

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>Young Growers OF THE SOUTHERN FORESTS</p> <p>MANJIMUP SUNDOWNER- 7TH FEBRUARY, 2025</p> <p>3 Painting Pots @ Northcliffe library. 10 - 11 am - 9771 6940</p>	<p>Genuinely SOUTHERN FORESTS WESTERN AUSTRALIA</p> <p>4 </p> <p>11 CWA AGM, 6 Doc Ryan Close @ 10am</p>	<p>JAZZ IN THE JARRAH Come and Support RFDs Saturday, 1st February 2025.</p> <p>Heritage Park Manjimup at 5pm.</p> <p>Army Band - Perth. Charlie McCre & the Formidable Vegetables. Free Concert</p> <p>5 School returns </p> <p>12 After school art classes with Tony Windberg Returns </p>	<p>EL FUEGO DE LA VIDA EXPERIENCE THE FIRE OF LIFE UNDER THE SOUTHERN FOREST STARS.</p> <p>Hosted by acclaimed open-fire chefs and brothers, Facundo & Manuel Salas.</p> <p>6 </p> <p>13 Adults Art classes with Tony Windberg Returns </p>	<p>Communita CATCH UP</p> <p>TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 10:00AM</p> <p>7 Young growers sundowner- email donnette@southernforestsfood.com Tony Crawford @Pemberton Hotel 5-8pm </p>	<p>1 School Holiday Arts Program @ Pemby Arts Hub from 10am</p> <p>Jazz in the Jarrah @ Manjimup Heritage Park from 5pm</p> <p>8 </p> <p>15 </p>	<p>2 Painting workshops from 9.30 am @Manjimup Arts Hub call 0407 205 068 to book</p> <p>Hayden McGlinch @Pemberton Hotel 5-8pm </p> <p>9 Lightnin' Jack @Pemberton Hotel 5-8pm </p> <p>16 </p>

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17		18 Communita Catchup and free cuppa @ Pemberton Hub boardroom, 10am		19 	20 Aust Gov Mobile services support @ Pemberton hotel from 9 am - 4pm for more info - servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice		21 Laine Wolfe @Pemberton Hotel 6-9pm		22 Market day @ Northlife workers club from 9am Painting with Flour from 9.30 am @Manjimup Arts Hub call 0407 205 068 to book		23
24		25 Advocate-empowering older people in WA session @ PCRC from 10am -2pm		26 	27 		28 Luke Anthony @Pemberton Hotel 6-9pm		1 March		2 March

Summer splendor- www.southernforestsfood.com/event-details/summer-splendor-food-art-3-day-tour-3/form

Regular Community Events

	All Sorts exercise group Mondays 9-10 am @ PCSC Jarrah Room Dulcie 9776 0063		Kairate 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
	Adults Art Classes with Tony Windberg Thurs @ 9.30am, Childrens Wed @4pm 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 Wednesdays 10.30 am Sheril 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 Tues & 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 Tues & 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 Meets @ Pemberton Pool Peter 0467 606 605
	Chico's Fitness Classes Mon & Wed 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 Club 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 Community organisation of the Year 2016.

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Contact Cate: pembertonartsgroup@gmail.com

Welcome to a new year of discovering art with PAG!

Art sessions are back up and running on Tuesday & Wednesday from 9:30am

There are two new sculptures to explore in the Hub area, and one in the entrance to the PCSC. Many thanks to Lionel from the General Store for assisting with his forklift to place the pieces.



L-R: David Radomiljac's "Corked" placed at the Pemberton Community Sports Club; Lionel and Gavin installing "Magpies' Duet" at the Balang Miya Community Hub; "Magpies Duet"; Peter Hill's "A Head Stack".



An enthusiastic crowd at **Lot 2 Artspace** in Pemberton's main street created a great atmosphere for the launch of an exhibition' name is intertwined with Pemberton's cultural history. In creating their unique responses to their environment, artistic and life partners Guy and Helen Grey-Smith made their modernist mark in the art world. Also featuring in this exhibition are photographs by the renowned John Austin and drawings and paintings by Pemberton artist Tony Windberg.

Pemberley hosted a Xmas Sundowner for the committee and volunteers. It was a great opportunity for the new Chair to put faces to names and meet those that help our art community to grow. We will be introducing these people to you throughout the coming months, along with our artists ,so watch this space

Garden Gods, Goddesses and Gurus: Update. The sculptures have been fired and are now ready for the next stage. Once they are finished, we will show them off!!

Workshops: If you are interested in clay work, paint pouring art, printmaking, painting, weaving with nature, 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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WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

Returning to Work – Getting Ourselves Back on Track

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
February 2025

After we have returned to work, the kids have headed back to school and the holiday season is well and truly behind us, it's healthy to ask ourselves the question, how am I feeling? Am I happy to be back, energised and ready to tackle another year or am I feeling a little out of sorts?

Often referred to as the back to work blues or beating the holiday hangover, returning to work can be an overwhelming and challenging time for us. Whether we are back in the office, on the farm, in the truck, back on site or responsible for the never-ending household chores and important caring duties of children, elderly parents or family. The circumstances are different for all of us, however an important part of self-care is checking in on how we are travelling and being aware of how we are feeling.



What is our state of mind after returning to work? Feelings one could expect to experience may be:

- *Regret* – I should have taken more time off.
- *Overwhelmed* – Where do I start? There is so much to do!
- *Worry/anxious* – What will this season/year bring?
- *Jealous/resentment* – I'm back at work, the other party (wife/husband/colleague) is still on holidays.

- *Lack of motivation* – After being off work for so long I forgot what it is that I pretend to do around here (ha-ha).

Some useful tips that may help to beat the back to work blues are:

- *Be realistic:* Don't put too much pressure on yourself. Don't expect everything to be done in the first week. Set achievable goals. Give yourself some space to ease back into the swing of things.
- *Prioritise:* Looking at everything that needs to be done can cause us to become overwhelmed. Make a list, break things down into manageable tasks. Recognise your achievements.
- *Don't feel guilty:* If you overindulged, enjoyed a bit too much Christmas cheer, or just did nothing. Accept the break for what it was, it's been and gone. It's time to look forward.
- *Get back into routine:* One reason we may be feeling worse for wear, is because we have been out of our regular routine. Try to start working on this as soon as possible. Three important areas: Diet, sleep and exercise. It's amazing how much better we can feel if we get some balance back in these areas.
- *Communicate how you feel:* Talk to your kids, partner, wife and/or work colleagues. Everyone is probably feeling a bit hungover. Don't feel isolated and alone.
- *Normalise your reaction:* Remember feeling a little flat can be a normal reaction after holidays.

Holidays are an important part of managing our wellbeing, now it's time to get back on track and get energised for another big year.

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EMERGENCY WA- THE NEW APP

Emergency WA is a website and app which provides emergency information to the public in the form of alerts and warnings. This information comes from a range of government entities and is the first and official source when it comes to bushfires, storms, cyclones, heatwaves, floods, earthquakes, hazardous materials, marine hazards, smoke haze and health emergencies. Emergency WA also publishes Total Fire Ban (TFB) declarations and Fire Danger Ratings (FDR) to help communities prepare based on their level of risk.

Now this information is easier to access than ever before with the launch of the official Emergency WA app, available for download from the App Store or Google Play.

App users can set custom watch zones for their home and locations important to them and opt in to receive push notifications relevant to them. This is extremely helpful for the community and visitors to Western Australia to receive the information directly to their device and stay in the know about hazards near them. Get notified about alerts and warnings near your home, your children’s school or family members’ locations.

Helpful resources:

- User guide: How to use the Emergency WA app
- Video: Introduction to Emergency WA
- Video: Creating a Watch Zone
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) located in the app, under 'More information'

Please see attached for some additional communication templates and resources to share through your communication channels, including:

1. Newsletter article template for you to adapt and use in any internal or external communications you may distribute
2. Social media tiles that can be posted on their own or as a carousel
3. Poster

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WA APP

The Emergency WA app is now available for download from the App Store and Google Play.

The app is a powerful tool that offers the fastest, most reliable access to alerts and warnings for hazards across Western Australia. Users can set custom watch zones, tailor notifications, upload critical documents and listen to emergency broadcasts – empowering communities to stay informed and safe.

Don’t forget, emergencies can happen suddenly and cause disruptions to power, internet and telecommunications systems. It’s important you know how to access a range of official information sources.

Get information by:

- Visiting Emergency WA, downloading the app and setting up your watch zones
- Calling 13 DFES (13 3337)
- Listening to ABC local radio and tuning into 6PR in the metropolitan area
- Following DFES on Facebook
- Staying in touch with neighbours, family and friends
- Being alert and aware of your surroundings

For more information about the Emergency WA app, visit the Department of Fire and Emergency Services website.

The Emergency WA platform and app will continue to be improved through community feedback and research. Suggestions are welcomed to emergencywa@dfes.wa.gov.au



GLOUCESTER TREE

ARTICLE BY AJ QUINTON
Photo by Andrew Owens

Pemberton, once a thriving timber town, is now renowned for its towering trees, lush natural surroundings, breathtaking waterfalls, and fresh local produce. At the heart of this scenic area lies the Gloucester Tree, a must-visit attraction for nature enthusiasts and adventure seekers alike.

Standing proudly at around 60 meters tall, the Gloucester Tree is an iconic part of the landscape. It offers visitors the chance to ascend its iron pegs, which total 151, and take in panoramic views of Pemberton and the surrounding valleys. The tree also features three lookout platforms, providing stunning vistas from the base to the summit.

The Gloucester Tree was originally used as a fire lookout from 1937 to 1953, along with 18 other trees across the southwest, including the Bicentennial Tree near Manjimup. Forestry staff would climb the tree daily to monitor for signs of smoke and potential fires. However, in 2023, it was discovered that the structure of the tree, including its platform, had deteriorated, leading to the temporary closure of the climbing experience.

While the Gloucester Tree remains closed for climbing due to ongoing safety and structural concerns, a new attraction called Ariel Adventures has been introduced nearby. This thrilling experience allows visitors to safely enjoy the views of the majestic tree and its surroundings while harnessed in, offering a fresh way to appreciate the natural beauty of Pemberton.



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Despite its closure, the Gloucester Tree remains a symbol of the region's heritage, offering a glimpse into Pemberton's rich history and the awe-inspiring beauty of the towering Karri forests.

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.



MOVIE REVIEW

CHOCOLAT (2000)
Rated PG-13, 2hrs 1min

Going with the "Chocolate" theme from the cover, I decided to re-watch one of my favourite movies to see if it still held the same delight for me as it once did.

I was not disappointed.

Considered a drama or potentially a romantic comedy, Chocolat is about a Mother and daughter who arrive to a small, conservative, rural French town and open a chocolate shop, just in time for lent!

The story centres around Vianne Rocher (Juliette Binoche), a single mother with a perceptive flair for providing peoples needs in the form of chocolate as well as having herself, a most interesting and somewhat mythological back story.

It is a fantastic tale with an even more impressive cast and memorable performances by Alfred Molina as the staunch Comte de Reynard, Judi Dench as the defiant Amande Voizin, Peter Stormare as the unfortunate Serge Muscat and Johnny Depp as the wandering Roux.

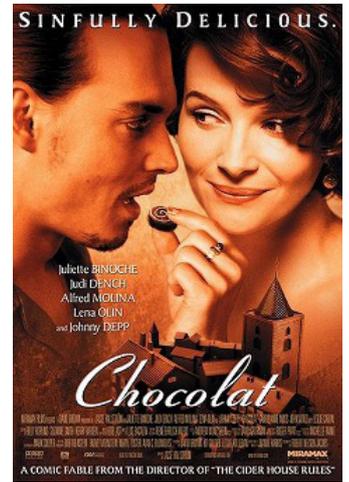
Although there is somewhat of a moral argument around religion in this film, I believe it was handled quite well without too much disrespect for wether view.

In a clever way, the film managed to highlight the challenges of both conformity and rebellion in good proportion.

Although I thought this a charming and light-hearted film, it may not be everyone's cup of tea attested by the following review from critic Stanley Kauffmann from the new republic. "Chocolat is like being force-fed chocolate for two hours".

All I can say to that, is some people would just LOVE that. I am obviously one of those people!

I highly recommend this movie as a very light hearted view of some of the things in life that can be take very seriously.





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Produce in focus: Garlic

By Genuinely Southern Forests

Garlic is a versatile and flavourful staple in kitchens worldwide, prized not only for its robust taste but also for its numerous health benefits. At the heart of garlic's appeal is its nutritional value, offering a rich source of vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants. Garlic contains compounds like allicin, known for its potential to support heart health, improve immune function, and provide anti-inflammatory benefits. The Italian Purple variety is a popular choice for its excellent flavour, long shelf life, and ease of growing. This garlic is hand-planted and carefully harvested to ensure top-quality bulbs. After harvesting, the garlic is hung to dry on wire racks, allowing it to cure naturally. This drying process ensures that the garlic retains its full flavour and potency. Once dried, the garlic is processed using modern equipment, making it ready for sale in its raw form or as seed garlic for home growers. When it comes to preparing and using garlic, the options are endless. Fresh garlic can be minced or crushed and added to a wide range of dishes, from pasta and sauces to roasted vegetables and meats. Garlic is also commonly used to infuse oil, create black garlic, or preserve it in honey, offering a delicious way to enjoy its rich flavour year-round. For those looking to grow their own, garlic bulbs can be planted in the garden for a homegrown supply. In addition to its culinary uses, garlic can be a valuable part of a

healthy diet. Whether eaten raw, cooked, or preserved, it provides a flavourful and nutrient-rich addition to any meal, all while contributing to overall wellness.

Recipe: Cauliflower wings with Garlic buffalo sauce



INGREDIENTS

Cauliflower Wings

- 2L vegetable or peanut oil
- 1/2 cup cornstarch
- 1/2 plain flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- Sea salt
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1/2 cup vodka
- 1 head cauliflower, cut into small 2cm florets
- 1/3 cup your favourite hot sauce
- 1 garlic clove, grated fine

Garlicy Ranch Sauce

- 1 1/2 cup vegan mayo
- 1/4 cup non-dairy milk, unsweetened
- 2 tsp apple cider vinegar
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed fine
- 1 tbsp flat leaf parsley, minced
- 1 tbsp fresh dill, minced
- 1 tbsp shallot, minced
- 2 tbsp fresh chive, minced
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp paprika

- 1/4 tsp fresh cracked pepper

METHOD

1. Combine vegan ranch dressing ingredients in a bowl, season to taste and set aside.
2. Preheat oil to 175C in a large wok, pot or deep fryer.
3. Combine cornstarch, flour, baking powder, and 2tsp sea salt in a large bowl and whisk until well combined. Add water and vodka and whisk until a smooth batter is formed, adding up to 2 tbsp additional water if batter is too thick.
4. Add cauliflower to batter. Working one at a time, lift one piece and allow excess batter to drip off. Carefully lower into hot oil. Repeat with remaining cauliflower until wok or fryer is full. Do not crowd pan. Stir the cauliflower around and cook until evenly golden brown and crisp all over, about 6 minutes. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate and season immediately with salt. Keep warm while you fry the remaining cauliflower.
5. Combine hot sauce, garlic, and 1 tablespoon oil from fryer in a large bowl and whisk to combine. Toss fried cauliflower with sauce and serve alongside the ranch dressing.





Department of
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Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

February 2025

European wasp surveillance in full swing



European wasps feed on grapes and other fruit, human and pet food, insects and dead animals like rats, kangaroos and bandicoots.

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

Guard your BBQs, monitor your pet's food and check the insects you scoop from the pool! European wasps, we are looking for you!

The European wasp is a declared pest and must be reported. It has threatened to establish in WA since six nests were found and destroyed near Fremantle in 1977. Thanks to ongoing collaborative surveillance between the Department, community, local governments and businesses, WA has prevented the permanent establishment and spread of this species, to date. This is globally unique, and an extraordinary achievement.

European wasps are widely established across most of southern Australia and Tasmania which aren't subject to such a coordinated program. Consequently, new queens hitchhike their way into WA each year, and this is our 48th year spent competing in a sophisticated game of 'hide and seek' against this highly adaptable and destructive pest.

These wasps have the proven potential to establish nests from Kalbarri to Eucla, with outbreaks historically

in Kalgoorlie, Kalbarri, Geraldton and regional towns across the south-west. Most detections are made in the Perth Metro, but current regional detections include the Bunbury, Geraldton and Albany regions. These are huge areas to monitor, so please keep your eyes peeled.

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 (carrion).
- **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).

Learn more or report

For more information about the eradication program and how to identify wasps see [European wasp: declared pest | Agriculture and Food](#) 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 and photos where you can.



Report your observations

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SOUTH WEST RESTORATION STRATEGY NEEDED

ARTICLE BY JULIAN SHARP

Greetings friends and neighbours, welcome to 2025.

2024 was the hottest year in recorded history, courtesy of the escalating global climate crisis.

We have had decades of warnings that the Earth is heading for serious trouble, yet we have collectively chosen to ignore or downplay the reality, and we have had virtually no effective response from any governments in that time and certainly none now. We have governments, whether Labor or Liberal-National, continually approving fossil fuel mining and burning, leading to further global warming, biodiversity collapse, economic and social upheaval, cultural devastation and a growing sense of despair and hopelessness.

It is a fact that the south-west region of WA will be one of the most impacted places on Earth from climate disruption, causing biodiversity and habitat loss, compromised agricultural production and long-term food security, greatly diminished water resources for a healthy environment and food production, and negative impacts on economic, social and cultural resilience and sustainability.

The good news is that there are plans being developed to protect remnant vegetation across the south-west and great southern regions, and to revegetate large areas of marginal and degraded agricultural land for timber production and beneficial landcare objectives and outcomes. It is imperative that substantial support is provided over the long-term by governments, communities, philanthropists and the business community so that we can protect, restore and rehabilitate our regional landscapes in order to mitigate the worsening impacts of climate disruption.

A 'South West Restoration Strategy' will be a key plan to restore environmental health and resilience, provide long-term sustainability and economic viability for rural and regional communities and protect and enhance cultural and social heritage across the landscape. After decades of scientific and cultural warnings and concerns about ecological

collapse in these regions it seems that the current state government is beginning to realise we have a major problem. The WA Labor government has just announced that they will spend significant amounts of money to restore tree cover across the Perth urban region, for shade, habitat, biodiversity and community amenity, this initiative is to be applauded. Now we need to see the same government committing to funding landscape scale revegetation across the vast areas of degraded agricultural land of southern WA, for all the reasons mentioned above and not least of all for the restoration of reliable rainfall, which as we all know has been severely compromised by extensive and virtually uncontrolled vegetation clearing over many years. We have the very late, but none the less very important opportunity right now to begin the long, urgent and arduous journey of environmental and ecological restoration that is required at the landscape scale to secure our economic, social, environmental and cultural future.

With a state election on the horizon, we now have the chance to ask every candidate on their position regarding the need for urgent restoration and protection of our increasingly fragile and compromised environment, and to secure their commitment to work for resilient and sustainable regions and communities.

Candidates for Warren-Blackwood in the 2025 state election and their contact details:

Jane Kelsbie. Australian Labor Party. 98483171. 0428245303. Jane.kelsbie@mp.wa.gov.au

Wade De Campo. Liberal Party. 0427094081. wade@decampo.com

Bevan Eatts. Nationals WA. 0456948510. bevan.eatts@nationalswa.org.au

Julie Marsh. Greens WA. 63652131. campaigns@wa.greens.org.au

Aaron Peet. Legalise Cannabis. contact@lcwaparty.org.au

MILL HALL UPDATE

ARTICLE BY DEANNE VENTRIS

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE PEMBERTON COMMUNITY!

We look forward to another year ahead in utilizing the Mill Hall.

There has been no change to the Executive Board Members for 2025:-

- President Deanne Ventris
- Vice-President Warren South
- Secretary Joy Head
- Treasurer Anna Starkie

Many thanks to our hard working and dedicated Committee and Members who fundraise for and support the beautiful Mill Hall. 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 EVERY THURSDAY 5.00PM
- OLD TIME DANCE SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2025.

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.



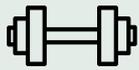
Pemberton Community Sports Club

NEWSLETTER - February 2025



WEEKLY SPORTS SCHEDULE

Monday - Chico's Fitness Class 6.00am



Tuesday - Playgroup 9.00am

- Yoga 5.30pm

- Mixed Summer Darts 7.45pm

Wednesday - Chico's Fitness Class 6.00am

Snooker 6.30pm

- 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

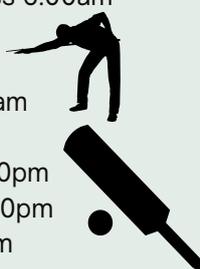


Friday - Chase The Ace (Members only)



Saturday - Chico's Fitness Class 6.00am

Sunday - Social Bowls 1.00pm



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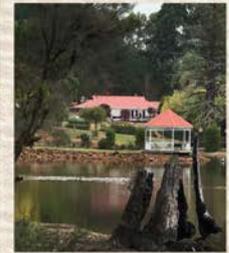
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Manjimup Shire Bulletin

February 2025



SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How is it already February?

Kids are back at school and a degree of sanity has returned to grateful parents.

With the State election looming, we are engaging with all parties to achieve the best outcomes for our region. We have been advocating for our major developments like the Rea Park and Collier Street Redevelopment while also shining a light on the difficulties our Shire faces, including telecommunications issues, housing and childcare shortages, and the constraints posed by aging State infrastructure, particularly in water, power, and sewerage systems. I encourage you to engage with all Warren Blackwood candidates. Your views and support will strengthen our advocacy efforts and reinforce the urgency of these issues.

Communication is key to the effective and timely responses to issues. Please continue to reach out to your Councillors and report any issues via the Antenna app or directly to the Shire office.

In keeping with a communication theme – my town visits continue this year. Keep an eye on my socials, local publications and posters around towns for dates and times. Our CEO, Mr Rose, has committed to attending periodically. Your views are important to us, and we want to be available to you.

Did you know Council meetings are live streamed and open to the public? Do you have a question you would like to raise? At the beginning of each Council Meeting anyone can ask questions of Council.

Have you ever thought of running for Council? October sees six positions vacant – four Rural and two Urban. Council is a rewarding way to give back to our communities whilst being informed of Shire strategic plans.

A huge congratulations to the Citizen of The Year nominees. 23 nominations were received recognising extraordinary people and groups throughout our entire Shire. I hope you had a chance to pop into the Painted Tree Gallery in Northcliffe to check out the fantastic exhibition

celebrating these community champions. Although each category has a 'winner', you are all incredible and I thank you for your contributions in making our Shire wonderful.

Stay safe, chat soon.

Donelle

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Annual Report 2024

Council adopted the 2024 Annual Report and Annual Financial Report in December. These reports are available for viewing by the public on the Shire website, at the Administration Office and at all Shire Libraries.

SHIRE NOTICES

Regulated Burn Times

We are currently in the PROHIBITED burning period across all zones of the Shire.

Shire Calendar

Pick up your free calendar from the Shire Administration Office. The calendar includes important dates such as burning periods, recycling schedules and Council meetings, as well as key Shire contacts.

SHIRE NEWS

2025 Citizen of the Year Awards

The Community Champions Exhibition, celebrating the 2025 nominees of the Shire's Citizen of the Year Awards, was held at the Painted Tree Gallery in Northcliffe from 24 - 30 January.

Congratulations to the following nominees and winners:

- Luke Carr (Winner: Community Citizen of the Year)
- Jenny MacDonald (Winner: Senior Community Citizen of the Year)
- Nicholas Vince (Winner: Young Community Citizen of the Year)
- Northcliffe 100th Anniversary Celebration (Winner: Active Citizenship)
- Roxy Adamson
- Pamela Bodsworth
- Davina Eden-Austin
- William Green
- Malama Hatzissavas

- Louise Ipsen
- Shaun Isaacs
- Leslie Jones
- Lionel Lee
- Trudi Miles
- Adam Purdy
- Joan Radomiljac
- Rae Starr
- Michael Vince
- Cameron Whelan
- Northcliffe Family and Community Centre: Staying in Place
- Quinninup Community Association
- RSM Southern Forests & Valleys Wine Show
- Yes Cadets

Annual Electors Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Electors was held on 21 January. Thank you to the members of the community who attended.

Field Lighting Set to Shine

The power upgrade and field lighting project at the Rea Park and Collier Street Reserve is now complete and will officially open in February. This marks the first stage of the Manjimup Rea Park & Collier Street Redevelopment Project, aimed at establishing the reserve as a premier venue for sports and community events while providing much-needed infrastructure upgrades for local clubs.

Commencing in June 2023, the project was made possible through funding from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Cricket Australia, and the Shire of Manjimup.

Community Grants Open Now

The Shire's Community Grant program is now open for applications. Each year, Council sets aside funds to support local groups, events, and projects that make our Shire a better place to live, work, and play. Whether your organisation is kickstarting a project, hosting an event, supporting our youth, or facing financial challenges, there's a grant category for you. More information is available on the Shire website.

Shire President

Donelle Buegge: 0409 114 681

Rural Ward Councillors

Cr Wendy Eiby: 0434 811 474

Cr Murray Ventris: 0428 471 197

Cr Jennifer Willcox: 0400 504 095

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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 25 February in the Council Chambers, Brockman Street, Manjimup.

AquaCentre

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

MHCC Activities

Boronia Club :10 am to 2 pm Monday and Thursday

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

Tai Chi: 10.30 am to 11.30 am Wednesday

Bingo: 1 pm to 3pm Thursday



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