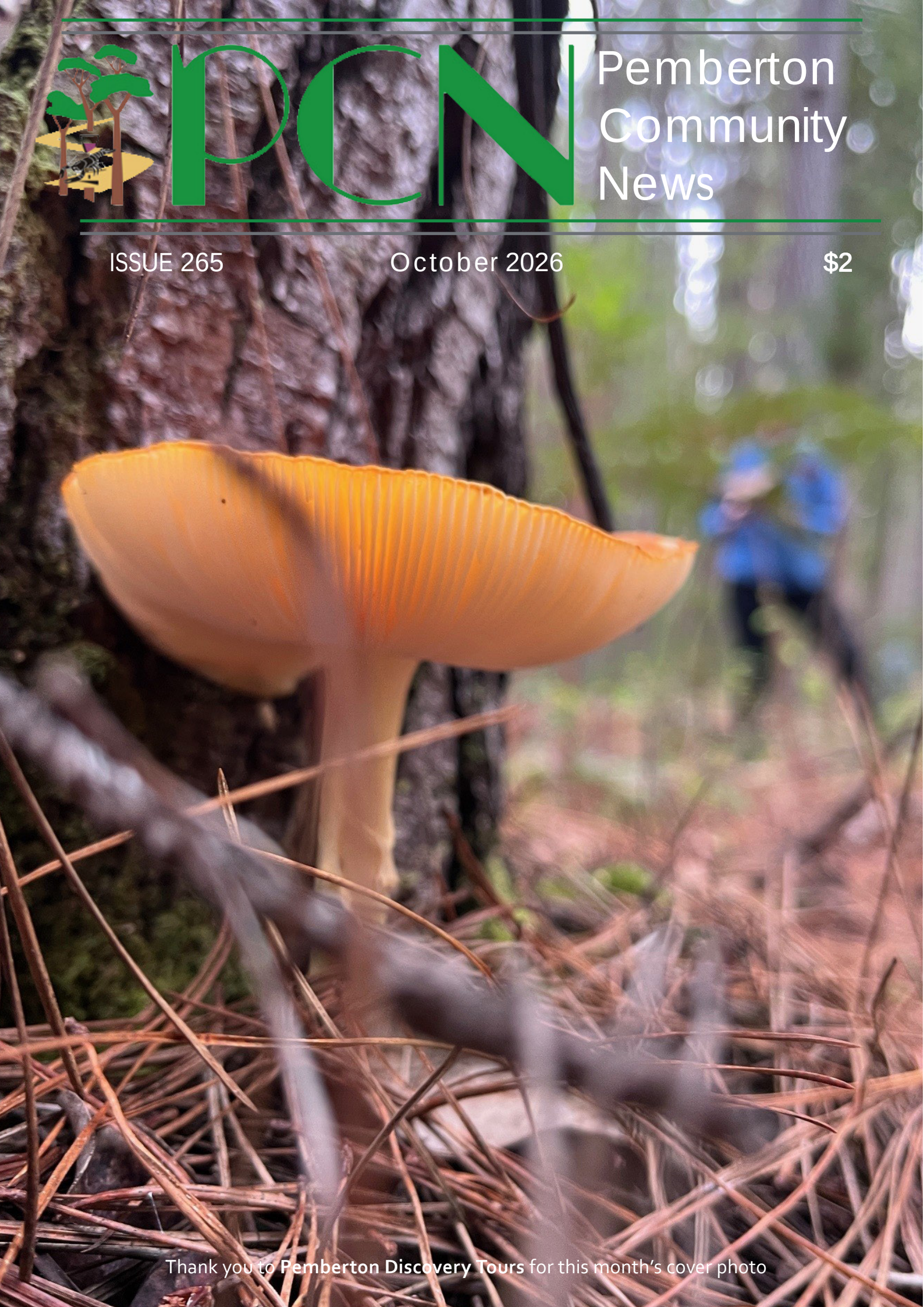


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Editorial

Ah yes, it's that time of year again for AGMs, Annual Reports and Audits, when the past financial year and the future stability of any not-for-profit organisation are put under the microscope.

Rather than my usual upbeat editorial about stopping to smell the roses, I thought a little "reality bites" might be more fitting this month.

So, I'm sharing with you the Manager's reflection on the past financial year and some of the challenges facing the Pemberton Community Resource Centre as we look ahead.

Manager's Report

The 2025–26 financial year has been a challenging one for the Pemberton Community Resource Centre, requiring careful review and some difficult decisions to support the Centre's long-term sustainability.

The move to the Community Hub has brought changes to how we operate, including reduced space and fewer opportunities to generate income through room hire and other fee-for-service activities. At the same time, operating costs continue to rise.

With support from Linkwest, the CRC reviewed staffing, service delivery, opening hours and financial sustainability. As a result, the difficult decision was made to close on Mondays and restructure staffing arrangements.

One of our ongoing challenges is the perception that the CRC is a free government service. While we do receive government funding for specific service outcomes, this does not cover the full cost of wages, insurance, administration, utilities and the wide range of assistance provided to the community.

Reduced grant funding will also have a significant impact in the coming year. Activities and programs that do not generate sufficient income to cover their costs will need to be reduced, reviewed or discontinued as the CRC focuses its limited resources on services that are financially sustainable.

The year also saw the conclusion of our management of the Pemberton Youth Zone and further changes to our role with the Pemberton Community Sports Club. These changes have reduced revenue and reinforced the need to focus our limited resources where they can provide the greatest benefit.

A significant achievement was the adoption of our updated Constitution in November 2025, providing a clearer framework for the CRC's future direction.

Looking ahead, sustainability cannot rely on cost-cutting alone. We must continue to explore fee-for-service activities, partnerships and funding opportunities, while recognising the true cost of delivering professional community services.

Thank you to our Management Committee, staff, trainees, volunteers, members and community partners for your continued support throughout a demanding year.

And perhaps this is where the old saying "use it or lose it" really does apply. Community services can only continue when they are valued, supported and used. Every membership, booking, service, workshop, printing job, room hire and visit helps contribute to keeping the CRC here for Pemberton.

If we want local services to remain local, we all have a part to play in supporting them.

Gaye

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- Tram tours – 10:00am, 1:00pm & 3:00pm
- Celebration cake & complimentary drink
- Live music – *Amelie Windberg, Lucy Tartaglia, Montanah Mayor & Olive May*
- Railway displays & historic equipment
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Hooded Plover Conservation Workshop



Friday 30th October 2026
Northcliffe

Image: Teresa Madgwick

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Hooded Plovers lay their eggs and raise chicks on the beach, and you can get involved in protecting them!





Join BirdLife Australia and the Shire of Manjimup for a free workshop to learn more about how Hooded Plovers raise their chicks, the threats they face, and how you can get involved in protecting them. All are welcome!

Date: Friday 30th of October
Time: 11.00am - 2.00pm
Location: Northcliffe CRC meeting room LOT 178 Muirillup Rd

Registrations essential. RSVP to:
Ann.Bentley@manjimup.wa.gov.au
or call 97717777

Refreshments provided

Did you know: without our help, there's only a 2.5% chance an egg will survive to adulthood?

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This event is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program.

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"We were looking through a window at a bygone era...a living history right in front of us"

"[Piyalbajarri] was gold! I came away with an emotional life experience"

Manjimup
Saturday 17 October

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Spelling Bee Sensation!

Article by Anne & Anna
Photots from Facebook

Being somewhat of a traditionalist when it comes to stage musicals, I went to the Manjimup Repertory Club's recent production of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee with some trepidation. What sort of name is that?

As it turned out, it was the perfect name for a thoroughly awesome show.

The Club must be congratulated on its foresight in choosing such a challenging, exuberant and thoroughly delightful production, and then matching it with such a talented cast.

The stagecraft was flawless, with characters coming and going, dancing and singing, and even making their exits effortlessly. The production team and director moved the cast through intricate routines with confidence and precision.

And the characters? Fabulous.

We met each young speller and were given glimpses into their backgrounds through song, dance and wonderfully individual performances. The strong voices and music were polished and professional throughout.

The two "senior members" of the cast, along with audience members making guest appearances, only added to the fun and demonstrated the versatility and talent of everyone involved. The young gentleman with the unfortunate affliction even went on in life to deal with his problem, hilariously!

As the show progressed, we began to see the growth and understanding of each individual character. They charmed the audience, learned about themselves and each other, and left both themselves and us full of adrenaline, smiles, the odd tear and, it would be fair to say, completely gobsmacked.

And finally, the talent!

Without mentioning every name, Pemberton did very nicely, thank you. From Tyler Della Franca as Olive Ostrovsky and Kaas Van Hazendonk as William Barfée, with his unforgettable magic foot-spelling technique, to Paul and Sonia making guest appearances, the performances were polished all round, It certainly



proves that Pemberton has talent.

Even Jesus made a guest appearance and, naturally, He was perfect.

Congratulations to everyone involved, including Front of House, lighting and sound, bookings, the production team, the clever costuming by the cast and, of course, the enthusiastic and appreciative audiences whose participation helped make the production such a spectacular success.

Anyone who attended the final matinee performance at the Manjimup Repertory Theatre last Sunday was treated to a stunning, uplifting and entertaining experience. The audience was wowed by the individual performances, the pace of the action, the harmonious singing, and the finesse and professionalism evident in every aspect of the show.

The actors truly owned the stage and remained completely in character throughout.

Kudos to everyone involved for creating a show that left the audience energised and smiling long after the final bows.

That's entertainment!

So impressed was I that I went twice, and I am still waxing lyrical.

P.S. The final word that won the cup was weltanschauung. Try that one for size!



Colts Claim another Flag

Photos from Facebook

Congratulations to the Southerners Colts on winning their second consecutive premiership in their division.

It was a thoroughly entertaining game for spectators and a fantastic achievement for the team.

Well done to all involved!

Two for one at Yeagarup — clean-up day meets wildflower season

Article by Toni Dearle
Photots from Pemberton Discovery Tours



This year's Yeagarup Clean-up comes with a bit of a bonus.

We're heading out on Sunday 18 October, right in the middle of Pemberton's peak wildflower season — so as well as helping us clean up one of our favourite places, volunteers should get a pretty good look at what is flowering along the way A clean-up and a wildflower outing in the same day? We'll take that.

Pemberton Discovery Tours will again be heading into the Yeagarup area with Tangaroa Blue, Friends of Yeagarup, Keep Australia Beautiful Council and DBCA, and we would love some more locals to come along with us.

Yeagarup is one of those places we all know is special. It can look completely untouched, but rubbish still turns up in the dunes, bush and along the coast — sometimes in places where you would never expect to find it. That is why these clean-up days matter.

They are also genuinely good days out. There is plenty of time spent looking for rubbish, but there is also the drive through the forest and coastal country, lunch together, a bit of exploring and, this year, hopefully plenty of wildflowers to stop and admire along the way.

For locals who have thought about doing one of our trips but never quite got around to it, this is also a rather good opportunity to see some of the country we travel through — while doing something useful at the same time.

We will meet at Crossings Bakery at 9.00 am and head out together from there.

The day is free, with transport, lunch, rubbish bags and gloves provided. You just need to bring water, a hat and suitable shoes.

We can carry up to 24 people in our vehicles, and those with suitable 4WDs are also welcome to join us as tag-alongs. Families are welcome too, provided everyone is comfortable with a day outdoors and some walking through sand and vegetation.

If you have never been out to Yeagarup, this is a lovely excuse. If you know it well, it is a chance to give a little back to a place many of us are very fond of.

And if the wildflowers are doing what we expect them to be doing in October, we may just end up with a two-for-one Pemberton adventure — clean-up day and wildflower tour rolled into one.

Yeagarup Clean-up 2026
Sunday 18 October
Meet at Crossings Bakery, Pemberton at 9.00 am
Free event — bookings and registration essential
Transport, lunch, rubbish bags and gloves provided
4WD tag-alongs welcome

Bookings: *www.PembertonDiscoveryTours.com.au*

CWA News

Article by Kate Shaw
Images provided by Kate Shaw

September has been a busy month for CWA. Two young doctors came on the evening of the 17th to talk to us about their experience as medical students. It was very interesting.

We have Noel's Della Franca giving a talk on the 30th, I hope we get a good few people because I know she is putting a lot into it.

Our market day on the last Saturday of each month continues to prosper.

We will miss "Miss Baz Cakes " for sure but we wish her well in her new home.

We will have Cakes being made by Tracy Leigh . Some will be gluten free.

All the South West Branches were asked to make 100 Anzac biscuits for sale at the Royal Show. One of the staff at head office drove down to each branch to collect them.

How amazing is that for organisation.

All clothing is half price in the opshop at the moment, which means most items are only $2. All paperbacks are $1 and hard covers $2. Most of what is in the shop is very reasonably priced.

If you have any enquiries please ring me on 0437167198.

Come along to a meeting. Always at 10.30am on the first Tuesday of every month.

In CWA friendship Kate

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Regional Column

What year is your car really?

When you're buying a vehicle, you might see several different dates on forms or in advertising. But did you know the build date, compliance date and model year can all be different?

The build date is when the vehicle was manufactured and is generally considered the true indicator of its age. The compliance date is when the vehicle was approved for sale in Australia, while the model year is a marketing term used to distinguish different editions or specification updates.

These dates can differ by several months and, in some cases, can even cross calendar years.

For example, a car advertised as a 2023 model may have been manufactured in 2022. While there may be nothing wrong with the vehicle itself, the difference can be important because it could affect how much you are prepared to pay for it and how much it is worth when you come to sell it.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) says many consumers do not understand the difference between these dates, which can lead to confusion about the true age of a vehicle.

In Western Australia, motor vehicle dealers are required to record the compliance date on the form you see in the windscreen, but they can use the build date, compliance date or model year when advertising a vehicle for sale.

So, before you buy, ask the dealer for the vehicle's build date and make sure you understand which date is being used to describe the car.

Getting the facts about a vehicle's age before you buy could help you avoid an unwelcome surprise when you eventually sell it.

If you're buying a secondhand car, it's always a good idea to complete $2 search of the Personal Properties Securities Register (PPSR.gov.au). This will reveal if a vehicle under 15 years old is a repairable write-off, has been stolen and is free of outstanding debts. It may also tell you the year of manufacture and compliance date.

If you're looking to buy a new or used car, Consumer Protection has plenty of fact sheets and checklists to help you on its website - https://www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au/buying-car

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).

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Pemberton Visitor Centre AGM Recap

by Arthur Wilson - PVC Committee Member
Images by PVC Commitee & Volunteers

The Pemberton Visitor Centre Inc. held its AGM on 25 August, with a strong turnout of around 30 members and guests.

President Graeme Dearle's annual report highlighted a busy year across the Centre's three pillars — the Visitor Centre, the Caravan Park, and the Forest Park.

The standout addition was the new floating sauna at Pemberton Pool. Proponent Nigel Reeves reported strong visitor numbers and marketing reach well beyond expectations, rounding out a trio of new drawcards alongside the reopened Gloucester Tree and the new Karri Trails Arboretum.

> *"We have a number of initiatives we aim to progress this year and the support at the AGM was heart warming and a reflection of the hard work of many in the Pemberton community. On behalf of the PVC, I thank the Board, volunteers and members for their support."*

— Graeme Dearle, President, Pemberton Visitor Centre

Members also heard about the Centre's move toward a Community Investment Fund, which will formalise how Caravan Park income flows back into worthwhile local projects with a clear, transparent framework.

Board member Arthur Wilson updated members on the Strategic Plan taking shape, aimed at sharpening the Centre's priorities and keeping decisions focused on benefiting Pemberton and the wider region. Anne-Marie Piper gave a marketing update, including positive visitor feedback from the Centre's QR code campaign.

Members carried the President's Report and Annual Financial Statements, appointed Australian Audit for 2025/26, and welcomed Chris Knight to the Board.

With the sauna, trails and Gloucester Tree now open and the Strategic Plan and Investment Fund progressing, the Board says there's plenty still ahead — and a strong AGM turnout shows the community is right there with them.



Produce in Season

Article by Genuinley Southern Forests
Images from Genuinely Southern Forests

Blood oranges are bringing distinctive colour and vibrant flavour to the diverse range of produce grown in the Southern Forests.

And there's something about the region's growing conditions that suits them particularly well. Blood oranges contain naturally occurring pigments called anthocyanins, the same family of pigments responsible for the reds, purples and blues in many fruits and vegetables. Cooler conditions help encourage these pigments to develop, meaning the Southern Forests' cool nights can play a part in bringing out that striking red colour inside the fruit.

Citrus is adding yet another dimension to the region's already diverse horticultural landscape, as local growers explore crops and varieties that can make the most of our distinctive climate and growing conditions. Blood oranges are a colourful example of what's possible, and another reason to keep an eye on what's being grown across the Southern Forests.

With a flavour that combines familiar orange sweetness with a distinctive tang, they're well worth making the most of while they're in season. Enjoy them fresh, squeeze them for their brilliantly coloured juice, or use them to bring a vibrant citrus hit to salads, desserts and seasonal dishes.

Meet the growers



Right Jason & Jodie Omodei from Jase Farms

For Jason and Jodie Omodei, farming is a family connection that stretches back generations. Today, they are building their own chapter at Jase Farms near Pemberton, developing a citrus orchard alongside the other commitments that come with running a working farm.

Five years into the journey, the orchard is growing into its own, with lemons, grapefruit and blood oranges among the crops taking shape on the property.

Their journey has been one of learning, adapting and drawing on the experience of those around them, while developing their own approach to growing.

For Jason and Jodie, being part of the Southern Forests is about more than the land itself. It is the people, knowledge and connections that help shape the way they farm and the future they are building.

Read the full story and meet Jason and Jodie in our latest Genuinely Southern Forests grower profile.

Seasonal Recipe - Blood Orange & Almond Cake

Blood oranges bring colour, fragrance and a beautiful balance of sweetness and fresh citrus flavour to this simple almond cake. Thin slices of blood orange are baked directly on top, where they soften and caramelise as the cake cooks, creating a vibrant finish and letting the fruit take centre stage.

A moist, flavourful cake that is just as good served with a cup of coffee as it is for dessert with a spoonful of natural yoghurt or cream.

For an extra hit of citrus, finish with a drizzle of homemade blood orange syrup.

Serves 10

Indgredients

- 180 g almond meal
- 120 g plain flour
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- 180 g unsalted butter, softened
- 160 g caster sugar
- Finely grated zest of 2 blood oranges
- 3 eggs
- 100 g natural yoghurt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed blood orange juice
- 2 blood oranges, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons caster sugar, extra

Blood Orange Syrup

- 100 ml freshly squeezed blood orange juice
- 50 g caster sugar
- 1 tablespoon water

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C conventional or 160°C fan-forced. Grease and line a 22 cm round cake tin.

2. Thinly slice the blood oranges, remove any seeds and pat dry with paper towel.

3. Combine almond meal, flour and baking powder in a bowl. In a separate bowl, beat butter, sugar and blood orange zest until pale and creamy.

4. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in the vanilla and blood orange juice.

5. Gently fold the dry ingredients into the butter mixture, adding the yoghurt as you go, until just combined.

6. Spoon the batter into the prepared tin and smooth the top. Arrange the blood orange slices over the surface and sprinkle with the extra caster sugar. Bake for 45–50 minutes, or until golden and a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Cover loosely with foil if the oranges brown too quickly.

7. While the cake bakes, combine the blood orange juice, sugar and water in a small saucepan. Bring to a gentle boil, then simmer for 4–5 minutes until slightly reduced and syrupy. Set aside.

8. Cool the cake in the tin for 10 minutes, then transfer to a serving plate.

Brush or spoon over some of the syrup, if using. Cool to room temperature and serve with natural yoghurt, crème fraîche or lightly whipped cream.



Pemberton Heritage and History Group Inc

Pemberton Hydro-Energy Power Supply

With energy playing a very important part of our lives we thought it the ideal time to look back at Pemberton's electricity supply early last century, which was a leader in this field. Pemberton was most fortunate in that it had consistent power supplied by a steam boiler at the Timber Mill during summer and also a unique hydro-electric power station which operated through winter.

The hydro-electric power station, built in 1935, was run by the Pemberton Power Supply Company until purchased by the State Electricity Commission (SEC) in 1950.

The original station was a unique technical achievement constructed from Karri Timber cut to 1 foot x 6 foot lengths and held in place by steel strapping surrounding the outer side of the pipe.

The hydro-electric power scheme harnessed the water power of the Big Brook and built within a time period of ten months by Mr C. T. Davey who had erected similar plants in southern Africa. The station was set in motion by his Excellency The Lieutenant-Governor Sir James Mitchell on Monday June 17, 1935, who said the plant should provide many additional comforts which were to be derived from the use of electricity.

Aside from hydro energy stations at the Ord and Wellington Dam the Pemberton site is the only other publicly owned hydro station to have existed in WA. It is certainly the only hydro station in WA to have used a timber pipeline to transport water into its turbine.

The SEC integrated Pemberton into the South West Power Scheme rendering the hydro-electric station only necessary as a supplement to the energy provided by the SEC. In 1953 a severe storm swept through Pemberton causing several large Karri trees to fall and smash through the Hydro pipeline. As a result the station was decommissioned and Pemberton was forced to rely completely on the state power grid for its electricity.

In 2005 a venture to install a new hydro-electric plant was unfortunately disbanded due to controversy concerning the positioning of the pipeline along Lefroy Brook. This is a great pity, especially at this present time when renewables are desperately needed and the fact that Pemberton has a lot of power interruptions and has done so since the original hydro-energy was decommissioned.

Before the SEC takeover of the power supply a meeting was called to discuss the implementation of the SEC takeover. At the meeting Allan Jones (Adyar Hall - Old Picture Theatre) asked SEC management where the power was coming from. He was told that it all would come from Collie. Allan then said there's a lot of big trees between Collie and Pemberton which could cause power interruptions. He was then told there was no need for concern as the SEC had radar and they could pinpoint the problem within a very short time. It is obvious by the number of power interruptions that Pemberton experiences now and since 1953 that they have not taken into account the



time taken to repair the fault.

To Overcome this problem Pemberton needs to revert back to the original Hydro-energy concept together with Battery back-up. As the power interruptions had a very large impact on his business, Allan decided to purchase an ex-army generator which allowed film screenings to be completed on many occasions when power interruptions occurred.



Mill Hall Update

The Mill Hall is continually hired for concerts, workshops, movies etc.

There is a WOMEN OUT WEST TOUR AT THE MILL HALL SAT OCT 31ST 7PM

The Mill Hall is the most utilised hall in the Manjimup Shire and does Pemberton proud with its facilities available to the public. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- THURSDAYS 5PM BOOTSCOOTING
- OCT 10TH DANCE
- **OCT 31ST WOMEN OUT WEST CONCERT 7PM**

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

Mill Hall banking details:

WESTPAC BSB: 036126 ACC: 237796

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

Fun Facts: Monitors

By Katie Pillar
Photo by Janine Liddelow



•No, this isn't a Fun Facts article about your computer screen, it's about Goannas.

•Their name comes from their behavioural trait known as "Tripoding", where they use their tails to balance as they stand on their hind legs and raise their heads, looking like they are monitoring their surroundings. It is believed that Monitors would warn humans about dangerous animals when they stood upright, as communities understood the indication.

•Goanna is the Australian term for Monitor lizards, of which there are 27 species.

•Monitor lizards are known to use their long claws to climb trees to escape a threat, and may mistake a human for a tree in a panic. This is why it's better to be short!

•They get water from prey when seasonal rainfall is low. Some Water Monitors can absorb moisture through their skin, but Australian Monitors have very tough, impermeable skin made of chainmail-like bone structures.

•Pairs will stay together throughout breeding season but break up before the next season as they are usually solitary animals.

•Doctors orders, get bitten by a Goanna to lower your blood pressure and stop blood clots. Goannas are equipped with highly effective venom glands in their lower jaw. Being venomous with sharp claws and powerful strength and speed, Monitors are known as the deadliest lizards on the planet.

•They are opportunistic carnivores who are able to pursue large prey. Their diet mainly consists of birds, mammals, eggs, and other reptiles. A third of their diet is made up of invertebrates such as termites. As predators and scavengers, they keep ecosystems healthy by controlling populations and removing carrion, which is the decaying flesh of animals or carcasses, and roadkill.

•To hunt, they use their forked tongues to collect scent and taste particles allowing them to detect prey. They also use their incredible senses to monitor danger and spot mates with great precision.

•A female Sand Goanna will search for active termite mounds to excavate and lay eggs inside, she then lets the termites rebuild the mound around the eggs, providing a safe incubation chamber.

•The Noongar name for a Racehorse Goanna is Kaarda (car-dah). They are an important traditional food source for bush tucker. I personally know from experience that they are hunted by children with slingshots to make a great meal for skin and hair health.

•In 2026, 3 new species of rock monitor lizards were discovered in North Queensland. One is called the Rainbow Rock Monitor (Varanus Iridis) which has a yellow head with a blue/green sheen.

•Rosenberg's Monitor (Varanus Rosenbergi) also known as the Southern Heath Monitor is abundant in Southwest WA. They can reach 1.5 metres. Their dark colour allows better thermoregulation in their body as they bask in the sun throughout the day.

•The widespread Gould's Monitor (Varanus Gouldii) also known as the Racehorse Goanna or the Sand Goanna can weigh up to 6 kilos and have prominent spots and yellow patterns. They are Australia's second-largest monitor, after the Perentie (Varanus Giganteus).

•What do you call a pair of goannas? A dual monitor setup

Monthly Prayer



Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for another month of peaceful living here in our small town of Pemberton.

We come before You to ask for unmerited grace and forgiveness where we have gone wrong.

You have seen us through all the cold and stormy winter days and provided our needs as we required it. Our expectations of what we hoped for may not all have been met, whether in domestic or business life. Yet Lord, we continue to trust in You for You are our true God and Saviour and know us better than we know ourselves.

Thank you for loving us so unconditionally, for we know Your character is love.

We see evidence of Your love in this new Spring season- with some rain and warmer sunny days. An array of colourful plants and animals are a joy to see. Blooming gardens , new born animals, singing birds and new family and friends are all testimony of how much You care. For that we praise You.

Lord, we remain prayerful as we think about all those in foreign countries who have had tragic experiences , losing family friends and homes. We pray for all medical and rescue staff , for volunteers and missionaries . For those who are risking their lives for others, please give them strength and resilience.

We also pray for the suffering of all in the war zones ; for the allies as well as their enemies as difficult as it may seem. Your Word says You love them all equally and we are believers of Your Word.

We ask to be guided in thought word and deed and Your continued blessings, in Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

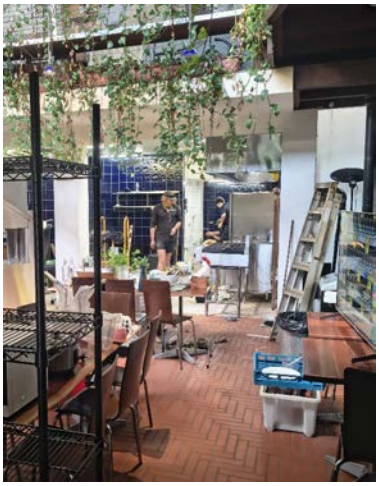
Pemberton Hotel Kitchen

The Pemberton Hotel has recently welcomed a brand-new kitchen, giving the local venue a fresh space to continue serving the community.

The upgraded kitchen will help support the Hotel's busy meal service and provide staff with a more modern and practical working environment.

For locals and visitors alike, the Pemberton Hotel remains an important meeting place in town, whether it is for a casual meal, a catch up with friends or one of the many community events held throughout the year.

It is great to see continued investment in one of Pemberton's longstanding local venues, and we look forward to seeing what comes out of the new kitchen.



Above: During Renovations





Above: After Renovations

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Southern Forests:

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Staying in Place

Article by Regine Rumpert
Photos by CRC Staff & Volunteers

As we look back on September, the Staying in Place care team has plenty to celebrate.

One of the highlights of the month was the Communi-tea lunch held in the RSL Room on 17 September. With the help of our fantastic CRC team, we served a delicious lamb roast lunch and enjoyed an afternoon filled with conversation, laughter and connection. A special Thank You goes to our Manager, Gaye, and her husband, Jeremy, who generously donated the lamb roasts and most of the accompanying sides.

Seeing so many community members come together



was a wonderful reminder of the importance of creating opportunities for people to connect, socialise and feel part of their local community.

September has also been a positive month for our Staying in Place program, with more local seniors joining and engaging with the support available. As the program continues to grow, so too does our ability to help people remain living independently and comfortably in their own homes while staying connected to the Pemberton community.

Throughout the month, our care team has continued working closely with participants and their families to coordinate support, connect people with local providers and help make everyday life a little easier. It has been especially encouraging to see the relationships developing between participants, support workers, local providers and our care team.

The growth of Staying in Place also gives us the opportunity to support the wider local community. By working with local service providers and making local purchases wherever possible, the program helps keep funding circulating within the area while providing practical support to our participants.



With adding our Seniors lunch at the local pub to our monthly activities, I am confident that October will be another month of growth, connection and community, and we are very grateful to everyone who continues to support and participate in Staying in Place.

Learn in the Garden

Article by Gaye Van Hazendonk
Photos by CRC Staff

We are incredibly grateful to the sponsors, volunteers and supporters who have helped maintain and improve the Community Garden over the years. But there does come a point where you have to ask: is all the effort worth it if the community does not use it?

The Community Garden is right in the heart of Pemberton and is now better equipped than ever, with a brand new shed, rainwater reticulation and a solar-powered system. It really does not get much better than this.

Our monthly Learn in the Garden workshops focus on sustainability, reusing materials and practical gardening topics, with a fantastic range of activities offered throughout the year. Yet, despite the time and effort that goes into organising them, participant numbers are often very low.

The days of presenters freely giving their time, skills and knowledge are largely gone, and understandably so. Presenters deserve to be paid for their expertise, which means there is a small cost for people attending workshops.

The garden itself does not generate an income, so maintaining it into the future is becoming increasingly difficult. Our volunteers are getting older, grant funding is reducing, and the costs of maintaining community facilities continue to rise.

If you would like to see the Community Garden continue to thrive, please support it by participating in workshops, attending activities, volunteering when you can, and simply making use of this wonderful community space.

It really is a case of use it or lose it.









PEMBERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Term 3 has provided Pemberton District High School students with a diverse range of opportunities to extend their learning beyond the classroom.

Primary students welcomed visiting author Steve Heron, whose energetic workshop explored how authors and illustrators use pictures, rhyme, expression and hidden details to engage readers. Steve's entertaining presentation, including the memorable launching of marshmallows across the room, certainly captured students' attention!



A team of four Year 6 students represented PDHS at the Interschool Science Competition, applying their scientific knowledge, problem-solving skills and teamwork across a range of challenges. The team performed exceptionally well, taking home the Small School Shield.

Sport took centre stage when four PDHS teams competed in the Year 3–6 Winter Carnival. Supported by Year 9/10 coaches from our Specialised Sport elective, students competed in netball, soccer and hockey. PDHS finished as Beginner Division Champions, as well as Champions and Runners-Up in the Senior Division.



The Arts were celebrated with our Year 8 Drama students named Runners-Up in the Bunbury YOHFest heats. Under the guidance of Mrs Brooks, students performed their original ensemble piece 'The Mirrors of the Mind' at the BREC, responding to this year's theme, Health is Wealth.



Finally, six Year 5/6 students represented PDHS at the VEX Robotics interschool competition at East Manjimup Primary School, placing fifth after weeks of designing, building and testing their robots.

These experiences reflect the breadth of opportunities available to PDHS students to develop their creativity, confidence, teamwork and practical skills.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Busy Term 3 for Year 1/2

The Year 1/2 students have had a fantastic Term 3, embracing new learning opportunities with enthusiasm, creativity and confidence. We were delighted to showcase our learning at Open Night, where students proudly shared their digital narrative writing projects created using Book Creator. Families also enjoyed viewing our detailed dioramas depicting natural habitats, complete with animal figurines carefully crafted from clay.

These projects linked closely to our Information Report unit, where students researched Australian animals and used their findings to create informative oral presentations. Students confidently presented facts about the animals featured in their dioramas, explaining their habitats, adaptations and behaviours. One student even captivated the audience with an engaging information report and presentation about George Washington! It has been wonderful to see students developing their research, speaking and listening skills while sharing their knowledge with others.

In Mathematics, we have been strengthening our number knowledge by practising counting patterns in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. Our Science and Design Technologies learning has seen students create a range of exciting arcade games, applying their understanding of pushes and pulls. Each game was unique, showcasing the students' creativity, problem-solving skills and growing understanding of forces.

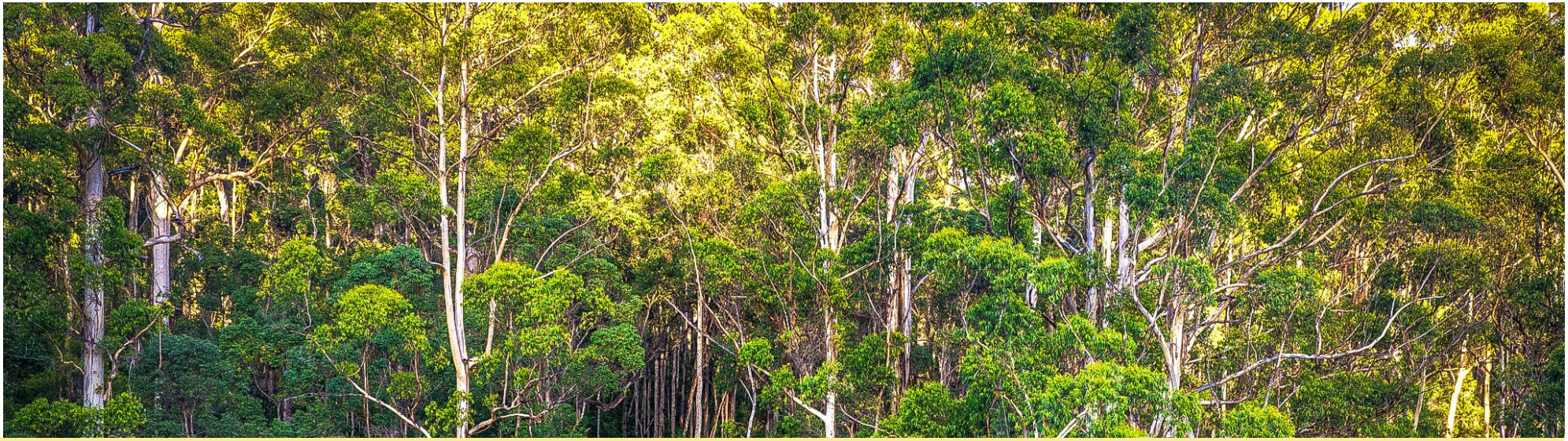
We were also excited to receive a grant from WasteSorted Schools, which has enabled us to upgrade our worm farm system and purchase resources for making paper briquettes. These valuable sustainability initiatives are helping students develop a greater understanding of waste reduction, recycling and caring for our environment. Building on this learning, we have recently embarked on an exciting inquiry unit on mealworms. So far, students have carefully observed the mealworms, recorded their observations, posed thoughtful wonder questions and, most importantly, shown great bravery by holding them! We are looking forward to investigating their life cycle and discovering more about these fascinating creatures.

We also enjoyed an amazing Book Week celebration. A highlight was our visit to Pemberton District High School, where students had the opportunity to meet renowned author Steve Heron and hear about his writing journey. It was an inspiring experience that encouraged our young learners to continue developing their love of reading, writing and storytelling.

We are incredibly proud of our students and look forward to finishing the final term with more fantastic learning.

Shared by Ms Clark (Y1/2 Teacher)





Thank you to **Jessica Giddens** for this months Calendar photo

October 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Communitea Catch-up 15th October 2026 RSVP 9776 1745		Seniors Lunch 22nd October 2026 RSVP 9776 1745	**1** Dragged through the desert- A Pricilla celebration @ Bridgetown Rep Theatre Bloom - Art Exhibition starts @ Boyup Brook VC (1st-5th Oct)	**2** Clay dragon eggs workshop, Manjimup Library 10.30am BYA Bridgetown Art Gallery Exhibition opens (2nd-26th Oct)	**3**	**4** Southern Forests & Valleys Rainbow Ride @ Pemberton DHS 2pm &4th - 6th October) Manjimup Hertiage Park 40th Birthday 10am-2pm (4th-11th Oct)
5 Clay dragon eggs workshop, Northcliffe Library 10am	**6** Southern Forests & Valleys Rainbow Rides Pemberton Distric High School 2-5pm	**7**	**8** Meet Fiona McArthu at Manjimup Library 10am Script Reading Workshop with Rose see pg 24	**9** Clay dragon eggs workshop, Pember-ton Library 1.30pm	**10**	**11** Southern Forests Trout Festival @ Big Brook Dam, 10am see pg 3 Accessability for Big Brook Dam consul-tation event @ Trout Festival see pg 29
12	**13**	**14** Accessability for Big Brook Dam com-munity sessions @ Pemberton Libr see pg 29	**15** Communitea Catch up @ RSL Boardroom 11am see pg 29	**16**	**17** Warren River Ralley Piyalbajarri evening of songs & stories @ Manjimup Heritage Park see pg 4	**18** Permaculture Workshop @ VCCG 11am see pg 13 Yeagarup Annual Beach Cleanup starts @ Crossings Bakery see pg 6
				Pemby Trial Fest		

19	**20** Accessability for Big Brook Dam online webinar see pg 29	**21** Questions answered by Joel Williams @ Galloway springs Bridgetown 9am-4pm	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25**
26 Festival of country gardens starts (26th October - 1st November) PCN Submissions Deadline see pg 7	**27** PCRC Seniors Lunch @ Pemby Hotel 11.30am see pg 13	**28**	**29**	**30** Hooded plover conservation workshop @ Northcliffe CRC 11am see pg 4 Noels Della Franca talk @ Pemnerton CWA see pg 7	**31** Women on West Tour @ Pemberton Mill Hall 7pm see pg	**Hooded Plover Workshop** 30th October 2026 @ Northcliffe CRC 9771 7777

Northcliffe Bee Festival

PAG Exhibition

26th Sep - 11th October

@ PCSC



Basics of Permaculture Workshop

With Michael and Jo Kaye from Postcode 6255 Permaculture

Learn the basics of permaculture!

$25 per person, $15 for VCCG Members

Sunday, 18 October, 2026

11am – 2pm

Coming up in November

1st November	Pemberton Tramway 100 year Anniversary see pg 3
2nd November	Quinninup Fair
6th November	Festival of Country Gardens
7th November	Avocado Festival see pg 31
14th November	Market Day @ St Josephs see pg 29
14th November	Cocktail Dinner @ Mill Hall pg 29
15th November	Community Mass @ St Josephs see pg 29
21st November	Paddock to Plate

Regular Community Events

Anglican Church Service
1st & 3rd Sun 11.30am
Uniting Church Brockman St, Pemberton
Michelle 9776 0371

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

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

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

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

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

Pemberton Golf Club
Saturdays @ 12pm
Golf links road
Club 9776 1066

Social Badminton
Adults @6pm-7:30pm $5ea.
Pemberton Community Sports Club
Vivian 0401 501 941

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

Boot scooting
Thursday 4.30pm
Pemberton Mill Hall
Terrie 0439 840 784

Pemberton Yoga Collective
Mondays 5.30pm - 7.00pm
Pemberton CSC - Jarrah room
Pemberton CRC 9776 1745

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

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

CWA Op-Shop
Sat 9.00 am - 1.00pm
Pemberton CWA
Kate 0437 167 198

Pemberton Youth Zone
Every 2nd Fri @ 5pm - 8pm
Pemberton Community Sports Club
Admin 9776 1066

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

Fire and Rescue
1st Sat 2.00pm
Pemberton Fire Station
Jamie 0447 165 814

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

Play Group
Tues, Thurs @ 9.00 **NB: Not on School Holidays**
Pemberton Community Sports Club crèche
Pippa 0401 654 902

Basketball
Thursdays 5pm
Pemberton Community Sports Club
John Sebire 0428 446 066

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

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

Rhyme and Story Time
Pemberton Library **NB: Not on School Holidays**
Wednesday 10.30am
Sherril 9776 1311

All-sorts exercise group
Mon 9am $5 each **NB: Not on School Holidays**
Pemberton Community Sports Club
Admin 9776 1066

Museum Workshop
Thursday @10.0 am - 12pm
Pemberton Heritage & Hirtory Group
Ros 0439 214 393

Road bike social ride
Every Sunday @ 7.30am
Leaving from the Community Hub
Christine 0407 774 128

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DEFINITIONS

BUSH LAND: Land other than pastured or grassed land including plantations of less than (8) hectares.

EXTERNAL BOUNDARY: Means the external perimeter boundary of contiguous land contained within the same ownership, irrespective of whether it contains one or more allotments.

FIRE BREAK: Means a trafficable portion of land being the prescribed width and height, clear of all flammable and combustible material, litter and forest fuels.

FLAMMABLE MATERIAL: Means accumulated fuel (living or dead) such as leaf litter, twigs, bark, dead trees and grass over the height of 100mm and anything deemed by an Authorised Officer to be capable of combustion. Flammable Material excludes cultivated plants located in gardens, fruit or vegetables plants, live standing trees or approved structures.

FOREST FUEL: Is any combustible material, dead or alive, in isolation, in clusters or aggregated with other combustible materials. It includes but is not limited to vegetation both on the ground and suspended, leaves, sticks, fallen branches, twigs and bracken. This definition excludes live standing trees.

FIRE SEASON: Means the period of time set out as the *Restricted and Prohibited Burning Season* and any variation. When applying '*Fire Season*' to the summary of requirements for your property the start dates are (***Zone 8 - 11 December 2026*** & ***Zone 6 - 18 December 2026***).

GRASSED LAND: Land used for the purpose of grazing or cropping.

LITTER: Means leaves, small sticks, twigs and branches immediately above the soil surface.

LIVE STANDING TREE: Means perennial plant having a permanent woody, self supporting main stem or trunk, usually growing to considerable height and usually developing branches at some distance from the ground.

Live standing trees exhibit a distinct crown of foliage with a stem diameter at breast height of at least 100mm. A live standing tree will continue to have sap movement along the cambium layer (layer of living cells) located under the bark.

PLANTATIONS: Land upon which any pine or eucalypt species of tree is planted on an area exceeding (8) hectares.

PLANTATION BOUNDARY: Shall mean contiguous parcels of land under separate ownership, lease or any form of contractual or financial arrangements whatsoever.

TOWN SITE LAND: All land located within the gazetted townsite boundaries of Manjimup, Pemberton, Northcliffe, Walpole, and Settlements of Jardee, Palgarup, Quinninup, Nyamup, Windy Harbour and Deanmill.

TRAFFICABLE: Means a portion of land free from overhanging trees, limbs or vegetation or any other natural or man made object to a vertical height of (5) metres, traversable by a large fire fighting appliance.

PARK LAND CLEARING: Means the removal of forest fuels whilst leaving live standing trees and predominate vegetation so as to maintain a reasonable forest fuel load at the required standard or below.

ZONED LAND: Means all land described in the *Shire of Manjimup Local Planning Scheme No 4.*

REGULATED BURNING TIMES

These dates are inclusive and subject to change

	RESTRICTED	PROHIBITED (no burning / no open fires)	RESTRICTED
ZONE 8 MANJIMUP / PEMBERTON / QUINNINUP	9 Nov 2026 to 21 Dec 2026	22 Dec 2026 to 14 Mar 2027	15 Mar 2027 to 26 Apr 2027
ZONE 6 NORTHCLIFFE / WALPOLE	19 Nov 2026 to 31 Dec 2026	1 Jan 2027 to 28 Feb 2027	1 Mar 2027 to 12 Apr 2027

Prohibited Burning Times:
No burning per permitted.

Restricted Burning Times:
Burning can only be carried out with a Permit from your Fire Control Officer.

Application to Vary:
*If considered impractical for any reason to comply with this Notice, you **must** apply to the Shire of an 'Application to Vary' no later than the 1 December 2026.*



NEED MORE INFORMATION?

(08) 9771 7777

info@manjimup.wa.gov.au

www.manjimup.wa.gov.au



SHIRE OF MANJIMUP



FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Brigade	Name	
Balbarrup / Wilgarup	Gary Ryan	0408 941 236
Diamond	Rob Thorn	0409 815 977
	Mick Terrigno	0419 864 687 9771 1637
Dingup	Shane Muddle	0419 753 780
Dunreath	Tom Muir	0418 831 296
Manjimup / Pemberton	Shire Rangers	9771 7777
Mordalup	Mark Muir	0427 691 001 9769 1001
Northcliffe Townsite	Paul Owens	0427 667 199
Northcliffe	Peter Russell	9776 7148
	Jeff Bennett	0427 447 471
Pemberton Rural	Mark Roche	0427 761 510
Perup	Kent Muir	0438 724 282
Quinninup	Glen Ryan	0428 827 126
Quinninup Town	Mick Eastwood	0438 731 960
Ringbarkers	Paul Tempra	0417 095 899 9771 1311
	Frank Shaw	0473 371 185
Seven Day Rd / Appadene	Tom Winfield	0417 964 463
	Peter Parker	0427 761 285
Smith Brook	Bill Rice	0427 057 243
Springfield	Nigel Pitts	0400 422 334
	Keith Jackson	9776 1206
Upper Warren	John Mottram	0417 993 536 9773 1179
Walpole	Glen Burton	0447 822 897
	Richard Williams	0429 442 252
Yanmah	Brad Wren	0427 959 431

FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 000

SHIRE OF MANJIMUP	9771 7777
FIRE DUTY OFFICER (A/HOURS)	0427 913 252
CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER	
Remo Pessotto	0427 270 714
DEPUTY CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER	
Brad Wren	0427 959 431

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS (*WHAT YOU NEED TO HAVE IN PLACE ON YOUR PROPERTY*)

Land Category (where you are unsure of your Land Category please contact the Shire of Manjimup)	The Sections you are required to have in place.								
Land within a Townsite Boundary and land zoned Caravan Park	A								I
Karri Lakes Estate Quinninup		B	C		E				I
Land used for Timber Plantations		B				F			I
Land zoned Rural, Reserves, Rural Small Holdings, General and Priority Agriculture		B	C				G		I
Land zoned Rural Residential, Bush Land Protection, Rural Conservation, Tourist Enterprise, Special Use (***Bush Land Properties only***)		B	C	D	E				I
Land zoned Rural Residential, Tourist Enterprise, Special Use (***Grassed or Pasture only***)		B						H	I

SECTION A
Remove all *flammable material* from the whole of the property OR all *flammable material* mowed and maintained at a level not exceeding 100mm **throughout the fire season**.

SECTION B
Building Protection Zone - Where a dwelling exists on your property you are required to have a Building Protection Zone for a minimum of (20) metres measured from any external wall of a dwelling. ***Subject to the required clearing permit being obtained***, a property owner may extend the Building Protection Zone to a maximum of (40) metres.

For all outbuildings on your property you need only to comply with Clause 1 in this Section.



1. Remove all flammable material within (20) metres of any dwelling or outbuilding.
2. Tree trunks to be free of branches to a height of (2) metres.
3. No trees are to over hang the dwelling.
4. No tall shrub over (1) metre in height or live standing tree is to be located within (2) metres from any part of a dwelling.
5. Shrubs are not to be located under trees, are not to be planted in clumps greater than 5m^2 in area, clumps of shrubs should be separated by at least (5) metres.
6. The Shire of Manjimup permits the clearing of live standing trees in the Building Protection Zone ***subject to the land owner obtaining a clearing permit*** from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation. Please contact the Shire of Manjimup for assistance.

SECTION C
Fuel Hazard Reduction Bush lands - Forest fuel in your bush land must not exceed the following parameters for your property. (Sampling and fuel calculation should be as approved by the Department of Fire & Emergency Services procedures).

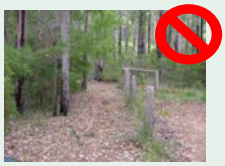
- **Karri:** 15 tonnes per hectare = 1,500 grams of forest fuel per square metre.
- **Jarrah / Marri:** 8 tonnes per hectare = 800 grams of forest fuel per square metre.
- **Mixed Forest:** 15 tonnes per hectare = 1,500 grams of forest fuel per square metre.

Acceptable methods of fuel hazard reduction include Hand Clearing, Mechanical Clearing, Park Land Clearing, Fuel Hazard Reduction Burning.

SECTION D
Where Bush Land exists on your property

A *trafficable firebreak* clear of all *flammable material* and not less than (3) metres wide shall be constructed immediately inside the external boundary of all land and be **maintained throughout the fire season.** Turn around areas designed to accommodate a 3.4 fire fighting appliance (as pictured) must be constructed every 500 metres.









SECTION E
Where *strategic firebreaks* are located on your land, they must be maintained in accordance with this notice or approved subdivision plans, whichever requirement is greater.

SECTION F
1. Construct a *trafficable firebreak* of not less than (15) metres wide around and inside the boundaries of all plantations established after 2009 (existing plantations established in 2009 or earlier require a firebreak of (10) metres wide).
2. Construct a *trafficable firebreak* not less than (6) metres wide within the plantation so as to divide the plantation into compartments not exceeding (30) hectares each.
3. Maintain all *firebreaks* in a *trafficable* condition. Trees on both sides of the firebreaks are to be pruned to a minimum height of (5) metres to allow for unrestricted access to all maintenance and fire fighting vehicles so as to maintain an effective firebreak width.
4. Where dwellings exist within (100) metres of a Plantation, no Plantation trees shall be planted within (50) metres of any existing or proposed dwelling. A further (50) metres of plantation should be pruned and have ground fuels reduced so as to provide a minimum of a (100) metre low fuel zone area immediately surrounding any dwelling.

SECTION G
1. **Abutting a Residential Zone** - Where rural land, whether bushland or pastured, abuts a residential zone boundary a (3) metre firebreak shall be constructed along the common boundary of the residential zone.
2. **Bushland** - Where bushland exceeds more than (1) hectare and abuts a boundary, a trafficable firebreak of not less than (3) metres must be constructed along the boundary and within (15) metres of that boundary.
3. **Grain Crops** - Shall have a (3) metre firebreak around the perimeter of the crop, this firebreak is to remain in place unit the crop is harvested. During harvesting of the crop you must have an operational fire fighting unit full of water (not less than 600 litres) located within the paddock being harvested.
4. **Fuel Storage / Hay Sheds -** Shall have constructed a (6) metre firebreak immediately adjacent to any fuel storage and or hay sheds.

SECTION H
1. **Fuel Hazard Reduction** - All *flammable material* mowed and maintained at a level not exceeding 100mm and **maintained throughout the fire season.**
2. **Dwelling / Outbuilding** - Where a dwelling or outbuilding exists on your property you need to remove all *flammable material* within (20) metres from any external walls of that building.

SECTION I
Where a *Fire Management Plan* exists for a Subdivision or a property, the requirements of the plan needs to be in place.

PEMBERTON ARTS GROUP INC



Pemberton Community organisation of the Year 2016.

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

PAG NEWS: Contact Cate: pembertonart2023@outlook.com 0437 734 221

PAG would like to wish everyone the very best Month of October. Spring has sprung here in the Karri forest as we welcome wildflowers and orchids, later sunsets and the wonderful sounds of the native birds.

Thank you Yield Accounting Group for helping us set up Zero
Located here on the main street in town supporting locals and businesses. Need help with Accounting? Visit our friends at Yield!

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!

PAG SPRING ART EXHIBITION 26 September to 11 October 2026!

It's on! This year's theme is ALCHEMY! Here are some photos of the wonderful art in the exhibition.





Tony Windberg – Sydney Contemporary 2026

In early September our own Tony Windberg joined 3 other Art Collective WA artists – Sandra Black, George Haynes and Nigel Hewitt for Sydney Contemporary. Attracting 30,000 visitors over 4 days and celebrating its 10th year, this exhibition is a showcase for national and international galleries. Congratulations Tony!

Wood Land, pictured, was one of four artworks drawn and painted using layers of Goldfields dirt and charcoal. Measuring over 2 metres wide, it was then selectively sanded back to create the tree's highlights. Trees will be the focus of his next exhibition in February 2027 at Art Collective WA's gallery, 565 Hay Street, Perth. Another exhibition is lined up for 2028.



MY FAVOURITE SHOP

rozzi In Oz

My favourite Shop? It's been my most popular haven since my childhood days. Even now it is still rated my first choice of commercial outlets. Yes, it's the Stationers or "CNA" as it is called in my place of birth, South Africa. There are a few outlets close to where I live now and wish I had more time to browse. I do, though, enjoy reminiscing and reflecting on past experiences.

My thoughts on the stationers. Boring ? Not in the least! Uninteresting ? Just the opposite ! Expensive ? Not if you select your merchandise carefully or wait for the bargain book sales. It is also the most attractive, organised and uncluttered ; and offers a quieter, more relaxed atmosphere than most shops. You could easily spend unlimited time just perusing and examining books.

In my experience,one has access to materials for all age groups and multiple interests- from nursery rhyme books for babies and young readers to encyclopedias for fact finding knowledge seekers. This is definitely the place for avid readers who do not have access to library facilities. Politics or poetry, science or interesting autobiographies are well selected and categorised.Technology with e-books, Youtube or Ai will not change my opinion at this stage.

You may have selected a fashion clothing store as your favourite haunt. Yet you could easily become fascinated with modern fashion magazines displaying pictures of garments from Paris or to those with a South American flair. This could lead to a potential wardrobe makeover for the entire family! Today some people would rather choose to go to the delicatessen for a decadent dessert . For me, that's an option after the visit to the stationers with the daily newspaper in hand . Keeping up to date with the news is of importance. Be sure to fact-check though .

Then there are the well illustrated recipe books from across the globe. Cooking or baking could be more economical and your culinary skills appreciated by family members and even within the community. Many have gained valuable information from glossy motoring magazines before purchasing expensive vehicles, giving much thought before spending their money.

In my opinion and respecting all other views, the stationers is the mecca of all shops.I first took interest when I entered this shop as a child and saw the colourful illustrated books. I would kneel down in the aisle and as taught, carefully turn the pages of fairytale books. There was my first well- loved book which was treasured for many years, " The night before Christmas" with rhyming words which I can remember , "Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, Not even a mouse." First read to me by dad in a hushed tone. Soon I was encouraged to read on my own and developed a love for print material.

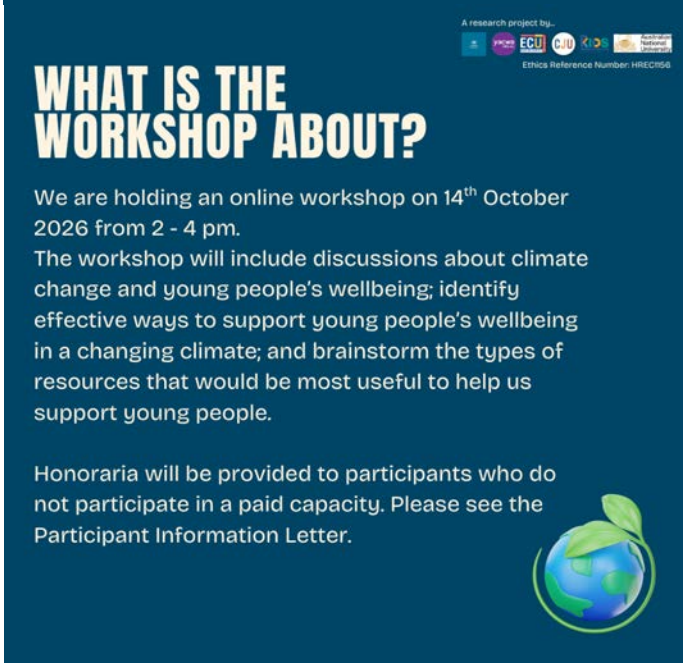
We ordered the Yellow covered National Geographic Magazine, Reader's Digest and Woman's Weekly for dad and mum ; my sister preferred the Stitchcraft and we were treated (my brother and I) with a variety of comic books(Beano, School Friend etc) and their Annuals at Christmas time were bumper issues. We learnt so much about other countries and cultures from the National Geographic as well as good grammar in the Reader's Digest's "It pays to increase

your word power" Even today I appreciate good humour , influenced by "Laughter is the best medicine"

At the stationers one can get free doses of laughter by reading the cards in the card section. From there it's onto the gift wrap and bags. The one who created the gift bag was a genius. No fiddling with sticky tape and wrapping paper. Stationers also have a special 'scent' , depending on where you are in the shop. The smell of paper, cardboard, leather,wood pencil and wax crayons. That was similar to the smell of our classrooms at the start of the new term when we all had new stationary and stacks of writing and text books. Whichever school subjects became of interest, one could and can still buy History, Geography, Science , Biology , Accounting and many other books at the stationers.

Last but not least, the most popular bestseller throughout the World.....your guess was as good as my own. The Holy Bible.* It has an estimated 5 Billion copies sold and distributed over the centuries. However, smaller stationers do not stock them, especially in small towns. *(Wikipedia)





Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

October 2026

Cat's claw creeper - getting its hooks in



An infestation of cat's claw creeper smothering a fence, flowers in full bloom, and the distinctive 3 pronged 'cat's claw' tendril.

It's clear how cat's claw creeper (*Dolichandra unguis-cati*) earned its name. Each pair of leaflets is armed with a three-pronged tendril reminiscent of tiny cat claws. Originally from Central and South America, it was introduced to Australia in the 1950's as a garden ornamental and it's easy to see why. In spring it bursts into bloom and its profusion of bright yellow, trumpet-shaped flowers are hard to miss.

Clawing its way to the top

Once established, cat's claw creeper doesn't stay in the garden. It spreads into bushland through wind-blown seeds, water movement, and an underground network of tubers that can reach densities of up to 1,000 per square metre. These persist in the soil for years after the stems are cut. The vine can climb up to 30 m into the tree canopy, forming dense mats that smother mature trees and deprive undergrowth of light. When trees die and cause breaks in the canopy, fast growing weeds can then move in and take advantage of the extra light to establish in these areas. This fundamentally changes the conditions for native plants and animals.

What to look for

If you suspect you've encountered one of these pernicious vines, look for the tell-tale claws. You'll find them extending from the base of the paired leaves. In spring, bright yellow trumpet shaped flowers make it unmistakable. By late summer these flowers are replaced with flat seed pods up to 45 cm long. They hang from the vine, each holding up to 80 winged seeds which drop around July/August. Older plants have stems that become thick and woody, and the root system underground is extensive with many tubers.

Found it? What to do:

In WA, cat's claw creeper is a declared pest and must be reported. Is not permitted to be propagated or sold in WA and any plants found are to be eradicated. Cat's claw creeper has previously been found in various localities across Perth including Victoria Park, Como, Guildford, Hovea, Leederville, Floreat and Forrestfield. Regionally it has been found in Broome, Albany, Gidgegannup and Moora.

This is the time of year when you're mostly likely to notice this persistent pest. If you suspect you have found this plant please photograph it, note the location, and report it via MyPestGuide® Reporter (app or website), or by emailing the Pest and Disease Information Service. WA's beautiful native bushland is still largely free of this weed. With the assistance of community reporting, it can stay that way!

Report your observations

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DFES

COMMUNITY PREPARDNESS

Prepared communities start with connection, local knowledge and small actions taken before an emergency happens.

Understanding your local risks, knowing where to find trusted information and checking in with people who may need support are simple ways to prepare.

Connect with people who can help you prepare

Local volunteers, community groups, emergency services and local government can help you better understand the risks in your area and how to prepare for them.

Look for local preparedness events, information sessions and community activities where you can meet others, ask questions and learn more about staying safe during emergencies

Create your emergency plan

Having a plan is one of the most important steps you can take to prepare for emergencies.

My Emergency Plan on Emergency WA website or app helps you:

- Identify local risks.
- Record important contact details.
- Plan for pets and family members.
- Document evacuation and meeting arrangements.
- Keep preparedness information in one place.

After creating your plan, you may be invited to attend an online or face-to-face preparedness session to learn more.

Start the conversation

Preparedness conversations can happen anywhere. Try starting with the people and groups you already know, such as:

- Neighbours.
- Friends and family.
- Sporting clubs.
- Community groups.
- Schools and workplaces.

Small conversations can help people feel more prepared and connected.

Preparing together

Everyone has a role in helping their community prepare.

Households can make a plan, know their local risks and check in with the people around them.

Community groups and local organisations can help share trusted information and connect people to support.

Emergency services and local government can support communities with local knowledge, resources and preparedness advice.

Take action this month

- Download the Emergency WA app and complete your My Emergency Plan so your important information is ready.
- Explore DFES hazard information and preparedness publications so you understand local risks and what to do before an emergency.
- Look for local preparedness events through your local government, community groups or emergency services so you can ask questions about your area.
- Share trusted preparedness information so family, friends and community groups can take simple steps to prepare.
- Start a preparedness conversation so the people around you know what they can do to prepare.

Key message

Prepared communities start with connection. When we understand our local risks, talk to the people around us and take small actions together, we help build a safer and more prepared community.

Diamond & Silver Jubilee Celebrations Coming to Pemberton

By the Diamond & Silver Jubilee organising Committee

Sacred Heart Church and St Joseph's Primary School are preparing for a very special weekend of celebrations this November, marking two significant milestones in our local community.

The Diamond & Silver Jubilee will celebrate 75 years of St Joseph's Primary School and 25 years of the current Sacred Heart Church, bringing together past and present students, families, parishioners and community members.

The celebrations will take place across the weekend of **14 and 15 November**, beginning with a Market Day at St Joseph's School on Saturday from 9am to 1pm, featuring market stalls, games, memorabilia and entertainment.

Saturday evening will continue with a Cocktail Dinner at Pemberton Mill Hall from 6.30pm until midnight, with food, drinks, live music and plenty of time to reconnect and share memories.

The weekend will conclude on Sunday 15 November at Sacred Heart Church, with the Sacred Mass beginning at 9.30am with Confirmation, followed by morning tea and the Jubilee celebrations.

It promises to be a wonderful weekend of reunions, memories and celebration, recognising the important role both St Joseph's Primary School and Sacred Heart Church have played in the Pemberton community over many years.

All are welcome!

See page 29 for more information.

Cancer Council WA | Find Cancer Early

Find Cancer Early 'It is time to act'



If you've got lungs, you can get lung cancer. June thought the pain in her side was just a stitch. It turned out to be lung cancer. If you notice any symptoms, see a doctor or Aboriginal health worker straight away. Finding cancer early gives people the best chance of successful treatment and more time with family and friends.

Where to go for more information:
Visit findcancerearly.com.au to learn about other lung cancer symptoms or to contact our Regional Cancer Prevention Coordinators to arrange presentations or educational strategies most appropriate for you or your group. You can also phone 13 11 20 to speak with a qualified professional.

ACTORS WRITERS AUDIENCE WANTED!

Article by Rose Ferrell
Photos by CRC Staff & Volunteers

On Thursday 8th October, from 6pm to 8.30pm, community members are invited to join in an unusual event: A script reading!

The stage musical, Her Latest Flame was written by Rose Ferrell in 2018, with 16 musical numbers written and produced by Jacqueline Verhaar. It has been read in Manjimup and in Bunbury between 2019 and 2025. It is now Pemberton's turn.

The concept is that audience members attend to hear the script of this romantic comedy stage musical, which is read by members of the audience who volunteer. – That's where the actors come in. The musical numbers are played on a TV via youtube at the appropriate times, so that everyone gets a fuller experience of the music and dance potential as well as hearing how the songs relate to the action.

It will be a casual fun, evening suitable for anyone who loves to be read to, anyone who loves to act, anyone who loves a good musical! Not everyone has to take an active part. If you just want to listen, that's absolutely fine too.

I'm a filmmaker and screenwriter, although ironically, this stage musical was written when I had just completed some pretty in-depth study on screenwriting. I figured it would be easier to write something which could be performed locally. Ha! If only..!

In 2020 Jacqui and I started working on a production in Manjimup, but could not get enough cast and crew members to really do the story justice. The next year, we tried to cast it TWICE in Bridgetown, but again, couldn't find 6 talented actor – singer – dancers to take all roles. In 2025 we had a reading through the Lyric Theatre in Bunbury, and again, couldn't cast the show. My new plan is to take its essential parts and write a comedy cabaret which I can take to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.



But the reason for this reading now is a bit simpler. Through this event I would like to discover other writers / actors in the community who would like to form a writing group which holds similar readings of members' works. There is nothing more vital to writers than thoughtful critical feedback. Of course, it is important to offer this feedback in a sensitive way. But I like to look at giving feedback as a way of showing respect for the writer's effort. 'That's nice, dear' is good from your mum, but can be devastating if anyone is serious about improving their writing. I would hope that in an ongoing group, discussion and constructive critical feedback on our works in a safe, confidential environment might lead to a breakthrough for emerging writers in Pemberton.

This event is a first opportunity for the community to come together around a written piece of work. It will be lighthearted, fun, and hopefully put a smile on your dial. For those who want to dig deeper, they may want to meet on a more regular basis.

So, if you have any ideas you might like to explore through writing. If you are an armchair actor who likes to play different roles and are a confident reader, or if you just really like a good story before bed, come along and support this first meeting of what could be another great interest group where Pemberton writers learn skills, develop deep, trusting friendships and play with the written word.

It's free to attend! Tea and coffee provided. But please RSVP to Rose (rosieglow@westnet.com.au / 0437 485 237) so that we can get the right sized room to fit everyone.

Please also indicate if you would like to read on the night. I can certainly send you a script in advance to have a look at.



To Snip or Not To Snip?

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
October 2026

When we as blokes, arrive at the decision with our partners that the pitter-patter of tiny feet, 2am feeds and toxic nappies are not on the agenda any more, then some form of permanent contraception is one possible pathway. There are options for the ladies in our lives, but those options can involve major surgery and unwanted side effects. The male version in terms of permanent surgical sterilization is the vasectomy and by comparison it's minor surgery with little to no side effects.

The first question is, what exactly is a vasectomy? Quite simply it is the cutting and sealing of the tubes (vas deferens) that carries sperm from the testes to the penis. It is usually done under local anaesthetic via a very small incision on each side of the scrotum, and despite 'The Snip' being the slang term, it doesn't usually involve scissors.



The most important question in many bloke's minds is, *does it hurt*? and we're well within our rights to ask this. We've already spent a lifetime keeping our crown jewels out of harm's way and on the odd occasion that we haven't, well, it hasn't ended well. The short answer is no. Some bruising and slight discomfort over the first couple of days is normal but not debilitating. A warning to my three-year-old daughter not to jump off the end of the lounge into my lap four hours after surgery would have been useful in hindsight and I definitely wouldn't suggest riding your bike home after the op!

An important point to keep in mind, is the fact that the sperm already in your reproductive system will remain viable little swimmers for up to 3 months or until the *pipes are clear*. It's not uncommon for couples to fall pregnant in the months immediately following a vasectomy, an irony not immediately all that humorous to those affected.

A lot of guys worry that it will affect their experience of sex however this typically isn't the case, as outwardly there is no visible difference to ejaculate nor usually any change to sensation. The vasectomy in no way interferes with erectile function nor with orgasm which no doubt is a relief to those considering the procedure.

A vasectomy should be considered permanent even though there is a procedure known as a vasectomy reversal. A successful reversal is by no means guaranteed, with success anywhere between 40-90 % but falling away rapidly with age, time between surgeries, and other complications. For this reason, you need to be absolutely certain; besides, repeat operations on our 'agates' don't figure very highly on anyone's 'to do' list.

To decide whether a vasectomy is right for you, *the ball is in your court* so to speak. You need to be sure that you and your partner have completed your family and that you want to take responsibility for family planning. On the flip side, a vasectomy is not something to be rushed into if you are relatively young; recently separated, divorced or having relationship problems.

So, all in all it's a decision you and your partner need to make together, it is a major decision.

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THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE

ALCHEMY – exhibition opening and awards, 25th September 2026: The exhibition preview, attended by over 100 art lovers, was officially opened by the Hon Dr Steve Thomas MLC. Among the attendees were the Shire of Manjimup CEO Ben Rose, Shire President Donelle Buegge, artists, donors and supporters.

Everyone enjoyed the artworks, awards presentation, finger foods and delicious Pemberley wines.

(35% of the sale price of Pemberley's MND SBS will be donated to MNDWA, so please support this worthy cause!}

- **Jacksons Encouragement Award Gift Pack - $200 value: #46 Tracy Leigh "From Earth To Gold"**
- **Treasures in the Forest Award- $200 Voucher: #39 Amber Sky "Blooming From Decay"**
- **Pemberton Tramway Prize - $250: #4 Pam Teede "The Alchemist's Workshop"**
- **Southern Forests Chocolate Company Prize - $250: #19 Martin Sherlock "A Fire In The Sky"**

The safety of a vantage point, a not so distant inferno smothers the sky with a hot ash cloud, suppressing the ight. The smoke flattens the picture plane into two dimensions, life and death. Lovely painting.'

- **Will & Debra French Prize- $300: #17 Marilyn Barrington "A Closer Look"**

Looking through a film of translucent wax is the best way to see fairies, they may simply be imagined and in hat case you can relax and go about your business. The overlay of fairies and Australian spider orchids sets a scene of wonder, two worlds overlaid, what else could be on offer here. Roger Dean's psychedelic landscapes come to mind, Close To the Edge, Yes.'

- **Pemberton Discovery Tours Prize - Value $390: #38 Jen Furness "Tears Into Precious Jewels"**

Graphic and concise, it delivers an explicit message, like a road sign, a heads up, or friendly assistance, to assist others. I dug deep and recalled Pink Floyd's iconic light ray into a prism, the fractured spectrum of colours, a great conceptual album and cover-art . Here the artist seems to reimagine a way from darkness to ight, rhinestones and mixed media in a 'Spotlight aesthetic' bold yet personal, compelling visual communication.'

- **Harcourts Southern Forests Prize- $400: #44 Erin Bosch "Washed A Shore"**
- **Faye's Award - $500: #8 Barbara Maumill "The Day Begins"**

The delivery is very matter of fact, a moment in every. day* other day. The vision isn't romanticised, the account seems scientific, informative, dry. A cliche image, I walked past a few times thinking it was a photograph, I slowed down, when I realised it was a painting, and I began 'watching' it, like I was seeing it for the first time. The tone and colour work in this are really sensational.

- **Shire of Manjimup Art Prize $500 #5 Martha Clemen "If It's Not Broke**
- **P & W French Award - $500: #37 Matt Davey "Dogs On Skateboards"**

An idea that tackles the absurdity of cosmos in a simple, restrained technique, at first it looks like a dried paint spill, happenstance, but then you see miniscule random flecks expanding, outward bright sparks in a heavy black mass. You can sense an attempt to describe the impossible, macro and micro, the mind-bending duality of existence.'

- **Pemberton Hotel Acquisitive Award: #21 Michael Miller "Cherry Blossom"**
- **Torsten & Mona Ketelsen Open Acquisitive: #14 Sarah Starr "The Mystic Trees"**
- **Rygold Nominees Art Award - $1 000: #41 Lesley Barrett "Socrates"**
- **Shire Of Manjimup Acquisitive Award: #13 Elaine Steele "The Golden Within"**

Alchemy exhibition

OPENING NIGHT

Photos by Mel Arnold













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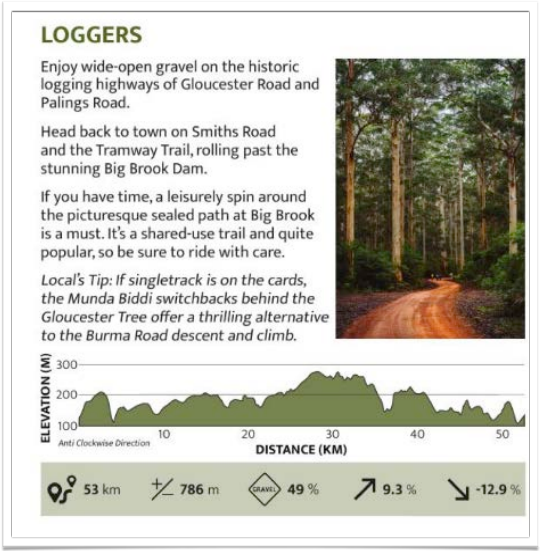
Conducted by Pemberton Cycling Association Incorporated under Western Australian standard lottery permit LS225332626. 2,000 tickets at $10 each, on sale 15 September to 11 October 2026. Drawn 11 October 2026 at 22 Ditri Court, Pemberton WA 6260. Permit holder Sean Anthony Tysoe, 0432 833 551. Results published at www.pembertoncycling.com.au on 12 October 2026. A percentage of proceeds of this lottery will be paid to Glacier Park Group Pty Ltd as a professional fundraiser.

Pemberton Cycling Update

Hi everyone,

Last month was quiet on the news front, but September has certainly made up for it! There's plenty to catch up on, with new resources, fundraising efforts and plenty happening around the trails.

We recently released our Pemberton Gravel Routes Map across our socials, and the response has been fantastic. With everything from easy spins to all-day epics, we're pretty spoilt for choice when it comes to gravel riding right from the heart of town. It's almost impossible to pick favourites, with an incredible network of gravel roads winding through some of the South West's most spectacular forests. If you haven't checked it out yet, head over to our social media pages and start planning your next adventure.



Above: an excerpt from the new gravel maps, describing one of the many routes available.

Below: Peter Walker testing out the newly installed ramp on Fingertips.



We've also soft-launched our newly refreshed PCA website, which brings together information about the club, trails, events and more. A huge thanks to Tyler Crosbie for putting it all together and sharing his considerable technology skills to help bring the site to life. Head over and have a look when you get a chance.

Alongside the website launch, we've kicked off our 2026 Trail Maintenance Fundraiser Raffle, with two fantastic getaway packages up for grabs! Both packages include accommodation, food, experiences and plenty of reasons to enjoy a weekend in Pemberton. We want to extend a huge thank you to every business that has contributed to and supported the raffle. Funds raised go directly towards maintaining and improving our trails. Well-maintained trails are a key part of attracting repeat visitors and supporting the local economy. Head to www.pembertoncycling.com to get your tickets before Sunday 11 October!



By the time this update reaches you, the dust (or mud) will have hopefully settled on another WA Gravity Enduro (WAGE) race weekend. We'll share a full update in our next newsletter, but for now, a huge thank you to everyone who chipped in to help get the trails running fresh and ready for the influx of riders.

A special mention goes to Konka Construction, Peter Walker Furniture and Pemberton Gardens for donating supplies, time and skills to install the new ramp over the massive fallen Karri log to complete the Fingertips trail rebuild. It is now an exciting black-rated descent that branches off Pirate Trail. We're looking forward to seeing riders enjoy this new addition to the network.

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

The PCA Team

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MTB ride *- Saturdays 8.00am*

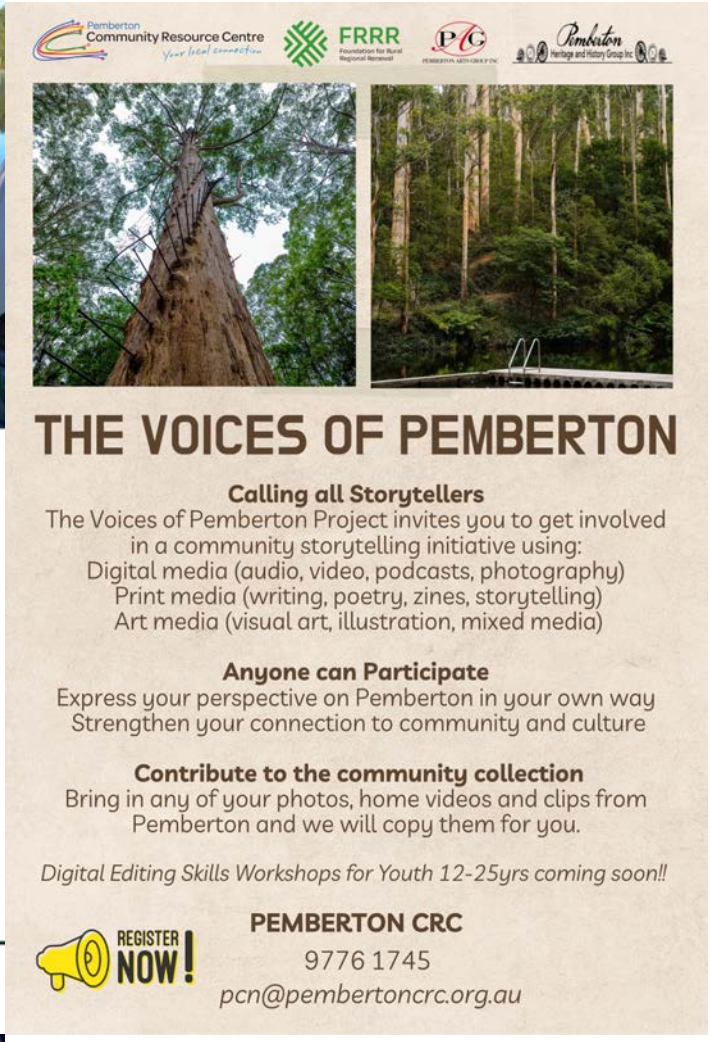
Women's MTB ride *- Sunday October 11, 9.00am*

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Manjimup Shire Bulletin

October 2026

SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

No wait, what? 12 weeks until Christmas!

September was jam packed and October is shaping up to be the same. It's been my absolute pleasure to celebrate our community and the amazing people in it.

Manjimup Senior High School put on an amazing display of talent at their recent open day, and future leaders were evident at the combined schools "Speak up" competition. Congratulations to Holly Booth on her first solo exhibition "Painting My Country" which is open at the Manjimup Art Gallery until 16 October.

I have attended a variety of community events, the opening of stage 1 & 2 of the Manjimup Trail Bike Hub, the Tourism Council networking event held at Park Cafe, the amazing Manjimup Farmers Market, the Southern Forest Wine Show, the Sandakan memorial in Boyup Brook and Manjimup AquaCentre's 20th Birthday celebration - just a snippet of the diverse events in our region.

Councillors and I recently attended the WALGA conference which covered a variety of subjects including housing funding opportunities, community engagement strategies, forums and addresses from the Minister for Local Government and Leader of the Opposition, focusing on leadership and the future of local government. I took the opportunity to highlight the Shire's adopted advocacy position on Pemberton Mill and Deanmill town site, to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) at the Heads of Agencies Luncheon, stressing the critical need for advancement.

In October, our region has a lot in store - Manjimup Heritage Park's 40th Birthday celebrations, Pemberton Trout Festival, Northcliffe Bee Festival, Southern Forests, and Valley's Rainbow Rides and the Spring Harmony Ball…phew! There are so many fantastic opportunities for the community to come together. Check out the 'What's On' page on the Shire website for event details.

Given that many of the events in our Shire are coordinated by volunteers, I'd like to highlight a couple of groups that could do with some helping hands. Southern Forest Steppers are bringing their focus back to our local community to assist families who have a member going through cancer treatment. Then there's the Warren District Agriculture Show, a local institution run entirely by dedicated volunteers.

If you'd like to help, please check their socials or zap me a message.

My October town visits will be in Northcliffe and Quinninup on 6 October and the next of our Community Sundowners will be in Pemberton on the 30 October. We look forward to seeing you.

As always, stay safe and be kind.

Donelle Buegge
Shire President

2026 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

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

- 28 October 2026
- 25 November 2026 (Walpole)
- 16 December 2026

SHIRE NEWS

Shire Welcomes RV Travellers with New Short-Stay RV Parking Sites

The Shire was pleased to recently announce the introduction of three dedicated short-stay Recreational Vehicle (RV) parking locations within Manjimup, providing a convenient and welcoming option for self-contained travellers visiting the region. Visit our website for the full Media Release.

Official Opening of Stages 1 and 2 of the Manjimup Trail Bike Hub

The Shire, in collaboration with the Manjimup Trail Bike Hub Inc., officially opened Stages 1 and 2 of the Manjimup Trail Bike Hub on Wednesday 23 September, recognising the successful delivery and operation of the first two stages of the regional trail bike recreational tourism initiative, supporting trail bike enthusiasts of all skill levels. Visit our website for the full Media Release.

New Bushfire Volunteers Step Up for Our Community

The Shire is pleased to welcome 19 newly trained bushfire volunteers who have stepped up to protect our community this bushfire season. All 19 volunteers have completed the theory and practical components of their basic training, covering firefighter safety, crew operations, equipment, water access and essential fireground skills. Congratulations and thank you for supporting your local community!

Is your property ready?

Following a drier-than-average winter, now is the time to check firebreaks meet the Shire's Bush Fire Notice requirements. Clean gutters, remove flammable materials around buildings and ensure access for residents and emergency vehicles. A little preparation now can make a big difference when warmer weather arrives.

WHAT'S ON

School holiday activities at Shire Libraries

Clay Dragon Eggs Workshops

- Walpole Library: 02/10/2026 10:00am- 12:00pm
- Manjimup Library: 02/10/2026 10:30am - 12:30pm
- Northcliffe Library: 05/10/2026 10:00am - 12:00pm
- Pemberton Library: 09/10/2026 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Pemberton Rainbow Ride: 6 October

Celebrating the arrival of the world's best gravel cyclists to our region during the UCI Gravel World Championships, this event features a 15km social ride through Pemberton, along with entertainment, food vendors and various activities. See the Southern Forests and Valleys website for more.

Manjimup Heritage Park Festival: 4-11 October

Opened on 11 October 1986 during the Manjimup Timber Festival, The Manjimup Heritage Park has welcomed locals and tourists alike for 40 years. Join us as we celebrate the Park's 40th birthday over a week of activities. View the full program on the Shire website.

Seniors Week: 8 - 15 November

Manjimup Home and Community Care invite the community to the Heritage Park on 9 November from 10:00am - 12:00pm for a picnic and morning tea, before a wander around the museum and the park, celebrating everyone's contributions to the community. For more information and bookings, please contact 9771 6900.

WA Opera coming to Manjimup: 28 November

The WA Opera is set to perform a free evening show at the Sandra Donovan Soundshell at the Heritage Park on 28 November! Further information and show times, will be announced on the Shire website.

'Painting My Country': 5 Sep - 16 Oct

Holly Booth's 'Painting My Country' Exhibition celebrates connection to Country, culture and family through contemporary art. Visit the Manjimup Art Gallery - entry is free.

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PEMBERTON WASTE TRANSFER STATION
104 Pemberton Northcliffe Rd, Yeagarup
Wednesday: 11:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday/Sunday: 12:00pm - 5:00pm

SHIRE CALENDAR

Library Storytime
Manjimup - Friday 10:30am - 11:30am
Northcliffe - Monday 9:30am - 10:30am
Pemberton - Wednesday 10:30am - 11:30am
Walpole - Alternate Fridays 10:00am - 11:00am

COUNCIL MEETINGS
The next Council Meeting will commence at 5:30 pm on 28 October at the Council Chambers, Manjimup.

PEMBERTON LIBRARY
61 Brockman Street - 9776 1311
Wednesday 9:00am - 1:30pm
Thursday 9:30am-12:30pm
Friday 1:00pm - 5:00pm, Saturday 9:00pm - 12:00pm

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

MHCC ACTIVITIES
Boronia Club - 10:00am to 2:00pm Mon and Thu
Over 50 Exercise Group: 9:00am to 10:00am Tue and Thu
Tai Chi: 10:30am to 11:30am Wednesday
Bingo: 1:00pm to 3:00pm Thursday

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