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# **\*RECENT'? HISTORY** THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING PEMBERTON 1990-91

### Pemberton Community News

What a welcome sight all the visitors to town were over the weekend. We have been feeling for all our local business over the past couple of months. I remember many years ago Steve Varnavides saying to us when we had the café, that "Winter is a long time in Pemberton". While that may be true, the times and ways people travel has changed considerably over the past couple of decades, with a winter retreat in the forest being a very appealing option. Our businesses and operators always find the colder months a challenge, but COVID19 and lockdowns are something entirely different! It got me thinking about staff, and especially now that the CRC has a new trainee, how important each and every member of our staff are to a business and a community. I know they won't mind me mentioning their names, but Vanessa Roche and Lesley Thomson were so solid for us as we ran our busy café on the main street. I remember a time when I had to fly off to Sydney for a week and left the shop in the capable hands of the 17 year old Vanessa. We were all taught how to carry plates, and cups/saucers up our arms by Rose Rosman and she made sure we never put knives into the kitchen sink, but always put them on the side. The staff had to put up with all my kitchen madness and handled it all with calmness. One day the hot water system decided to blow off steam during a busy lunch service with a shop full of coach travellers. I honestly thought the thing was going to explode and screamed out of the kitchen to the counter yelling "Get out, it's gonna blow". Katrina was on the counter, cool and calm serving a couple of Singaporean ladies who looked at me and said "Ah, pressure cooker!". Needless to say I just shrank back into the kitchen with no one taking any notice of my shrieking.

And you might be wondering what is happening on the cover of the PCN this month. Thinking about these hard working young people who were supporting our business back then, got me thinking about the School as it was. There is much talk about history with regard to the Old School Building and the site in general, and I thought it might be nice for us to remember the more "recent" history of the site. Many of the "boys" in this photo, which would have been taken between 1990-1991, are now busy in the community running farms, building homes, running businesses and raising families of their own. Many of their children attend the Pemberton and Manjimup Schools and we would love to feature more of this "recent history" if you can dig out some photos. My humble opinion is that the last thing this town needs is to ever lose the building from the heart of the main street. Too many small towns have large vacant sites giving those towns an unloved feel and a look of neglect. The building should always remain the heart of town. Deb

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### Eulogy by Mellissa Stirling

Uncle Peter was born in Pemberton in 1927 and grew up and lived his entire life on Ringwood Farm. He went to Springfield School- a small bush school up the road- and would tell us about the tough times where he would run to and from school in bare feet.

Uncle Peter spent his whole 93 years of life farming at Ringwood with his brother Don. They had many ventures on the farm but his biggest passion was cattle farming starting with Illawarra Shorthorn dairy cattle until 1959, and changing from then a Poll Hereford stud. He would take his champion Poll Hereford bulls to the Perth Royal Show and won many ribbons both there and at the Warren Districts Show. Uncle Peter would talk about back in the day before there were



Peter Boyd Stirling

cattle trucks to transport stock, where he, his Dad and his Uncle Dave would drove the cattle all the way into Pemberton via Stirling Road and Pump Hill Road by riding on bicycles and horseback. He told us how they navigated the cattle right through the main street of town (Brockman St) then made their way over narrow bridges to the railway station, losing a couple of cattle on the way due to barking dogs and thick bush. The cattle were then put onto the train and sent off to the markets in Subiaco.

He also talked about trips over East to buy prize bulls or to visit Jimmy and Jean, and especially a memorable trip over the Nullabor with his brother Alec.

Uncle Peter never married or had children but he was always a family man and spoke with such respect for his parents and Uncles who pioneered the foundations of Ringwood Farm. He had a very strong connection with his brothers and sisters and loved visiting them and was always very interested in hearing what they and their kids were up to. He was a very much loved Uncle and grand-Uncle to many of his nieces and nephews (too many to name but you all know who you are and the special memories you have together), and especially to Don and Dulcie's four kids - Phillip, Felicity, Mellissa and Donald who lived and grew up with him on Ringwood Farm also.

We remember growing up with Uncle Peter always around, sharing his stories from the 'olden days' and including us in his road trips and farming adventures. Some highlights were Sunday drives down to Windy Harbour or the Yeagarup sand dunes, taking us on trips to the Dowerin Field Days where he bought his beloved transportable home he called 'the hut', hand raising poddy calves and naming them all 'cabby', listening to Slim Dusty on drives in the car, arguments over the TV shows in our teenage years as he always had control of the TV remote, him telling us to hide behind the jeep as he lit dynamite to blow up tree stumps, and slow drives around the farm in his green jeep that was so old that when the keys went missing he could still start the engine just by poking a knife into the keyhole. In more recent times, despite being 93 years old, Uncle Peter was always up and about, working hard and never taking a day of rest. Even when Uncle Peter had a stroke in 2018, he was so determined to be independent he just kept climbing back up on the tractor and completed his rehabilitation that way. Uncle Peter hardly ever drank water and we think the secret to his long life may have been his determination mixed with the fresh country air and regular tea breaks consisting of a minimum of 8 cups per day of Bushells extra strong tea with milk and 2 sugars.

Whenever any visitors would come the driveway he would often say 'who the bloody hell is that coming in now' – but as soon as they walked in the door he always loved the company and conversations that followed. Anyone who has come around to the farm knows that Uncle Peter loved a cup of tea and to reminisce and tell stories about the olden days and the history of Ringwood Farm. Lots of people, family and visitors, encouraged him to write his stories down and we were delighted to find that he has kept a notebook where he has written stories down of the history of Ringwood and the Stirling family so his memories can and will live on and be shared into the future.

In August last year Uncle Peter and Mellissa went on a trip to Adelaide for his brother Eddie's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Uncle Peter really enjoyed this trip and had wanted to go for a long time. He loved spending time with the family there including Eddie and his sister Betty and nieces and nephews, and spending time in Eddie's lounge room catching up and chatting about the good old days.

Uncle Peter's death was unexpected and a shock to us all and we are all deeply saddened. We know he had a big impact on a lot of peoples lives, but we do feel relieved in knowing that he lived an independent and full life right until the end. He died suddenly but peacefully with no suffering, with a cup of tea in front of him and a cattle sale book in his hand. We will always remember and cherish our times together.

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### Karri Country

### Covid-19

The Rumour Mill

# It has been busy this past month and in response to the pandemic you will note that I have shrunk the size of the pic of the Covid-19 schematic in sympathy with the results all the lockdowns etc have had on its spread and now lack thereof in Western Australia.

Since we last chatted we have had lock downs, border closures both intra and inter-state and a series of measures with social distancing at its core. The results have been fantastic and world best in MHO so we all should give each other – oops if we were allowed that is – a pat on the back and a hug for good measure. The pain for business owners has not been so easily treated and many of us are smarting somewhat with the sudden cessation of income streams to keep our ships afloat. All this whilst refunding large volumes of cash for bookings unable to be fulfilled. Job Keeper and Job Seeker have certainly helped many but there are also many who have slipped through the cracks so when we open again, let's think local.

Sneakily though I have asked a few, me included the question of how it had affected them in their trading. The common response was Yes!, it had been a bit of a financial struggle but all agreed in a guilty admission that the break from the grind had been welcome finding a renewed love for the region in a selfish non sharing way. But the honeymoon is over for many as since the intra state borders have opened, there has been a flood of visitors streaming out of the city and the phones at the centre have been ringing off the hook. Bookings are solid until mid June when there appears to be a hiatus and then July with the school holidays are flat out again. My advice for what it is worth is, if you hear the phone ring grab it, as it will most likely be someone wishing to visit.

So now it seems we are on the road back to work and getting things up and running.

Hats off and many thanks go to Deb Mack and Pei Chen at the CRC who have been running the PVC behind closed doors with Rebekah Lothian silently lending a shoulder to the wheel with them.

New screens for staff will be installed for staff protection from Covid-19 transmission this Friday prior to opening on Saturday.

Following the long weekend we will be closing for a few days with a view to re-opening permanently first week of June. This will allow time to bed some new staff down at the centre and provide training in all the systems for both the PVC and the PCP caravan park.

It is very much the intent of the board and Deb in her management role to meld the two desks together so each can support the other. We expect customer service officers to be able to work either desk and support all enquiries and visitors in the region equally. This will allow flexibility in rostering and certainly in providing more comprehensive visitor information to the traveller.

### What's On in Pemberton?

As if Deb hasn't got enough on her plate, she has been gathering information on who is and who isn't open during this time. Its time consuming and we hope to come up with a model which is sustainable for the future. **LTO** 

Nobody has escaped Covid-19 – not even the newly formed Local Tourism Organisation setting up in their first year. Despite the obstacles for them in getting to know you, they have been beavering away behind the scenes working on future marketing and especially that of branding for the region to make this part of the planet especially irresistible to future visitors.

As you are aware, the PVC had previously decided to subsidise your annual fees for the Bronze level of membership to the LTO as part of your PVC membership. The LTO has taken this one step further in that now, in the LTO's first year of operations, they are offering that to you at no charge so it's a good time to give them a call and get started.

### Best to contact Liz Sonter Marketing & Communications Advisor

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### Pemberton Community News



The park of course went from going gang busters to an empty space in very little time. Within a week of the travel restrictions being put in place, we were down to 6-8 back packers with the resident ducks wondering where all the mobile catering vans had gone? Income had been reduced to zero and all caravan bookings held for the long weekend and near future were refunded to customers.

Whilst this didn't exactly help the cash flow to pay for existing works within the park, it did allow us to sort out the tree problem and clear out some trees identified as posing some small risk. In the interests of safety for vistors and staff we engaged a qualified arborist to fell a large number of Blackbutt trees and over a 10 day period involving three days of busy bees this tangled pile of timber was reduced to usable piles which can be sold as fire wood over the winter months.

With a volunteer group of 12-16 daily, the park became a hive of activity and naturally there were no customers which could be annoyed by the racket. At one stage I counted 10 chain saws at work with helpers clearing away and cleaning up as progress was made through the pile.

Larger trunks were left intact in three metre lengths with a view to selling them to craftsman for furniture production.

All the small stuff and leaf litter was raked up and burnt in the overflow area. The final



day was spent with not only log clearing but additionally what is best referred to as the Geriatric Gardening Club whizzing around on their ride ons, whipper snipping and blowing cuttings where they belong.

The result is fantastic and worth the drive down to have a look. Its a huge improvement to the park in real terms providing open space with ample peppermint trees to provide shade and mostly the risk of falling trees or branches has been significantly reduced.



I refrain from picking out individuals as it was a team effort and they all know who they are. Fantastic effort from a great community and many thanks for your help.

...oh and if you are driving past you might just hear some off key music emanating from one of the old ablution blocks when Steve attempts his version of Rigoletto whilst rebuilding the shower stalls .

Its all go at the park now with all staff back on site and numbers of travellers on the rise.

### And a reminder for Service Delivery until fully open again??

**Bus Tickets** Running but social distancing being enforced. Tickets available if you give the PVC a call they will arrange for you.

**Parcel Deliveries** We have moved the parcel pick up down to Fernandos at the BP which will operate the service until times are better and the centre starts trading again.

**Booking & Tourism Enquiries** The doors may be closed but the lines are open. Give us a call and we will try best to help.

Park Passes Available at centre or at the national parks through their Honour Boxes

So good news is the centre is due to re-open and will be open for the Long Weekend.

Huge thanks go to Deb Mack, Pei Chen and Rebekah Lothian for keeping the centre open in a virtual way and running the affairs of the centre. They have worked like Trojans and extremely effectively under difficult circumstances whilst serving the executive of the PVC, CRC and PCP and their memberships. Emails have been responded to, enquiries handled and bookings taken or directly referred to our members. They also became a first referral desk for the Caravan Park with phones ringing incessantly.

Deb has also managed the financials of the centre during this time instigating the Job Keeper program for our staff. Their seems no end to her energy in serving Pemberton and its community and we are in her debt.

So to all out there Stay Safe, Stay Apart and Wash your Hands. John Gaunt



### Search Me, O God, and Know My Heart

Dear GOD, investigate my life; get all the facts firsthand.

I'm an open book to you; even from a distance, you know what I'm thinking.

You know when I leave and when I get back; I'm never out of your sight.

You know everything I'm going to say before I start the first sentence.

I look behind me and you're there, then up ahead and you're there, too— your reassuring presence, coming and going.

This is too much, too wonderful— I can't take it all in! Is there anywhere I can go to avoid your Spirit? to be out of your sight?

If I climb to the sky, you're there! If I go underground, you're there!

If I flew on morning's wings to the far western horizon,

You'd find me in a minute— you're already there waiting!

Then I said to myself, "Oh, he even sees me in the dark! At night I'm immersed in the light!"

It's a fact: darkness isn't dark to you; night and day, darkness and light, they're all the same to you.

Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother's womb.

I thank you, High God—you're breathtaking! Body and soul, I am marvellously made! I worship in adoration—what a creation! What a wonderful Heavenly Father You are. Amen (Part of Psalm 139 in the Message paraphrase)



### Art sessions:

At last, sessions will recommence this month on Wednesdays - 9.30 am - 12.30 pm. Bring your own project, try some Gel -plate printing or explore a different media.

**Spring Exhibition:** Our committee all agree that the show will go on, though we may NOT have an exhibition opening event but we will still have awards, thanks to our generous sponsors. It will depend on current restrictions whether we have to limit numbers viewing the exhibition at any time - or not. I think that we'll all be grateful and curious to see some of the creativity that has emerged during the Covid 19 era.

**Must see:** Anthony Howe is a Kinetic sculptor. Google him to see some of his amazing creations.

The word of the year so far is UNPRECEDENTED! Difficult to even count how may times each day we hear it....

**Pay it Forward:** Froot Loop Friday just keeps on going and spreading the care for local residents and businesses. Whatever happens with the pandemic, the positives of "Paying it Forward" should not be forgotten.





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### ARTS

Model Railway Club Open Saturday from 1.30pm. Fine Woodcraft Gallery, Dickinson Street. Contact Simon 0488 230 707 Pemberton Arts Group Inc. Contact Anna on 0439369702 or Jeanette on 9776 0252.

Pemberton Photography Club (PPC) 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6pm. Phone Rob Baker 0428 275 665

### AT THE MILL HALL

Mill Hall Committee

President: Deanne Ventris 97761757 or pembuser@westnet.com.au VP: Warren South 9776 0647 Secretary: Bey South 9776 0647 Treasurer: Anna Starkie 9776 1219 **Community dance** 

#### 2nd Saturday of every month 7.30pm. BYO drinks & supper to share. Contact Ros 0467 479 317 Boot scooting every Thursday @ 6pm Contact Terrie 0439 840784.

### CHILDREN/YOUTH

#### Playgroup

Meet Thursdays, 9.30-11.30am at the Sports Club crèche. Contact Chelsea on 0407 385 951 Rhyme Time at the Library Wednesdays 10am (during school terms). Contact Sherril 9776 1311 Youth Zone

Contact Meagan Allen at Pemberton Sports Club (9776 1066) for more information

### <u>COMMUNITY</u>

**Anglicare Financial Counselling** Contact Tim on 9777 1945 CRC: 9am - 4pm Monday & Friday 9am-2pm Tues-Thurs (08) 9776 1745 CWA: Contact Rose on 97760309 or email PembertonCWA@outlook.com CWA Meeting: CWA rooms 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 9.30 am, 9.30am followed by craft at 1pm CWA Op-Shop: Open every Saturday 9am to 12pm at the CWA Rooms. Karri Singers Choir Contact Sally Rothon 9776 0993 or Deanne Ventris 9776 1757 Pap Smear Clinics Call Pemberton Hospital on 9776 4000 for an appointment. Pemberton Accommodation Association (PAA)

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month. New members welcome.

**Community Contacts** 

Contact Kathy 0438 447 795 for details.

**Pemberton Chamber of Commerce** and Industry (PCCI)

Meetings held every month. Phone the Secretary on 0427 133 335 Pemberton Heritage and History Group (PHHG)

Contact Ros 0467 479 317 Pemberton Waste Transfer Site Open Wednesday 11am-5pm. Saturday and Sunday 12-5pm. **Pemberton Woodlands Estate Group** Support & conservation group for

'Tree-changers' in this area. Contact: Henk Dirks 97760171 **Ribbons of Blue** 

Water quality and catchment issues. Contact Andy 9776 1559 RSL

2nd Wednesday of the month, 4.45pm in RSL Memorial Library. Contact Bob Hammond 9776 1256 Solitaire

11am-2pm every Tuesday at the CRC. Phone 9776 1745.

Vic Conte Community Garden Julian Sharp 08 9776 0206 or Deanne Ventris 08 9776 1757

Warren Environmental Group

Conservation and environmental group. Contact Andy 9776 1559

### RELIGION

**Bible Studies** 

Monday nights during school terms. Open to all denominations. Enquiries to Michele on 9776 0371

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Weekday mass: Wed 10am. Weekend mass: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday 8.30am, 2nd & 4th Sunday 10.30am St Hilda's Family Social Club

Fellowship evening at St Hilda's Anglican Church. Bring and share a meal 2nd Saturday of the month @6.30 pm. Contact Ros Herbert on 9776 1216. Anglican Church

Anglican Services: 1st. 3rd & 5th Sundays, 11.30am, St Hilda's, Ellis St. Contact Molly on 9776 0989. **Uniting Church** 

Uniting Services: 2nd Sundays, 9 am, 4th Sunday, 10am Uniting Church, Brockman St. Contact Tom Backhouse 9776 1472 or Don Jackson 9776 1223.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

9am each Sunday-Bridgetown Chapel SW Highway opposite the Bridgetown Caravan Park. Servicing the Southern Forests and Valleys

### EMERGENCY

#### **Fire and Rescue**

Meets 1st Saturday of every month. 2pm at the Pemberton Fire Station. Contact Craig on 9776 0091. St John Ambulance – Pemberton Meets 3rd Monday of every month at the Pemberton Ambulance Hall. New members welcome. Contact Christine

Trappitt on 9776 1283.

### **SPORTS**

Archerv 2nd & 4th Sunday 2pm at Manjimup Rifle Range, Manjimup (Near Cosy Creek Road). Contact Sonva 0427 247551 or Brendan 0428 609538 or Facebook: southernforestsarchers

### Badminton

Ladies every Wednesday. Contact Evelyn 9776 0332 or Mary 0449 259 205

### Boxercise

Mon/Fri 9-10am.Contact Natalie 0421 644 230 or

Daniele 0408 474545.

### Gvm

Mon: 10am-6pm; Tue/Thurs: 9-11am and 4–9pm; Wed: 10am–6pm; Fri: 10am-8pm; Sat: 4-8pm; Sun & PH closed. Times subject to change.

### Karate

Tues 6-7pm for all, to 7.30pm advanced. Contact Bernadette on 9776 0024 or Klaus on 0427 711005.

### Netball

Phone Natalie Callaghan 0467 654252.

**Pemberton Cricket Club** Contact David Meehan 0427 441

628 **Pemberton Golf Club** 

### Enquiries to Steve Fisher 9776 1455. **Pemberton Lawn Bowls Club**

Social bowls Sundays from 12.45pm. Corporate Bowls enquiries to Janet 9776 1066 or John 9776 1214.

### Southerners Football Club

Contact David Meehan 0427 441 628

### Tennis

3pm Sunday behind the PVC, phone Bev 9776 0647 or Dulcie, 9776 0063.

### Yoga

General: Tues 5.30pm and Sat 9am. Power flow: Sat 8am (booking regd). Sound Meditation Contact Gwen on 0419 774323.

Hockey

Juniors, Men's and Women's Hockey

Pemby Weekday training and

Weekend games in Manjimup

**Contact Charles Otway** 

on 0466633275

Mtb Social Ride

Saturday at 8am

Enquiries to Mark Hudson

0429 384 800

Sunday Tennis

At the tennis courts behind the PVC at 3pm Cost: \$2.50

Phone Bev 9776 0647

Dulcie 9776 0063

Boot scooting in Middlesex

At Middlesex Hall.

Tuesdays' at 6pm. All welcome.

Enquiries Terrie 0439 840784

### **Community Notices**

Road Bike Social Ride Sundays at 7am from the Crossings Bakery carpark. Enquiries to Christine 040 777 4128

### Boot scooting

Great fun with great people Every Thursday @ 5pm In the Mill Hall For details contact: Terrie 0439 840784.

### Accessing Government Information

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, 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.



### MILL HALL WRITE-UP

The new floor in the Mill Hall is laid and still resting! The builders will be signing it off very soon.

There will be a celebration of this wonderful project some time in the future.

It will be great to see the hall being used again when COVID19 restrictions are lifted.

**Obviously Bootscooting and Dances are cancelled** until further notice.

Stay safe, clean and wise in the coming months.

President **Deanne Ventris** 

Two mature female goats need a new home. Price negoatable !! Please call 0467479317

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Solitaire Club Come along, play some computer card games and have a

Browns Road Social Group

Meet every 4th Thursday at the

Lavender and Berry Farm 2pm for a

chat and a cuppa (No meetings at

holiday time) every one is welcome

not only Browns Road.

Enquiries to Bev on 9776064

gossip over lunch and a brew. Tuesdays 11am-2pm at the CRC

Cost \$18 per annum

Contact the CRC on 9776 1745



A most unusual month or two but time to reflect and live without the rush. I think most of us have enjoyed it.

The world does keep spinning and the days roll along but we know none of us can last forever.

Itisalwayssadwhensomeonepassesandwethink"IwishI

hadaskedhimorheraboutsuchandsuch". We canneverget enough information and then it is too late.

However, we are recording as much as we can manage the time to and it is always a tremendous help when past information is handed to us to keep in our Pemberton peoples file.

Hoping it might be a book sometime or at lease a compendium in our museum.

We have very sadly lost a few Pemberton residents lately. I am very pleased to be able to include the eulogy written for the late Peter Boyd Stirling who was from an original pioneer family that settled the Ringwood farm out on the Vasse Highway.

On a visit last year Peter had told me how the road from their farm into Pemberton was surveyed and put in, so reducing the trip into town when previously it had gone via the Old Vasse Road to Warren House and then into town down Conte Road, which was just the old Northcliffe road in those days.

Best regards......Ros Piper



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### Terry Redman MLA

Member for Warren-Blackwood Working with regional communities to create a better future for families, businesses and towns.



### Tourism

With the lifting of COVID restrictions it is encouraging to see our tourism industry emerge from lockdown with venues taking bookings and local attractions reopening. The last few months have been particularly difficult for small businesses, especially those that cater to tourists. The Nationals have been supportive of many Government decisions, but have been vocal in outlining the negative consequences for regional businesses, including wineries, cafes, restaurants, accommodation providers, boutique shops and other small businesses.

Grants intended to boost the viability of small businesses have such strict criteria that many operators will miss out. This is something the Nationals have highlighted and been fighting against. We will continue to lobby on behalf of regional

businesses for a fairer outcome.

#### Good work so far

Thank you to all individuals, organisations and the community for the excellent effort in adhering to COVID related advice and restrictions. Our special thanks to staff who have dealt with the public every day (shops, health, businesses) and to our volunteers who have been looking out for 'at risk'

community members. The efforts of everyone has made the difference. The capacity to keep our economy open is now dependent on keeping safe and COVID free. We need to maintain our social distancing, increased hygiene practices and download the COVID SAFE app.

### **Country Age Pension Fuel Card**

With the restrictions on travel, many pensioners still have funds left on their 2019-20 Fuel Card. In issuing a new card in July, any remaining funds are usually lost. The Nationals have asked the Government to allow the rollover of these funds for this year as an acknowledgement of the restrictions. I urge pensioners to use their fuel card at their local service station.

### Manjimup Brockman Street Covered Area

Congratulations to the Manjimup Shire on completing such a great asset to the community—I am looking forward to future events.

> Phone: 9848 3171 or 1800 644 811 Email: Terry.Redman@mp.wa.gov.au Address: PO Box 327 DENMARK WA 6333

### **ENATIONALS** for Regional WA

### Pemberton **Community Resource Centre** Your local connection



The CRC will be back into normal operations next week, 8th June. You will need to give us a call before you come in if you want to use the facilities as we still need to practice social distancing.

Introducing the CRC's newest Trainee—Celeste' Du Toit. Celeste's training has been on hold since the beginning of April, and whilst she is joining us during this weird time when we are not quite back to normal, all things considered, we will work it all out. Celeste's will be undertaking a Certificate III in Tourism and much of her time will be spent training with the Pemberton Visitor Centre. This will be an opportunity to provide training that is mobile, relevant and with an eye to secure employment prospects.

The photo here shows Celeste in front of the Pemberton Community Exchange which has been stocked with all sorts of goodies donated by the group "Second Bite", who have distributed through the Shire of Manjimup. The Shire of Manjimup have been kind enough to share the donation between Pemberton groups such as Dougy Savage and his wonderful Fruit Loop Friday's, the Uniting Church's Foodbank and the



CRC's Community Exchange. The goods donated will keep the shelves stacked for quite some time and we encourage you to "Take what you need and Leave what you can". Such a welcome donation as this time.

IN THE KITCHEN - I LOVE THESE, try them with coffee, choc or whatever. You know you want this on a cold winters morning. This is the adult version. You can omit the Cointreau or Grande Marnier when cooking for kids.

Italian Ricotta, Raisin and Chocolate Doughnuts (Frittelle Ricotta, Uvetta e Cioccolato)

### Ingredients

1 cup (250g) ricotta 3 eqqs grated rind of an orange and lemon, preferably organic, washed and dried 2 tbsp buttermilk, or milk 1 1/2 cups (220g) flour 2 tsp baking powder 1/3 cup (70g) raisins, soaked in Grand Marnier (I used Cointreau) for at least 4 hours 70g of 70% dark choc. I use a half square oil for frying (I used grape seed oil) sugar, to coat the doughnuts



### Instructions

Mix the ricotta and eggs together until well combined. Add the citrus rind, buttermilk or milk, flour, baking powder and mix well.

Stir in the soaked raisins.

Heat the oil over medium high heat, and test a little piece of dough to see if it is hot enough, without burning the dough, before frying the rest

of the doughnuts.

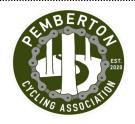
Shape the batter in your spoon and poke a piece of dark chocolate in the middle before putting in the oil.

When brown, remove the doughnuts and place on a paper-towel-lined plate. Roll in

sugar before they are completely cool.



Pemberton



Hi everyone,

We start this month with some exciting news - we are officially incorporated as a club!

Not so exciting - just as we had finished tidying the trails from the recent storm, another hits! We will assess and repair the damage as soon as we can, but it can take some time to clear all the mountain bike trails. So if you're thinking of heading out, please ride with caution and watch for sticks and debris. If you come across a hazard that can't be removed please send us an email or add a trail report on trailforks.com. We use TrailForks as a reporting tool to identify maintenance is-sues and report trail conditions. It is free to use so feel free to check it out next time you head out for a ride.

Despite the restrictions in place as a result of Covid-19, it's been a productive couple of months for our trail crew. The Skills Loop proudly boasts a new spectacular wooden bridge, replacing the old black wattle bridge which had deteriorated. A keen eye would have also spotted the trail diversion around the other two bridges in the Skills Loop which are receiving their final touches and will be opened soon. Big thank you to Mark Hudson, Xander Graf (Fair Bridge WA), Leanne Graff and Sean Tysoe for lugging those sleepers and rocks about! Also thanks to Ian Willis from the Pemberton Tramway Company for donating the railway sleepers.

Drop Bear has also received a mini makeover, with some repairs and reshaping to improve drainage, remove braking bumps and other minor touches to improve the overall flow of the trail.

The recent easing of restrictions has seen the resumption of the muchmissed social rides on weekends. New riders are always welcome, regardless of skill or fitness! Simply bring a bike, helmet and water and meet us on the relevant day. Mountain bike social rides are on every Saturday morning, meeting at the Pemberton Pool carpark at 8am. The ride generally lasts around 1.5 hours, after which we meet up for coffee from one of our local cafes. If you'd like to catch the road biking crew, these social rides are on every Sunday morning, meeting at 7.30am at Crossings Bakery, and similarly meet up for coffee after the ride.

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

pembertoncycling@gmail.com

MTB ride - Saturday 8am, Pemberton Pool carpark

Road bike ride - Sunday 7.30am, Crossings Bakery

The PCA team











### SOUTHERN FORESTS WELCOMES VISITORS

As restrictions on travel and movement ease, some of our excellent local businesses are once again open to keep both visitors and locals nourished.

Do you have friends or relatives excited to get out of the city and see more of what the Southern Forests region has to offer? Let them know they will be taken care of when they come to visit.

### MANJIMUP REGION

Two Little Blackbirds Cafe are open for takeaway breakfast, lunch and coffee from 7:30 – 2:30 Tuesday through Sunday. With a focus on local produce and changing seasonal specials, there is something for everybody's tastes!

Tall Timbers Manjimup are serving dine in lunches 7 days a week for up to 20 patrons at a time and adhere to the most current safety standards.

Southern Roasting Co are open for takeaway coffee and bites for lunch. Grab some coffee beans to take home, ground just the way you like.

A Guadagnino & Co Farm Shop on Seven Day Rd is open 7 days a week from 8am - 5pm, pick up some farm fresh produce along this scenic drive.

Bella and Bryn's Farm Stall on Cosy Creek Rd makes a great stop. Check out what's in season and even grab some home made pasta sauce!

The Cherry Box are open weekdays with a selection of takeaway lunches and hearty winter soups.





### **PEMBERTON REGION**

Source Kitchen are serving delicious takeaway dinners 7 days a week, lunches available Thursday - Sunday. Each dish is mindfully made using local ingredients grown within a kilometre of the premises.

Best Western Pemberton Hotel offer delicious takeaway options, check out the rotating list of specials.

PJ Local Produce have a seasonal selection of produce grown just on the edge of Pemberton town. Call by the stall to pick up some fresh winter goodies for the pot.

Warren Grange farm stall at the Pemberton crossroads continues to produce winter veg for your pumpkin soup, be sure to stop in.

Pemberton Discovery Tours continue to show visitors that the best is off the highway, take a half or full day to see another side of this diverse region.

### ACCOMMODATION

Best Western Pemberton Hotel are open for bookings, with room service meals available for guests and a prime location in the middle of town.

RAC Karri Valley Resort are open for accommodation bookings and the Lakeside Restaurant is serving dine-in lunch and dinner for up to 20 in-house guests, bookings essential. Room service options are available 7 days a week.

Fonty's Pool have a range of chalets, cabins and campsites available for guests. As the weather cools down, fire pots make for a great winter warmer and yoga classes are continuing, check their website for class times.

For a more private experience, Whispering Woods Pemberton and Kangaroo Creek Chalets cater for couples seeking a tranquil retreat surrounded by natural beauty.

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### **Baker's Delight**

Another childhood story!

Sunday afternoon was one of my favourite "leisure" times. Between lunch and afternoon tea times, the adults disappeared into the bedrooms to

rest while my brother and I played in the backyard, read, or completed last minute homework for school the next day. For me it was also an opportune time to snoop around in the kitchen, peeking under the white linen tea cloths to see what I could nibble!

Crispy roast potatoes were my favourites– salty, tasty and crunchy. Soft tender pieces of mutton or beef roast was next, in hindsight, the potato must've been



the forerunner of today's potato crisps. All this was cooked in the big round iron pot or the woodstove. I should add that these nibbles somehow tasted better than what we had at the dinner table. Although we were allowed seconds, we were careful to watch our ta-

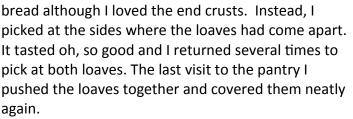
ble manners especially when we had guests. Sundays were also baking days throughout the year. Granny baked delicious treats like fruit cake, a batch of ginger biscuits and of course the large bread loaves that were irresistible, as the aroma drifted throughout the house. Dad specially made two large bread pans from sheets of tin. The loaves lasted until midweek when Granny kneaded again, but somehow, the Sunday loaves were more appealing to my senses! Now let my attempt to create a picture for our readers : Granny turned the golden brown loaves, still attached to each other out of the double bread pan onto the wire cooling wrack. Then tapped them to "listen" whether they were thoroughly baked." It must sound hollow," she explained. Next, lightly apply



butter with the butter wrapping paper around the crusty loaves, to soften the crusts. The loaves were rapped in linen cloths and placed on the shelf in the pantry.

About half an hour later, I would feel whether they were cool enough; carefully separate

the loaves, a delegated job which ended on this unfortunate Sunday. After my tasting round in the kitchen, I sidestepped into the adjoining pantry to separate the loaves and was tempted to taste. I could not cut the



That afternoon, Aunt Gertrude and our cousin William came to afternoon tea. They stayed in a flat in the city and the shop was just in the street on the corner so Aunt Gertrude did nit have to bake at home. Teenager William, older than my brother and I, always seemed hungry. Instead of having the sweet bake of the day, he opted for a home baked bread sandwich. Granny who was very proud of her culinary skills,

offered to cut the bread herself. I stood aside, waiting to see her reaction when she uncovered the loaves. I held my breath trying to slow down my pounding heart.



As Granny cut the slices, they fell apart, completely disfigured. "what's going on here!", she exclaimed, cupping a hand over her mouth. "There must be a mouse in the pantry and its nibbled my bread!" Now she's really angry, I thought, and made an attempt to move out of sight, when peering over her round framed spectacles, she reached out and drew me closer to face my misdeed. As I looked up, Granny's face creased in a laughing smile.... " and here is that mouse, and a big one too!"

Somehow, my fear that she would be angry turned into child–like guilt, embarrassment and relief. "Well," she sighed, " for your bad deed, young lady, you will no longer have the honour of separating my loaves!" That day, at the tender age of 6, I was stripped of the title of bread separator.

Never the less, cousin William enjoyed many Sunday sandwiches in the weeks that followed and I received a new title of squeaky mouse, which I held for years throughout my childhood. Rozzi in Oz



### Birds on Farms – What are Yours? Written by Rose Ferrell 22 May 2020

From the end of May, local birdwatcher, Rose Ferrell, is offering free bird surveys on your property. Whether you have a beautiful garden, a lifestyle block, an accommodation business or a serious agricultural concern, Rose is happy to spend up to two hours to deliver you a list of the birds which are resident, seasonal, or just passing through. You can use the list to promote or represent your business, for example, on a website, or simply keep it as a reminder of the richness of your beloved home.

Rose, who began birding in 2006, is an experienced birder who has been involved in bird surveys in the community across Western Australia (often with her partner, bird tour guide, Peter Taylor) for over a decade. Some of the bodies for whom the surveys have been completed include the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Birdlife Australia, Green Skills Denmark, and other land management and conservation groups. Rose's knowledge of the birds of the South West is solid and based on experience.

When asked why she was offering free surveys, Rose replied "It's my favourite thing to do. Just get in the car, drive to a reserve or national park, and wander. But we're running out of places I haven't been!" She adds "I don't so much care about listing. It's the glimpse into another world which fascinates me." The South West of Western Australia is home to some unique birds which don't occur anywhere else in the world. "There are 16 endemic species, and 5 nearendemics. We are all familiar with the white-tailed black cockatoos (Baudins and Carnabys), western corellas and western rosellas. Who can miss their screechy calls? Then you have the Noisy Scrub bird, which IS noisy, but almost impossible to see, it occurs in such a limited number of places along the south coast. Then of course, there are the beautiful little bush birds. I feel so privileged when I see a red-eared firetail, white-breasted robin or red-winged fairywren in my garden."

"Our birds are under all sorts of threat, and I know a lot of them should be here, but you never see or hear about them. Doing surveys is something like a treasure hunt – to find out where the birds which are more difficult to find are. There are some mysteries in the bird world too. Like the Rufous Bristlebird, or Lewin's Rail. They used to be here, but have now been presumed extinct in Western Australia. It's eve-

ry birder's dream to find such a species unexpectedly alive somewhere. And we have so many nooks and crannies in this area where they could be hiding." Rose will use land use as a way to define where should be surveyed to get a comprehensive picture of any single property. For example, farms may include: a farm dam; productive (empty) pasture paddock; crop paddock; riparian /riverine creek line; remnant bushland; orchard; wetland / swamp; house block (exotic/native garden, vegetable garden); or agroforestry block. This list not exhaustive, but covers the most likely ecosystems, which will support different bird species.

Rose is also familiar with biosecurity issues and good farm etiquette: washing down tyres, sticking to tracks, and leaving gates as you find them is common sense and good practice. If you would like to put your name down for a bird survey, call Rose on 0437 485 237; or email her on <u>rosieglow@westnet.com.au</u> to organise a convenient time.



### Letter to the Editor:

The World has Changed.

Well, here we are in pretty much uncharted territory. The Covid-19 pandemic has upended the world as we knew it. We are on the threshold of significant change in the way everything operates. We are clearly seeing and understanding, more than ever, that we are utterly dependent on the environment and the natural world. Humanity has a significant choice to make, do we return to 'normal', rushing around trying to get as much money and buy as many things as possible, driving us into despair and depression, watching our Earth collapse and being poisoned by our pointless excesses? Or do we create a new vision, of a new way of living in reverence and respect for nature and the precious environment that sustains humanity and all other life? It is a stark choice, and hopefully we make the correct one if we value a future at all.

A future where we conserve, protect and regenerate the Earth, where there is respect for all life, where everyone has meaningful and rewarding work, no-one goes hungry, no one is homeless, we all have free healthcare and education. A future where we value forests simply because they are, where we respect and truly engage with indigenous culture and knowledge, where everyone is valued and respected, where the Earth is healed, and we are healed. It has been shown that just 7% of the wealth of the richest 10% of people would end global poverty for ever. It needs collective will to change such gross inequity. Do we have that collective will for radical change? I certainly hope so.

So much has been written, published and discussed about humanities relentless assault on the Earth, we know that we are having a huge negative impact on the biosphere and all life therein. Why do we continue to undermine our collective future? Our political leaders do not have the best interests of the people or the planet as the centre of their motivations and actions. It has never been clearer that the political class act in the interests of the global elite, transnational corporations and oligarchs. Prioritising money and wealth over human and planetary well-being is simply ecocide, a crime against life. Even with the stark evidence of ecological and planetary collapse, our 'leaders' insist on more of the same, more growth, more consumption, more inequality. It is a truly bizarre and frightening manifestation of contempt and disregard for life. But we have a choice right now at this time of great upheaval. A crisis presents unique opportunities for real and meaningful change. We must demand change that sweeps away the reckless greed and criminal neglect of the past. We must create a society that is fair, equitable, caring, respectful, inclusive and sharing if we are to continue living with the Earth; the Earth that provides for everything we need.

We must have an Earth centred ethics in every aspect of life, how we grow our food, how we take care of the vulnerable, how we consume, what we produce, how we care for all life, how we live on this finite planet. This is the choice you and I face, creating a sustaining and vibrant future for all, or continuing on the path to ecological and societal collapse. Our choice, our time is right now, like never before. Reality is absolutely clear, and we must acknowledge the truth.

I have known darkness and despair, the unrelenting, crushing and suffocating dread of knowing our mother Earth is suffering from our hubris and greed, our wilful ignorance and contempt. Yet I hold faith, which grows stronger with time, love and connection to life in all its glorious forms. Our future is exactly that, ours, and we need to claim it as such. The Earth and all that it is does not 'belong' to anyone, we all belong to the Earth. It is truly mother to all life and we must now act as responsible Earth carers for all life's future.

Julian Sharp

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27<sup>th</sup> May 2020.



# SAINT JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWS

### **Mothers Day Drive-Thru**

It's safe to say this year Mothers Day was one like no other. Usually at St Joseph's it is a great opportunity to invite all the mothers from school in to have a special morning tea and be treated like queens by their children. Unfortunately, we could not do that this year, however that did not mean our mothers weren't going to be treated like royalty. It was decided that we would run a Mother's Day Drive-Thru. Students from each class made gifts or special cards for their mothers and set up at the church. Cars lined the road as eager mums waited for their turn to drive through and receive their special gift and a hug from their child, before driving on to be served with some morning tea and coffee to go, then they were on their way again.

It was a lovely morning for all involved. The students loved having their mums drive by and having a fuss made of them and judging by the smiles on their faces, the mothers enjoyed it equally as much.



### MAY AT PDHS

### SCHOOL BOARD

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

For further information please contact Andrew Hughes

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Pemberton District High School students Scarlett Lovkis , Lee Virgo , Braven Harvey, and school chaplain Meryl Giumelli. Photo: Manjimup-Bridgetown Times

### **Reconciliation Week**

The Year 6 celebrated this year's Reconciliation Week with a variety of Indigenous Australian activities. Students learnt about the importance of 'Acknowledgement to Country' and the differences between sympathy and empathy whilst viewing documentary footage from The Australian Dream (featuring Adam Goodes). Students also created a Sea of Hands art piece, spent time learning Aboriginal language and traditional indigenous games/sports.



The Year 6 students were interviewed about what they learnt during Reconciliation Week. "We have been learning about the past and the Stolen Generation where they took Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children away from their families. They thought they were doing the right thing and wanted them to be more like the English." Harrison (Year 6 student). "We have been learning about culture and language and Aboriginal Rights." Bella (Year 6 student).

### **Breakfast Club**

Starting the day with a nutritious and hearty meal is the cornerstone of a breakfast service for Pemberton District High School students. Since Term 3 last year, students have been provided with free breakfasts on Monday and Tuesday mornings. Classroom teacher and PDHS Breakfast Club coordinator Vicki Barnsby said the program provided students with a healthy start to the day increasing social interaction, building rapport with students and exposing students to a

wider range of breakfast foods. This program has been well supported by the following businesses and individuals : Foodbank WA, Collins Brothers, Bannister Downs Dairy, Pemberton Crossings Bakery, local families, P&C and the Pemberton CWA.





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#### PEMBERTON COMMUNITY NEWS

Message



MANJIMUP

#### 25 Years of Service

Congratulations to Dave Tapley who has been serving the South Ward for 25 uninterrupted years.

currently serving his seventh four-year term on Council. Dave is the 'ideal' Councillor, his focus is always his community and what he can do to make their quality of life better.

#### COVID-19

I would like to thank everybody for complying with the Government's COVID -19 restrictions and requirements, it is your effort and diligence that has seen no cases in our Shire. If WA continues it's great record we will be seeing

SHIRE OF MANJIMUP restrictions lifted and social and recreation facilities returning to a new

normal. Don't forget to shop local, our local businesses are suffering, some have found innovative ways to continue their valuable service to our community, so whether its physical, electronic or drivethru, please support them, so that they can continue to serve us in the future.

He has been re-elected six times and is Our strong community will bounce back from this as we have done in the past, the angst in the community when the timber industry was reduced was high, but look at us now! This is another point in time where we need to help each other through a difficult situation.

Council has committed to zero percent rate rise for the 2020/21 financial year, a freeze on fees and charges increases & а freeze on penalty interest for ratepayers on installment or payment plans.

Pemberton Community Precinct

**JUNE 2020** 

The new Community Precinct Project will revitalise Pemberton's downtown area. The project will provide a fresh, fit-for centrally located. multipurpose. functional space for residents to access a variety of important services and provide a home for eight local community groups and organisations.

Once complete, the cross-functional versatility of the precinct will enable residents to call in to download a government form, check their email, select a book while their children attend the weekly Rhyme and Story Time session, visit the memorabilia exhibition detailing the history of the RSL in the area, watch an artist at work or stop for a chat with a visiting tourist in the Visitor Centre

> Until next time stay well and safe... Paul

### COVID-19

#### Manjimup Home & Community Care

(MHCC) are continuing their services and support for seniors and vulnerable people in line with Government directives including shopping services and additional social support.

The Wellness & Respite Community Centre is open for limited access with sanitising and infection control rules in place.

Tai Chi has recommenced with a maximum of 10 people and appropriate social distancing applies

MHCC respite house is open for business

#### Library Services

Shire libraries are open with the following restrictions:

20 patrons in library space at any one time;

Rhyme Time, Story Time and Book Club suspended;

No access to computers, printing, study and reading spaces or charging facilities;

The study hub will be open by appointment only.

Windy Harbour Campground Bookings essential - 9776 8019

The Windy Harbour Campground is partially open with the following temporary restrictions to ensure compliance with social distancing, and hygiene.

The camp kitchen will not be available for use;

BBQ's and children's playground also remain closed;

Each campsite catering for a maximum of 6 persons;

A maximum of 50 campers with access to the ablutions;

Additional self contained vehicles will be catered for.

#### Other Services

All other services provided from the administration office and depot are operating as normal.

### What's your Shire doing?

#### Waste Management

During the WA State Government's phase two easing of restrictions, residents are required to:

Ensure wheelie bins are placed at the kerb during the evening before bin emptying days, with lids closed;

Return bins to a secure place once emptied;

Only visit a waste facility when it is essential, and prepare your waste and recycling so that you can dispose of it quickly and efficiently at the facility;

When there, follow all signs and spoken instruction regarding social distancing, careful coughing and hand hygiene; and

Present the correct money if paying by cash, or (at Manjimup only) consider using the 'tap and go' EFTPOS system to pay vour tipping fees.

#### AquaCentre

In line with the WA State Government's phase two of the roadmap to ease COVID-19 the AquaCentre is open with the following restrictions:

Modified hours, check the website or facebook page.

There is a limit of 20 people allowed in the pool at once. This will be policed by a booking system, you must book your visit via timeslot;

There is no access to the change rooms or the showers;

Fitness bookings are essential.

Creche is open however there are strict rules to adhere to, bookings are essential;

You are expected to follow all social distancing rules. Sanitising stations will be available around the facility.

### Shire Bulletins can be viewed on the Shire website: www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/shirebulletin

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Pemberton Waste Transfer Station Wed: 11.00am - 5.00pm Sat/Sun: 12.00pm - 5.00pm

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