

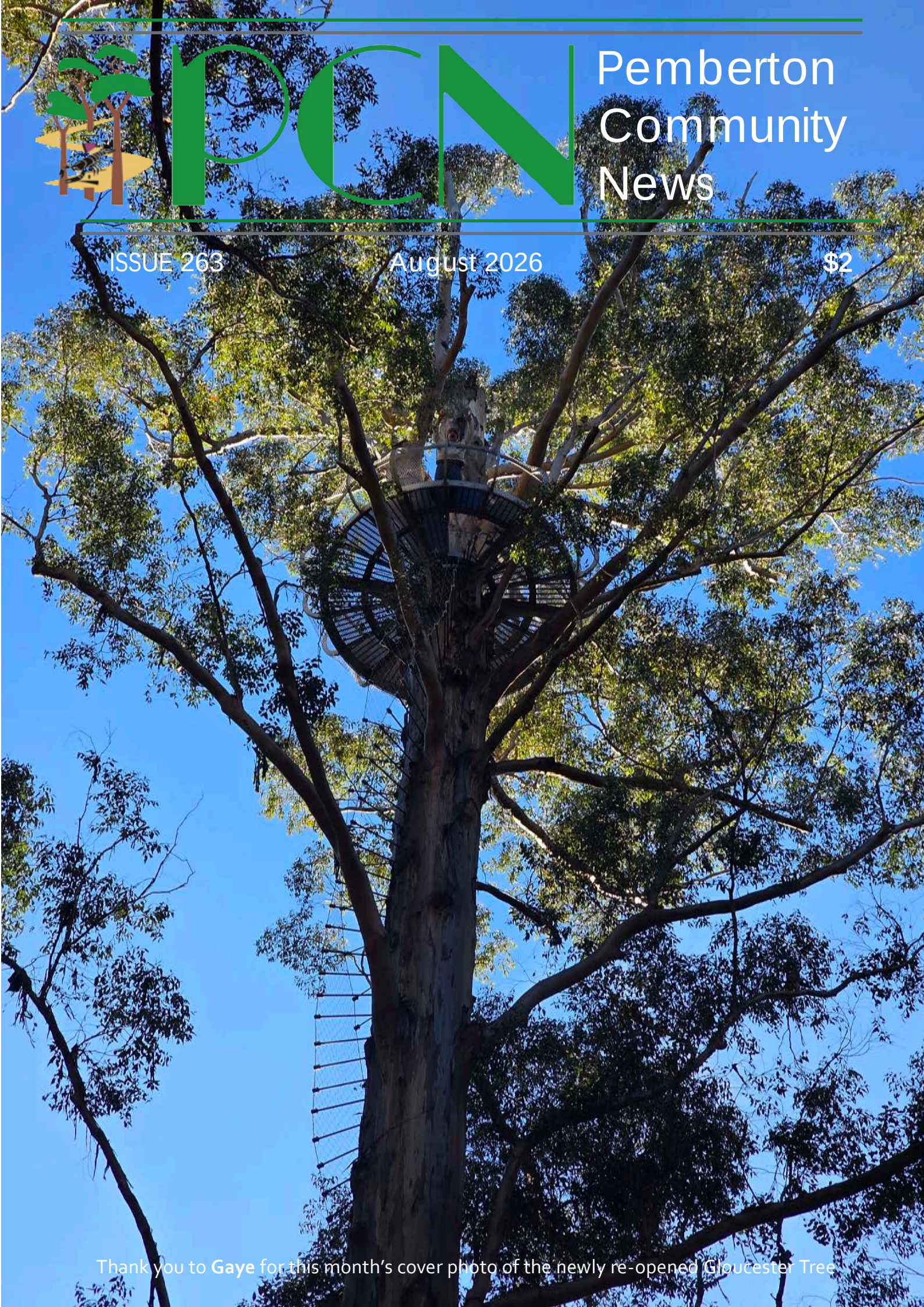


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## EDITORIAL

Over the past five years in my role as Manager of our local Community Resource Centre, I have learned an enormous amount—and, for the most part, I have had the very best time.

I have helped make some wonderful things happen, met and worked alongside many fantastic people, and found genuine satisfaction and joy in providing valuable community services, activities and events.

However, community work is not always warm smiles, successful events and grateful customers.

I have also encountered opposition, difficult situations and periods of considerable pressure. I have had to modify behaviours, working environments and opening hours. There have been challenging conversations, uncomfortable situations and more than a few sleepless nights spent worrying about matters beyond my control.

Being a solution-focused person, I spent one of those recent sleepless nights searching for an answer to an issue I see affecting many of our community drivers: the long-term effects of the grind and the gradual spiral into apathy, exhaustion or, worse, complete withdrawal.

I began thinking about what it means to resign oneself.

According to my good friend Merriam-Webster, to resign can mean to voluntarily leave or step down from a job, office or position.

It can also mean to passively accept an unpleasant situation that cannot be changed—as in, “to resign oneself to fate.”

What an interesting use of the same word.

When you are unhappy with a situation, it seems you can resign—or resign yourself to it.

Quite the conundrum.

For my few remaining loyal fans, fear not: I am not yet abandoning my post.

For those leading the charge against my character, I am afraid I will be disappointing you yet again by continuing to do what I do best.

Adjust.

I have decided neither to resign my position nor myself!

Instead, I am plotting an alternative course—one that allows for a sustainable future without burnout, bitterness or neglect.

How exactly does one achieve that? (I am not entirely sure as I am still in the planning stages.)

However, one thing I have learned in life so far is that it is endlessly unpredictable. You can plan, plot, pray, push and carefully map your course, only to find yourself somewhere completely different from where you thought you were heading.

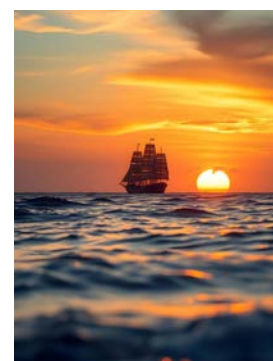
Does that mean you are lost?

Or are you simply somewhere new?

Perhaps the challenge is not to control every twist and turn, but to recognise when it is time to adjust the sails and simply go with the flow.

Here's to sailing on smoother seas.

Gaye





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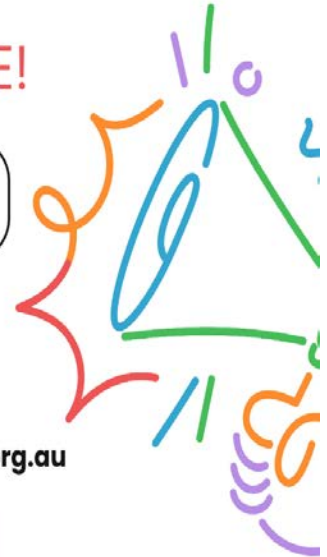
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Adapted from the book by Mem Fox & Julie Vivas

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**Manjimup Town Hall**

Family Friendly (5+ years)  
Seniors and grandparents welcome

3-4pm  
Tickets and more info:  
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**PEMBERTON STATION**

**100 YEARS**  
1926-2026

**CENTENARY CELEBRATION**

**SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2026**

A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION • EVERYONE WELCOME

Event details to follow

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**PEMBERTON**

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No. 1926-2026

100 YEARS OF HISTORY & HERITAGE

# WOW PEMBERTON 2026

## Textile Stitching and Collage with Lesley Parker



"Fabulous array of materials! Excellent encouragement and advice" - **Textile collage**



## Faye's Fabulous Felting

"Fun! And I learnt a new skill" - **Faye's Fabulous Felting**



## Baking Cakes with Miss Bazz



"The cake was great! I got lots from the workshop!" - **Baking with Miss Bazz**



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*Anna Czerkasow & Paul Nolan*



# WOW PEMBERTON 2026

## Perfecting Pastries with Cathy Osborne



"I feel like I can actually make it at home" - Perfecting Pastry



"I left with no questions. 10/10" - Perfecting Pastry

## Painting Faces with Tony Windberg



"Well organised and Informative" - Painting Faces



## PAG Lego Challenge

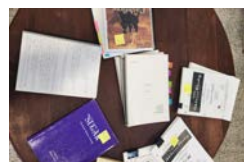


"IT WAS PERFECT!" - PAG LEGO Challenge



## Story to a Script with Dr Rose Ferrell

"Gave me a new perspective!" - Story to Script



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**Learn in the Garden**  
**Worm Farm Workshop**

With Alisa Allison from Reconnect to Nature

Learn the basics and take home an in-ground worm farm!  
**\$25 per person, \$15 for VCCG Members**

**Sunday, 16th August, 2026**  
11am – 2pm

Supplies are provided.  
Please bring: a camping chair

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## Country Women's Association Pemberton Branch



is hosting guest speaker  
**Noel Della Franca**  
for the international Year of Farming Women

### “Let's Talk Farming”

Special Invitation to all Farming Women  
and everyone

Join us for Afternoon tea at our rooms  
Doc Ryan Close.

**1.30pm Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

## COMMUNITEA CATCH-UP

ARTICLE BY GAYE VAN HAZENDONK

Images provided by CRC Staff & Volunteers

Thursday, 23 July saw our most recent Communithea Catch-Up. Guests enjoyed a delicious selection of homemade soups and a warm, welcoming setting created by the awesome team at the Pemberton CRC.



The lovely table settings, heaters and blazing—albeit artificial—fire were very well received and helped create the perfect atmosphere for a cosy winter gathering.

A big thank you to Holly Ganatta, Jeremy Van Hazendonk and Tamsyn Tartaglia, who generously donated the soups. Each one was clearly made with plenty of love and was absolutely delicious!

Following discussions and well-received feedback from our recent Communithea events, Regine, the Care Coordinator at the Pemberton CRC, has decided to trial monthly catch-ups featuring games, jigsaw puzzles and plenty of cuppas and cakes.

We will also make any donated fruit, vegetables and other pantry staples available at these gatherings to help community members manage the rising cost of living.

Although our Communithea Catch-Ups are generally designed with seniors in mind, everyone is welcome to attend—the more, the merrier!

Attending events hosted by the CRC provides us with the community engagement needed to continue delivering valuable services and helps us tailor future activities to the needs and interests of our community.

We hope to see you at our next Communithea Catch-Up on **Thursday, 20 August, from 1-3.30pm.**



## Communithea CATCH-UP

COME IN, HANG-OUT  
WITH YOUR MATES  
With games and  
fun activities!

**FREE AFTERNOON TEA**

**Thursday 20th  
August 2026  
1:00-3:30PM**



**RSL BOARDROOM  
PEMBERTON  
COMMUNITY HUB**



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## CWA NEWS

ARTICLE BY KATE SHAW

Images provided by Kate Shaw



Those of you who read last month's newsletter would have wondered what on earth the construction was in the small photo. I did put a caption but it didn't get printed.

It was "The Bee Hive" in Kew Gardens. You could walk into it while it made gentle sounds supposedly like the inside of a hive.

Our Branch is getting on with the years activities.

One of the main aims of CWA is "Advocacy" A word you hear a lot of these days, but CWA has always been involved in working with causes that are important for the community in general.

As recently in the news, having lighting on the side of trains. CWAOWFA has been lobbying for years to get this through and it has finally happened.

CWA was very involved in pushing for the wearing of seat belts to be made mandatory.

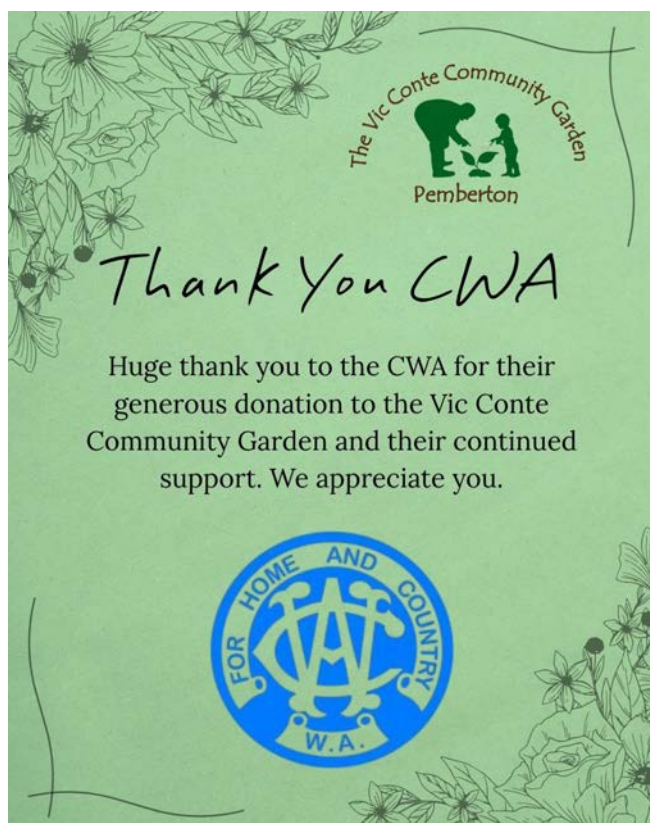
Our opshop enables us to not only provide a shop in town, but also the financial means to help our community. We have just made a financial donation to the Vic Conte Community Garden. One of many donations each year.

The Country Women's Association of WA Inc aims to improve the well-being of all people, especially those in country areas by promoting courtesy, co operation, community effort, ethical standards and wide use of resources.

Saturday 24th of October the opshop will be Closed. We are having the day off to attend the Bee Festival in Northcliffe.

In CWA friendship

Kate



## SHARE THE DIGNITY

Make a Difference This Christmas – Become a Share the Dignity Volunteer!

Have you been thinking about volunteering? Now is the perfect time to get involved and make a real difference in the lives of women, girls, and those who menstruate in our community.

Our incredible Share the Dignity volunteers generously give their time to ensure that dignity is never out of reach. Through kindness, compassion, and community spirit, they help bring hope to people who need it most.

The Manjimup Community Resource Centre (MCRC) volunteers have been busy organising the iconic pink Share the Dignity #ItsInTheBag bags, which are currently being distributed through local partner organisations to support people in need across our community.

MCRC is also proud to be a collection point for Share the Dignity's August Donation Drive. Donations of period products during August will help provide essential items to women and girls experiencing hardship, restoring dignity and ensuring no one has to go without these basic necessities.

#ItsInTheBag is Share the Dignity's annual Christmas campaign, encouraging Australians to donate a handbag filled with essential everyday items for someone experiencing hardship. These thoughtful gifts are distributed through more than 3,000 registered charities across Australia, bringing comfort, confidence, and a little Christmas joy to those who need it most.

Every bag sends a powerful message: "You matter. You are seen. You deserve dignity."

If you've been thinking about volunteering, we'd love to welcome you to the team. By becoming a Share the Dignity volunteer, you'll be helping to change lives right here in our local community.

Ready to make a difference? Join our volunteer team today and help restore dignity, one act of kindness at a time.

For more information about volunteering or donating, contact the Manjimup Community Resource Centre:

08 9777 2774 [reception@manjimup.org.au](mailto:reception@manjimup.org.au)



# MAKING OF THE PEMBERTON CAMP SCHOOL

ARTICLE BY: AJ QUINTON

Photos found online

The idea for the Pemberton Camp School was first proposed in 1953 by the National Fitness Committee and a group of school representatives. The proposal was strongly supported by former Pemberton School Headmaster C.A. Glew, who recognised the educational and recreational opportunities the camp could provide for students.

Officially established in 1954 as the Forest Youth Camp, the facility was built on the site of a former golf course. The original camp accommodation was housed in the old Golf Clubhouse, while the main hall was a demountable building that had been relocated from a school in Busselton.

During its early years, the camp was managed jointly by the local community and Pemberton High School. It quickly became a popular destination for school groups, including Harvey Junior High School, and was also used by swimming clubs during school holidays due to its close proximity to the local swimming pool.

In the mid-1950s, camp activities were temporarily suspended because of health



concerns. During this period, several improvements were made to the site, with existing buildings upgraded and additional structures relocated from other locations.

One notable addition was the headmaster's residence, originally a mill worker's house, which was moved to the camp in 1962.

By 1978, responsibility for the camp had been transferred to the Western Australian Department of Education, becoming part of the state's network of camp schools. The camp provided curriculum-based learning alongside opportunities for personal and social development. Students participated in a wide range of programs, including outdoor education, environmental studies, Aboriginal education, water-based activities, cooking, and hiking.

By 2017, the camp—now known as Camp Fairbridge Pemberton—was managed by a principal/manager and regularly operated at capacity.

It welcomed approximately 1,700 students each year, continuing its long-standing role as an important centre for outdoor learning and educational experiences in Western Australia.



## PYC YOGA

3 August

10 August

17 August

24 August

31 August

Yoga Class 5:30-6:30pm

@ PCSC karri/jarrah room

\$20/session or

\$150 for 10 with PYC loyalty card

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## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN CHAIR YOGA CLASSES

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Put your name on the list and

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Pemberton Yoga Collective

## Expressions of Interest **SCRIPTREADING!**

*Love being read to? Interested in Drama, Performance, Writing?*

*Can't think of anything better than sitting in a warm room with a hot cuppa and a heated conversation?*

I am looking for interested people who would like to join in a script reading group.

It is proposed to meet monthly at a venue to be advised. Cost would be minimal. Participants can opt in to read a part or just listen.

Contact Rose on 0437 485 237 / rosieglow@westnet.com.au

Hope to hear from you soon!



Welcome to our Museum Newsletter that is put together during our Thursday morning workshop mornings where our team work on projects but we always welcome visitors and new information. Recently Fred Wellburn has been coming in with interesting stories of his father's days working in the Mill.

Our town's SSM7 locomotive is our focus this month. It is on display in our Heritage Precinct on Broadway and information and photos are supplied with thanks from Jeff Hemsley.

#### Locomotive SSM No 7 History

Built in 1895, being new to WAGR 22 August 1895. Sold to State Saw Mills in November 1946 and was renumbered to SSM No. 7. Was at Shannon River in November 1953, and at Pemberton in November 1960. Last used as a shunter at Pemberton, c. 1970. A sign on the engine indicates that this steam engine was in service for the State Sawmill No 7. It is representative of the steam engines that would have serviced the Pemberton to Northcliffe Railway line which was constructed between 1929 and 1933. The Pemberton-Northcliffe Railway comprises a standard plan timber and iron railway station, and a 3ft 6ins gauge railway line, 36 km in length between Pemberton and Northcliffe, which include seven railway bridges. The station was built in 1926 and the railway line and bridges were constructed in 1929-33. Many of the bridges contain repair material, including concrete piers to replace trestles and steel beams to replace timber.

At the Northcliffe end of the line, there is the remains of a station platform formation and a two-ton crane. A railway line had existed between Jarnadup (now Jardee) and Big Brook (Pemberton) since c1912. Pemberton townsite was first settled in 1912 after the establishment of the State Saw Mill No 3. It was only officially named Pemberton in October 1925. The sawmills were to supply the sleepers for the Trans-Australian Railway. The timber industry which grew up provided extensive employment and accommodation was built for the workers and their families in Pemberton in the years that followed. The line between Jarnadup and Big Brook continued in operation, the primary purpose being to transport timber for the mills. Big Brook became a thriving mill town, with a hall, store, staff accommodation, mill workers' cottages and single men's huts and two boarding houses. The 1920s was a period of growth in Pemberton (Big Brook).

For 50 years the line provided an important transportation link which allowed the development of the region, bringing to it the necessary farm materials, including superphosphate, and carrying away the timber and agricultural produce of the area, as well as providing transport for people. In December 1986 the Pemberton to Northcliffe Railway was closed to traffic. In 1987 it was leased to Mr R Pearson, trading as Pemberton Tramway Co to be developed as a tourist venture, operating as a light railway. That same year the tourist tramway was officially opened, utilizing three light-weight rail cars, custom made by

Willis Light Engineering of Rivervale. The condition of the track, and the density of the terrain made the Pemberton-Northcliffe trip a day long excursion. The tramway and daily tram rides are a popular activity for visitors to the area. The tram line crosses Brockman Street, the main street of Pemberton close to where this steam engine is located in a park.

1889-1899: The G Class locomotive was originally designed & built by Beyer Peacock & Co in Manchester. They built 7 of them.

Martin, James & Co from Gawler, South Australia, built 29, including SSM 7 in 1895, which was originally named G53.

Neilson & Co in Glasgow, built 12.

Only 48 were ever built. Only 2 remain in Western Australia, SMM 2 & SSM 7.

This locomotive has a wheel alignment of 2-6-0 and runs on a 3'6" gauge line.

These were the first class of locomotives to be bought by WAGR (Western Australian Government Railways) in quantity. Originally used as main line units on early railways, they tended to derail at high speed. Once heavier locomotives arrived, many G Class locos were sold off to timber companies to work the lightly constructed "bush lines", that they were ideally suited for.

1942: During WW2, G53 and 12 other of these locos were loaned to the Commonwealth Railways for use on the North Australian Railways. ( Darwin ). Others went to Cairns in Queensland. Renamed NFC53 and in 1943 NFC69.

1946: After the War this G53 locomotive was sold to the WA State Saw Mills and renamed SSM 7.

1953: Commenced work at the Shannon River area.

This locomotive was used on the Northcliffe to Jardee line that was constructed between 1929 and 1933.

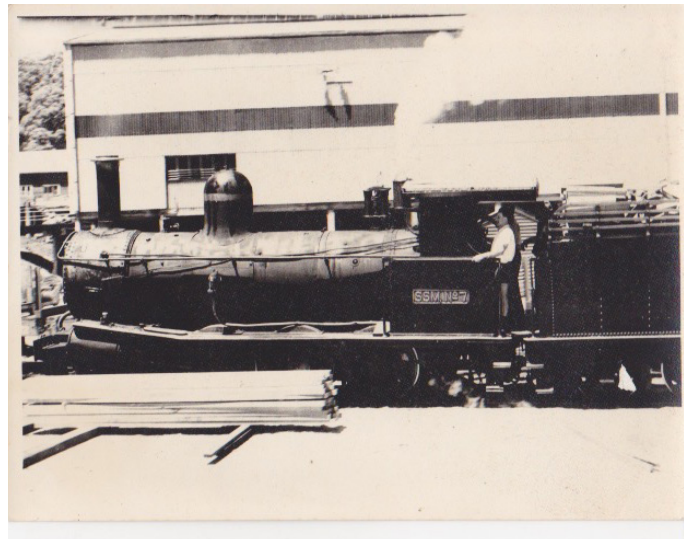
1960: She was moved to Pemberton and commenced work at the Timber mill as a shunter.

1961: SSM 7 was sold to Hawker Siddeley Building supplies.

1970: SSM 7 was decommissioned.

1971: SSM 7 was plinthed in this location.

*Below Locomotive SSM No 7.*



## THE MOTHER OF GOD, A SHORT BIOGRAPHY

CATHERINE PETAL

Picture found online

Before Mary was announced as "Blessed", before she was crowned as Queen, she was a teenage girl in Nazareth who said yes to something impossible. Mother Mary was born roughly in 20 BC to St. Joachim and St. Anne after the couple was struggling with fertility for years. At the age of three, she was brought to the Temple in Jerusalem to be raised



among consecrated virgins. Her life was a beautiful example of dedication to God from the beginning of one's life. There has not been one moment of her life where she was without God's grace!

Her constant "yes" would foreshadow the far greater one to come – her Fiat.

In an act of Divine Mercy, Mary was preserved from original sin from the moment of her conception, granting the Word Incarnate a sinless ark from which He would be born. God applied

Jesus' sacrifice to the conception of His mother, which took place some forty years before the crucifixion. She is the Immaculate Conception, a unique grace given in view of her role as Mother of God.

Mary's story unfolds like a quiet, unbroken thread of faithfulness: a young woman in Nazareth is visited by the angel Gabriel with a request that would change history, and without hesitation she says yes (Luke 1:26-38); she then hurries to her cousin Elizabeth's side, her joy overflowing into the Magnificat before she's even had time to process what's happened to her (Luke 1:39-56); soon after comes Bethlehem and the Nativity (Luke 2, Matthew 1-2), followed by the Presentation in the Temple, where Simeon foretells that a sword will pierce her soul. Years later, she and Joseph endure three anguished days in the Finding of Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52). At the Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11), her quiet words, "they have no wine", prompt Jesus's first public miracle. This moment would teach Christians to implore Mother Mary's intercession to God for the rest of history. She stands in silent sorrow at the Cross (John 19:25-27) where Jesus entrusts her to the care of the beloved disciple, and the disciple to her. Mary is present during Pentecost with the apostles in the upper room, praying alongside the earliest Church as the Holy Spirit descends, linking her not only to the birth of Christ, but to the birth of the Church itself!

In the story of redemption, Jesus and Mary are, in a sense, the new Adam and Eve: where the first pair broke from God in sin, Christ and Mary showed perfect fidelity.

Stemming from this fundamental truth comes the

four approved Marian Dogmas. 1. She is the Mother of God (council of Ephesus, 431 AD); 2. She remains a Perpetual Virgin; 3. She was preserved sinless through the Immaculate Conception (1854); and 4. At life's end she was taken body and soul into heaven at the Assumption (1950, Aug 15 feast day). These four dogmas are the pillars of Catholic teaching on Mother Mary.

There is something uniquely beautiful about Our Lady's relationship with humanity. She didn't stop having an active role on earth upon her Assumption, and we see that through her apparitions and the devotions that follow them. These centuries of devotion have given her many titles – Theotokos, Our Lady of Sorrows, Queen of Heaven, Mediatrix, Stella Maris, Undoer of Knots – to name a few! With 15 official titles in the Liturgical calendar, she holds a special and vital position in the Catholic Church. One of deep maternal love, constant intercession and guidance towards God.

September is dedicated to Our Lady's title of 'Our Lady of Sorrows', if you would like to pray and meditate on the sorrowful swords of Mary, I encourage you to search the Our Lady of Sorrows chaplet and pick up this devotional practice.

God bless you all!

***Catholic Joke of the month: How many religious sisters are male?.... NUN of them!***

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## MONTHLY PRAYER

Dear God and Heavenly Father, We thank and praise You for You are the giver of all good things.

Please forgive us if we have done anything to dishonour Your name.

We stand in awe of Your marvellous handiwork in our natural surroundings here in Pemberton. Many events have taken place in our individual lives so far. Some overwhelming, yet we thank You for the good and not such good times.

As we reflect on these events, in time they turn out for the better. For Your Word says: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding". This beautiful reminder is from Proverbs 3:5-6. It encourages us to rely on Your guidance and not on our own limited understanding.

We observe changes in our Town from time to time; how it transformed over the years. Some of us remember the "Good old days". Help us to continue to appreciate all these changes, and reach out to newcomers to our town. Lord also the tourists who drive in and support our local businesses even during this Winter season. Please continue to bless each one of us in ways you know best.

Keep us safe and well as the weather becomes colder at this time of year. Lord, as you love and care for us, may we in turn do likewise unto others. Let us have and show compassion to those in far away troubled countries and to all less fortunate than ourselves.

In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



## FUN FACTS: BRONZEWING PIGEON

ARTICLE BY KATIE PILLAR

Images found online

Hopefully these facts won't fly over your head.

You may have seen these pretty pigeons with iridescent wing feathers around the region. They are Bronzewing Pigeons, native to Australia. Both the Brush Bronzewing and the Common Bronzewing reside in Southwest WA.

Early colonisers attempted eating Bronzewings but lucky for the pigeons, they eat poisonous seeds and put a quick stop to that.

Young Bronzewing Pigeons don't have their metallic feathers yet. All adults do have "bronze" wings, although the males are particularly lustrous.

Brush Bronzewings are a ground-dwelling bird that makes their "unimpressive" nest on or near the ground, which makes the young susceptible to attacks from predators, especially when the parent deserts their eggs as soon as threatened. They have also been known to use the abandoned nests of other birds. At least someone's recycling.

These pigeons approach water sources cautiously, after landing from a distance and walking over. The Common Bronzewing sometimes feeds in small flocks, while the Brush Bronzewing forages alone or in a pair.

They are granivores, which means they primarily feed on seeds. They also eat berries and the occasional small insect. They will swallow small stones to aid seed grinding.

The male of the species displays its courtship through dance in their territory. Some will feed their mate during the dance, except for the Common Bronzewing males. Males bow their heads and fan their tails while flaunting their pretty wing feathers to the female. Females will sometimes 'coo' alongside the males courting display.

These birds mate for life and will travel, feed, and even parent in their pairs. These strong monogamous bonds last until one partner dies. The elaborate courting displays continue between the pair and strengthen their bond. They are excellent parents and opportunistic breeders. Both parents share the care of the egg and the chick. Generally, they raise one of their young per year, but can have more.

*Phaps chalcoptera* is the scientific name of the Common Bronzewing. The Brush Bronzewing's scientific name is *Phaps Elegans*.

Wooda (woo-dah) is the Noongar name of the Brush Bronzewing.

The Flock Bronzewing species (*Phaps Histrionica*), is known to be spotted in extraordinary flocks of thousands. They are locally abundant in the northern and central parts of Australia.

Australia has 29 species of pigeons. Some other well-known aussie pigeons are the native Crested Pigeon found in urban and rural areas all across Australia or the Feral Pigeon (also known as a Rock Dove) which is introduced from Europe and relies heavily on human infrastructure, often found around urbanized areas rather than native forests and the wilderness.

The Common Bronzewings have a widespread distribution with a large variety of habitats in woodlands and grasslands all around Australia, they hangout basically anywhere with trees and shrubbery. Brush Bronzewings are more coastal, but have very similar habitats.

These could have been tweets.



BRUSH Bronzewing



COMMON Bronzewing

## MOVIE REVIEW

PROJECT HAIL MARY

PG-13 | 2026 | 2h 36m | Sci-Fi/Adventure

Being a mad fan of science fiction—and Ryan Gosling—was delighted to drop in halfway through this film while another family member was watching it.

Usually, I have no interest in watching half a movie, but I was surprisingly engrossed. So much so that I had to go back and watch it from the beginning. That then enticed another two people to join halfway through, who later went back to re-watch it themselves and encouraged others to watch it too. It became a rather interesting cycle!

The story centres around science teacher Ryland Grace, played by Ryan Gosling, who wakes aboard a spaceship light-years from Earth with no recollection of who he is or how he got there.

There is plenty of toing and froing as his memories gradually return in bits and pieces following four years of enforced hibernation. Although the jumps between the past and present can be a little distracting at times, the story is beautifully pieced together and offers an interesting exploration of memory and its influence on who we are.

The entire film is enveloped in beautifully crafted cinematography, creating a mesmerising experience alongside an engaging storyline.

Grace slowly begins to uncover his mission: to solve the mystery of a strange substance causing the sun to die. He must draw upon his scientific knowledge and unorthodox ideas to save all life on Earth from extinction—but an unexpected friendship means he may not have to face the challenge alone.

At times, the film is quite scary and confronting, but it ends on a superbly feel-good note that left me with an uplifting, albeit fleeting, sense of hope for humanity.

With an impressive Rotten Tomatoes rating, it would appear I am not alone in my delight with this movie.

A highly recommended watch!



## FACTS AND FABLES

ROZZI IN OZ

*Pictures from pixabay*

Last year, for readers who can recall, I rambled on about my planting disappointments in my little garden and was convinced that I did not have green fingers but rather a brown thumb. Some of my seeds had not germinated and I missed out on purchasing flowering bulbs which I had hoped would bloom by September, the month of our wedding anniversary. The good news is that I learnt from my errors and have acquired new-found gardening skills. I managed to get bulbs well in advance and now have burgeoning blue and purple hyacinths and healthy daffodil and iris plants. The not so good news is that I failed at nurturing the foxglove plants. At this stage I am unsure whether I should fret about it or not.

Since my early years, foxgloves have fascinated me. The delicate thimble-like flowers were so pretty and colourful in fairytale books and stimulated my imagination. I dreamt of having my own "woodland" garden cottage with borders of foxgloves. Remembering that childhood dream, I envisaged a row of towering foxgloves growing up outside my window. The plants were purchased at the same nursery where I bought the bulbs. After planting them I looked at them almost daily as they grew sturdily for the next few weeks and I was delighted that I had gardening successes at last. However, early Winter rains drowned the young plants. Unbeknown to me, the flower-box in which I planted them, did not have any draining holes in it.

Towards the end of July when the bulbs flourished and produced such promising signs for my Spring garden, the foxglove plants looked sad and sodden with flopping leaves. Would they survive if I scooped out some of the water and added more potting soil? I decided to read up about Foxglove (*Digitalis*). Their botanical name rang a bell! It was familiar as a Homeopathic remedy was prescribed for me a number of years ago. Curiosity led me to do some further reading. Surely there was more to the humble foxglove than children's fables... And indeed there was!

I came across "The Truth about Foxgloves" in a New York Times Horticultural article, June 2018. Purple foxgloves (*Digitalis Purpurea*), are identified as tall striking spires with dozens of little finger-shaped blooms. They are native across Western Europe. Traditionally they were planted as borders in English country gardens of which there are twenty different species. Colours range from shades of yellows, pinks, lavenders and whites to purple with dark spots inside the tube. Leaves are large and fuzzy, resembling sage or spinach. Foxgloves bloom during their second year and seeds are collected for replanting.

In folklore, it was said that foxes made dens in woodlands; wear flowers in their paws and attacked rural villagers. Sometimes foxgloves were called "witches gloves". The plants are toxic and known for herbal remedies for centuries. The entire plant is poisonous according to experts and the leaves contain certain concentrated toxins.

In 1785 English Botanist William Withering was the first to discover toxic and medicinal qualities of foxgloves. Extracts contain chemicals also known as digitalis. This was initially used to treat abnormal heart rhythms

and symptoms of congenital heart failure and swelling of legs. Decades later it became a significant source of medicine. Apothecaries in France used paintings of foxgloves to signify their expertise. In the early twentieth century Pharmacologists used digitalis for dropsy (oedema) and heart disease. In Britain during World War 1 leaves were collected to extract medicine for ailing soldiers. (REF: Joyce Newman, Environmentalist and Teacher)

The information was factual and I decided to find a short version of a Fable to cheer me up. This is a summary of a delightful and happy ending story by Janice Witherspoon, an Irish Storyteller. A loving couple, Garth and his wife Gwen, lived in forest. Their cottage was surrounded by pretty foxgloves, Gwen adored them and watered them regularly. Garth, a woodcutter did not like them at all because they attracted Goblins. He was afraid these bearded little beings would harm them. His wife had met one of them and started to put bread and milk out for him regularly in the evening. He was rather cute and friendly. She did not tell her husband as he would not have approved. One day when he was out late chopping wood, the dreaded mountain witch captured him. Gwen was very worried and called out his name. Her friend, the goblin knew about the witch and summoned hundreds of little goblins to scare off the witch and release Garth. You may guess how they succeeded. Yes, they put foxglove thimbles on their fingers and pointed it at her. Garth ran home and he was safe from the witch. Since then he treasured the friendship of the goblin too and helped Gwen to water the foxgloves and feed their friend,

I was amused by the fable and will tell it to my great-grandsons making sure they understand the difference between fact and fiction. However, I still have to do something about my own foxglove plants. Having discovered they are toxic for humans to touch and poisonous for animals too, I decided to get rid of them and plant summer blooming seeds or plants in my flower-box. In any case, four months is not that long before a bulb blooms, but having to wait two years for foxgloves is a bit too long!

It really is a conundrum because all living things are created for a purpose. The bees love the foxgloves and they have healing properties but can also be of danger to humans and animals if handled or ingested.



## Community Wellbeing Program

Providing support for communities impacted by the phase-out of live sheep exports by sea through community wellbeing and mental health activities across regional Western Australia

\* The Community Wellbeing Program is funded through the Australian Government's Sheep Industry Transition Assistance Package and administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.



**Rural Aid**



Free, confidential counselling in person or by phone for farmers, their families and farm workers impacted by the phase out.

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Community events to build connection and promote positive mental health across regional areas.

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# NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

On the last day of term, St Joseph's proudly celebrated NAIDOC Week, with students invited to wear free dress in colours that reflected and celebrated Country. Throughout the day, students participated in a variety of meaningful learning experiences designed to deepen their understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

Activities included exploring music and artworks created by Indigenous artists, learning and playing traditional First Nations games, and listening to traditional stories. One story about the echidna inspired a collaborative art activity that demonstrated the importance of storytelling in passing on culture and knowledge.

Students also researched First Nations Australians who have achieved success and recognition across a range of fields, including sport, music, politics, film and the arts. Their learning culminated in the creation of a gallery showcasing these inspiring individuals and celebrating their contributions to Australian society. Do you know the achievements of these famous First Nations people - Ash Barty, Novis Peris, Jessie Mauboy, Patty Mills, Gavin Wanganeen, Polly Farmer, Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue and Cathy Freeman? These are just a few of the many successful Australians.

It was a wonderful day of learning, reflection and celebration for our whole school community. At the end of this term, we will continue our learning with an excursion 'On Country' as we head to the One Tree Bridge area of Manjimup and learn from elders and teachers who have stories to share.





## PEMBERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Real-world learning was highlighted at the end of Term Two, with PDHS's Year 8-10 students participating in two programs designed to develop practical skills and community connections.

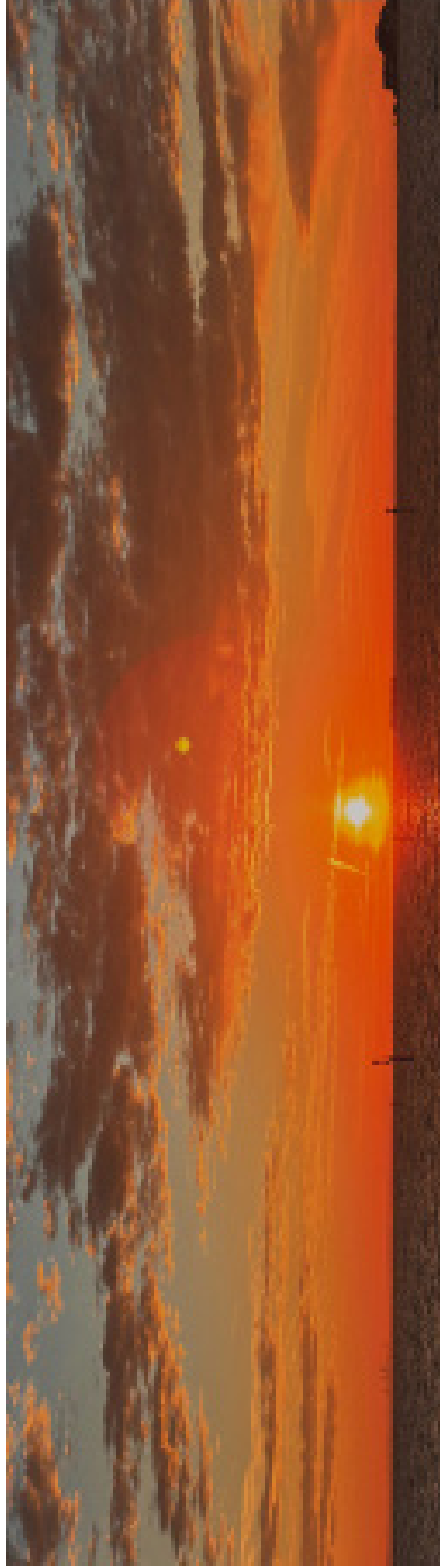
Our Year 8 students participated in an immersive Emergency Services Week, learning from local emergency service volunteers and professionals. Activities included marine rescue training at Windy Harbour, where students practised knot tying, marine radio procedures and CPR during a mock shark attack scenario. They also visited the Pemberton Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service and St John WA, learning about fire safety, bushfire preparedness and ambulance equipment.

Students explored the impact of the Lake Jasper bushfire, compared bushfire damage with prescribed burn areas, and learned about forest fuel management at the Carlotta Fire Station. Students examined emergency response vehicles and equipment, explored the school's bushfire plan through a simulated emergency, and experiencing a house fire scenario using virtual reality technology. The program provided valuable insight into emergency services while developing practical skills and an appreciation for the dedicated volunteers who protect our community.

Our Year 9 and Year 10 students stepped into the workforce during Work Experience Week. Year 9 students completed Work Experience placements, while Year 10 students undertook Workplace Learning as part of their senior school pathway. Students gained firsthand experience across a wide range of industries including education, childcare, retail, tourism, health, agriculture, construction, mechanical services, aviation, local government and aquaculture.

Pemberton District High School sincerely thanks the many local businesses and organisations that generously hosted our students. Their support provides invaluable opportunities for young people to explore career pathways, develop workplace skills and build confidence for their future.





# August 2026

Thank you to Kaas Van Hazendonk for this months Calendar photo taken at Rottnest island

| MONDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                                                            | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                   | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                        | FRIDAY                                                                    | SATURDAY                                                                                                                   | SUNDAY                                                                |
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| <p><b>Learn in the Garden</b><br/><b>Worm Farm Workshop</b></p> <p>With Alisa Allison from Reconnect to Nature<br/>Learn the basics and take home an in-ground worm farm!<br/>\$25 per person, \$15 for VCCG Members<br/><b>Sunday, 16th August, 2026</b><br/>11am - 2pm</p> | <p><b>4 Basis Clinic</b><br/>@ RSL Boardroom<br/>10am-12pm. Free sessions for 65+ yrs - see pg 20</p> <p><b>Mable info session</b> @ Pemberton<br/>CRC 9am-10.30am - see pg 20</p> | <p><b>Experience Nannup</b><br/><b>NANNUP</b><br/>Flowers and Garden Festival<br/>7-16 AUGUST 2026<br/><i>where the Tulips bloom...</i></p> | <p><b>FREE AFTERNOON TEA</b><br/><b>Thursday 20th August 2026</b><br/><b>1:00-3:30PM</b></p> <p><b>RSL BOARDROOM PEMBERTON COMMUNITYHUB</b></p> | <p><b>1</b></p>                                                           | <p><b>1</b></p>                                                                                                            | <p><b>2</b></p>                                                       |
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| <p><b>10</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p><b>11 Basis Clinic</b> @ RSL Boardroom 10am-12pm. Free sessions for 65+ yrs - see pg 20</p>                                                                                     | <p><b>12 Meet the NDIA</b><br/>@ RSL Boardroom 10am-2.00pm - see pg 20</p>                                                                  | <p><b>13</b></p>                                                                                                                                | <p><b>14</b></p>                                                          | <p><b>15</b> <b>Pembertons Got Talent</b> @ Pemberton Mill Hall - see pg 27</p>                                            | <p><b>16</b> <b>Worm Farm Workshop</b> @ VCCG 11am-2pm - see pg 6</p> |

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|    | <b>24</b> |    | <b>25</b><br><b>Basis Clinic @ RSL</b><br>Boardroom 10am-12pm. Free sessions for 65+ yrs - see pg 20 |      | <b>26</b> |    | <b>27</b>                                                                                                                                     |    | <b>28</b>                                                                                                                           |    | <b>29</b><br><b>Pemberton CWA Market Day</b> |  | <b>30</b><br><b>Pemberton CWA Afternoon tea @ 1.30pm - see pg 6</b><br><b>Music &amp; Mayhem</b><br>In scottish fiddle @ St Martins Anglican Church Manjimup 2.30pm |  |

### Balingup Medieval Carnivale



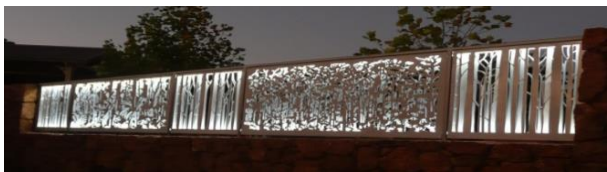
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**Coming up in September**  
Southern Forests & Valleys Wine Show  
Spare Parts Puppet Theatre MJP - see page 3  
Bluegrass & Old Time Music Festival  
PAG 'Alchemy' exhibition - see page 19  
Southern Art & Craft Trail  
WA Gravity Enduro Round 6

### Regular Community Events

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|    | <b>Anglican Church Service</b><br>1st & 3rd Sun 10.30am<br>Uniting Church Brockman St, Pemberton<br>Michelle 9776 0371 |    | <b>All sorts exercise group</b><br>Mon 9am \$5 each NB: <b>Not on School Holidays</b><br>Pemberton Community Sports Club<br>Admin 9776 1066 |    | <b>Museum Workshop</b><br>Thursday @10.0 am - 12pm<br>Pemberton Heritage & History Group<br>Ros 0439 214 393 |    | <b>Netball</b><br>Tuesdays from 6pm<br>Pemberton Community Sports Club<br>Chloe 0417 340 946 |    | <b>Road bike social ride</b><br>1st, 2nd & 3rd Sun @ 7.30am<br>Leaving from the Community Hub<br>Christine 0407 774 128 |    | <b>Sacred Heart Catholic Church</b><br>Wed 10.00am, 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun 8:30, 2nd & 4th Sun 10:30am. Cnr Guppy S & Dean St<br>Manjimup Parish 9771 2873 |    | <b>Social Badminton</b><br>Adults @6pm-7.30pm \$5ea.<br>Pemberton Community Sports Club<br>Vivian 0401 501 941                            |    | <b>Solitaire Club</b> - \$2<br>Tues @ 11.00am<br>Pemberton CRC<br>Pemberton CRC 9776 1745                                   |    | <b>Snooker Club</b><br>Wednesdays @ 6.30 pm<br>Pemberton Community Sports Club<br>Renata 0488 760 426 |    | <b>Department of Communities and Regional Development</b> |
|    | <b>Craft Group</b><br>1st Tues \$5<br>St Johns Ambulance Hall                                                          |    | <b>St Joe's Youth Group</b><br>Every 2nd Fri @ 5pm - 7pm<br>Manjimup Catholic Parish Centre<br>Contact holly.ganatta1@gmail.com             |    | <b>PAG Arts-in-House</b><br>Tues & Wed 9.30am<br>PAG Art Room @ the HUB<br>Anna 0439 369 702                 |    | <b>Pemberton Golf Club</b><br>Saturdays @ 12pm<br>Golf links road<br>Club 9776 1455          |    | <b>Pemberton Yoga Collective</b><br>Mondays 5.30pm - 7.00pm<br>Pemberton CSC - Jarrah room<br>Pemberton CRC 9776 1745   |    | <b>Pemberton Youth Zone</b><br>Every 2nd Fri @ 5pm - 8pm<br>Pemberton Community Sports Club<br>Admin 9776 1066                                        |    | <b>Play Group</b><br>Tues, Thurs @ 9.00 NB: <b>Not on School Holidays</b><br>Pemberton Community Sports Club crèche<br>Pippa 0401 654 902 |    | <b>Rhyme and Story Time</b><br>Pemberton Library NB: <b>Not on School Holidays</b><br>Wednesday 10.30am<br>Sherri 9776 1311 |    | <b>Proudly supported by:</b>                                                                          |    | <b>Department of Communities and Regional Development</b> |
|  | <b>Mill Hall Dance</b><br>2nd Sat 7.30pm BYO. Share Supper - \$5<br>Pemberton Mill Hall<br>Terrie 0439 840 784         |  | <b>PCA - Womens Ride</b><br>Second sat day of the month @9am<br>Meeting @ Pemberton Community Hub                                           |  | <b>Fire and Rescue</b><br>1st Sat 2.00pm<br>Pemberton Fire Station<br>Jamie 0447 165 814                     |  | <b>Southerners Home Games</b><br>Times Vary<br>Pemberton Sports Oval                         |  | <b>Uniting Church Service</b><br>4th Sun 10.00am<br>Pemberton Uniting Church<br>Tom 9776 1472                           |  | <b>Pemberton CWA</b>                                                                                                                                  |  | <b>Pemberton CWA</b>                                                                                                                      |  | <b>Pemberton CWA</b>                                                                                                        |  | <b>Pemberton CWA</b>                                                                                  |  | <b>Pemberton CWA</b>                                      |



*Pemberton Community organisation of the Year 2016.*

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**PAG NEWS:** Contact Cate: [pembertonart2023@outlook.com](mailto:pembertonart2023@outlook.com) 0437 734 221

PAG would like to wish everyone the very best Month of August. We are well into Winter and it's glorious to see our dams and rivers flowing and the green of the forest glistening.

Please remember everyone is welcome to our workshops, but bookings are essential as we are limited to how many people we can fit in our lovely space.

### **WOW Workshops!**

The Pemberton CRC ran their annual Winter WEEKEND OF WORKSHOPS. PAG hosted two Lego Challenge Workshops and a Watercolour Painting Workshop with the wonderful Tony Windberg. All workshops were well attended, and we would like to thank the CRC for their time and support throughout the process.

### **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!**

We are full speed ahead planning the PAG Spring Art Exhibition. This year's theme is ALCHEMY!

Long-shrouded in secrecy, alchemy is now recognised as the ancestor of modern chemistry. Alchemists were notorious for attempting to make synthetic gold, but their goals were far more ambitious: to transform and bend nature to the will of an industrious human imagination. For scientists, philosophers, and artists alike, alchemy seemed to hold the key to unlocking the secrets of creation.

Alchemy has significantly influenced various forms of art throughout history, inspiring numerous artists and artworks that incorporate alchemical themes, symbols, and processes. We look forward to seeing how our South West artists create art inspired by this exciting theme.

### **DON'T BE SHY...**

If you'd like to attend our exhibitions, become a member, attend our art sessions or workshops or donate a prize to an exhibition artist – just contact us. We'd love to hear from you!

**Pemberton Arts Group Inc presents**  
**23rd Annual Spring Exhibition**  
**'ALCHEMY'**  
*Seeking the sublime from the ordinary*



**2D and small 3D works, Pemberton Community Sports Club**  
**Exhibition open from 10am—4:30pm daily, Saturday 26th September**  
**to Sunday 11th October** (*closes 1pm on 11th October*).

Size limits and prize list will be on entry form, available in August.

Entry Form, Image and Artist's Statement due Monday 14th September

Email PAG: [pembertonart2023@outlook.com](mailto:pembertonart2023@outlook.com) Website: [www.pembertonartsgroup.org.au](http://www.pembertonartsgroup.org.au)

*Sculpture by Paul Fontanini*



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## B·A·S·I·S Clinic

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### FREE GROUP SESSIONS

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



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**GROUP SESSIONS**

### UPCOMING GROUP SESSION DETAILS

#### Pemberton

Pemberton Community Resource Centre  
61 Brockman St, Pemberton

**Group Sessions Run on:**

**Tuesdays 10am - 12pm**

**21st April - 2nd June**

**28th July - 8th September**

**29th September - 10th November**

#### Northcliffe

Northcliffe Family and Community Centre  
58 Zamia St, Northcliffe

**Group Sessions Run on:**

**Wednesdays 10am - 12pm**

**22nd April - 3rd June**

**29th July - 9th September**

**30th September - 11th November**

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## HOROSCOPES & THE MONTH AHEAD

August 2026 blends creativity, confidence, relationships, and practical preparation, with key planetary movements shaping love, career, and personal growth for all zodiac signs.

**The Moon Perth Time!** The new moon will occur 1.36am 13 August. There will be a solar eclipse for the northern hemisphere at this exact time. We will still pick up the eclipse energy down south. The full moon will peak at 12.18pm 28 August, providing us Southerners two nights of full moon glory. Surely one of those will be clear to us to admire and bask in the energy. Hopefully can get that telescope out!

### Key Astrological Highlights

Venus flutters into Libra on the 6th. This is a happy transit, because Venus rules Libra, which means it is "at home" and can easily express itself. It's ideal for finding love or making a commitment. In fact, it's one of the best times to get married! Venus in Libra is also fantastic for spending on makeovers, beauty projects, and home decor. It stays here until September 10th, when it slinks into mysterious Scorpio.

When Mercury enters Leo on the 9th, creative thinking heightens. Whether you're conjuring up new ideas at work or finding bold ways to add colour to your garden, this transit delivers the goods! Mercury remains here until the 25th.

As Mars tours Cancer from the 11th to September 27th, emotions could spur actions. The warrior planet isn't too fond of sensitive Cancer, so expect tension. While it's good to act on what's in your heart, it can be carried to extremes if not careful. Pause and reflect first. That way, you'll prevent drama. That being said, this transit is lovely for large-scale home renovations. If you need to tear down a wall or want to rip up your yard, go for it!

Eclipse season begins with a Solar Eclipse in Leo on the 12th. While this could be an excellent day for entertaining, it can also bring shocking news or unexpected changes. It might also deliver a new creative idea. No matter what happens, give it a few days before making decisions.

When the Sun lands in Virgo on the 22nd, tidy up your world. You'll have four weeks to de-clutter, deep clean, and organise everything. It's also excellent for weeding your garden and trimming hedges. The Sun changes signs on September 22nd.

Mercury goes home to favourite sign Virgo on the 25th. It's the best transit for analysing, planning, studying, and sorting out fact from fiction. Mercury stays in Virgo until September 10th.

The Lunar Eclipse in Pisces on the 28th ends the month on a dramatic note. Major endings are possible. Go with the flow as much as possible. Emotions are elevated, so a good cry is possible. Let the tears flow and let go. If it feels like too much, a day of rest will rejuvenate you.

### Zodiac Sign Highlights

**Aries:** Focus on refining routines and preparing for a busy spring; creativity and leadership shine early in the month.

**Taurus:** August bridges winter relaxation and

structured planning; prioritise organisation and sustainable habits.

**Gemini:** Communication and social connections are highlighted; be mindful of emotional fluctuations mid-month.

**Cancer:** Home and family matters take centre stage; Mars encourages action but requires patience.

**Leo:** Early August is your spotlight period; embrace creativity, self-expression, and leadership opportunities.

**Virgo:** Later in the month, practical improvements, routines, and efficiency dominate; focus on long-term planning.

**Libra:** Venus in your sign enhances relationships, beauty, and social harmony; ideal for commitments and personal projects.

**Scorpio:** Pay attention to finances and career; emotional awareness is key to navigating challenges.

**Sagittarius:** Creativity and social energy are high; balance adventurous impulses with practical planning.

**Capricorn:** Career and financial focus; careful planning and disciplined action yield results.

**Aquarius:** Stay alert to social and professional opportunities; avoid impulsive decisions.

**Pisces:** Emotional reflection peaks with the Full Moon; prioritise self-care and spiritual awareness.

**Summary:** August 2026 is a month to express yourself confidently, nurture relationships, and prepare for practical achievements as the zodiac transitions from Leo's bold energy to Virgo's structured focus. Balancing creativity with organisation will help maximise opportunities in love, career, and personal growth



## Accessing Government Info

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

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

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

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





Department of  
Primary Industries and  
Regional Development

# Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

## Don't be a tosser: Aquatic weeds

August 2026



The jar of *Salvinia molesta* intercepted by a proactive member of the public; close-up image of an individual plant where the waxy hairs are visible on the upper leaf surface; and a previously discovered infestation in a Byford waterway.

Recently, on a beautiful winter's day on the Canning River in Perth, the sun was shining and a lucky few were out enjoying the amenity of our stunning river. One such person was kayaking when they saw something suspicious – someone hurling an object from the Nicholson Road Bridge. The quick-thinking member of the public retrieved the mystery projectile, an open container jammed to the brim with one of the world's most devastating aquatic weeds, salvinia! Fortunately, no plants escaped into the environment due to this person's fast intervention and prompt reporting to nearby DBCA officers.

### What is Salvinia and why is it of concern?

Salvinia (*Salvinia molesta*) is a [Weed of National Significance \(WONS\)](#). It is an extremely damaging freshwater aquatic weed which would cause havoc to agriculture and the environment if it became established in water systems of Western Australia. Salvinia can reproduce at an explosive rate; it prefers still or slow-moving water with a high nutrient content. It grows in both tropical and temperate regions. Salvinia will readily form a mat completely covering the water surface. It blocks lakes, dams, drains and irrigation channels. The mass of green material may transpire considerably more water than would be lost by normal surface evaporation. The decaying debris pollutes and de-oxygenates the water, endangering fish and other

wildlife. The water becomes unfit for livestock or human use. Infestations of salvinia often make wetland areas useless as retreats for native waterfowl. Salvinia was most likely introduced to Australia as a pond and aquarium plant. Infestations have previously occurred in some wetland areas in Western Australia, with isolated populations discovered as far south as Denmark and north to Kununurra. Salvinia is sometimes found in aquaria or ponds, but this is illegal, as it is prohibited throughout Western Australia. We remind people that weedy aquatic plants are not the only risk to agriculture and the environment. It is of the utmost importance not to empty any aquarium or fishpond contents into natural water bodies or irrigation channels; alien organisms can negatively impact our native aquatic life, and fish can spread disease and affect native fish stocks.

### What to look for and how to report

Report any unfamiliar floating plants or illegal dumping of aquatic material in our waterways to our Department or via CrimeStoppers. Please provide the location and photos of the suspicious material so it can be investigated. Salvinia and other declared aquatic plants are also illegally traded on platforms such as Facebook Marketplace and various hobbyist forums. This recent close call highlights just how important the community is in our fight against invasive species.



### Report your observations

[MyPestGuide® Reporter](#) via app or online [mypestguide@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:mypestguide@dpird.wa.gov.au)

Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS) 08 9368 308 | [padis@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:padis@dpird.wa.gov.au)

**DFES**

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Pictures by DFES



**Inclusive preparedness – What is it and why is it important?**

Inclusive preparedness means helping everyone prepare for emergencies in a way that works for them.

- Everyone should be able to access emergency information and understand what to do.
- People have different needs, abilities, supports, languages and life circumstances.
- Being prepared looks different for everyone, and plans should reflect individual needs.
- Preparing early can help people stay safer, make informed decisions, and get the support they need during an emergency.
- Inclusive preparedness helps ensure no one is left behind.

#### Planning for your needs

Preparedness starts with thinking about what you and your household rely on each day and how those needs could change during an emergency.

Consider:

- People who support you.
- Medications or medical equipment you use.
- How you get emergency information.
- Transport you may need.
- Pets or animals in your care.

Choose actions that work for you and your situation.

A Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness (P-CEP) approach is one of the best ways to support inclusive preparedness. It focusses on strengths and recognises

that you know your own needs and support networks best. Find out more at Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness home page

Supporting each other and helping others prepare

Preparing together can help everyone stay safer.

You can:

- Talk with family, friends, neighbours or people you support.
- Share emergency information and preparedness resources.
- Discuss how you will stay in touch during an emergency.
- Check if someone may need extra support to prepare.

Small conversations today can make a big difference during an emergency.

#### Information in different formats

- Easy English resources for bushfire and lithium-ion batteries.
- Translated hazard and language support information in 23 languages including Auslan videos.
- DFES website has information and planning support for people and communities at higher risk, such as hard copies of the Be Safe and Leave Early Plan.

#### Emergency Communication and Information Support

- Emergency WA app includes accessible features such as read-aloud warnings, adjustable text size, improved colour contrast, screen reader support and live ABC emergency broadcasts. Guides are available: How to use the Emergency WA app.
- National Relay Service provides communication support for people who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech communication difficulties. Access videos and step by step guides on how to call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency using the National Relay Service.

#### Take action this month

- Create or review your emergency plan in Emergency WA.
- Think about the people, equipment, medication and information you rely on each day, and include them in your emergency plan.
- Share your plan with people you trust.

## MILL HALL NEWS

The Mill Hall is like a new pin! Thankyou to the wonderful Mill Hall Members who spent a very productive morning mowing, cleaning, dusting, mopping at the recent busy bee. There is a new storage shed thanks to funds from fundraising and a Shire of Manjimup Community Grant.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### AUGUST

8TH SAT DANCE 7.30PM

15TH PEMBERTON'S GOT TALENT

BOOTSCOOTING IS HELD EVERY THURSDAY  
5.00PM

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

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

The Mill Hall's banking details:-

WESTPAC  
BSB: 036126  
ACC: 237796

- We have an account with Containers for Change. This is for the collection of the 10c cans and bottles. The account is C10562118.

You can drop them off or we can pick them up for you. You are also welcome to leave them at the tip in a woven plastic bag (feed bag) and label them with the number C10562118.

President - Deanne Ventris





## Introducing The Great Carnival Crunch 2026

Crunch&Sip® is running a new event this year in Term 3.

The Great Carnival Crunch event is FREE for all WA primary schools. This event encourages children across WA to come together and crunch on veggies in a way that is fun, full of hype and super entertaining!

Register your school or classroom to receive lots of exciting free resources to kick off the event. This event can be run alongside your sports carnival day, cross country training, or any other sporting event throughout the term that suits your timetable. Learn the all-new Great Carnival Crunch Chant and celebrate veggies with cheer!

For more information email [crunchandsip@cancerwa.asn.au](mailto:crunchandsip@cancerwa.asn.au) or check out the Crunch&Sip® [website](#) to register your school or classroom today!

**THE GREAT CARNIVAL CRUNCH**

The Great Carnival Crunch aims to get WA kids eating more veggies in a way that is fun, full of hype and super entertaining!

Whether alongside carnival day, cross country training, or any other sporting event throughout the term, come together and learn the all-new Great Carnival Crunch CHANT and celebrate veggies with cheer!

Register now!  
[crunchandsip.com.au/events](http://crunchandsip.com.au/events)

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The graphic is decorated with colorful bunting at the top and various vegetable illustrations (carrots, bell peppers, peas, broccoli) scattered around the text. A large yellow curved shape is on the right side.

# WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

## Bowel Health – It's Worth Giving a Shit!

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE  
August 2026

The bowel is an important part of our digestive system, but what is it, and what should we be aware of when weighing up our overall bowel health?

The bowel is made up of 3 parts:

1. The *small intestine* is around 6 meters in length and is the narrower (small) section of the bowel. It absorbs the nutrients in the food we digest.
2. The *colon* and rectum make up the larger intestine, it is much shorter but thicker. Its role is to reabsorb fluid and process the waste material.
3. Finally, the *rectum* is where the waste material is stored until we go and *drop a log* so to speak.

What comes out and the frequency of our bowel movement is something else we should take note of. Our poo or stool should be soft, sausage shaped and should not require too much effort to pass. The frequency can depend on individual habits, changes to our diet, but the main thing to remember here is a sudden change in your poo routine could indicate other issues.



What's *not* normal?

**Signs of Blood:** Bright or fresh signs of blood on the toilet paper could be the result of haemorrhoids (usually a result of constipation or straining too hard) or wiping too hard and frequently can cause small cuts/tears on the anus. Blood in the poo (especially darker blood) could mean bleeding further up the bowel and should be discussed with a doctor immediately.

**Constipation:** Dry or hard poo sometimes associated with cramping or bloating in our lower abdomen (something we have all probably experienced) can often be resolved with some lifestyle changes i.e. drinking plenty of water, eating a diet high in soluble fibre (fruit/vegies/oat bran/lentils/beans) and an increase in physical activity.

**Diarrhoea:** We have all probably had a mean curry that has caused us to frequent the loo, but diarrhoea is usually caused by our intestine becoming inflamed and irritated affecting the reabsorption of water from the waste material. This can be caused by numerous factors such as: illness/infection, food poisoning, drinking contaminated water, ulcers, stress and certain food intolerances.

**Leakage:** Accidental leakage or incontinence can be associated with severe diarrhoea but can also be caused by weakness or damage to the muscles around our bowel and anus. The Continence Foundation of Australia is a great resource to get assistance, advice and support if you are affected by incontinence.

If any of these issues are having an effect for more than 2-3 days, a visit to the doctor is recommended. A prominent cancer is bowel cancer and can remain undetected until well advanced. Participate in the free bowel cancer screening test from the age 45 onwards – it saves lives!

Remember good bowel health and our digestive system is often compared to being just as important as brain function, just at the other end of the body. Remember it is worth giving a shit about!

✕ @RMHI\_4blokes

📢 Working with Warriors Podcast

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## PEMBERTON CELEBRATES SILVER

ARTICLE BY DR ARTHUR WILSON

PVC Board member

The Pemberton Visitor Centre is delighted to announce that Pemberton has been awarded Silver in the 2026 Tiny Tourism Town Awards, recognising our town as one of Western Australia's leading small tourism destinations.

This achievement belongs to the entire Pemberton community.

Visitors don't come to Pemberton simply to stop at the Visitor Centre, they come to experience everything our community has created. From our towering forests, gardens and walking trails to our cafés, wineries, local produce, heritage and events, Pemberton offers an authentic experience shaped by the people who live and work here.

The award reflects the collective efforts of residents, volunteers, community groups, tourism operators, local businesses, growers, artists and event organisers who continue to invest their passion, pride and hospitality into making Pemberton a place people love to visit.

Pemberton is proud of its history and equally excited about its future. The Visitor Centre is privileged to help visitors discover the many experiences, stories and hidden gems that make our community so memorable.

Pemberton Visitor Centre President, Graeme Dearle, said the award was a tribute to everyone who contributes to the town.

"This Silver Award belongs to the people of Pemberton. Visitors come here because of what our community has created together—a place rich in natural beauty, local character and genuine hospitality. Every resident, volunteer, business owner, community group and tourism operator plays a part in making Pemberton the destination it is today.

The Pemberton Visitor Centre is simply one part of that story. Our volunteers generously give their time to help visitors discover everything our community has to offer, and we are incredibly grateful for their dedication. Their efforts, together with those of so many others across our town, ensure visitors leave with wonderful memories of Pemberton. This recognition belongs to the whole community."

The Pemberton Visitor Centre also extends its heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to this award submission. To the volunteers, local businesses, community members, photographers, videographers, the models who generously gave their time, and everyone who helped showcase the very best of Pemberton - thank you.

This recognition is the result of many people working together with a shared pride in our town. Every contribution, whether large or small, helped tell the story of Pemberton and why it continues to be one of Western Australia's most loved destinations.

Congratulations, Pemberton. This award is yours.



## REGIONAL COLUMN

ARTICLE BY ANNETTA BELLINGERI

Senior Regional Officer for the South West



### Why baby bottle self-feeding devices are now banned

In case you missed it, baby bottle self-feeding devices were permanently banned by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) back in May.

Baby bottle self-feeding devices are designed to allow bubs to drink from a bottle without an adult holding it. Some use pillows or a body worn holder to prop up a bottle in the baby's mouth, while others use flexible tubes or straws that connect a teat to a bottle.

These devices have been linked to life-threatening risks of choking, suffocation or aspiration, which is when liquid enters the lungs instead of the stomach. An ACCC investigation found these were unacceptable safety risks.

As a parent or carer, you may think these self-feeding products make things easier, especially when you're busy juggling multiple tasks, but babies cannot safely manage feeding on their own. Unlike older children, babies cannot regulate the flow of milk or remove a bottle if they start to choke.

Another danger is the potential lack of active supervision. You could miss the important signs that your bub is in distress, such as gagging or discolouration of the lips, tongue or nose that may signal respiratory problems.

For parents and carers, the safe feeding advice is clear that babies should always be actively supervised, and bottles should never be propped up or left in a baby's mouth unattended.

If you own a baby bottle self-feeding device, you should stop using it immediately and dispose of it safely so it cannot be used by anyone else.

The ban also places legal obligations on businesses. It is now illegal to manufacture, advertise, sell, supply or offer to supply these products in Australia. Businesses that continue to sell banned products may face significant penalties.

Supplemental nursing systems used to support breastfeeding, or sippy cups and trainer cups designed for older infants and toddlers learning to drink independently are not affected by this ban.

Parents and carers who see baby bottle self-feeding devices being sold are encouraged to report the products to Consumer Protection's product safety team – [consumer@lgirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:consumer@lgirs.wa.gov.au)

# PEMBERTON'S GOT TALENT!

AUGUST 15, 2026 7PM

PEMBERTON MILL HALL

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

- CAN YOU SING?
- PLAY IN A BAND?
- PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?
- RECITE POETRY?

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**



**CONTACT DEANNE VENTRIS**

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## Pemberton Cycling Update

Hi everyone,

Makuru has certainly lived up to its reputation this month, with plenty of rain keeping the trails in great condition and the school holidays bringing lots of riders to Pemberton. It's been fantastic to see the new Arboretum Trails getting so much use and living up to their goal of providing a fun, family-friendly riding experience. Seeing riders of all ages building confidence and enjoying the network has been incredibly rewarding.

Trail maintenance has continued at full pace throughout winter, and our new blower, kindly supported by Manjimup Motors, has been such a success that the club has now ordered a second one. The increased efficiency has meant we've been able to clear more trails than ever before, keeping the network running fresh despite the constant leaf and bark drop. Most recently, Nearly Gnarly and Wahoo have both received a spruce up and are riding exceptionally well. A huge thank you also goes to the Shire of Manjimup, whose Community Grants Program has helped make this level of maintenance possible. As always, winter storms and strong winds can change trail conditions quickly, so please continue to ride with caution and let us know if you come across any hazards.

Further afield, club members Mark and Dale have just returned from a two week bike riding adventure across Slovenia. They travelled from the mountains at Lake Bled to Piran on the Adriatic Coast, with downloaded maps of beautiful back country roads to navigate and their luggage transferred between stops each day. The adventurers were blown away by the beautiful countryside as well as cities, such as Ljubljana, that were so much better appreciated by the slower pace of cycling.

Looking ahead, preparations are already underway for the WA Gravity Enduro which returns to Pemberton over the September long weekend. With more than 400 riders expected to descend on town, it promises to be another fantastic weekend showcasing our trails and bringing visitors to the region. As always, there is plenty to do in the lead-up to the event to ensure the trails are in top condition. If you have some spare time to lend a hand with maintenance or event preparations, we'd love to hear from you; many hands make light work.

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

The PCA Team

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Above: Perth-based members Aaron and Murphy enjoying some prime riding conditions in the Arboretum.



Above, right, below: From alpine to coastline, Mark and Dale were awed by the beauty of cycling Slovenia.



**MTB ride - Saturdays 8.00am**

**Women's MTB ride - Sunday  
August 9, 9.00am**

**Road bike ride - Sundays 7.30am**

**All rides meet at Pemberton Visitor  
Centre**

Upcoming events:  
Stay tuned!

# Pemberton Community Sports Club

August 2026

**JOIN THE PEMBERTON COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB!**

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- ✓ Darts
- ✓ Discounts on function room hire
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WHETHER YOU'RE INTO SPORT, SOCIALISING, OR SIMPLY SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL CLUB –

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## WHAT'S ON at the Club!

YOUR CLUB. YOUR COMMUNITY. EVERYONE WELCOME.

| DAY       | ACTIVITY                       | TIME         |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| MONDAY    | All Sorts Fitness              | 9:00 am      |
|           | PYC Yoga                       | 5:00 pm      |
| TUESDAY   | Playgroup                      | 9:00 am      |
|           | Netball                        | 6:00 pm      |
|           | Junior & Senior Footy Training | 6:00 pm      |
| WEDNESDAY | Ladies Darts                   | 7:30 pm      |
|           | Ladies Badminton               | 9:00 am      |
|           | Social Badminton               | 6:00 pm      |
|           | Snooker                        | 6:30 pm      |
|           | Men's Darts                    | 7:00 pm      |
| THURSDAY  | Playgroup                      | 9:00 am      |
|           | Junior & Senior Footy Training | From 4:30 pm |
| SATURDAY  | Karate                         | 8:00 am      |

Come down, get involved  
AND BE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY!

Stay up-to-date at [PembertonSports.com.au](http://PembertonSports.com.au) or follow us on Facebook



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 A CELEBRATION OF PEOPLE, PRODUCE & EXPERIENCES

**SATURDAY 8 AUGUST 2026**  
 FROM 9:00AM TO 1:00PM | MANJIMUP HERITAGE PARK

Celebrate the final month of the Southern Forests truffle season in the iconic Manjimup Heritage Park – the perfect setting for a fantastic day out with family and friends.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
 The Southern Forests is home to the third-largest black truffle-producing region in the world, supplying some of the finest truffles to leading chefs and restaurants across Australia and around the globe.

**manjimup VISITOR CENTRE**

**VIBRANT MARKET**  
 Fresh local produce, gourmet foods, artisan & handmade

**TRUFFLE COOKING DEMO & GROWER TALKS**  
 Learn, taste & be inspired

**TRUFFLE DOG DEMONSTRATIONS**  
 (subject to availability)

**FORAGE & FEAST PASSPORT**  
 Collect stamps & go into the draw to win!

**KIDS' ZONE**  
 Fun activities for little foodies

**LIVE MUSIC**  
 Local entertainment all day long

**PLUS DELICIOUS LOCAL FOOD, COFFEE & SWEET TREATS AND MORE!**

**MARKET STALLHOLDERS – BE PART OF THE CELEBRATION!**  
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 Expression of interest forms available via [info@manjimupwa.com](mailto:info@manjimupwa.com)

**CALLING TOURISM & HOSPITALITY BUSINESSES**  
 We're developing a weekend of satellite events across the Southern Forests.  
 Host a truffle-inspired experience, gourmet dining event, workshop, tour or other unique activity.  
 Contact the Visitor Centre to register your interest at [info@manjimupwa.com](mailto:info@manjimupwa.com) or 08 9771 1831

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**WE NEED YOU!**

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**SAVE THE DATES**

**14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2026**  
 Market Day & Cocktail Dinner

**15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2026**  
 Confirmation & Jubilee Celebration Mass

**Cross**

**100 Chawan**

An exhibition of ceramics and textiles by  
**Linda Chambers & Collyn Gawned**  
 Soundscape by Nat Rad

**100 Chawan**

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# Manjimup Shire Bulletin

August 2026



## SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy August everyone!

Let's talk roads – did you know the Shire of Manjimup has a local road network of more than 500km of sealed roads and 900km of unsealed roads? Pair this extensive network with 42 bridges, a short construction period and limited funding and it is a constant juggle. Graphite Road is an example of being caught a bit short, but a short stretch of fine weather and contractor availability, and we hope to have the work area tidied up ASAP. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience.

Funding wise – we have an opportunity for industry input and co-contribution in upgrading roads that play an important role in transporting our local commodities. We recognise the landscapes are changing and we are asking for your input for roads where Commodity Route Funding could be sought and directed - more about the Fund within this Bulletin. We are very grateful for \$3.7 million of State grant funding secured for shoulder sealing and audible line marking for Channybearup, Stirling and Graphite Roads.

Last month I was honoured to be invited by the Year seven Kearnan class to chat about Civics and Government. Thank you to the class for their insightful questions and interest in all things Shire related. I'm sure there are some future leaders in that class and I'm looking forward to meeting Walpole students this month.

Congratulations to the team at Northcliffe CRC on their "Just a Farmer" community screening, these opportunities to come together and chat are always heartfelt. Remember kindness and a smile cost nothing but holds so much value to those who receive it.

My August town visits are in Pemberton and Walpole. Keep an eye on the socials for a wrap up of the July Council meeting.

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 following dates.

- 26 August 2026
- 23 September 2026
- 28 October 2026
- 25 November 2026 (Walpole)
- 16 December 2026

## SHIRE NEWS / WHAT'S ON

### 2026/2027 Budget

Council will consider the 2026/27 Budget at its meeting on 29 July 2026. By the time this bulletin is published, Council's decision will be known. Rates notices are anticipated to be issued on 13 August, with a due date of 17 September 2026. Please contact us if you do not receive your expected notice by 24 August.

There have been some changes to the available payment options for rates. Ratepayers will now have access to a new online payment portal. Check it out at <https://www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/our-services/rates>. Please note that Australia Post BillPay is no longer available as a payment method, all other options will be shown on your rates notice.

The Shire has also updated its Financial Hardship Policy for Rates. Support options are available for eligible ratepayers and may include the waiver of penalty interest charges. If you are experiencing difficulty paying your rates, please contact our friendly Rates Team as soon as possible to discuss the assistance that may be available. The National Debt Helpline is also a valuable free service for people experiencing financial hardship. Visit <https://ndh.org.au/> or call 1800 007 007 for confidential advice and support.

### Coronation Park Sign Upgrade

The Shire of Manjimup has temporarily removed the historic Coronation Park sign to allow for revitalisation works before it is returned to its rightful place in the park. Originally erected in 1953, the sign has welcomed generations of

residents and visitors for more than seven decades.

After almost 75 years of service, it's fair to say the old girl is due for a well-deserved makeover. The restoration works will help preserve this much-loved local landmark and ensure it continues to be a feature of Coronation Park for many years to come.

### Seasonal Sports Bookings

Attention local sporting clubs - it's time to submit your facility hire application for the upcoming summer 2026/27 season (Oct - Mar). Please submit your booking forms to [info@manjimup.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@manjimup.wa.gov.au) by Friday 28 August 2026. Hire application forms, along with the terms and conditions of hire, can be found on our website via [www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/our-places-and-spaces/venues-for-hire](http://www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/our-places-and-spaces/venues-for-hire)

### Reminder: Register and microchip your pets

Keeping your cat or dog registered and microchipped helps ensure they can be identified and returned home if they become lost. All dogs over three months of age and cats over six months of age must be registered with the Shire and microchipped in accordance with State legislation. If you have recently welcomed a new pet into your family, moved house, or your contact details have changed, please remember to update your registration details with the Shire.

### Commodity Routes Fund - Expressions of Interest

The Shire is seeking expressions of interest from local businesses, producers and industry groups interested in partnering on opportunities to improve roads used for commodity transport. Funding may be available through the State Government's Commodity Routes Fund (CRF), which supports upgrades to roads that are important for transporting commodities. The Shire is seeking input from businesses that rely on local roads and may have identified sections requiring improvement. Potential projects could include road strengthening, gravel road upgrades, drainage improvements, widening, safety improvements and other works that support efficient freight movement.

Expressions of Interest close 21 August 2026.

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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

Northcliffe - Monday 10:00am

Pemberton - Wednesday 10:30am

Walpole - Alternate Fridays 10:00am

#### Council Meetings

The next Council Meeting will commence at 5:30 pm on 26 August 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.

