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for this month's cover photo.

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pcn@pembertoncrc.org.au

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

EDITORIAL

I have always believed that helping people was simply the right thing to do. Not because of any particularly deep religious conviction, but because the principle makes sense: what goes around comes around. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

"If you see a need, fill it," a quote often attributed to Mary MacKillop, has long felt like a sensible way to move through the world. See a gap — step in. See someone struggling — offer a hand. It's not complicated.

But lately, I'll admit, it has felt complicated.

Recent experiences — and an endless stream of grim, disheartening news — have left me feeling disillusioned. There are moments when it seems as though kindness is met not with gratitude, but with entitlement. As though generosity should be limitless. As though some people take and take, endlessly, with no thought of reciprocity.

Add to that the constant barrage of "doom scrolling": heartless headlines, public shaming, gossip dressed up as news. Cruelty trends. Outrage spreads. Bad behaviour is amplified.

So what do we do? Where are the good news stories?

They are harder to find. You have to look for them. They rarely shout. They don't make the headlines.

And that realisation led me to a troubling thought: if even lifelong optimists begin to lose faith in people, what happens next? If disappointment turns into indifference, what becomes of our society?

That is a far more frightening prospect than any headline.

Because here is the quiet truth: kindness still exists. In abundance.

It exists in neighbours checking on one another. In volunteers who give their time without recognition. In small businesses supporting local causes. In the unseen acts of care that happen every single day in homes, schools, clubs, and workplaces across our community.

They simply aren't loud — certainly not as loud as those complaining.

Perhaps what we need is not a dramatic overhaul of humanity, but a quiet revolution — a kindness pandemic. A revival of generosity that is steady, grounded, and wise. Not naïve. Not self-sacrificing, but conscious and intentional.

Kindness does not mean allowing yourself to be used. It does not mean ignoring bad behaviour. It means choosing not to mirror it. It means setting boundaries while still honouring your goodwill.

Yes, there are selfish and destructive people in the world. There always have been and, unfortunately, there always will be. But do we want to join them?

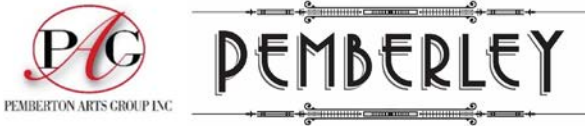
I certainly do not.

So perhaps the answer is simple. Be one of the growing number who choose decency anyway. Support the helpers. Highlight the good. Limit the complaints. Invest locally. Extend a hand when you can — and protect your energy when you must.

Let nastiness be the anomaly. Let caring become the norm.

Join the kindness revolution — today and every day.

Gaye



SCULPTURE IN THE VINES

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

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

Entries close Saturday 21st March 2026

Artist information and entry form available at:

www.pembertonartsgroup.org.au

Galleries of previous years:

www.pemberleyofpemberton.com/sculpture-in-the-vines

DOWNUNDER COUNTRY

Country Music Weekend
BRIDGETOWN (WA) SHOWGROUNDS
20, 21, 22 MARCH 2026

In conjunction with the Bridgetown Agricultural Society



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Friday \$30pp
Saturday \$50pp / Sunday \$30pp
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Sunday 8am till 3pm
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10.07.2026 - 13.07.2026
Save the Dates
WOW Pemberton 2026!

GET READY FOR THE
2026 WEEKEND OF WORKSHOP'S
HELD BY THE PEMBERTON CRC
MORE INFORMATION TO COME IN THE NEW YEAR!

Yoga Class

Every Monday

•••••
@PCSC Karri/Jarrah Room
5.30 pm - 6.30 pm

\$20 per class or
\$15 for 10 with PYC loyalty card



office@pembertoncrc.org.au
9776 1745



upcoming events

MAR

2026

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JEFFRO
SAT 28 FEB 5-8PM & SUN 12-3PM

MAR

06

JONELLE GROCHOWSKI DUO
FRI 5-8PM

MAR

08

DYLAN HUTCHENS
SUN 5-8PM

MAR

13

BETH CHIA
FRI 5 - 8PM

MAR

15

LIGHTNIN' JACK
SUN 12-3PM

MAR

20

SHENAI JOHNSTON
FRI 5-8PM

MAR

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ROB V
FRI 5-8PM

MAR

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DYLAN HUTCHENS
SUN 5-8PM

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POOL LEAGUE
MONDAYS 6PM ALL WELCOME!

Times are subject to change. See our facebook page Pemberton Hotel

EASTER MARKETS



SATURDAY APRIL 4TH 2026
9AM – 1PM



MILL HALL



BROCKMAN ST PEMBERTON

NICK NACKS & ASSORTED STALLS

RAFFLE

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HOROSCOPES & THE MONTH AHEAD

Happy Chinese New Year!!! The Chinese New Year began on February 17, marking the Year of the Fire Horse. This year is associated with bold action, impulsivity, and breakthroughs, symbolizing a shift in energy and a new cycle of hope and renewal. The Year of the Horse in the Chinese zodiac represents strength, perseverance, and aspiration, and is believed to bring a year focused on bold moves and exploration.

We welcome the Autumn Equinox on March 21 here in the Southern Hemisphere.

The Equinox brings almost equal day and night lengths all around the world. Spring will start in the Northern Hemisphere. Here in the south we will see cooler weather and shorter days.

March 2026 brings introspection, emotional clarity, and a fresh start with Aries season, offering opportunities for personal growth, relationships, and career momentum.

Key Astrological Influences

Mercury Retrograde (Pisces, Feb 26–Mar 20): Early March encourages reflection, revisiting past issues, and careful planning. Avoid signing contracts or making major technology purchases until Mercury goes direct on March 20. Travel may face delays, and communication requires patience.

Mars in Pisces (Mar 2–Apr 9): Motivation may feel subdued, emphasizing gentle action, spiritual alignment, and listening to your body. Conflicts can intensify if emotions are unchecked, so pacing yourself is essential.

Full Moon and Lunar Eclipse in Virgo (Mar 3): A moment of clarity and revelation, ideal for decluttering, completing projects, and balancing practical and spiritual priorities.

Sun enters Aries / Autumn Equinox (Mar 21): Marks a fresh start, energizing bold actions, new projects, and social opportunities. Mercury stations direct, easing communication and decision-making.

Venus in Taurus (Mar 30): Relationships and finances stabilize, encouraging slow, meaningful growth, sensuality, and long-term planning.

Themes for March 2026

Personal Growth: Early March focuses on introspection and emotional processing. After March 20, energy shifts toward action, courage, and pursuing goals with clarity.

Career and Finances: Opportunities for expansion and recognition appear mid-to-late March. Avoid rushing decisions during Mercury retrograde; post-March 20, career momentum increases, and financial prospects improve.

Relationships: Early March encourages patience and reflection in partnerships. Venus in Taurus at month's end fosters stability, deeper connection, and long-term commitment.

Health and Well-being: Pay attention to rest and self-care, especially during Mercury retrograde and Mars in Pisces. The Full Moon and equinox periods are ideal for

resetting routines and wellness goals.

Creativity and Spirituality: New Moon in Pisces supports creative projects, spiritual practices, and planning for future endeavours. Use this time to release what no longer serves your growth.



Zodiac Sign Highlights

Aries (Mar 21–Apr 19): Career opportunities and personal growth are emphasized. Venus in Aries boosts charm and relationships, while the Spring Equinox energizes new projects. Key dates: March 6, 18, 20, 21, 30.

Taurus (Apr 20–May 20): Focus on love, social connections, and financial planning. Venus in Taurus at month-end enhances romance and comfort. Key dates: March 6, 7, 30.

Gemini (May 21–Jun 20): Career momentum and communication improve after Mercury stations direct. New Moon in Pisces supports professional recognition. Key dates: March 6, 18, 20.

Cancer (Jun 21–Jul 22): Travel, learning, and emotional expansion are highlighted. New Moon in Pisces encourages big-picture planning. Key dates: March 6, 18, 20.

Leo (Jul 23–Aug 22): Transformation in shared resources, romance, and communication. Full Moon in Libra on March 21 brings clarity. Key dates: March 6, 18, 20.

Virgo (Aug 23–Sep 22): Relationships and partnerships gain clarity. Mars in Virgo sharpens focus on health and daily routines. Key dates: March 6, 14–21, 28–31.

Libra (Sep 23–Oct 22): Health, routines, and self-care are emphasized. Full Moon in Libra on March 21 highlights personal balance. Key dates: March 6, 21.

Scorpio (Oct 23–Nov 21): Creativity, romance, and personal expression flourish. New Moon in Pisces supports artistic and emotional projects. Key dates: March 6, 18.

Sagittarius (Nov 22–Dec 21): Home, family, and emotional foundations are strengthened. Full Moon in Libra illuminates friendships and community. Key dates: March 6–10, 20–24.

Capricorn (Dec 22–Jan 19): Communication, home, and family matters are highlighted. New Moon in Pisces encourages important conversations. Key dates: March 6–9, 14–18, 26–31.

Aquarius (Jan 20–Feb 18): Financial clarity and value assessment are emphasized. Venus in Aries encourages bold learning and communication. Key dates: March 6–12, 20–26.

Pisces (Feb 19–Mar 20): Emotional clarity, creativity, and spiritual growth are central. New Moon in Pisces on March 19 supports fresh beginnings. Key Dates: March 1–6, 19–25.

PEMBERTON MILL HALL

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY AJ QUINTON

Images found online

Built in 1913 by the local community, Pemberton Mill Hall stands as one of the most significant historic buildings in Pemberton. Originally constructed as a social center for the town's mill workers, the hall quickly became the heart of community life.

The building was erected on land donated by the State Sawmill and was constructed largely by volunteers using donated materials, primarily locally sourced jarrah timber. Although first intended to function as a town hall, its role soon expanded. By July 1914, the hall was also being used as a schoolroom, accommodating approximately 31 students.

For decades, the Mill Hall served as Pemberton's major community facility. It hosted concerts, theatrical performances, dances, wedding receptions, and even local cinema screenings. During times of need, it also operated as a Red Cross Blood Bank, reinforcing its importance as a place of service and community support.

Ownership of the hall changed in 1961 when the State Sawmill in Pemberton was sold to Hawker Siddeley Ltd. Nine years later, ownership of the mill transferred to Bunnings. Although the hall site had been protected under a 999-year lease when the land was sold to private enterprise, questions surrounding ownership and responsibility for maintenance eventually arose.

By 1993, the condition of the hall had significantly deteriorated. In response, the people of Pemberton rallied together once again, raising funds and establishing the Pemberton Mill Hall Restoration Fund to preserve their historic landmark. After a period of dispute over ownership and upkeep responsibilities, the matter was resolved in 1995. Bunnings relinquished ownership of the hall and contributed \$30,000 towards its restoration.

Today, Pemberton Mill Hall remains a symbol of community spirit, resilience, and the enduring legacy of the town's mill workers.

Below Pemberton Mill Hall



HEARTBREAK TRAIL

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY AJ QUINTON

Images found online

The Heartbreak Trail is a 12-kilometer one-way gravel road stretching from Old Vasse Road to Heartbreak Crossing. Winding through towering karri forest and tracing the banks of the picturesque Warren River, the trail offers a spectacular scenic drive with opportunities for camping, fishing, and nature appreciation.

Along the route, visitors can explore well-known landmarks including the Gloucester Tree (often referred to locally in connection with bicentennial celebrations) and the Marianne North Tree. These iconic stops highlight both the natural grandeur and the rich history of the region.

Today, the Heartbreak Trail is a popular 4WD track attracting adventurers and nature lovers alike. However, its origins are far more rugged. The trail was originally cut by hand close to the river to provide firefighters with access to remote bushfire fronts deep within the dense forest. The name "Heartbreak Trail" reflects the physically exhausting and often dangerous conditions endured by those early firefighting crews.

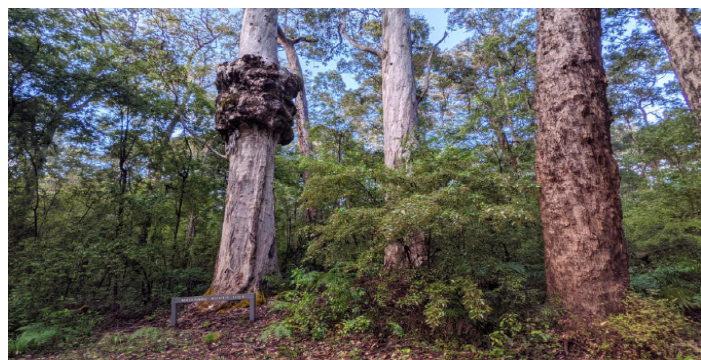
One of the most well-known camping areas along the track is Drafty's Campsite, named after Colin "Drafty" Hunter, a respected former park ranger remembered fondly by the local community for his dedication to the region's forests. The trail is also closely associated with the English botanical artist Marianne North. Born in 1830, North developed a passion for painting at a young age. Following her father's death, she embarked on extensive travels across the globe, determined to paint plants in their natural habitats rather than from preserved specimens.

In November 1880, she arrived in Albany and journeyed through the south-west of Western Australia. The region's extraordinary flora and the majestic karri forests made a lasting impression on her, inspiring several works — including a celebrated painting of a karri tree that now bears her name.

Over her lifetime, Marianne North created more than 800 paintings, all displayed at the Marianne North Gallery within the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. The gallery remains a remarkable tribute to her artistic legacy and her invaluable contribution to botanical art and scientific documentation.

Today, the Heartbreak Trail stands not only as a scenic forest drive, but also as a living reminder of the region's natural beauty, pioneering spirit, and rich cultural history.

Below Marianne North Tree





A GIRLS RECOLLECTION

BY DARLY BINNING

The impact of the arrival of the first silent movies in the mill towns and other settlements throughout the South West of Western Australia has been brilliantly described by Violet Horn in her book *Nothing is Ever All Up Hill*. It was published in 1987 and depicts family life in the small town of Nannup (280 km South of Perth) during the 1920s. It is likely there were earlier picture-shows screened in Nannup than those described and possibly the first seen by Violet, her siblings and school friends. While the exact details of the picture showman cannot be verified, it was likely to be a Mr Gray from the nearby town of Balingup who was known to work towns in the area and who also ran outdoor shows at Nannup. Born in the town to parents who migrated from Switzerland in 1909, Violet Wyss was the youngest of five children. Her father was a fettler with the government railway while her mother, Rosina Wyss, was a midwife whose services were very much in demand throughout the district. Unfortunately her husband was a wanderer and eventually left the family, leaving Rosina to bring up the young siblings. This short excerpt from Violet's book is reprinted with the permission of her family.

Anticipation:

"Many wonderful things happened to us over the years, but the most memorable was the night we all went to the picture show. The only hall Nannup possessed was right in the town, a wooden structure badly in need of a coat of paint. In its youth, the hall had been white. Now it was weather-beaten and grey, but no-one seemed to mind. If anything special was held in Nannup, it was held at the hall. "When it became known that a picture show was to be held in the hall, the town was agog with excitement. Posters were put up outside the hall and people crowded around to read the good news. A real live picture show – it was unheard of. Where it came from, I do not remember – probably Perth, Bunbury or Busselton. "Suffice to say, if I remember rightly, it was a first for Nannup and the main topic of conversation. The school children spoke of nothing else, especially the lucky ones who would be going. The talking point was who could afford to go and who could not. We could not. No way Mother could scrape up enough money for such a luxury, and luxury it certainly was".

Facing reality:

"In those days it was like a fortune for six of us to attend. We often went over to the hall and drooled over the posters, thinking that even though we were not among the lucky ones, we would at least know what it was all about. We were, of course, used to missing out on things other children took for granted, but understanding the position we were in, never pestered (or almost never) Mother for things. But this was different – a real picture. We could not even imagine it – moving pictures on a screen – it was something so new to all of us, no-one knew what to expect. "Mother raised our hopes by saying that

if some of her patients paid her in money and not meat safes or chairs or chickens for a few cases, and the fettlers dirtied more shirts and remembered to pay right away, we might be able to go. She said no more and we were not game to bring up the subject. We were all prepared to help wash and iron the extra shirts if they came in. We held our breath, hoping that everyone in Nannup and the surrounding farms would have babies. If we ever needed babies, it was now."

Kept in suspense:

"We hoped the fettlers would dirty heaps of shirts. Each time Mother came home from a case, we would look to see if she had money or goods. Mother said nothing, and we were almost jumping up and down with anticipation. The suspense was getting too much and it was difficult to concentrate on anything else. The time was getting short and we were becoming desperate. Then, just a few days before the picture show, we were all home when Mother came in with a big smile on her face, and before our startled eyes, with great ceremony, literally poured a heap of money on the table. There seemed to be money everywhere, probably only a few pounds, but to us it was a fortune. Six pairs of blue eyes sat and feasted on this miracle. We, of course, wanted to know where all this money had come from. "It was not hard to figure out the source of the revenue however, Mother had worked twice as hard and some of her patients had indeed paid her in money, so this remarkable little woman had saved enough for the treat of our lives. It probably did not cost that much to go to the picture show, but to us it was a lot of money, and hard to come by. We could hardly contain ourselves. It was ironic really, because before we wanted everyone to have babies, and now we held our breath in case they did, and Mother would be called out and we would not be able to go. We hoped no-one would be thoughtless enough to have a baby on the most important night of our lives. We could hardly wait to tell the other children of our good fortune. As the day dawned with no babies in view, we breathed easier and knew we would be able to go."



Left & Below
Nannup
Town Hall
during movie
screenings



The current Nannup Town Hall. (Image: Daryl Binning)

REGIONAL COLUMN

DON'T MISS THE BOAT ON NEW
SEAFOOD LABELLING RULES
By Consumer Protection



Australian seafood lovers are used to seeing country of origin labels when shopping, with this requirement applying to most food for retail sale for almost a decade. From 1 July 2026, restaurants, cafes, pubs, food trucks, takeaways and other hospitality businesses that serve seafood will be required to help their customers make informed choices about the dishes they order. Changes to the Australian Consumer Law mean these businesses will need to tell diners if the seafood they are serving is Australian, imported or a mix of both.

This change means that when someone looks at a menu, a menu board or online, they should be able to see clearly where the seafood in a dish is sourced from.

There are a few ways to do this, and businesses can choose the method that works best for them. One option is to use a simple 'AIM' label alongside seafood dishes. 'A' means the seafood is Australian, 'I' means it's imported, and 'M' means it's a mix of both. If you use this method on your menus, you also need a little note explaining what each letter means.

Another option is to write out the words instead of letters. For example, a dish could say 'Grilled barramundi (Australian)' or 'Prawns (imported) with salad' on the menu. This way, there's no need for a legend explaining the letters, and the meaning is right there in the words.

If a business only serves Australian seafood, or only imported seafood, it can choose to put a single statement somewhere obvious like on the menu or a sign in the venue saying, "We only serve Australian seafood" or "All seafood is imported." This option can make things simpler for businesses that don't mix sources.

The rules apply to seafood that's ready to eat as soon as it's served. That means if someone can eat it right away, whether they're dining in, picking it up to take home, or having it delivered, the origin should be shown in a way they can see before they order. This applies to dishes like fish and chips, seafood pasta, oysters, 'surf and turf' and prawn salads, just to name a few.

There are some situations where you don't need to show seafood country of origin. If a dish isn't marketed as containing 'seafood', for example a supreme pizza which may have a few anchovies, then it doesn't need to be labelled. Also, dishes that contain ingredients like fish sauce, canned tuna, fish stock or shelf-stable ingredients don't require labelling.

These country of origin labelling rules don't apply to canteens, schools, prisons, hospitals or fundraising events.

These changes are all about helping customers make informed choices about the food they eat and so they know what they're paying for. Starting early with planning and adjusting menus will make the transition smoother when the rules take full effect at the beginning of July 2026.

More information can be found at <https://www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au/seafood-country-origin-labelling> or for specific help on these changes email the team directly seafoodcool@lgirs.wa.gov.au



From 1 July 2026,
superannuation must be paid
on payday - are you ready?

RSM

This practical session will help you stay compliant and avoid costly surprises. Leave confident that your payroll processes are ready for the change.

We'll be at the PCRC on Tuesday 24th March at 2pm!

MILL HALL

The Winter and Wilson concert held on Feb 25th was a lovely night of entertainment of folk singing from a Husband and Wife Duo from the UK.



MILL HALL UPCOMING FUNDRAISER:

MAR 14TH KARRI VALLEY TRIATHLON AT KARRI VALLEY. You are welcome to help on this day cooking sausages and hamburgers on the BBQ or chopping up salads.

Please contact Deanne on 0428 302782 if you would like to help. This is a great fundraiser for the maintenance of the Mill Hall.

This hall was built for the community and stands strong as testament to the wonderful

hard-working community members who have in the past and continue to maintain this building. You are always welcome to contribute to keep this iconic venue in top condition.

There are many inquiries from near and far for hiring the Mill Hall, even at a National level!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- THURSDAYS 5PM BOOTSCOOTING
- MAR 14TH SAT KARRI VALLEY TRIATHLON CATERING
- MAR 14TH SAT MONTHLY DANCE 7.30PM
- APR 4TH SAT EASTER MARKETS 9AM – 1PM

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

Mill Hall banking details: WESTPAC - BSB: 036126
ACC: 237796

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

President

Deanne Ventris

LOCAL SPORTING STARS VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

ARTICLE BY JACKIE JARVIS

In the coming weeks, this initiative will be publicly announced, designed to celebrate and acknowledge the invaluable contributions of volunteers within our sporting community.

Volunteers are the backbone of local sport, and their dedication ensures that opportunities for participation, development and success are available to everyone. More than recognition.

This program aims to inspire others to put their hand up at their local club.

The program will be celebrating these remarkable individuals who give their time, energy, and passion to make sport possible for everyone. Each fortnight between March and November 2026, two winners will receive a \$400 Spudshed or other voucher depending on their locality and be announced in the West Australian.

The winners will also be placed in the running to be named the Local Sporting Star of the Year, and in November the Star of the Year will receive a personal award of up to \$1000 and \$2500 in funding for their club.

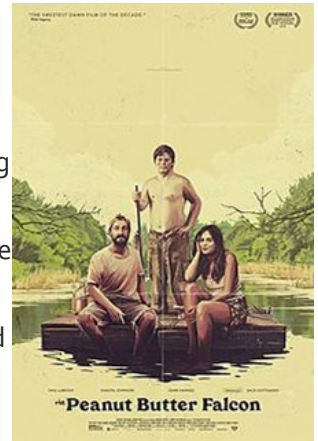
Before this initiative is publicly announced, we would love for you to share this with your local sporting clubs and organisations, with nominations now being accepted at: <https://www.sportwest.com.au/wa-local-legends-in-sport-a-wa-state-government-initiative/>

MOVIE REVIEW

THE PEANUT BUTTER FALCON

2019 | Adventure/Comedy | 1h 37m | PG13

A modern-day Mark Twain style adventure, this story centres around Zak (Zack Gottsagen), a young man with Down syndrome, who runs away from a residential nursing home to follow his dream of attending the professional wrestling school of his idol, The Salt Water Redneck (Thomas Haden Church). A strange turn of events pairs him on the road with Tyler (Shia LaBeouf), a small-time outlaw on the run, who becomes Zak's unlikely coach and ally. Together they wind through deltas, elude capture, drink whisky, find God, catch fish, and convince Eleanor (Dakota Johnson), a kind nursing home employee charged with Zak's return, to join them on their journey.



I must say that if I did not already adore Shia LaBeouf, then this movie would have clinched the deal. He provided an outstanding portrayal of his complex character, who you could not help but feel affection for by the end of the film.

A highly enjoyable family film, packed with heart-warming, tear jerking and thought-provoking moments throughout. If I had to summarise the main theme of the film it would be difficult as this was a complex mastery of human emotion and motivation.

The best we could come up with was that by helping others in need in a relatively selfless way, we may inadvertently help ourselves through seemingly impossible situations and emotional struggles. "Never judge a book by its cover" and "everyone has the potential to be amazing" were other anecdotes given by our group of viewers.

Let's say that this movie leaves you thinking about life and how lucky we all are to be living it.

TINY TOTS FIRST AID COURSE

**Postponed due to low numbers.
Please express interest for a
Term 2 class.**

bookings essential! (08) 9776 7221

Protect your toddler or infant with this concise short course that teaches you the skills to perform CPR and how to manage bleeding, burns and a range of other childhood related illnesses and injuries.

There is no online learning or in-class assessments in this course

Who this course is recommended for:

- Parents/guardians
- Grandparents; and
- Carers of infants and toddlers.

Please note no certificate is issued for this course.



Parenting
Connection WA



Your response can save a life!



Public Notice

Shire of Manjimup Committee Meetings

The Shire of Manjimup advises that, following recent amendments to section 5.23 of the Local Government Act 1995, meetings of Shire committees established under the Act are now open to the public, except where a meeting, or part of a meeting, is required to be closed in accordance with sections 5.23(2), (3) and (4).

Members of the community are welcome to attend and observe proceedings.

Details of meeting dates, times and locations are available on the Shire's website or by contacting the Shire Administration Office on 9771 7777.

Benjamin (Ben) Rose, Chief Executive Officer

WHAT A VALUABLE ASSET

ARTICLE BY LEANNE TAYLOR

I recently moved to the South West after living in the suburbs of Perth, and I had no idea how much regional areas depend on their Community Resource Centres. There are more than 100 CRCs located throughout Western Australia, providing important services and support to local communities.

The Pemberton Community Resource Centre can assist with accessing a wide range of information, including government and community services. We can help with almost everything, including Centrelink services, printing, scanning and photocopying, and assistance with computer or mobile phone issues.

We can also help with licence renewals and JP services, and we even sell fantastic-looking Pemberton vehicle licence plates — who knew?

If you need any assistance, please contact us — we're here to help! Just remember to make an appointment first so we can give you the time and support you need.

Phone: 08 9776 1745

email: office@pembertoncrc.org.au

FROM BRAINSTORM TO BREAK-THROUGH: USING AI TO SPARK CREATIVITY

ARTICLE BY TRISTAN MILLS

We often associate productivity with spreadsheets and schedules, but AI is proving to be a powerful ally for creative thinking as well. It acts as an "Always on" brainstorming partner, ready to bounce ideas without judgement or fatigue. When you hit a creative block or feel stuck on a problem, AI can instantly offer a dozen different perspectives or analogies you might not have considered. It's not about letting the machine do the thinking for you, but rather using it to widen your aperture and break through the mental static that often slows us down.

Try using AI to challenge your assumptions. If you are preparing for a presentation or a pitch, ask an AI tool to play "Devils advocate" and point out gaps in your logic. If you are writing a newsletter, ask it to suggest three distinct tone variations. By using AI to iterate and refine your ideas, you preserve your creative energy for the final polish. Ultimately, productivity is about flow, and AI is one of the best tools available to keep that flow moving when you hit a wall.



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CWA NEWS

ARTICLE BY KATE SHAW

Friday 20th February. CWA News.

CWA had its AGM at the beginning of the month.

President Kate Shaw

Treasurer. Denise Bailey

Secretary. Maria Schoen.

Sad to say Pat Nock is leaving us in May, moving to Boyanup.

Thida Baldock is still a member but living at Donnelly Lakes.

Members continue to work hard to keep the Opshop working, sorting, cleaning, ironing.

Also our rooms and grounds, though we have a gardener these days.

This year is the International Year Of Farming Women.

CWA would like to say Thank You to all those women working hard out there to keep the farms going,

helping in all kinds of ways to keep the produce coming.

Anyway, Pemby folk, keep the items coming in to our Rooms. Remember no chairs, furniture, electrical things.

Please, no really old anything, dirty.

In Friendship

Kate



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.



COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS CELEBRATED IN WALPOLE

AUTHORISED BY DONELLE BUEGGE, SHIRE PRESIDENT

Photos by Shire Staff

The Shire of Manjimup celebrated our local community champions at the weekend, with the 2026 Citizen of the Year awards held at the Walpole Community Hall on Saturday 7 February.

The event highlighted the incredible contribution of volunteers to the region and provided an opportunity to recognise nominees for their tireless efforts to improve community life. The 11 nominees from across the Shire were each acknowledged with a certificate, having dedicated their time to sport, emergency services, the arts, community projects and community events. Guest speaker for the event, local Walpole resident Michael Filby, gave an inspiring speech on the importance of volunteers and giving back to community.

Shire President, Donelle Buegge, led the event as MC. "The community champions celebration is a reminder of the strength and resilience within our community to overcome adversity and support one another" said President Buegge. "The awards show the capacity of our community for greatness and remind us all that by working together, we can create a strong, inclusive, and connected community".

The winners of the 2026 Citizen of the Year awards:

Citizen of the Year – Lionel Lee

Lionel was awarded Citizen of the Year in recognition of his dedication to the Pemberton St John Ambulance service. Nominated for his unwavering commitment, practical guidance and mentorship, Lionel gives his time wherever needed and is known as a reliable and steadfast presence in the Pemberton community.

Right photo: Citizen of the Year, Lionel Lee (L) and Shire President, Donelle Buegge

Senior Citizen of the Year – Lee Shuard

Lee was awarded Senior Citizen of the Year in recognition of the key role she plays in ensuring the Warren Tennis Club continues to thrive.

Nominated for her dedication to the health and wellbeing of the community, Lee is recognised as a genuinely warm and welcoming person, who is friendly to everyone she meets.

Right photo: Senior Citizen of the Year, Lee Shuard (L) and President of the QCA, John Murdoch (R), 2026 Active Citizenship Award winners.

Active Citizenship Award – Quinninup Community Association (QCA)

The QCA were awarded the Active Citizenship award in recognition of their work to promote and protect the interests of the Quinninup community. The QCA were nominated for a long list of successful funding and advocacy projects, including delivering the annual Quinninup Fair.



PEMBERTON BOWLS CLUB DOES IT AGAIN!!

ARTICLE BY BRIAN MORRIS

Photos by Pemberton Lawn Bowls

Last Sunday the Blackwood Bowling League held its Men's Pennant Grand Final at Pemberton Bowls Club, the ultimate winners being Pemberton for the fourth consecutive year.

The finalists for this year were Pemberton finishing the season in first place, Manjimup Gold finishing in second place and Boyup Brook finishing in third place.

Manjimup and Boyup Brook played a close match on Saturday 21st February to see who would play off against Pemberton in the final on Sunday 22nd. Manjimup were the ultimate winners gaining the right to play Pemberton for the Blackwood League Pennant Champions.



Each club has three teams of four players, points are awarded for a rink win as well as for the combined score of each team. The final

was played in good spirit with several changes in the lead on the three rinks in the early stages of the match, however it was clear halfway through the match that Pemberton was handling the conditions better and was slowly increasing its lead.

Ultimately Pemberton won all three rinks with a total score of 91 to Pemberton and 50 to Manjimup Gold.

Pemberton has already won the 2025/26 mid-week pennants and will be chasing the Blackwood League Championship in a few weeks time.

As many of you would know the Pemberton Bowls Club recently replaced its bowling surface and many players from Pemberton are still learning how to play the green, it is running quite a bit quicker than the old green and is taking a lot more grass (bias). It will improve further over time, the bowling surface will be re-stretched next year which will ensure one of the best greens for many years to come.

Well done Pemberton.

Pemberton now has the youngest players in the Blackwood League, five of these played in the Pennant grand final.

We are always looking for more young players, if you have any interest you can contact our club by email on Pembertonbowlsclub@outlook.com



PEMBERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

We're back for another fantastic school year at PDHS!

Our Primary students have jumped back into their learning across four classes: K/PP with Ms Thoo, Year 1/2 with Mrs Barnsby, Year 3/4 with Ms Dowson and Year 5/6 with Mrs Schmidt. Primary students are also enjoying a variety of additional classes including HPE with Mr Brooks, Indonesian with Ms Shepherd, Drama with Mrs Brooks, ECE Science and HASS with Mrs Fuller and Digi Tech with Mrs Tysoe.

Our Secondary students are continuing to work with our specialist curriculum teachers: Mathematics with Mr Cervoj, English with Mrs Brooks, Science with Mr Harger and Mr Cervoj, HASS with Ms Shepherd, Health with Ms Cockram, and PE with Mr Harger and Mr Hughes.

Students in Years 7-10 are also completing a wide range of elective and taster classes this semester: Indonesian, Visual Art, Agriculture, Business and Marketing, Independent Living, Outdoor Ed, Drama and Digital Technologies.

PDHS students have already engaged in a variety of dynamic and informative extracurricular incursions this year.

In Week 2 our Year 7-9 students participated in Road Smart Kickstart. The interactive sessions focused on decision-making on the road and how they can contribute to reducing road trauma. Students were highly engaged in the hands-on activities and discussions throughout the program.

Week 3 saw our Year 10 students participate in a PPEP workshop, which focused on providing medically accurate information about pain education and supporting students to recognise what is normal, when to seek help and how to manage pelvic pain.

Finally, in Week 4 our students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 welcomed the Constable Care safety education team to PDHS for their performances of "Wheely Safe Adventure" "First Aid Heroes" and "Screen Name".



St Joseph's Primary School



"Strength through Christ"

Welcome back - St. Joseph's Primary School

Staff and students at St Joseph's have enjoyed a fabulous start to the school year, beginning with a very well attended, 'Big Bash P&F Welcome BBQ'. This annual kids vs parents cricket match, was hotly contested and with some talented batting from our littlest students, the parents were very nervous. Luckily, after the 'sausage sizzle' tea break, parents finally enjoyed some success!

Another important event was the 'Welcome Mass' where our Year Six students have been commissioned into their leadership roles. This year the 8 students, will form three teams - logistics, spirituality and sustainability and rotate the roles each term. They have held their first council meeting and have three fundraising events planned to raise money for Project Compassion, helping communities in need.

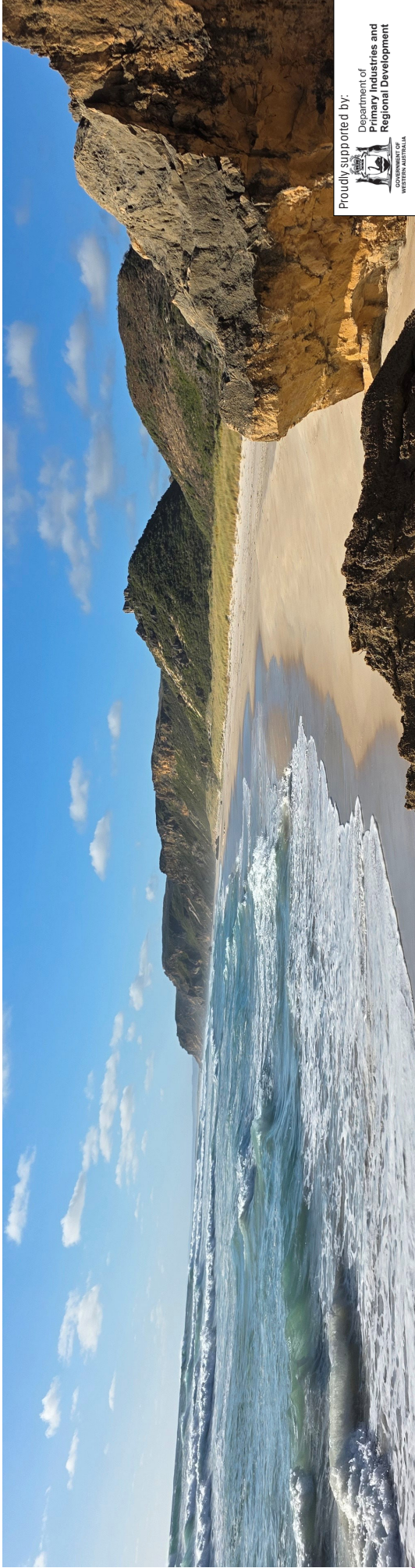
On Friday 27th February, the 'Little Joey's' playgroup program' will commence under the creative expertise of Ms De Campo. This 2-4 year old playgroup runs every Friday of the school term from 8.45am and allows parents to connect whilst the children explore the wonderful early childhood space here at St Joseph's.

For more information, contact the school office 97 761 180
or check out our socials



St Joseph's School Pemberton



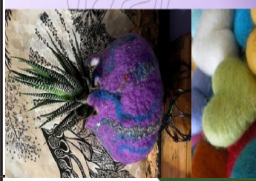


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Thank you Leanne Taylor for this months Calendar photo

March 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
SAVE THE DATE  6 Friday 6th of March Buffet available by 6pm Live music with Triple Time Chase the Ace and Manji meat trays raffles Basketball Grand Final	3 Labour Day Public Holiday Pool League @ Pemberton Hotel 6pm	DOWNUNDER COUNTRY Country Music Weekend BRIDGETOWN (WA) SHOWGROUNDS 20, 21, 22 MARCH 2026 In conjunction with the Bridgetown Agricultural Society  20, 21, 22 MARCH 2026	 Learn in the Garden Felting Workshop With Faye Jewell Learn the art of felting as you create a cute felted plant pot. \$25 per person, \$15 for VCCG Members Supplies and materials are provided. Please bring with you: camping chair, 8 handbags, a couple of plastic bags. 15 March - 4pm For more information email: assistant@pembertoncorgau.co.au or Call 0778 1915	6 Basketball Grand Final, Buffet & Live music @ PCSC - see page 24 Jonelle Grochowski duo @ Pemberton Hotel 5-8pm	BINGO BINGO Thursdays 1.00pm - 2.30pm At the Pemberton Community Hub Cuppa & Biscuits 	1 Earthscapes Art Show @ Manjimup Art Gallery continued 14th Feb - 13th March Jeffro @ Pemberton Hotel 12-3pm
2 Labour Day Public Holiday Pool League @ Pemberton Hotel 6pm	3	4	5	6 Basketball Grand Final, Buffet & Live music @ PCSC - see page 24 Jonelle Grochowski duo @ Pemberton Hotel 5-8pm	7	8 Dylan Hutchens @ Pemberton Hotel 12-3pm
9 Pool League @ Pemberton Hotel 6pm	10	11	12	13 Manjimup Agricultural show 13th-14th March Beth Chia @ Pemberton Hotel 5-8pm	14 RAC Karri Valley Triathlon 14th-15th March	15 Learn in the Garden Felting Workshop @ VCCG with Faye Jewell bookings essential - see page Lighthn Jack @ Pemberton Hotel 12-3pm

16 Pool League @ Pemberton Hotel 6pm	  	17   	18   	19   	20 Dragon Tree Music Festival 20th-23rd March - Family friendly & no alcohol event Shenai Johnston @ Pemberton Hotel 5-8pm	21 Gelli Printing @ Pemberton Arts Group 9.30am-12.30pm see pg 27	22   	
23 Pool League @ Pemberton Hotel 6pm	  	24 Supperannuation Workshop @Pemberton CRC from 2pm	25   	26 Start of Bingo @ Pemberton Community Hub 1-2.30pm Marilyn 0408 901 20€	27 Tarmac South West 27th-28th March Rob V @ Pemberton Hotel 5-8pm	28   	29 Dylan Hutchens @ Pemberton Hotel 5-8pm	
30 Pool League @ Pemberton Hotel 6pm	  	31   	Dragon Tree Festival 20th - 23rd March Pemberton				Coming up in April School Holidays Skate Park Jam Karri Cup MTB Challenge Sculpture in the Vines - see page 3 Southern Forests & Valleys Heritage Festival	
Regular Community Events								
Anglican Church Service 1st Sun 11.30am St Hilda's Church, Ellis St, Pemberton Michelle 9776 0371	  	All-sorts exercise group Mon 9am \$5 each Pemberton Community Sports Club CRC 9776 1745	  	Museum Workshop Thursday @10.0 am - 12pm Pemberton Heritage & History Group Ros 0439 214 393	  	Road bike social ride 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sun @ 7.30am Leaving from the Community Hub Christine 0407 774 128		
Craft Group 1st Tues \$5 St Hilda's church Pat 9776 0388	  	Art Classes with Tony Windberg Wed @ 7-9pm, Thurs @ 9.30am PAG Art Room - at the HUB Tony 0427 852 032	  	PAG Arts-In-House Tues & Wed 9.30am PAG Art Room @ the HUB Anna 0439 369 702	  	Sacred Heart Catholic Church Wed 10.00am, 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun 8.30, 2nd & 4th Sun 10.30am, Cnr Guppy's & Dean St Manjimup Parish 9771 2873		
Mill Hall Dance 2nd Sat 7.30pm BYO. Share Supper - \$5 Pemberton Mill Hall Terrie 0439 840 784	  	Badminton (Ladies) Wed @ 9.00am - 11am Pemberton Community Sports Club Evelyn 9776 0332	  	Pemberton Golf Club Saturdays @ 12pm Golf links road Club 9776 1455	  	Social Badminton Adults @6pm-7.30pm \$5ea. Pemberton Community Sports Club Emma 0400 518 185		
PCA - Womens Ride Second Sunday of the month @9am Meeting @ Pemberton Community Hub	  	Boot scooting Thurs 5pm Pemberton Mill Hall Terrie 0439 340 237	  	Pemberton Yoga Collective Mondays 5.30pm - 7.00pm Pemberton CSC - Jarrah room Pemberton CRC 9776 1745	  	Solitaire Club - \$2 Tues @ 11.00am Pemberton CRC Pemberton CRC 9776 1745		
Fire and Rescue 1st Sat 2.00pm Pemberton Fire Station Craig 0419 045 362	  	CWA Op-Shop Sat 9.00 am - 1.00pm Pemberton CWA Maria 0488 805 494	  	Pemberton Youth Zone Every 2nd Fri @ 5pm - 8pm Pemberton Community Sports Club Pemberton CRC 9776 1745	  	Bowls Thurs & Sundays Pemberton Community Sports Club Brian 0417 952 427		
Southern Forests Photography Club Last Wed 6.00pm Pemberton Community Sports Club Rob 0428 275 665	  	Karate Sat @ 9am Pemberton Community Sports Club. Bernadette 0457 272 500	  	Play Group Tues, Thurs @ 9.00 Pemberton Community Sports Club crèche Pippa 0401 654 902	  	Snooker Club Wednesdays @ 6.30 pm Pemberton Community Sports Club John 0488 760 426		
Uniting Church Service 4th Sun 10.00am Pemberton Uniting Church Tom 9776 1472	  	MTB Social Ride Sat @ 8.00am Leaving from the Community Hub Mark 0429 384 800	  	Rhyme and Story Time Pemberton Library Wednesday 10.30am Sherril 9776 1311	  	Basketball Thursdays @ 6pm Pemberton Community Sports Club 9776 1066		

LEARN IN THE GARDEN RETURNS WITH A CREATIVE START

ARTICLE BY: GAYE VAN HAZENDONK
Photos by CRC Staff & Volunteers

Sunday, 15 February saw the much-anticipated return of the Learn in the Garden workshops at the Vic Conte Community Garden.

The first session of the year—a Weaving Workshop introducing the basic principles of basketry using natural plant fibres—was a great success, warmly received by the 14 enthusiastic locals who attended.



Participants enjoyed the fantastic new facilities, made possible thanks to DEED funding and the ongoing support from the Shire of Manjimup toward garden running costs.

With this workshop being presented voluntarily, the proceeds went directly toward maintaining and upgrading the garden for community use - So Great!

Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with many happy weavers heading home proudly carrying their handmade creations.

"Delivery was informative, enthusiastic and encouraging. Length of time just right."



While the first few workshops are craft-based due to presenter availability, there is plenty more in the pipeline.

Upcoming topics include caring for chickens, setting up a solar system, and

exploring all the possibilities of growing potatoes—just to name a few.

A special thanks goes to our new Trainee, Chloe, who has been tirelessly reaching out to local providers and researching exciting workshop opportunities.

If you're interested in running a workshop at the garden, please get in touch with Chloe at the CRC or email assistant@pembertoncra.org.au.

And don't forget—VCCG membership gets you a \$10 discount on workshops, and the more members we have, the more we can offer the community. Scan the QR code to become a Vic Conte Community Garden member today!



Only \$25 per family or \$15 for an individual—what a bargain!



Learn in the Garden

Felting Workshop

With Faye Llewellyn

Learn the basics of felting as you create a cute felted plant pot.

\$25 per person, \$15 for VCCG Members

Supplies and materials are provided.

Please bring with you: camping chair, 6 metres of string or strong thread and a couple thin plastic bags.

15 March, 2026

1pm - 4pm

for more information email assistant@pembertoncra.org.au or Call 9776 1745

Places limited - Bookings essential

FUN FACTS - LADYBIRDS

ARTICLE BY KATIE PILLAR
Photos by Katie Pillar

Ladybeetles and gentlemenbeetles please enjoy my article.

Coccinellidae is the family of small beetles known as ladybugs or ladybirds. Ladybeetle is the most accurate and commonly used name among entomologists to avoid confusion with an order of insects known as 'True bugs'.

The bright colours and patterns of a ladybird are aposematic to warn potential predators that they taste bad, may be poisonous and are not worth attacking. Some will put off a stench from their leg joints as a defence mechanism.

There are over 6,000 species of Ladybirds worldwide. Some can be pink, yellow or grey, and some don't have any spots at all.

Ladybirds are phenomenal plant protectors. As

carnivorous beetles they eat plant parasites like aphids. This is why many cultures view seeing ladybirds in your garden as an omen of good luck or a sign of wishes coming true.

Because they require warm temperatures to fly, ladybirds tend to settle in at night and rest until sunrise. Their wings intricately fold underneath their hard, dome-shaped shell. These wing covers in beetles are known as 'elytra'.

Adult ladybirds will lay their eggs near a prey's colony to provide the larvae with a food source.

These insects are the star of popular nursery rhyme "Ladybug! Ladybug! Fly away home" where the beetle warns of a house on fire.

The name 'lady' comes from catholic farmers in the middle ages praying to the Virgin Mary (also known as "Our Lady") to prevent their crops being destroyed by pests and believing the little beetles were gifts.

Go have a look in your garden for a ladybird, they're not hard to spot.

CRC COMMUNIQUÉ

ARTICLE BY GAYE VAN HAZENDONK

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MARCH 2026

CRC KICKS OFF 2026 WITH ENERGY AND EXCITEMENT

We've well and truly hit the ground running here at the CRC in 2026! What was meant to be the start of the "big chill" has turned into a burst of activity, new ideas, and renewed enthusiasm. The awesome CRC team is already kicking goals for the Pemberton community.

VOICES OF PEMBERTON PROJECT UNDERWAY

January marked the official start of the Voices of Pemberton Project, proudly supported by FRRR funding. Several interviews have already taken place, with more scheduled in the coming weeks.



We are also collecting photos, videos, stories, artworks, objects, and memories—anything that helps capture the spirit of Pemberton. Bring them in and share your voice. Every piece is being gathered so it is never lost.

WINDY HARBOUR TRIP & TECH TRAINING



Also in January, staff enjoyed a fantastic day trip to Windy Harbour. In February, we had a valuable training

session with the Regional Tech Hub to stay up to date with the latest information on phone and internet connectivity in our region.

If you're having trouble with your connection, come in and see us—especially on Thursdays. We're here to

help, and the advice is free!

MORE FREE DIGITAL HELP FOR OVER 55's

Need a hand building your digital skills? Thanks to ongoing support from the Be Connected Program, the CRC is offering free IT assistance for anyone aged 55+.



Be Connected
Every Australian online.

Whether it's emails, apps, phones, laptops, or general tech woes—pop in on a Thursday. We've got you covered!

SKATE PARK JAM – SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

Thanks to the Shire of Manjimup's ongoing support for Youth in the Regions, we have a fantastic event lined up for the school holidays at the Pemberton Skate Park!



Local artist Anna Czerkasow will be on site creating masterpieces with the youth, there'll be food, giant bubble fun, and—at long last—the Skate Park sign designed by PYZ attendees will be installed. Yay!

And that's not all—Shaun from Freestyle Now will be running skate workshops and teaching some seriously impressive skills to young people aged 10–20 years.

It's shaping up to be a brilliant day out for our local youth.

To register your interest or get more information, email office@pembertoncrc.org.au.

Keep an eye out for online bookings opening soon!

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Opening Hours

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	9AM - 4PM
Wednesday	9AM - 4PM
Thursday	9AM - 5PM
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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS YOUTH WEEK

SKATE PARK JAM

Pemberton Skate Park, Club Road, PEMBERTON

10/4/2026 12pm - 4pm

10+

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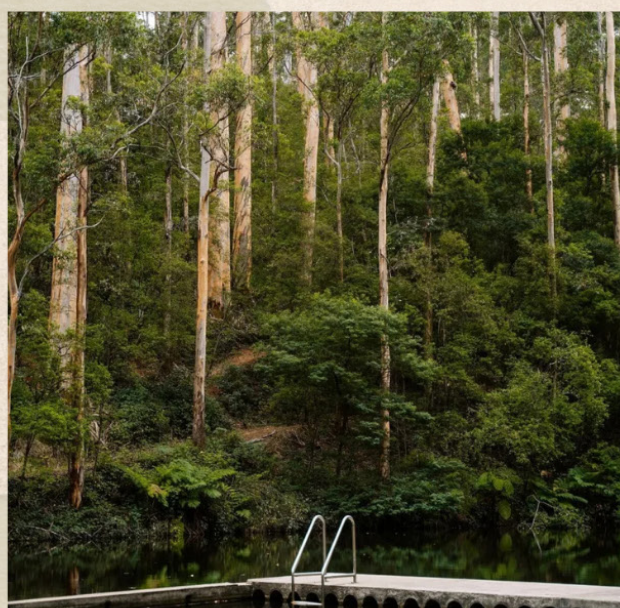
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Party and Skate!

- PYZ designed Sign going up!
- Skate Workshop
- GIANT Bubbles & Wool
- BBQ

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THE VOICES OF PEMBERTON

Calling all Storytellers

The Voices of Pemberton Project invites you to get involved in a community storytelling initiative using:

Digital media (audio, video, podcasts, photography)

Print media (writing, poetry, zines, storytelling)

Art media (visual art, illustration, mixed media)

Anyone can Participate

Express your perspective on Pemberton in your own way
Strengthen your connection to community and culture

Contribute to the community collection

Bring in any of your photos, home videos and clips from Pemberton and we will copy them for you.

Digital Editing Skills Workshops for Youth 12-25yrs coming soon!!



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Pemberton Community organisation of the Year 2016.

www.pembertonartsgroup.org.au

[pembertonartsgroup.facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/pembertonartsgroup)

PAG NEWS:

Contact Cate: pembertonartsgroup@gmail.com

PAG would like to wish everyone a warm welcome to the Month of March and the beautiful season of Autumn. The forest is spectacular at this time of year, providing great inspiration for creativity. March is always a busy one for us with the upcoming exhibitions.

We have started to plan some exciting workshops. 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.

PAG Mural Launch 11am Sunday 22 March 2026! This is big news! We are thrilled to launch the mural our lovely locals have been working on for many months, which will be placed on the wall outside the PAG room. Please join us **11am Sunday 22 March 2026** outside the PAG room at Hepple Street here in town. Light refreshments will be provided.

Gelli Printing Workshop! Gelli Printing is a relatively new form of mono printing that uses flexible printing plates to create textures and layers of colour. We are delighted to announce a Gelli Printing Workshop to be held **Saturday 21 March 2026 from 9.30am-12.30pm**. \$65 including materials. Please see the advertisement in this issue of the PCN. Queries to Elaine on 0405 711 481.

Call out for Lego! Do have unwanted Lego lying around that you would like to donate to PAG? We are going to run a Lego Workshop as part of the Pemberton CRC's annual WOW Weekend in the July School Holidays. It will be available to all ages and we know it will be a lot of fun.

If you have some Lego you can donate please contact us or deliver Tuesday or Wednesday mornings.

Autumn Exhibition! The PAG Autumn Exhibition kicks off in April. The theme is "Reflection". We are very excited to see the various ways our artists interpret 'Reflection'. Entry forms are on our website.

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

Donors: We are seeking expressions of Interest from local businesses that would like to donate towards prizes for Sculpture in the Vines. If you are interested, please get in touch with us.

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!



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Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

March 2026

Shoo fly, don't bite me



March fly held in hand. Most likely from the genus *Scaptia*, or possibly *Copidapha*. (MyPestGuide® Reporter, 284687)

There are over 6,400 formally described species of fly in Australia, but the number of species in total is estimated at around 30,000. Their roles in the ecosystem are diverse and overwhelmingly beneficial. It's in domestic or farm settings where some really become a nuisance. Thankfully (and proportionally), there are only a few, commonly encountered flies that bite us! Within these species, it's near exclusively the females who bite, using the blood they obtain as a source of protein for developing eggs.

Meet the culprits

March flies (family: Tabanidae), also called horse flies, comprise 200+ species. They are large (6-25mm) flies with prominent eyes. Found throughout Australia, they live around freshwater creeks, intertidal estuaries and mangroves. Breeding in damp soil, rotting vegetation, sand and rot holes in trees. They are most active on calm, sunny days throughout the warmer months. **Stable flies** (*Stomoxys calcitrans*, family: Muscidae) are slightly smaller than a house fly (generally 5-7mm). Found throughout Perth's Swan Coastal Plain, they breed in moist organic material such as manure, compost, grass clippings, and vegetable waste.

They are a serious pest of livestock and most active late spring through autumn. **Biting midges** (family: Ceratopogonidae), often called "sandflies," are tiny insects (1-3mm). Of the 200+ species in this family, most belong to the genus *Culicoides*. They are present in many coastal and inland areas of WA, commonly near sandy estuarine and foreshore areas, and mangrove swamps in tropical and sub-tropical parts of the State. They are most active at dawn and dusk.

Shoo fly!

Managing biting flies is incredibly difficult. The easiest way to protect yourself is to wear long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing. Include head nets where fly numbers are high. Inspect your property for breeding sources and manage organic material, compost and manure to reduce fly breeding sources.

The WA Department of Health has good information on March flies, sand flies, as well as mosquitoes - how to protect yourself, including the use of repellents, and managing bites. Alternatively, contact your local government's Environmental Health officer for the latest advice. For information on stable fly, look at our website

dpird.wa.gov.au/stablefly for management advice.



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DFES

SAFE TRADIES & DIY –
REDUCE THE RISK



Fire risks from welding, grinding & outdoor hot works

- Sparks from welding, grinding, or cutting can ignite dry grass, leaf litter, or nearby materials within seconds.
- Avoid undertaking hot works on days with High Fire Danger Ratings or above.
- Always clear the area of flammable materials before starting work.
- Keep firefighting equipment close by. A hose, extinguisher or water source can stop a small spark becoming a fire.
- Stay at least 30 minutes after finishing to check for hidden smouldering spots.
- If the weather becomes hot, windy, or dry, postpone your work. Conditions can change rapidly.

DFES permits & safety guidelines

- Some hot works require a permit depending on the location, time of year and local fire conditions.
- Check DFES and local government guidelines before starting any hot work outdoors.
- Ensure everyone on site understands the conditions of the permit, including supervision, spark control, and suppression equipment.
- On a Total Fire Ban Day, it is illegal to light an open-air fire or conduct any activity that could start a fire. For a full list of prohibited activities, visit the DFES website.

Safe use of power tools & lithium-ion batteries.

Lithium ion batteries are increasingly linked to house and shed fires.

- Always use the charger supplied with the device.
- Charge batteries on hard, non flammable surfaces, away from sleeping areas.
- Replace damaged, swollen, or overheating batteries immediately.
- Don't leave tools or batteries in hot vehicles or direct sunlight.
- Store batteries away from flammable liquids and materials.

Let's take action this month!

- Stay aware: Check Fire Danger Ratings daily through Emergency WA.
- Use tools safely: Choose cooler times of day for outdoor work and avoid high risk weather.
- Refresh your plan: Does your household know what to do if a fire starts while you're working outside?
- Check in with your community: Support tradies, hobbyists, and neighbours by sharing safe work messages.
- Seek support: Your local CPA or the Community Preparedness Directorate can assist with resources or engagement ideas.

Every safe decision you make while working outdoors helps protect your home, your neighbours, and your community.

DEAR GENTLE READERS

ARTICLE BY ANN TIQUITTY

Images from the internet

Dear Gentle Readers, Yes, Bridgeton is back and we are delighted to have a right royal scandal to divert us from the real issues which continue to plague this land. Bad enough that a former Prince has feet of clay and the morals of a guttersnipe, but we can now tear apart the last century of royal and noble guidance by our monarchs.

Do we really care about His Nibs? Probably not, but the relentless pursuit of headlines makes one wonder if our attention is being diverted with the 'look over there, look over there' syndrome instead of the current affairs and matters closer to home happening in from of our eyes.

Poor family. Did they know? Don't judge. How many of us have seen or known bad conduct and chose to turn a blind eye. Hmmmmm!

Meanwhile the hoi polloi, the masses, the voters are in turbulent times being complexly ignored as the elites rule our lives and make decision regardless.

While one personally loved the protesting recreational fishers give the proverbial "finger", let me advise them that each finger should have a little protest sign attached saying I VOTE.

If others want to stop the building of an absurd Colosseum on our beautiful foreshore, where man made vehicles can pollute the atmosphere, don't just expect your letters, protests or environmental concerns to make a difference. Stick your finder in the air and proceed as above

If Matilda Bay is to be taken from the people, just cover the area with protest signs, saying I VOTE. It is the only thing that matters to the Powerhouse People.

A most interesting and stimulating occurrence among us is in the form of that notorious Redhead. She who has irritated, annoyed and plagued the Nation by continuing spread her beliefs for the last thirty years. Despite the vitriol poured on her red head, a term in jail, constant hounding of the press, the death threats and the discourtesy of Parliament, perhaps, we the people are using her as a virtual finger to scare the knickers, pantaloons and Y-fronts off our lords and Masters.

Nice analogy and doesn't it keep life interesting.

Meanwhile may one observe that many young, vocal women of today bring no credit to our gender. Shrieking banshees, frothing at the mouth and screaming obscenities or those sitting grim faced and pious and preaching from the high moral ground are undoing, stitch by stitch the hard work of those of us who have fought for and won equality, respect and the ability to put one or more fingers to good use.

Lady Speakingup

aka, Ann Tiquitty.





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Manjimup Imperials Recreation Club, Manjimup

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL

Visit ruralhealthwest.eventsair.com/ceeconcussion-man/reg or scan the QR code with your mobile phone camera.



A free community education event

Register today to gain valuable insights and expand your understanding of concussion.

Learn how to recognise the signs and symptoms, as well as the importance of managing mild brain injuries promptly, safely and appropriately. This education event will discuss the occurrence of concussion in sports as well as those resulting from falls, road traffic incidents and physical assaults. Q&A and shared community members' experiences welcome.

For further information regarding this community education event, please contact Jen Maughan – E familysupport@ruralhealthwest.com.au

Rural Health West is proud to deliver this community education initiative through funding from the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

Dr Gill Cowen
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WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

Sun Safety – Looking After Our Skin

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
March 2026

Us West Aussies love nothing more than getting outdoors and enjoying the abundance of sunshine that lathers our great state. A small amount of incidental exposure to sunlight, around a few minutes each day, is important for maintaining adequate levels of Vitamin D needed for strong bones, muscles and overall good health. Too much exposure however, places us at great risk of damage from Ultra Violet (UV) radiation which potentially could lead to the development of skin cancer. We need to get the balance right!



Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world mainly due to our very high UV levels. According to the Cancer Council WA, at least two in every three people will develop some type of skin cancer before they reach the age of 70.

Of the three main types of skin cancer most of these people will develop a Basal Cell Carcinoma which is usually a small, slow growing abnormal growth found mainly on the upper body, head and neck. They don't usually spread far but if left can result in facial and body disfigurement. The next most common is the Squamous Cell Carcinoma often found on the lips, ears and scalp. These grow quicker and if left can potentially spread into the lymph nodes of the neck and then to other parts of the body.

The last and most dangerous type is the Melanoma which accounts for about one to two percent of all skin cancers. It can be found anywhere on the body but is mainly on the upper back of men and lower legs of women. It is an aggressive type and if left untreated can spread quickly to other parts of the body and potentially be fatal! It was estimated that this year alone there will be over 14,000 new cases nationally of Melanoma skin cancer detected, with over 8,500 of those men.

By spending more time in the sun, we inevitably place ourselves at an increased risk of skin damage and potential skin cancer. Taking measures to be sun safe should be part of our daily routine especially if we are involved in outdoor work! It is important to remember that the UV levels can still be high even on a cool and cloudy day. Following these simple tips will get us well on the way to being sun safe ...

- Cover up with appropriate clothes
- Use sun-screen (don't forget to re-apply often)
- Wear a hat (the broader the better)
- Seek out shade
- Wear sunnies to protect your eyes

Early detection is always the key. Check your skin regularly all over for any unusual spots or growths (get your partner to help). You can visit the Cancer Council WA website for information about what exactly to look for and don't hesitate to get anything of concern looked at by your doctor. An annual skin check with your GP or at a reputable skin clinic is also a good way to keep track of any changes or developments.

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B·A·S·I·S Clinic

Balance Ability Strength Independence Support



FREE GROUP SESSIONS

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

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



HEALTH EDUCATION

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



LiFE PROGRAM

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



MORNING TEA

Connect with the community over a complementary Morning Tea!

GROUP SESSION DETAILS

Pemberton

Tuesdays 10am - 12pm

From 17th Feb 2026

Pemberton Community Resource Centre

61 Brockman St, Pemberton WA 6260

Northcliffe

Thursdays 10am - 12pm

From 19th Feb 2026

Northcliffe Family and Community Centre

58 Zamia St, Northcliffe WA 6262

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Pemberton Community Sports Club PCSC Whats On



SAVE THE DATE

BASKETBALL GRAND FINAL NIGHT

Friday 6th March

Pemberton Sports Club

Buffet by D&J Dunstan

Live Music with Triple Time

Chase the Ace

Manji Meat Mart Meat Tray Raffles

A big night of sport, food & entertainment

All welcome – Don't miss it!

Casual Bar Attendant Wanted

Pemberton Sports Club is looking for a reliable **Casual Bar Attendant** to join our friendly team.

Requirements:

- ✓ Current Approved Manager's Licence (*essential*)
- ✓ RSA
- ✓ Friendly, reliable and able to work evenings/weekends

If you enjoy a **community vibe** and a **great team atmosphere**, we'd love to hear from you!

Pemberton Sports Club

Email: admin@pembertoncsc.com.au

Please message the club or enquire at the bar for more details.

★ What's On at the Club - March ★

Day	Activity	Time
 Monday	Yoga	5:30pm
	Playgroup	9:00am-11:00am
 Tuesday	Footy Training	6:00pm
	Summer Darts	7:00pm
 Wednesday	Ladies Badminton	9:00am
	Social Badminton	6:00pm
	Snooker	6:30pm
 Thursday	Playgroup	9:00am-11:00am
	Footy Training	6:00pm
 Friday	Chase the Ace & Meat Raffle	5:00pm-7:00pm
 Saturday	Karate	8:00am
 Sunday	Social Bowls	1:00pm



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BINGO BINGO

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Starts Thursday 26th of February

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Pemberton Arts Group

Queries: Elaine; 0405 711 481

Date: 21/3/2026
Time: 9.30am-12.30pm
Materials provided
Cost - \$65
BYO Snacks
Tea & Coffee provided
Where: PAG Community Art Room
Hepple St, Pemberton

Pemberton Arts Group Inc presents

Pemberton Art Prize 2026



REFLECTION



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

2D and small 3D works

(size limits and prize list will be on entry form, available early February).

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

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

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

Mona & Torsten Ketelsen



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Manjimup Shire Bulletin

March 2026



SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy International Women's Day! 8 March acknowledges the achievements and contributions that women make within our community and the world. At the Shire of Manjimup we have an amazing diversity of women who are leading by example and implementing change. Acknowledging women does not diminish the value of our male counterparts but rather affirms that we are strongest when we work together - as one team.

I was honoured to 'MC' the Lions Club of Manjimup 'Jazz in the Jarrah' at the Heritage Park and what an amazing night it was. With \$2,500 raised for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, I thank the community and the Lion's for their generous contribution.

14 March sees the return of our Ag Show! This year I am privileged to be one of the patrons of the Show and sincerely thank the same band of dedicated volunteers that make this event a success every year - get behind it and get an entry into one of the many categories and I'll see you Friday night for fireworks and live music.

Northcliffe - Council and Senior Management are heading your way on 25 March. Prior to the Ordinary Meeting of Council we will be hosting a community afternoon tea to thank and recognise the incredible volunteers and community members of Northcliffe.

We have a very special guest coming to our region mid-March, more about that next month!

As always, if you have a concern or a great idea please contact one of your Councillors or myself, because together we can achieve great things! Until then, stay safe and chat soon.

Donelle Buegge
Shire President

2026 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

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Cr Jayde Darin: 0422 070 195

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Cr Steve Miolin, Deputy Shire President: 0428 671 552

Cr Heidi Tempira: 0407 193 761

Pemberton Waste Transfer Station

104 Pemberton Northcliffe Rd, Yeagarup

Wednesday: 11:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday/Sunday: 12:00pm - 5:00pm

SHIRE NOTICES

Extension of Prohibited Burning Period - Zone 6

Please be advised that pursuant to Section 17 of Bush Fire Act 1954, the Shire of Manjimup has extended the prohibited Burning Period for Zone 6 (Northcliffe / Walpole) until midnight 14 March 2026. For further information, please contact the Shire.

Current Vacancies at the Shire

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

Administration Officer (Infrastructure)

Pay: \$72,307 per annum - (plus entitlements)

Job Type: Full-time

Location: Manjimup

Closing Date: 6 Mar 2026

AquaCentre Expression of Interest

Job Type: Casual

Location: Manjimup Regional AquaCentre

Closing Date: 1 Dec 2026

Home and Community Care Expression of Interest

Job Type: Casual

Location: Manjimup Wellness and Respite

Community Care

Closing Date: 1 Dec 2026

Shire Community Grants - Applications Open!

A reminder that the 2026/2027 Community Grant Round is now OPEN! Do you have a great idea that could benefit your community? Now's the time to apply! Applications close 27 March 2026. To find out more and to apply, please visit the Shire's website.

SHIRE NEWS

Rhyme and Story Time

With the new school year underway, *Rhyme and Story Time* sessions are back in full swing across all Shire Libraries (full details for each location are available on the Shire's website).

Easter-themed Workshops

Egg-ceptionally Egg-citing Easter Crafts for 5-8 year olds will take place at the Manjimup, Pemberton and Walpole Libraries on Saturday 28 March from 10:00am - 11:00am. Arrangements for a similar workshop in Northcliffe are in train.

Keep an eye on the Shire's website for more information.

SHIRE CALENDAR

Library Storytime

Manjimup - Friday 10:30am

Northcliffe - Monday 10:00am

Pemberton - Wednesday 10:30am

Walpole - Alternate Fridays 10:00am

Council Meetings

The next Council Meeting will commence at 5:30 pm on 25 March at the Northcliffe Town Hall.

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

Earthscapes: 14 Feb - 13 Mar

Member for Warren-Blackwood, Mr Bevan Eatts, MLA, officially opened *Earthscapes*, the first exhibition of 2026 at the Manjimup Art Gallery, on 13 February. The exhibition showcases the works of local artists Paula Benson and Holly Lamey, with many pieces featuring striking interpretations of our local landscapes. *Earthscapes* has been warmly received, attracting strong visitor interest since opening.



Paula and Holly at the Opening Night

Post Billpay™ Payment Option Withdrawn

The Shire will discontinue the option to pay rates at Australia Post using Post Billpay™, effective 31 March 2026. The final rate instalment remains due on 14 April 2026. This change follows advice from Australia Post that concession rates for local governments will cease, with a renewed contract tripling current fees. Ratepayers who have previously used this service will be contacted directly. Alternative payment methods remain available, and new in-person payment arrangements are being explored.

Shire of Manjimup Committee Meetings

In accordance with recent amendments to Section 5.23 of the Local Government Act 1995, the meetings of all Shire committees established under the Act are now open to the public. Community members are welcome to attend and observe proceedings. Meeting dates, times, and locations are available on the Shire website or by contacting the Shire Administration office on 9771 7777.

Talison Funds Manjimup Sports Oval upgrades

We are thrilled to announce that Talison Lithium has committed \$1M towards the Rea Park and Collier Street Sporting Precinct revamp. The Shire are very thankful for this contribution. Talison said:

"Supporting projects of this nature gives Talison the opportunity to make a real difference to the livability and sustainability of the communities surrounding our Greenbushes Lithium Operation". Detailed planning for Stage Two is underway. Stay tuned!

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.

