



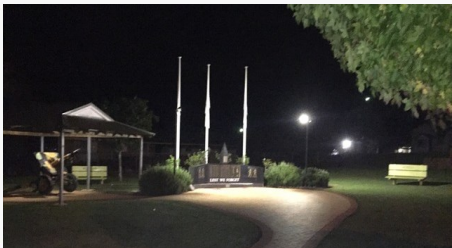
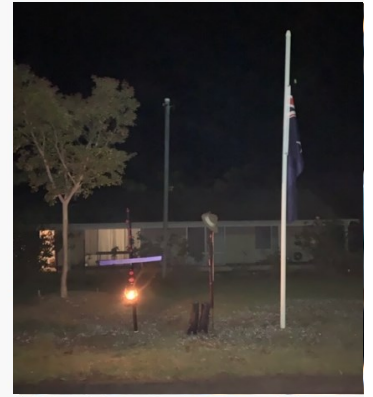
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## ANZAC DAY 2020



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## Pemberton Community News

We won't be forgetting ANZAC Day 2020 any time soon. What a different and wonderful experience right around this incredible country, and across the ditch. So many reasons to feel proud and grateful for everything that we have to date and all that we will enjoy in the future. I want to give special thanks to Pei-Chen for single-handedly providing the display along the front fence of the old School building. If we were allowed, we would give her a big hug, she truly is legend!

I think my husband should have been born in the another era and time where valets and butlers abounded. He has a tendency to drop and leave his clothes wherever through the house is convenient—to him! Which is fine, if you don't mind pieces of clothing dotted around the house, guess it makes it easier to find them when you think about it. Not that I mind, when I look at all the work that is done elsewhere around the block and house, another legend right there! Which then got me to thinking how fortunate I am. When you get to this age you are grateful for many things, but two really spring to mind. 1. That we are both still here, and 2. That we are both still here together.

I haven't had a chance to actually be isolated yet, but I am sure 2020, or maybe even 2020-2021, will be referred to as the Days of ISO, or the Days of Rona, where people have time on their hands to go through old photos etc., which again got me thinking on the writings of journalists and others concerning this time that we find ourselves in. The common theme seems to be that when we come out the other side of all of this, perhaps we will have learnt to be more caring, be kinder, be able to show more love to our families and others, appreciate the small things in life and not be so focussed on the things that don't matter. I have to wonder, what is it then that we **have** been focusing on up to now. I don't know about you, but I can't even imagine what would be better to focus on than family and what that encompasses. I have never liked anything better than being at home with family, enjoying time with them. I was even the school mum that hated the end of the school holidays. All the other mums would say how much they couldn't wait for school to resume, but I loved every minute of having children around, including other peoples kids.

What has been incredible though is the sharing of everything via technology. I am enjoying talks and music prepared by others and delivered straight to my home, and yes, the photos that everyone else has the time to pull out of hibernation.



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## Pemberton Community News

I have spent time in jobs that took up a lot of out of normal business hours, including dealing with overseas time zones, very demanding managers and customers, but nothing has ever appealed to me more than actually being home, these were after all just jobs. I guess home is where I feel safe, secure and completely comfortable.

There is a saying that I like - "No worldly success can compensate for failure in the home" and that really appeals to me. When it is all said and done, if my children and grandchildren continue to keep telling me they love me, then I don't think I need anything more.

About 10 years ago Mum was down here with me for a quick overnigher. When I put my straw hat and wellies on to go down the bottom of the block, she remarked how much I looked like her grandmother, my great-grandmother. At the time I thought "thanks, I think!" I knew two great-grandmothers, one great-grandfather and all my grandparents. We had an idyllic childhood with holidays spent at Nan and Pops. "Old" Nan and Pop, my great-grandparents lived around the corner, with my other great-grandmother living across the road from them. During the winter months I spent a lot of time with my Nan and Pop on my own without the other 17 cousins, and I loved it. When I had finished my chores for the morning, I would hightail it down the back of the yard, through the side fence, down the road a couple of blocks to my great grandparents house. They had one of those gardens filled with every kind of ornament possible, an entire landscape of castles, rivers, mountains, birds and animals. I would spend time studying every little thing to see if anything had moved or changed, and then joy of joys, run around to the side gate and into the back yard which gave me direct access to old Nan's kitchen (the bottom kitchen that is). There you entered a world of flour floating through the air in the morning sunlight like something magical. There was every delicious baked item imaginable on the big kitchen table, and the smells, divine. This wasn't a kitchen for sitting down and enjoying anything, this was a place of work. Old Nan had boarders in the "back flats", so I guess this was who she was cooking for. There was bread, pies, cakes large and small, and biscuits of every size and shape, it was the most beautiful place to be. She would shoo me out of the way up to the "new" kitchen to use the bellows on the wood stove and make sure that was hot for our morning cuppa.

On a Saturday, I would make sure I was there to listen to the footy broadcast on old Pop's radio. He had been a player for Subiaco in his early days and we both loved footy with a passion. When I was with him I barracked for Subi too.

And as I thought about my old Nan I had to remember that she was already at least 80 by the time I met her, she was already an old woman, and she was still doing all this work in the kitchen and obviously loving it. But the time that my Mum was referring to was when she knew her as a small child herself, when her grandmother would have been in her 50's. Mum would tell stories of old Nan and Pop's home in Collie where Pop would bring something home every day on his way from the coal mine to build a home for them. He built into the side of a hill with the underground area becoming Nan's pantry due to being so cool and dark. It was a big rambling home with orchards, vegies, Bessie the cow and all manner of livestock. Nan would cook and preserve everything she grew with Mum describing the rows and rows of jars of beautiful coloured fruits, pickles and chutneys, home made ice-cream made from Bessie's milk and of course all those beautiful baked goodies. Guess my Mum had an idyllic childhood with her grandparents too.

Perhaps my love of cooking and just being in the kitchen comes from my old Nan. It really is a place of love for me because I love nothing better than cooking for family and friends, lucky them, and just being with them and enjoying their voices and hugs.



If I end up having great-grandchildren that love running into my kitchen as much as I loved running into my great-grandmothers, then happy day.

Here's to you Amy Eva Foster, and I guess that I don't mind being

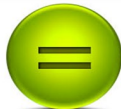
told how much I remind my mother of you after all. And here's to all of our family that have been before us, here's hoping that we keep a track of who they were and what they did, or didn't do. It doesn't matter, they are ours and we should hold them close to our hearts.

My Mum was interviewed by Channel 10 on ANZAC Day where she mentioned all the members of her family that had served in the Forces from the Boer War, both World Wars, Korea, Vietnam and to East Timor noting that "it's not just the family you remember, it's *all* of them." All of them who have gone. Lest We Forget—anyone. Deb



**THE RUMOUR MILL**

**So.... Covid 19**



Having made the analogy in last months PCN about runaway train wrecks heavily disguised as the Covid19 pandemic, I think its time for everyone to take a collective pat on the back in being fab citizens and setting an example to the rest of the planet on how communities, when engaged respectfully with intelligent dialogue will respond to a crisis. The manner in which Australia has engaged in the remedy for this bug been impressive to say the least and rather than gargling with Dettol, tweeting about miracle cures, aligning the problems with your political viewpoint or sacking the smart expert who just might hold the answer, we have taken the tough road and now the light at the end of the

tunnel is no longer an oncoming train but the dawn of a new day.

This is a nasty little critter which shouldn't be taken lightly and it is refreshing to see our leaders engaging without politics or crazy ideas getting in the way of what needs to be done. Certainly there has been some financial pain for most of us and a weird re-adjustment of our daily existence but the result has been staggering in its success to date. All that said, we of course know that this pandemic has some way to go before we can claim any sort of victory. However we seem much better mentally prepared to do what needs to be done as a nation to protect our citizenry and our unique Australian moral code by which we conduct our daily lives in wrapping our arms around all those within our borders.

**Community Hub**

One would think that life during this time would morph into quiet stanzas of inactivity but not so and the PVC toilers have been flat out behind closed doors. As reported recently the Shire has been successful in gaining a substantial grant from Lottery West to repurpose the RSL building into a Community Hub at the top end of town.



Rolling Stones gather no moss they say but we may dispute this analogy as this particular one rolling on over the past decade to get to this point has gathered some, but it's a friendly moss gathering, I am pleased to report.

The colocation, initially planned for the old school building in the main street was to provide a home for three partners only in the PVC , PCRC and the Library. This has now grown to seven, as along the way we have gathered some new friends.

As such the term colocation has been assigned to the garbage bin and from the ashes arises the Community Hub which much better describes the mix of vibrant businesses who will find their home in the new development.

In the replanning for the new site we now have in addition to the original partners the Chamber of Commerce, Heritage & History group, Community Arts Centre and lets not forget the RSL who have generously provided the old building as a starting point to develop the site. Whilst planning is well in hand in providing adequate work areas for the centre's operations, we have now turned our head toward final concept plans and especially that of how the proposal will fit the streetscape and be a positive and alluring addition to Pemberton.

All partners have been actively engaged in this over the past few weeks ably helped by Max Hewitt who has a long and illustrious career in projects of this nature. Max is a skilled ideas man with advanced draughting abilities and his plans and thoughts leap into a clear vision for the Community Hub project through his drawings. In addition, Jessica Winters from the Shire has been assigned project manager for the Hub, her resume being impressive bringing knowledge and focus to the group.



### History and Heritage

The inclusion of the History and Heritage group is a worthwhile and fantastic addition to the Community Hub providing a home for the current museum housed within the PVC. There are some precious items that define our town within those walls and a small group, headed up by Ros Piper have worked tirelessly for a number of years to find a new home to preserve our history. Rob Baker and his trusty camera are providing a meticulous record with an eye for perfection filming each item and cataloguing an extraordinary range of items stored and on display at the PVC. This will provide an invaluable tool in the management of museum pieces into the future for their safe keeping.

To now have a purpose built home where local and public alike can view our harsh but inspiring beginnings is a fabulous addition to showcase the town and its heritage.



Whilst caravaners are enjoying their holidays on the back lawn at home in recent times, we have found ourselves with a park that is mostly empty. There are a small number of backpackers on site who we have put to work keeping the place tidy but in the short term we have closed the park for business. Social distancing is a bit difficult in caravan park terms and of course travel restrictions haven't helped. There are the odd travellers whose principal place of residence is that box which hangs off their tow hitch plus the odd visitor within the region but mostly we are empty.

"Empty but not Idle" we might say. And news to hand is that our new Park Host, Grant Vickery has settled in nicely taking up residence in the park home and running the place 24/7 during this quiet time. Grant has been everything from the front door to the back fence of late and we are indebted to him during this difficult non-trading period. However he informed me the other day he traced a somewhat insistent buzzing sound within the office confines the other day to a dusty old telephone under a pile of papers which when answered actually had a customer on the other end. Good grief you might say and well you might, a customer not wanting to cancel or ask for a refund but a traveller wanting to stay with us as a forward booking. Pretty exciting stuff really and after some shuffling around looking for a pencil, a new stride forward into reopening the park was made.



So amidst this flurry of activity happening in the office, one could hear the efforts of Steve Zemke cranking up the power tools, jack hammers etc. whilst waving his magic wand over the ablution blocks. The older blocks had extensive work done on them when we took over the park with all new toilets installed but stage 2 for the showers had been put on hold until now when the traffic, or lack thereof, provided the perfect window to get them done without interruption to visitors. So the shower stalls in both of the blocks are being refurbished, retiled, re-plumbed, refinished, and renewed if you get my drift. A big job and many thanks to Steve for taking this on but it is another step in refurbishing the park to become a jewel for the caravan and camping traveller.

Whilst on park matters we have asked for some advice from an old friend of Pemberton in Peter Henley, a well known local and skilled arborist. After the recent tragedy at the park it became imperative to assess the trees at the park as what may appear a healthy tree to the naked eye, may in fact be a potential hazard to us humans. The arborists work is a dark art and experience and knowledge is the key to good outcomes. The final analysis however will see some extensive work done in the park in the next few weeks before we fully commence trading again. There are a number of Karris which will need to be removed and those who have lived with Karri trees know how unpredictable they are when they shed limbs for no apparent reason. Similarly there are a number of Blackbutt that need to come down but its all about making the park a safer place than we thought previously, so their removal is important.



Busy Bee - How can you help I hear you say? Stay tuned, as once these works are complete we will issue a plea for help to do a mow, trim and clean up of the area once the trucks have departed.

...and I hope you have all been spending your time wisely.

Some of the initiatives around our town promoted via the Pemberton People Facebook page with Dougy Savage and Sarah-Jane Griffiths solidly involved with shoulders to the wheel, demonstrate a community spirit that makes one adopt a silly smile and a contentment in living alongside caring folk.

It's a big "Well Done" to everyone involved from us at the PVC.

Meanwhile for idle operators, there is no time to waste as they will soon open the floodgates and the region will be awash with West Aussies fleeing South for an escape.

John Gaunt

### Monthly prayer

#### ALWAYS THERE

Spirit, God, Christ,  
 You are always with us,  
 Whether we perceive it or not.  
 You are always working for our good,  
 Whether we know it or not.  
 You are always there for comfort and help  
 Whether we call on it or not  
 You are always calling us onward in hope  
 Whether we listen or not.  
 You are always the giver of compassion and comfort  
 Whether we accept it or not.  
 You are not the cause of our troubles or sufferings  
 Whether we believe it or not.  
 In all things and at all times Your hand is on our lives,  
 Whether we feel it or not.  
 You are God,  
 Leading us to our better selves and working to redeem all  
 people and all things,  
 Whether we have faith or not.  
 This simply is, and so shall it always be.  
 Amen ( Authored by Jon Humphries for the Bible Society)



The Pemberton Heritage and History Group are continuing with the progression of the Co-location Precinct.

We are hoping to get back into the Mosaic software data entry for cataloguing soon if the current circumstances change!

Let us all focus on the beautiful surrounds that we live in and be thankful to our wonderful pioneers who have made Pemberton the beautiful place it is today. May you all stay safe and wise!

Ros Piper 0467 479 317

Deanne Ventris 0428 302782

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## Community Contacts

### ARTS

#### **Model Railway Club**

Open Saturday from 1.30pm. Fine Woodcraft Gallery, Dickinson Street. Contact Simon 0488 230 707

#### **Pemberton Arts Group Inc.**

Contact Anna on 0439369702 or Jeanette on 9776 0252.

#### **Pemberton Photography Club (PPC)**

3rd Tuesday of the month, 6pm. Phone Rob Baker 0428 275 665

### AT THE MILL HALL

#### **Mill Hall Committee**

President: Deanne Ventris 97761757 or pambuser@westnet.com.au

VP: Warren South 9776 0647

Secretary: Bev South 9776 0647

Treasurer: Anna Starkie 9776 1219

#### **Community dance**

2nd Saturday of every month

7.30pm. BYO drinks & supper to share. Contact Ros 0467 479 317

#### **Boot scooting every Thursday @ 6pm**

Contact Terrie 0439 840784.

### CHILDREN/YOUTH

#### **Playgroup**

Meet Thursdays, 9.30–11.30am at the Sports Club crèche. Contact Chelsea on 0407 385 951

#### **Rhyme Time at the Library**

Wednesdays 10am (during school terms). Contact Sherril 9776 1311

#### **Youth Zone**

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

### COMMUNITY

#### **Anglicare Financial Counselling**

Contact Tim on 9777 1945

#### **CRC: 9am - 4pm Monday & Friday**

9am-2pm Tues-Thurs (08) 9776 1745

**CWA:** Contact Rose on 97760309 or email PembertonCWA@outlook.com

#### **CWA Meeting: CWA rooms 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Tuesday of the month 9.30 am ,

#### **9.30am followed by craft at 1pm**

**CWA Op-Shop:** Open every Saturday 9am to 12pm at the CWA Rooms.

#### **Karri Singers Choir**

Contact Sally Rothon 9776 0993 or Deanne Ventris 9776 1757

#### **Pap Smear Clinics**

Call Pemberton Hospital on 9776 4000 for an appointment.

#### **Pemberton Accommodation Association (PAA)**

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

Contact Kathy 0438 447 795 for details.

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

Meetings held every month. Phone the Secretary on 0427 133 335

#### **Pemberton Heritage and History Group (PHHG)**

Contact Ros 0467 479 317

#### **Pemberton Waste Transfer Site**

Open Wednesday 11am–5pm, Saturday and Sunday 12–5pm.

#### **Pemberton Woodlands Estate Group**

Support & conservation group for 'Tree-changers' in this area.

Contact: Henk Dirks 97760171

#### **Ribbons of Blue**

Water quality and catchment issues. Contact Andy 9776 1559

#### **RSL**

2nd Wednesday of the month, 4.45pm in RSL Memorial Library.

Contact Bob Hammond 9776 1256

#### **Solitaire**

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

#### **Vic Conte Community Garden**

Julian Sharp 08 9776 0206 or Deanne Ventris 08 9776 1757

#### **Warren Environmental Group**

Conservation and environmental group. Contact Andy 9776 1559

### RELIGION

#### **Bible Studies**

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

#### **Sacred Heart Catholic Church**

Weekday mass: Wed 10am.

Weekend mass: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday 8.30am, 2nd & 4th Sunday 10.30am

#### **St Hilda's Family Social Club**

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

Contact Ros Herbert on 9776 1216.

#### **Anglican Church**

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

#### **Uniting Church**

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

#### **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**

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

### EMERGENCY

#### **Fire and Rescue**

Meets 1st Saturday of every month, 2pm at the Pemberton Fire Station. Contact Craig on 9776 0091.

#### **St John Ambulance – Pemberton**

Meets 3rd Monday of every month at the Pemberton Ambulance Hall. New members welcome. Contact Christine Trappitt on 9776 1283.

### SPORTS

#### **Archery**

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

#### **Badminton**

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

#### **Boxercise**

Mon/Fri 9–10am. Contact Natalie 0421 644 230 or Daniele 0408 474545.

#### **Gym**

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

#### **Karate**

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

#### **Netball**

Phone Natalie Callaghan 0467 654252.

#### **Pemberton Cricket Club**

Contact David Meehan 0427 441 628

#### **Pemberton Golf Club**

Enquiries to Steve Fisher 9776 1455.

#### **Pemberton Lawn Bowls Club**

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

#### **Southerners Football Club**

Contact David Meehan 0427 441 628

#### **Tennis**

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

#### **Yoga**

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

## Community Notices

### Hockey

Juniors, Men's and Women's Hockey  
 Pemby Weekday training and  
 Weekend games in Manjimup  
 Contact Charles Otway  
 on 0466633275

### Road Bike Social Ride

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

### Browns Road Social Group

Meet every 4th Thursday at the  
 Lavender and Berry Farm 2pm for a  
 chat and a cuppa (No meetings at  
 holiday time) every one is welcome  
 not only Browns Road.  
 Enquiries to Bev on 9776064

### Mtb Social Ride

Saturday at 8am  
 Enquiries to Mark Hudson  
 0429 384 800

### Boot scooting

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

### Solitaire Club

Come along, play some  
 computer card games and have a  
 gossip over lunch and a brew.  
**Tuesdays 11am-2pm at the CRC**  
**Cost \$18 per annum**  
 Contact the CRC on 9776 1745

### Sunday Tennis

At the tennis courts behind the  
 PVC at 3pm  
 Cost: \$2.50  
 Phone Bev 9776 0647  
 Dulcie 9776 0063

### Accessing Government Information

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

For Federal **Department of Human Services**  
 government access, such as Centrelink and Medicare,  
 there is a dedicated PC (next to the Centrelink fax  
 machine). So if you have government-related business to do or  
 information to find, you can do it at the Pemberton Community  
 Resource Centre for free.



### Boot scooting in Middlesex

At Middlesex Hall.  
 Tuesdays' at 6pm. All welcome.  
 Enquiries Terrie 0439 840784



### MILL HALL

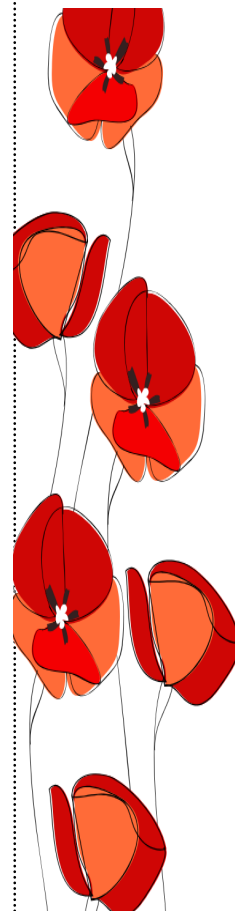
The new floor in the Mill Hall is laid and resting!

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

We are looking forward to getting back to normal one  
 day – not sure when.

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

Stay safe, clean and wise in the coming months.  
 President  
 Deanne Ventris



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 Pemberton RSL





Fueled by our collective passion for bike riding, some local mountain bike and road bike riders got together earlier this year to form an official riding group: introducing the **Pemberton Cycling Association!**

We are so fortunate to have incredible bike riding experiences right here on our doorstep, whether it be the thrilling trails in Pemberton Forest Park, a gentle meander along Rainbow Trail or a longer pedal on the roads surrounding town and beyond. The towering Karri forests, rich earth and bird songs mixed with a sense of adventure creates a feeling that is hard to beat.

We also have some very proud, hard-working volunteers (Pemberton is rich with these good sorts!) that have made riding possible and keep our trails in top shape. Our aim is to share the joy and keep you all updated with what's happening out there in the riding scene. Each month we will publish any news or updates for both road and mountain biking, and the details for any upcoming social rides - when they are allowed again!

The club is still in the process of being formalised, but if you'd like to get involved and kept in the loop or just have a question about riding, please send us an email at [pembertoncycling@gmail.com](mailto:pembertoncycling@gmail.com).

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



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## Terry Redman MLA

**Member for Warren-Blackwood**

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### COVID-19 Updates

It is pleasing to see that regional boundaries have stopped an influx of visitors to our towns, keeping the number of Coronavirus infections down.

My office has received numerous calls from people questioning whether their reason for travel qualifies as an exemption. However legitimate you think your reason, it is always best to check by phoning the COVID-19 Hotline on **13 26 843**.

We have seen evidence that reduced movements have successfully limited transmission of the virus, keeping our aged and vulnerable community members safe. Thank you to everyone for doing your bit.

### Business Impacts

Cafes, restaurants, clothing shops, gift shops, and hairdressers are just a few of the businesses we see closed in our towns. This is sad to see empty shops, so I encourage you to support our local businesses as we come out of this pandemic.

Primary producers are also affected as their produce, usually destined for restaurants, is no longer in demand. This is particularly affecting avocado growers and other fruit and vegetable producers who need to decide whether to pick their crops as income may not even cover their costs.

Federal Government arrangements designed to assist families, through childcare subsidies, have had unintended consequences and negatively impacted the childcare sector. Along with my Nationals WA colleagues we are advocating for this sector to ensure their long term viability.

### Overseas workers

Backpackers and overseas workers are caught here through no fault of their own, with many struggling as they have no income. It is encouraging to see the community support for these people and the generous offers by farmers, accommodation providers and Shires.

### Call if you need information or assistance

This is indeed a time of change. Stay safe as we slowly move towards the new normal. Please call my office if there is any way we can assist.

**Phone:** 9848 3171 or 1800 644 811

**Email:** [Terry.Redman@mp.wa.gov.au](mailto:Terry.Redman@mp.wa.gov.au)

**Address:** PO Box 327 DENMARK WA 6333

**THE NATIONALS** for Regional WA



It has been so good to see the involvement of the community with regard to requests for Foodbank. The Pemberton CRC feels so grateful to be able to help out in being a drop off point for the items you are donating to Foodbank. Continue to do so and we will make sure that all your donations end up on the Foodbank shelves. What is also brilliant is that we have met some of you that we have only heard of but never seen, and having you come to our door with your boxes and bags of goodies just warms our hearts. Thank you all so much on behalf of those who look forward to your help.

Yes our door is slightly open, and we have been thrilled with the support that we are showing to each other. We love to see your faces and hear your voices at the end of the phone and receive your emails. Sometimes it feels that we have actually been busier than normal, but we are waiting on the day when we can throw open the doors and welcome you all back inside.

The Pemberton Community Exchange went through a rough patch there for a while, but it looks as though it has gained momentum and there are fresh fruits and canned and packet goodies available. We appreciate your donations anytime, as well as you being welcome to take what you need.

As there is not much happening with regard to the usual Vic Conte Community Garden activities we thought we would bring you something from the kitchen instead.

This past summer season in the vegetable patch seems to have gone on forever, with tomatoes still on the vine, eggplant still flowering and capsicum still producing, along with the new winter vegies taking off already. This has been the best eggplant season we have ever had, not one grub has found it's way into the centre, which is the usual thing, and they have been just beautiful. With that in mind I thought I would share with you a couple of eggplant recipes, as when I bring eggplant into the Pemberton Community Exchange, quite a few people are asking what can be done with them. Many of us love eggplant, with my all time favourite being Babaganoush, that smoky Middle Eastern eggplant dip, full of lemon, tahini and garlic. I could live on that alone.

I have also just in the past month or so made polenta from fresh sweetcorn. Why I hadn't done that before who knows. Anyway that can wait for another day.

So here's what has been happening In the Kitchen! We would love to know what has been happening in yours.

### DONATIONS GALORE!!

If you have been active on Social Media you will have noticed the incredible work being done through Dougy Savage's Berry Sweet Strawberry Farm. Many have been the recipients of donations from not only the Berry Farm, but through many business and community donations via Tight Arse Tuesdays (TAT's) and Fruit Loop Fridays (FLF's). What an initiative this has been, and Dougy has spent his time coordinating and delivering, and keeping everyone's spirits uplifted. While TAT's have wound up as of 28th April, FLF's will continue. This is something that everyone has been involved in, either donating, receiving or nominating those they would like to see acknowledged for the great work that is being done right throughout the community. Well done to all and a special thank you to Dougy and your team at the Berry Farm.



# IN THE KITCHEN



I made this up some weeks ago looking for more things to do with all that eggplant, and it is now a favourite. It can be used as an accompaniment to any red meat, chicken or fish dish, or used as the star of the show with rice or noodles and Asian vegetables with yummy Vietnamese dressing. It is sweet sticky and very moreish.

## BAKED HOI SIN EGGPLANT

Preheat oven to 190

1 large or 2 small eggplant peeled and cubed.

Not too small or it will bake to nothing.

Salt and pepper

Olive Oil

3 tablespoons of Hoi Sin Sauce. You can experiment with the quantity.

Add the peeled and cubed eggplant to a baking dish, grind over some salt and pepper and drizzle with olive oil. Rub through to coat. Add the Hoi Sin Sauce and again rub through to coat thoroughly.

Bake for 10 mins and use an egg slice to scrape from the pan and turn over. It will already have become sticky and turning deep golden.

Bake for further 10 mins and remove from oven.

Can be used immediately hot or is even delicious cold.

Enjoy



Who doesn't love anything crumbed.

This is a winner.

## EGGPLANT SCHNITZEL

1 large eggplant peeled and sliced thickly (around 1/2 inch thick)

Plain flour

Salt and Pepper

Egg—beaten

Breadcrumbs

Oil for frying

Slice the eggplant and coat in flour that has been salted and peppered. Dip in beaten egg and then into breadcrumbs. Place a good quantity of good quality oil (I use only olive oil) and when nice and hot but not burning, fry the schnitzels until golden. With eggplant you can fry at a lower heat to ensure that the eggplant is cooked all the way through. Remove from oil and drain on absorbent paper. Great to eat just like this with your favourite salad or vegies, or why not up the ante a little and turn them into your very own Eggplant Parmigiana.

One fried and drained, top with some bolognaise sauce and your favourite cheese and place under the grill. YUMMO





# Waste Management

## Annual Vergeside Hard Waste Collection May 2020

The Shire of Manjimup is providing a hard waste collection in 2020. **This is a free service.**

- ◆ **This service is only available to domestic properties which have an existing regular kerbside rubbish bin collection service.**
- ◆ Hard waste is defined as furniture and other household goods.
- ◆ **The service will collect:**

- old furniture
- mattresses
- televisions & stereos
- refrigerators or freezers **only with doors removed**
- air-conditioners
- other whitegoods
- carpet and lino
- general household hard waste

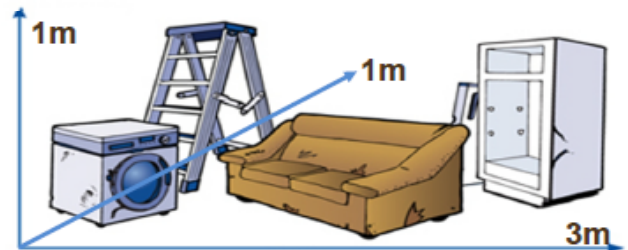
◆ **The service will not collect:**

- general domestic waste (food scraps etc)
- gas cylinders and hazardous materials including asbestos and poisons
- green waste (lawn clippings or tree limbs)
- liquid waste (oils of any sort, paints, chemicals or poisons)
- building materials (cement, bricks and rubble, renovation discards, fluro light tubes)
- commercial crates (milk or bread), pallets, shopping trolleys etc
- vehicle tyres or batteries

**Hard waste collections start from:**

Manjimup, Jardee, Deanmill & Palgarup	from <b>Monday 11/05/20</b>
Northcliffe, Windy Harbour, Pemberton, Browns Road, Quinninup & Walpole	from <b>Monday 18/05/20</b>

- ◆ Please have your items out on your verge **not more than one week** before your town's collection start date.
- ◆ Please ensure your hard waste does not obstruct the footpath for pedestrians or lines of sight for drivers. Each household's items must be placed only on their own section of verge; households shall not add their excess waste to another property's verge area.
- ◆ Please do not put any items out after the Monday start date for collection in your town as it may not be collected and a litter infringement and fine may ensue.
- ◆ A maximum of 3 cubic metres (1m x 1m x 3m) may be collected per property. Properties with more than 3 cubic metres will have to make private arrangements to have their waste removed. Items longer than 2m will not be collected.



- ◆ **Browsing hard waste on the verge is not essential and therefore is contrary to Western Australia's COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Declaration.**
- ◆ **Because of the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus, the removal of any item from vergeside hard waste by a third party is strictly prohibited.**

**Questions?** Contact the Shire of Manjimup Waste Management Officer on **9771 7777**

# Are you, or is someone you know, doing it tough right now?

During these challenging times if you or someone you know need support and you are unsure of who to turn to, the Shire of Manjimup COVID-19 Recovery team is here to help.

**Phone:**  
**0499 550 224**

**Email:**  
**recovery@manjimup.wa.gov.au**



## Please continue to support our amazing small businesses

Information on the current status of a large number of our local businesses is now available in one place on the Shire website.

Want to know which restaurants are open on what days, where you can shop for clothing and giftware locally or how you can have an array of supplies delivered to your door?

Visit the Shire of Manjimup website ([www.manjimup.wa.gov.au](http://www.manjimup.wa.gov.au)) and click on the **COVID-19 Information** link to find the current operating status of many of our local businesses in one place.

Shop local and help your local community through this difficult time.

**Small business needs your business.**





**Ghosts!**

My earliest recollection of ghostly apparitions is when I was about four years old. Ghosts were described to me by my brother in hushed tones. He

was eleven and my mentor at the time. I believed most of what he said until I put it to the test myself. "Ghosts", he hissed, "are things that can walk through walls." Then why lock windows and door I reasoned, and never got a response. What I did figure out, was that humans were supposed to be afraid of ghosts. However, at that age nothing scared me and I never did encounter a ghost. Life roughs me otherwise, though!

We often played games about ghosts and got into hot water for draping ourselves in Granny's white bedlinen; getting it badly soiled. These were perfect for ghostly games; expect that you ended up getting slipper-whacked as a consequence. This must have left the ghosts laughing in the shadows and us with smarting tails and some tear-shedding. So the moral of the story was, don't be a ghost imposter!

I depended a great deal on my "mentors" (my brother's) explanation of the things I did not understand. This was until I introduced myself to the wide, wonderful world of reading. I learnt many facts and often got lost in the excitement of fiction, which sounded more exciting. I rather enjoyed what I read in the American Dell comic books of the forties and fifties, about Casper and Spooky. Casper was the well endowed friendly ghost and Spooky was the freckled face one with the black top-hat. Casper had a look-a-like girlfriend, Wendy. How romantic. Strangely enough, they were all well-loved ghostly characters who turned



into dotted outlines as they walked through windows and doors, undetected.

At that time, I so much wanted to be a ghost myself.

Now don't get me wrong. My infantile perception of ghosts did not end there. I soon realised that ghosts could come in any form, and as an adult, a ghost could be all of the above as well as how dictionaries describe these invisible spirits. Now I think of ghosts as anything that could haunt and scare you if you have done something unacceptable in society. It does not mean that you have to en-



counter one in a deserted, dilapidated haunted house.

Ghosts are what you bring upon yourself, quite innocently and later there are consequences, which are scary. You only realise this once you have done the deed.

For example, you could have gastronomical or culinary ghosts or demos. You eat lots of tempting foods like cream buns, snacks, fries and so on. When you have gorged yourself, you feel the undesirable effects in your body. Gas, Indigestion, overweight, diabetes etc. Scary? Yes, then it's a ghost.

What about financial ghosts? Spend, spend, spend. The credit card gets overused. Soon you are out of pocket and deeply in debt. What a frightening ghost!

Social ghosts—you meet people socially and sometimes copy their habits. You become one of the pack. Maybe you forfeit some of your values. Perhaps you lose some of your fine characteristics. Hopefully you won't get labelled as "one of them". Scary, isn't it: rather not become a social ghost, or bad habits and actions may haunt you. Social ghosts can

also create gossip ghosts, lying ghosts, cursing ghosts. Those people who were once your friends may avoid you. The ghosts wearing the ball and chains, which "clang-clang" as you struggle to get away. Ghosts like these soon live in isolation.

Everything in life has opposites, like Yin and Yang. Now, lets be more positive. Look at Yin. Just as you have scary ghosts and demons, so too you have good, gentle ghosts or spirits. Let's release the good spirits. Loving, caring, nurturing ones. The spirit of knowledge and truth. The spirit of sharing and forgiveness....

So, you don't have to avoid all ghosts. It is a blessing to associate with the good spirits.

Right now, do you feel a good spirit? Is it a kind, loving and gentle one?

Rozzi in Oz





### PAG NEWS

**Isolation:** It’s amazing to see the wonderful creativity that has emerged from this period of social isolation. So many people have made use of their time, tapping into the internet for some super ideas or just going crazy and allowing their instincts to guide them: gardening, painting, home handyman jobs, cooking and responding to various challenges.

**Community Spirit:** So heartening to see the best come out in our community, with amazing generosity and support evident in the many acts of kindness. Special mention to Dougy Savage and all of those people who donated to Fruit Loop Friday and Tight Arse Tuesday – Just makes us all proud and grateful to live in Pemberton!

(Thumbs down to the people who stole from roadside stalls. If you are in need, this is a town where almost anyone would help out!!!)

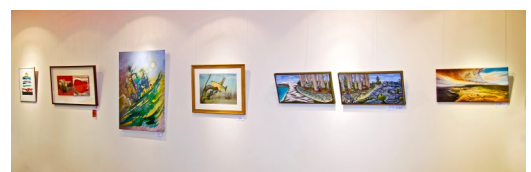
**Future:** It will be great to see the gradual lifting of restrictions which allow us to get together for art sessions and lessons. It’s also wonderful to see that plans are developing for the future Cultural & Heritage Precinct in Pemberton. This will house essential services (CRC, PVC, Library) plus RSL, History & Heritage Group, Art Group and other organisations - something for the whole town to look forward to!

**Back in Time:**

Photos from Helen Grey-Smith’s solo exhibition at the Pemberton Sports Club, 2009 – just a couple of weeks before her death at the age of 93. Did you know that this was the ONLY solo exhibition of Helen’s work during her lifetime?



Pemberton Art Prize and Sculpture in the Vines 2015: Do you remember?



Stay safe, stay well!

[www.pembertonartsgroup.org.au](http://www.pembertonartsgroup.org.au)

Contact: Anna 0439 369 702



# SAINT JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWS

## Water Carrying

How far do you have to walk to reach a tap? For twelve-year-old Thandolwayo, there was not a tap in her village in Zimbabwe. Every morning, Thandolwayo would walk for kilometres and risk being attacked by crocodiles to collect water for her grandparents and family. Thandolwayo was tired at school and her hope to become a nurse seemed almost impossible. Then, Caritas Hwange helped the village install a tap and a solar water pump, bringing hope to the community.



This story was told to our students last year as part of our Catholic Social Teaching. One of the teachings is solidarity, where the children are taught that they are part of one human family and that they have a responsibility to help each other be the best we can be.

The students decided to raise money to buy a solar water pump for a village. It is our second year of fund raising. This year, we thought we would make it more realistic for our students, showing them what they would need to do every day if they didn't have a tap with clean water. This was just a small taste of what Thandolwayo would have to do each day. We walked from St Joseph's to Pemberton Swimming pool, where the children did some water awareness activities. The children then filled up their buckets and walked back to school.

I must admit, the walk back to school was more difficult, but every student made it back to school carrying their water. Through the magnificent support of the St Joseph's community, we managed to raise \$592.80. Combined with last year's fundraising, we have nearly reached our goal of \$5000.





# APRIL AT PDHS



**K/PP & Year 6 Buddies**



## PEMBERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

April was certainly an interesting month at PDHS, with some of our students learning at school and others learning at home. No matter what the location, though, there was lots of learning!

Continuing our annual tradition, our Year 6 students have been working with their Kindergarten and Pre-Primary Buddies. They have had a fantastic time playing Snap, reading books, doing puzzles and performing 'The Floss' together.

Last term our Secondary Student Councillors met with Manjimup Shire Councillor, Wendy Eiby. They were very proud to have the opportunity to represent some of the youth of our town and discuss student input into our shire.

Mrs Brook's Drama program has been jam-packed with fun activities. Our Year 3/4 Performing Arts class have been earning about puppetry and in April they finished off the creation of their own puppets which they then used to bring popular stories to life. Our Year 7-10 Drama students finished looking at the Performing Arts genre of Melodrama, with some very entertaining and 'over-the-top' pieces created by our budding actors.

COVID-19 has presented many challenges for everyone and I want to thank the PDHS community for working together to ensure student learning has been able to continue. I have been very proud of the positive, supportive and resilient way our school community has tackled this dynamic situation.



**Wendy Eiby (Manjimup Shire Councillor) and Student Council**



**Year 7-10 Drama**




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**Shire President's Message**



I would like to thank everybody who complied with the instructions to stay home over Easter, it is important to keep the disciplines we have been using in place to minimise an outbreak in our district.

Now is the time to shop local, our local businesses are suffering, and some have found innovative ways to continue their valuable service to our community, so whether its physical, electronic or drive-thru, please support them, so that they can continue to serve us in the future.

We have immense strength in our community, we've seen it many times, now is one of the times we all need to put our shoulders to the grind and help each other through a difficult situation.

We all know that being cooped up is not conducive to our way of life, but we need to look for the positives to keep our spirits lifted until the hopefully, not to far off, easing of the restrictions, when we can reopen recreation and social facilities, both public and private.

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

The Shire has in place a Business Continuity Plan that ensures we can continue to provide our core services to ratepayers and residents. Our Community Services Directorate have a dedicated team working on recovery from COVID-19. The Recovery Team has been appointed by the Shire to gather information about how the Pandemic is impacting on the community, to identify the gaps in services and community

needs, to offer community support and information to provide a linkage for the support groups across the Shire and to provide the Shire and State Government agencies with valuable information to ensure needs are being met and significant issues identified.

Once all of the Information has been gathered and the immediate impact of the pandemic better understood then a recovery plan will be prepared. This plan will look at what actions and measures are necessary to support the community to recover once the pandemic restrictions are lifted.

A recovery plan is at its best when it is community driven – it is created and implemented together with the local community, business and relevant government agencies.

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

**COVID-19**

**What's your Shire doing?**

**Recovery Team**

We have a dedicated team working on response and recovery to help the community throughout the pandemic and to bounce back when the crisis is over.

**What are they doing?**

They are collecting and monitoring as much data and information relating to the pandemic as possible (accommodation supply and status, social services, domestic violence, mental health, food support, welfare support; government programmes and services).

**How will gathering information help?**

This information will then be applied at the local level to better understand what the needs are, the gaps and support services. Information is also provided to external agencies so that they can understand local resources.

Importantly the information is used to lobby from the ground up to ensure that our communities are receiving the assistance and support they need and that any gaps are identified.

Data collected will also support grant applications to ensure there is adequate funding longer term to provide support at the local level. This might include mental health support, utility costs, firewood, food, blankets or accommodation.

**How can they help me?**

In times like these anxiety and stress add to the challenge of finding the information one needs for whatever purpose – this is especially challenging as we are literally being bombarded with information. The recovery team provides a safe localised base whereby people can make direct contact about their issue or a concern they have for someone else and get help and advice.

The team provides the connection for the many amazing and generous activities and groups that have evolved across the Shire communities in response to the pandemic. The Shire of Manjimup is extremely fortunate to have many groups, businesses and individuals who remain resilient and proactive in times such as these. The team's role here is in providing and disseminating information, links and support.

**COVID-19 - Coronavirus Recovery/Response**

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/ManjimupCOVID](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ManjimupCOVID)

Email: [recovery@manjimup.wa.gov.au](mailto:recovery@manjimup.wa.gov.au)

Phone: 0499 550 224

**Services and Facilities**

The Shire's administration and depots are continuing normal operations at this stage.

**AquaCentre**

The AquaCentre is closed, however, we have opened up our showers to those who may not have access to these facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic, see our website for times [www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/AquaCentre](https://www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/AquaCentre). You can also still get some fitness inspiration with live classes on the AquaCentre facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Manjimup-Regional-AquaCentre>

**Libraries**

Whilst the libraries are closed to public, check out some of the e-resources available on our website [www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/libraries](https://www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/libraries) and keep a check on the Libraries facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/manjimup.wa.gov.au/> for some inspirational ways to keep entertained. Also watch this space for 'click and collect' possibly coming soon.

**Waste Facilities**

Kerbside collections continue. The refuse and recycling centres remain open although the tip shops are closed, please don't visit the sites unless absolutely necessary.

Shire Bulletins can be viewed on the Shire website: [www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/shirebulletin](http://www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/shirebulletin)

**West Ward Councillors**



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Cr Kenneth Lawrence  
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**Pemberton Waste Transfer Station**

Wed: 11.00am - 5.00pm  
Sat/Sun: 12.00pm - 5.00pm

**2020 Ordinary Council Meetings**

Meetings are held in the Council Chamber, off Brockman St, Manjimup (unless otherwise denoted) commencing at 5:30pm.

25 June	3 September	15 October
16 July	24 September	5 November
13 August	Walpole	26 November
		17 December

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