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Thank you to Rob Baker for  
this month's cover photo.

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## Page Editorial

3	In my role as editor of the PCN, I had to undertake some research into what an editorial was supposed to be all about, and according to the Oxford dictionary an editorial is "a newspaper article expressing the editor's opinion on a topical issue".
6	Well then. What is our latest local topical issue?
7	The Pemberton Co-location of course.
8	Never one to shy away from addressing the large elephant in the room, shall we explore the editor's opinion on the subject? Probably not.
10	However, after all the hubbub and hullabaloo prior to Christmas, with all the stamping of feet, flailing of arms, righteous indignation and even a front page headline, I was expecting a stack of letters to the editor a mile high. But no. Nothing. Silence.
18	Seems that it is back to business as usual in Pemberton.
19	How interesting.
20	With such a stir in the community, jam packed with drama and gossip, with its usual level of accuracy, I am surprised the dust settled so quickly.
21	I was expecting more questions to be asked on what on Earth happened? How? Why? I do also wonder if all the questions posed and postured at the time, even got answered.
24	It's still a bit of a mystery isn't it?
26	Fascinating stuff! A captivating story, full of drama. So much so that I feel I may write a book about it one day.
28	I always thought myself a rather good storyteller, but recent events have made me realise there are far greater spinners of yarns. Those able to embellish, engross and engage a far larger audience than myself. Perhaps I just need to become more creative? Oh well, one can dream.



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Send all contributions in to

[pcn@pembertoncrc.org.au](mailto:pcn@pembertoncrc.org.au)

As for the Co-location committee, never have I seen such a hard working group of individuals, primarily volunteers. The meetings are so well attended that we had to move to a larger venue! Not many committees could boast such unwavering dedication and consistent attendance. Especially with such a drawn out project, involving multiple levels of intricate planning and complex negotiations.

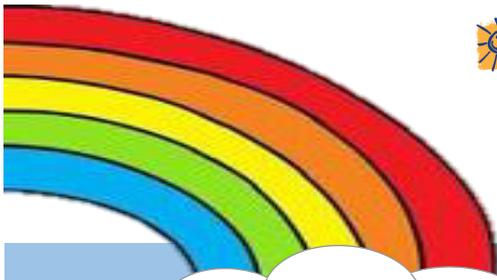
So a big thanks to the Co-location stakeholders who have dusted themselves off and are again focused on working together to achieve their primary goal: to provide an outstanding, valuable and thriving asset to the Pemberton Community.

Legends, every last one of them.

They have my vote.

Gaye

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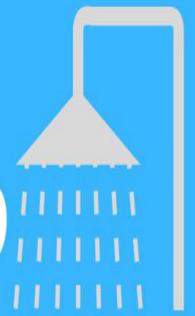
If you have ever wondered what playgroup is and what we do, please come down and join us for a morning of fun! There will be activities for the kids and refreshments for all.

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# Learn in the Garden

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP - DEC 2022

Photos and Article by Pippa Darington

On Sunday the 11th of December I was joined by 12 lovely locals for a Christmas wreath workshop.

The participants had a selection of dried and fresh foliage to use, which was all foraged from the local area (apart from the christmas baubles!) and I gave a brief presentation on the main principles of floral design.

Each participant was given a bundle of fresh willow stems which they fashioned in to a circle to create a wreath. Then they wired their chosen greenery to the wreath, taking the time to consider the proportion, balance and overall appeal as they went.

It was wonderful to see how much variety was achieved even with the same materials. Everyone created a beautiful wreath which they took home to hang for the festive period.

The weather was glorious and a delightful afternoon was had by all.



# Australia Day Breakfast 2023

ARTICLE BY GAYE VAN HAZENDONK

Photos by Gaye and Vivian

It was an early start for the Breakfast team on Australia day this year with much to do and luckily many hands to help do it.

It was full steam ahead by 7am with 3 BBQs going, two of which decided to only work at 50% capacity unfortunately.

Undeterred by several hiccups along the way, the team managed to cook over 400 snags, 300 eggs, 50kg bacon and masses of bread.

Many, many thanks to the following volunteers, who are such a joy to work with, that they make these things a pleasure rather than a chore.

- Paul Nolan
- Anna Czerkasow
- Jill Baker
- Bek Lothian
- Cathy Osbourne
- Tony Windberg
- Pei-Chen Ho
- Vivian Chueng
- Graeme Dearle
- Toni Dearle
- Deanne Ventris
- Kaas & Edge Van Hazendonk



It was a fantastic day, an awesome venue and a really great atmosphere. The best bit was after all the hot work, cleaning and packup, we got to jump into the pool to cool down and enjoy the surroundings with the rest of the crowd.

great way to end a really nice day!



## NEXT LEARN IN THE GARDEN WORKSHOP

# POND MAKING

SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2-4PM

For More information - See Page 3

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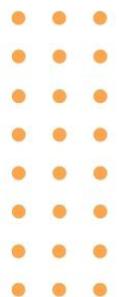
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**20th - 24th February 2023**

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Business sundowner and late night market

## ***Program to follow***

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Call us for more info on 9776 1745



# Tough Break Young Man

ARTICLE BY ANN TIQUITTY

Group Settlement, Part 1. Its Origins: JP Gabbedy.

This is not a story for the faint hearted and if it had not come directly from 'the horse's mouth' so to speak, it would be hard to believe such a tale of pain and courage.

Now picture this: A Friday in 1922, Pemberton, young lad Len Law put the horse at full gallop through the scrub, horse stumbled, Len tumbled and ended up with a broken right forearm, and with both ends protruding through the skin! Ouch! He headed for the nearest farm, owned by an ex-jockey, Ebenezer Hunt. And now in his own words he continues.....

"I thought he'd have had enough falls to be well up in first aid. But no, he took the look, legged me back up on the horse and told me to head for home. Dad had one look then took me by the wrist and elbow and pulled the arm straight, then held it rigid while Mum bound it tightly with strips torn from an old petticoat.

Off went dad to find Bob Graham and borrow the spring cart to take me to Pemberton on the next day. By the time he'd picked up the cart and made the trip, Dr Jeremiah Flynn on his weekly visit from Jardee had come and gone.

The next visit to the State Saw Mill's first aid man. One look and he stood aghast. He said it was beyond him. Dad stretched my arm again while the first aid man swabbed the wound with iodine – and by hell, it hurt! Then he rebound my arm with wads of cotton wool and improvised splints and gave me a couple of aspros, for all they were worth.

Dad had to take the cart back so he left me at Ma Braines boarding house to wait for a lift by train to Jardee. The mill train only ran when there was a full rake of trucks and the only one for that week had left.

On Sunday morning Tup Graham, the Mill's leading hand fitter told me he was taking the Kalamazoo through to Jardee to borrow some parts. I think this was only an excuse, by this time I was the object of pity for everyone.

The Kalamazoo was a small four wheeled unroofed flat top, driven by petrol and capable to carrying six men. The body was rigid – no springs-suspended directly over the axles. It was a rough ride at any time. Any old time Pembertonite will tell you it was called into use for all major accidents, and they reckoned if you weren't dead when you left Pemberton, you would be by the time you arrived at Jardee.



The Kalamazoo used to carry our poor lad to Jardee!

We got to the Jardee hospital about lunch time on Sunday, a week after I had broken the arm. Dr Flynn grizzled "You should have been here days ago, the bones have set crookedly", and with that he brought the arm down across the back of his chair to rebreak it. I bawled. There seemed to be no end to the pain. I knew nothing about anesthetics, and none were offered.

My arm was reset with splints and bandages, and I was ordered to stay in hospital for a few days after which I was discharged. When I asked where I would go I was told that was my business. I went down to the local boarding house and begged credit until I could find a ride home. No problem there, and on Thursday I fluked a ride on the mill train, taking back a rake of empty trucks, and every bump hurt. I spent another night at Ma Braines and then went home with Ernie de Manuel next day after twelve days I don't think I could ever forget."

And in a postscript he added " There were some grand people around in those days."

I do believe he could be included as one of them.



The bed that the logs are lying on, when empty and returning to the mill is referred to as 'the 'rake' on which our young man was returned home. Not comfortable!



## The Committee Poem

POEM BY LESLIE LIPSON

Thank you to ANN TIQUITTY for this relevant piece

Oh, have some pity, I'm on a committee  
Which means that from morning till night,  
We attend and amend and contend and defend  
Without a conclusion in sight.

We confer and concur, we defer and demur,  
And re-iterate all of our thoughts,  
We revise the agenda with frequent addenda,  
And consider a load of reports.

We compose and propose, we suppose and oppose,  
And the points of procedure are fun,  
But though various notions are brought up as  
motions,  
There's terribly little gets done.

We resolve and absolve, but we never dissolve,  
Since it's out of the question for us.  
What a shattering pity to end our committee

# CWA News

ARTICLE BY: KATE SHAW



Happy New Year.

Our first two Saturdays in the New Year have been busy at the Op Shop. People missed us while we were closed. We are well into our CWA mode having had our first meeting in January. Our AGM is on the 14th February at 10am. New members welcome, in fact we need new members, new ideas and new energy. If you, or you know someone interested please give us a try.

For the year ending 2022 we gave \$5,378 in donations from our branch alone to different organizations within the Pemberton community, to flood and fire victims interstate and we have just arranged for \$1000.00 to go to flood victims in the Kimberley. I can assure you that it does go to where we want it to go.

Some may feel the money should stay local but you have to remember that CWA of WA means just that, that we are part of a wider Association.

One of the nice aspects of CWA is in supporting young students with educational costs. One of our branch member's sons recently obtained the CWA Upper Secondary Education Bursary. You may know Cameron Smith, son of Peter and Jo Smith.

Cameron received this to help with costs going into year 11. Cameron goes to Manjimup Senior High School and at the end of year 10 he achieved a High Distinction Certificate. Cameron also was awarded the Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award. This is a special Australian Defence Force award. Well done Cameron.

A reminder about our Market Day which is always the last Saturday of the month. If you would like to have a table to sell things it is only \$5! Ring Pat on 97760388 or myself on 97760465

## Monthly Prayer



Our Wonderful God and Heavenly Father,

You've brought us into another new year with all that it holds in prospect. Some of us see the new year as a turning point where we can resolve to change our ways in our own best interests – we want to lose weight, exercise more, eat better food and so on. But sadly, our resolutions seldom materialise. We know we're not what we should be or indeed could be and so we want to improve things for ourselves.

But we also know that we aren't what we should be in Your sight. We do things that we know are wrong, we don't treat others with care and concern, we're selfish and want so much more for ourselves sometimes at the expense of those around us. Worst of all we have ignored You and lived the way we want. All of these actions, thoughts and words are what the Bible calls "sin" and in our reflective quiet moments they plague us because we know we should be better.

We thank You that's why Jesus came at Your request Heavenly Father because by Him dying in our place and taking the punishment for the sins of each one of us, we can find forgiveness leading to acceptance by You. We thank You that by admitting our faults and asking for Your forgiveness Lord Jesus You are willing to forgive and make us right with God.

As we move into this new year, we pray that we might reflect on these things that are important for the here and now but even more important by way of preparation for the hereafter. We thank You for Your promise of eternal life with You if we get right with You now.

May our walk bring You pleasure as we live each day. We ask in Jesus' Name, Amen.



Are you interested in the unique heritage and history of our town? Maybe you would like to join a group of like-minded people.

We are interested in recording the stories, photographs and activities of our early settlers, and would welcome you to join us by becoming a member. Some examples of our activities this month are laid out below:-

- The bench seats around town bear the names of some of our early families. We have arranged for plaques to provide more background information for interested people. These plaques have now arrived, and we will be putting them up as soon as we can so that they can form part of a Heritage Trail around Pemberton Would anyone like to help?
- Each plaque contains a QR code behind which will be more information on each family. I am currently researching the families, but need some more help with the following families – Graham, Church, Lunn and Knight. If you can help, please contact me (Leanne) on 0400907139.
- We are also looking at placing information

plaques at various significant sites around town.

Maybe you have some suggestions?

- Recently Deanne attended a very interesting workshop on how to preserve and prepare items for storage and display in our new museum. This will be so useful when we eventually move.
- Deanne and Leanne also attended a workshop in Bunbury to assist us with how we can improve our use of technology for the museum.
- At the end of term last year, Pemberton District High School students helped us pack up the smaller items in readiness for our move. They were a great help, and we thank them for their work.

We are really looking forward to having a new museum for the enjoyment of our community and for tourists. You are welcome to become a member of our group for \$15.

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 Leanne Rowe- President  
 Pemberton Heritage and History Group



Department of  
Primary Industries and  
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# Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds & diseases

February 2023

## New wasp season in full swing!



European wasp shown on drinks, grapes, bacon and BBQ meats.

### The annual hunt to detect and eradicate European wasps (*Vespa germanica*) from WA is underway!

Guard your BBQs, monitor your pet's food and check the insects you scoop from the pool! European wasps, we are looking for you!

The European wasp is a declared pest and must be reported. It has threatened to establish in WA since six nests were found and destroyed near Fremantle in 1977, but thanks to ongoing collaborative surveillance between the Department, community, local governments and business, WA has prevented their permanent establishment and spread.

Widely established across most of southern Australia, these highly adaptive scavengers hitchhike their way across the border and into WA each year. This season is the 45th year spent competing in a sophisticated game of 'hide and seek' against this highly adaptable and destructive pest.

Most detections are made in the Perth Metro but following regional detections in the past year DPIRD

has set up surveillance traps in Geraldton, Dumbleyung, Goomalling, Bunbury, Albany, and Eucla this year. If you live in any of these locations and would like to join the community team by adopting a surveillance trap, please search "European wasp Adopt-a-trap" online to sign up or give us a call.

### Know what to look for

Unlike the widespread and similar looking black and yellow paper wasp, European wasps:

- **Scavenge** on human and pet food.
- **Feed on fruit** like grapes and stone fruit.
- **Nest underground** - nests can grow to the size of a basketball in a single season and have a single (golf ball sized) entrance hole.
- Have completely **black antennae**.
- Do **NOT** dangle their legs when flying.

For more information about the eradication program, how to identify wasps or how you can help further, see [agric.wa.gov.au/wasps](http://agric.wa.gov.au/wasps) or contact our Pest and Disease Information Service.

## Report suspect pests



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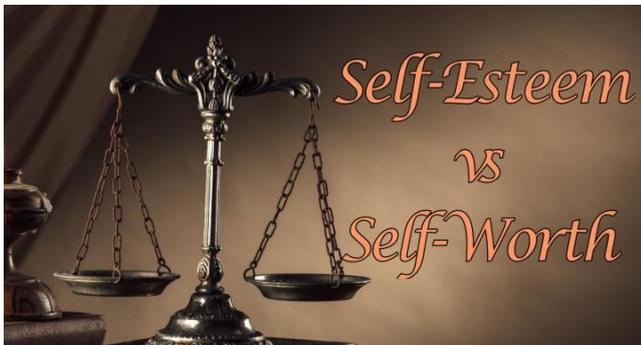
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## WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

## Self-Worth vs Self-Esteem

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE  
February 2023

Self-worth and self-esteem are often confused as being the same, however they are very different. Self-esteem is about measuring ourselves based on external actions, while self-worth is about valuing our inherent worth as a person. In other words, self-worth is about who we are, not about what we do.



Society pushes for the need to have a high self-esteem but the problem with this is that we are always valuing ourselves against others. The competitive nature of men tells us we need to be better and above average to feel good about ourselves (keeping up appearances). When we look at this way of building our self-esteem it can be a losing battle because there will always be someone more handsome, slimmer, richer, owns bigger and better equipment and so on.

Self-esteem is transient and can change in an instant depending on what happens, for example we may be feeling good about a new piece of machinery or the quality of our stud and then someone makes a negative comment and our self-esteem falters, and we feel completely crushed. That's how fragile our self-esteem can be because it can also be fixed by a compliment that bolsters us again. Much anxiety can be created in striving for acceptance or approval and maintaining our ego or pride.

Probably the best way to understand self-worth is to ask ourselves how valuable we are, or how much do we deserve to have something we prize. It is a deep knowing that we are of value, that we are loveable and necessary to this life.

One may feel a high self-esteem because they are good at something, yet still not feel they are loveable and worthy. When we have a healthy self-worth (at the very core of ourselves) we have a deep knowing that we are fundamentally a valuable and worthwhile person regardless of:

- what others may say or do to us;
- what our successes or failures are;
- what we win or lose;
- what we have or don't have.

The concept of self-worth is about knowing that we are always going to be worth more than all of our achievements put together. It is a good thing to think and feel good about ourselves but what happens when our self-esteem is crushed, does that mean we are no longer valuable? Absolutely not, however many people do think that they are no longer valuable.

Self-worth and self-esteem are vital beliefs for empowering oneself. A valid sense of self-worth is necessary to attain love and a sound mind. A valid sense of self-worth acts as a buffer against the possibility of depression and a feeling of worthlessness that can lead to despair or possible suicidal behaviour. Situational distress can come from many areas in our lives, as issues around these life events develop, we need to value our self-worth more than ever to reduce uncertainty for ourselves.

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# Tim's Tips

ARTICLE BY TIM  
Anglicare WA

"Tim's Tips from the like named Financial Counsellor The hot weather is here, so how can we cope without blowing the budget?

- Drink water rather than other beverages because its cheap and keeps you hydrated.
- Keep your curtains closed, to keep the heat out and open everything up once the afternoon breeze arrives.
- Take a cold shower or bath.
- Use damp cool cloths on your neck and wrists.
- Use a fan, it's cheaper than a AC.
- Sleep in breathable linens such as cotton.

And don't forget I come to Pemberton call 9777 1945 to book"



# Mill Hall Update

It has been a wonderful start to the year at the Mill Hall with two Classical Concerts held recently:-



•Anthony Albrecht, cellist, returned to the hall with Simone Slattery, violinist, as the Bowerbird Collective, to perform their new work, "Life on Land's Edge", a cinematic live concert with music inspired by and enhanced with images and video of migratory birds on their annual migrations. The music came alive with the various artistic musical skills from both performers with scenes on display on the big screen.

•Don Neander, a classical guitarist who played compositions written by various classical guitarists. His skillful playing was a sight to behold and had the audience mesmerized with such talent on display.

Both these performances were an absolute delight for the audience. This was a unique experience for the community on both nights – a rare experience to have such live, skillful and professional performances played here in Pemberton.

**New kitchen** - The new commercial kitchen is coming along nicely. We are continuing to fundraise now to purchase the appliances.

•If you have any batteries or pallets that you would like to get rid of please contact Deanne 0428 302782 or Judy 0458 854767.

•We also 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 at my place or we can pick them up for you. Feel free to contact Deanne 0428 302782 or Judy 0458 854767. You are also welcome to leave them at the tip in a woven plastic bag (feed bag) and label them with the number C10562118.

•You are also welcome to make a donation!

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The Pemberton Library is now located in the Lesser Hall of the Mill Hall while the current library building is being renovated during the build of the new Co-location Precinct.

# Movie Review

GLASS ONION: A KNIVES OUT MYSTERY  
2022 2h 19m rated M

Look at that, another Knives out film, a surprise to be sure but a welcome one to start 2023.

To be honest, I prefer this sequel to the original. The story and characters are better and it is overall a more enjoyable film than the first.

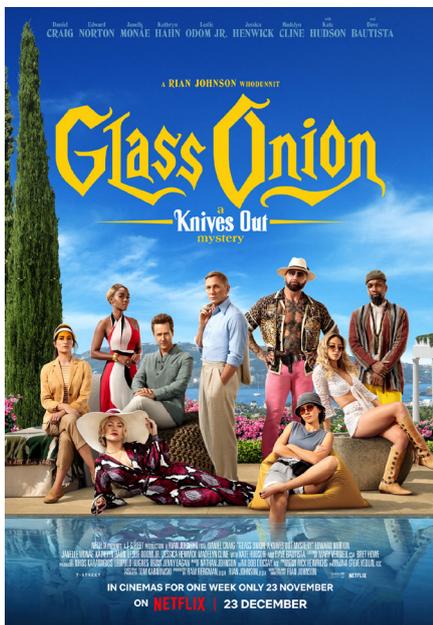
The characters are all new with the exception of Daniel Craig and are a star-studded stacked cast including Edward Norton, Dave Bautista, Kate Hudson, Kathryn Hahn, Ethan Hawke and Janelle Monae.

The plot and story are similar to the first as in a murder mystery, but this time it is executed in a way that doesn't make the audience question what is going on, making it easier to understand than the first film.

There are plot twists that are not unnecessarily convoluted or drawn out. Set in Greece, the cinematography is excellent and the sound track is cracking.

Overall is a really fun film, one where you can enjoy the characters, the story and the twist without having to work too hard at it.

A solid 9/10. Go watch it.



# Public Notice Call for Nominations



The Shire of Manjimup is seeking nominations from experienced and passionate individuals to fill a vacancy on the Shire's Pemberton Town Activation Advisory Committee. Membership on the committee represents a key consultative and decision making opportunity for community members to participate in broader decision making for the activation of the Pemberton township.

Nominations close at **5pm, Tuesday 28 February 2023.**

To nominate please email [info@manjimup.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@manjimup.wa.gov.au) and include your contact information.

The Terms of Reference for the Pemberton Town Activation Advisory Committee can be found on the Shire website.

Andrew Campbell, Chief Executive Officer



*Pemberton Community organisation of the Year 2016.*

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**PAG NEWS:**

Contact Anna: [czerkasow@antmail.com.au](mailto:czerkasow@antmail.com.au) 0439 369 702

2023 has kicked off to a great cultural and creative start! In the first month alone we have had great talent head into our neck of the woods.

Returning to the Pemberton Mill Hall after their Covid-induced creative hiatus were the inspirational duo of Anthony Albrecht (cello) and Simone Slattery (violin). *Life on Land's Edge* is a must-see, must-hear cinematic concert inspired by migratory birds. See [www.bowerbirdcollective.org/life-on-lands-edge](http://www.bowerbirdcollective.org/life-on-lands-edge) for a tantalising audio and video snippet featuring remarkable footage of these astonishing but sadly threatened shorebirds.



After the Bowerbird Collective took wing, we were visited the following night by the superb talent of returning classical guitarist Don Neander, who enthralled and mesmerised his spellbound audience. Don's intimate concert dipped into the works of guitar composers from around the globe spanning three centuries.

In Northcliffe, the wonderful world of colour was the fascinating subject of renowned international colour expert Paul Green-Armytage. People attended from far and wide to join in Paul's fun and interactive workshop. The feedback from the many games and exercises in this workshop will help build an online resource for the Colour Literacy Project: [www.colourliteracy.org](http://www.colourliteracy.org)

*Left: Don Neander and classical guitar at the Pemberton Mill Hall*

*Below left: Rae Starr from Quinninup at the Colour Literacy Project workshop*

*Below right: Paul Green-Armytage presents a world of colour to his captivated audience, including Peter Hill from Northcliffe (Photos Tony Windberg)*

**\*\*\* ART DATES \*\*\***

*2023 Pemberton Art Prize:*

- March 24:** Entries close
- April 6** Opening event
- April 7 - 23** Exhibition period

*Sculpture in the Vines  
Pemberley:*

- April 1:** Entries close
- April 12-14:** Sculpture delivery
- April 21-30:** Exhibition period
- April 22:** Official opening



## THE PEMBERTON COMMUNITY HUB - BALANG MIYA

It's all looking pretty flash. So best fill you in on all the latest information.

First of all, the name.

Balang Miya means place of gathering in the Noonga language.

How appropriate is that? There will most certainly be loads of people gathering in this new Community space.

Thanks to Sue Kelly for her contribution to the project name and for all the community members that engaged in the consultation process.

Please note, the photos below are of the yet-to-be-completed facilities, but we are all so excited at the progress, we just had to share.

### The Grand entrance



See above the main entrance to the Community Hub nestled between the old RSL and new Library buildings.

There is still some awesome signage and wayfinding to come, to point the way and introduce all the stakeholders of the facility.

The Museum and Arts group are just next door but this is the main entrance for all visitors.



### What a Reception!

How's this for a reception area?

Walking in from the main entrance (where the temporary green flooring is in the photo), this reception desk will be a shared space for the CRC and Visitor Centre.

I would predict that we will be very busy here, providing services to both locals and visitors alike.

This is not only where you will be getting all your IT support, Centrelink services and Visitor information, but you can also purchase tickets on TransWA bus services and DBCA National Park Passes.

### Sharing the space



The above photo shows the combined space for the main reception, CRC offices as well as the retail and information display space for the Visitor centre.

There is also the old RSL kitchen that has been converted to a Computer workshop for the CRC behind and to the right of the Reception counter, not included in the photo.

### The Luxurious Library



A magnificent new addition to the old building is the library. As the above photo shows it has it all, especially loads of natural light. How fantastic!



The above photo shows the library office, but does not include the new reception area, yet to be installed.

Just imagine all the wonderful things that will be occurring in this fabulous Community space.

### Big Boardroom



The new boardroom will include permanent cabinetry for the RSL memorabilia as well as video conference

and meeting facilities for community use.

**Outdoor entertaining**



Designed with the RSL in mind, this photo shows the kitchen window, and paved area to the RSL/Library storage space where the RSL will be pulling out the BBQ on occasions to have their gatherings.

**Between the buildings**



Looking from the back, the area between the RSL building (Library) and the Infant health building (Museum) has been paved and will provide a great outdoor community space.

**Museum**



The above photo shows the entrance of the Museum, in the old Infant health building. No internal photos of this - my apologies.



This photo shows the back of the museum and the entrance into the Heritage and History workshop space and art workshop.

**Art workshop**



How this for an Art space? Exposed beams, polished concrete floors and wonderful windows for natural light.

Not shown in the photo is the kiln room, the storage room and shed and the kitchenette they share with the Heritage and History group.

Although there are photos missing of unfinished areas, hopefully those provided are enough to show the progress and to pique your interest in the project.

Stay tuned for more updates.

**SMALL BUSINESS WEEK 2023**

For those who missed out on last year's jam-packed week of information and training, fear not. It's on again.

Small Business week at the Pemberton CRC from Mon 20th to Friday 24th Feb.

With the finer points of the program still to be confirmed by presenters, the following workshops will be occurring over the course of the week:

- Business advice sessions
- Getting Creative in Canva
- Marketing apps and strategies
- Wix websites
- Excel for small businesses
- Xero essentials
- Incentives for Trainees and apprentices
- SEA - Self Employment Assistance program

**Course Costs:**

\$10 per session

\$30 per day

\$100 for the week

***CRC Members receive 50% discount***

For more information - see page 5

Friday 24th Feb will end the week once again with an information packed Business Sundowner.

A great opportunity to Network with the locals and learn a heap of relevant information from the experts.

This year the Business Sundowner will be held at the Mill House Collective. They will also be hosting a late night shopping event to promote and support the local artisans of Pemberton.

Tickets on sale now - \$15 per person. Come and support your local small businesses.





Thank you **Gaye Van Hazendonk** for the February Calendar photo

# February 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 <p>It's on again <i>Small Business Week</i> 20th - 24th February 2023 <i>Save the dates</i></p>	<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p>  <p>Financial Counselling - Tirm Mearn Anglicare WA @PCRC 10:00am - 1.00pm</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Peregrinations of a Citizen Botanist 10am - 4pm @Manjimup Town Hall from 3rd Feb - 8th March</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Jazz in the Jarrah 5pm @Manjimup Heritage Park</p>	<p>5</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Cast Glass Sculpture residential Masterclass</p>
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<p>14</p> 	<p>15</p> 	<p>16</p> 	<p>17</p> 	<p>18</p>  <p>Pemberton Play group open day 9am-11am @Pemberton Sports Club</p>	<p>19</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>PCA Coaching weekend 11th - 12th 8.30am - 1.00pm @Pemberton Mountain bike park</p>

20		21		22		23	Tourism Experience Workshop 10am - 3pm @Manjimup Heritage Park	24	Small Business Sundowner @ Millhouse Collective from 5pm. Tickets \$15	25		26	
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Small Business Week 20th - 24th @Pemberton CRC

27		28		1 March		3 - 6 MARCH 2023		LEARN IN THE GARDEN Monthly workshop series 2nd Sunday of each month 12th February 2023 Presented by Charles Otway <b>POND MAKING</b> 2-4 PM
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**Midsummer SOIREE**  
04 MARCH 2023

Celebrate summer with Ampersand Estates where you will be treated to a delicious menu prepared by Rockpool head chef Brendan Owens and Vasse Felix head chef Brendan Pratt.



**Coming up in March**

4th Ampersand Estates Midsummer Soiree  
3th - 6th Nannup Music Festival  
9th Financial Counselling - Tim Mearn Anglicare WA @PCRC  
18th - 19th Karrri Valley Triathlon @RAC Karri Valley  
28th - 31st WAAVIC - WA Apply Variety & Innovation Conference @RAC Karri Valley, Pemberton

<b>Regular Community Events</b>													
	<b>Anglican Church Service</b> 1st Sun @ 11.30am St Hilada's Church, Ellis St, Pemberton Molly		<b>Art Classes with Tony Windberg</b> Thurs @ 9:30am PVC Art Room Tony 0427 852 032		<b>Art Gardeners Club</b> Various Locations Charlies 0466 633 275		<b>PCA - Trail maintenance</b> 1st Sat @ 8.00am Meet at Pemberton Pool Contact Peter 0467 606 605		<b>Southern Forest Photography</b> 3rd Tues @ 6.00pm Charlies room, Pemberton Hotel Rob 0428 275 665		<b>Snooker Club</b> Wednesdays @ 6.30pm Pemberton Sports Club John 0488 760 426		<b>Uniting Church service</b> 4th Sun @ 10.00am Pemberton Uniting church Tom 9776 1472
	<b>Boot scooting</b> Thurs @ 6.00pm Pemberton Mill Hall Terrie 0439 340 237		<b>Art Bowls</b> Sun @ 12.30 - 1pm Pemberton Sports Club. John 9776 1214		<b>Lawn Bowls</b> Sun @ 12.30 - 1pm Pemberton Sports Club. John 9776 1214		<b>Produce Swap</b> 2nd Sun @ 4.00pm Vic Conte Community Garden		<b>Play Group</b> Thurs @ 9.00 Pemberton Sports Club crèche Pippa 0401 654 902		<b>Snooker Club</b> Wednesdays @ 6.30pm Pemberton Sports Club John 0488 760 426		<b>Youth Zone</b> Fri @ 3.30-7pm Pemberton Sports Club Maegan 0488 940 202
	<b>Basketball</b> Thurs @ 6.00pm Pemberton Sports Club Kylie 0428 761 263		<b>Karate</b> Tues @ 6pm, Sat @ 9.30am Pemberton Sports Club. Klaus 0427 711 005		<b>Karate</b> Tues @ 6pm, Sat @ 9.30am Pemberton Sports Club. Klaus 0427 711 005		<b>Pemberton Library</b> Rhyme and Story Time at the Library Fridays 11am - 12noon during school term Contact Sherri 9776 1311		<b>Produce Swap</b> 2nd Sun @ 4.00pm Vic Conte Community Garden		<b>Snooker Club</b> Wednesdays @ 6.30pm Pemberton Sports Club John 0488 760 426		<b>Youth Zone</b> Fri @ 3.30-7pm Pemberton Sports Club Maegan 0488 940 202
	<b>Craft Group</b> 1st Tues \$5 St Hilada's church Pat 9776 0388		<b>Ladies Badminton</b> Wed @ 9.00am - 11am Pemberton Sports Club Evelyn 9776 0332		<b>Ladies Badminton</b> Wed @ 9.00am - 11am Pemberton Sports Club Evelyn 9776 0332		<b>Road bike social ride</b> 1st 2nd 3rd Sun @ 7.00am Leaving from Pemberton bakery Christine 0407 774 128		<b>Play Group</b> Thurs @ 9.00 Pemberton Sports Club crèche Pippa 0401 654 902		<b>Snooker Club</b> Wednesdays @ 6.30pm Pemberton Sports Club John 0488 760 426		<b>Youth Zone</b> Fri @ 3.30-7pm Pemberton Sports Club Maegan 0488 940 202
	<b>CWA Op-Shop</b> Sat 9.00 am - 1.00pm Pemberton CWA Pat 0411 422 335		<b>Mill Hall Dance</b> 2nd Sat @ 7:30am BYO, Share Supper Pemberton Mill Hall Terrie 0439 840 784		<b>Mill Hall Dance</b> 2nd Sat @ 7:30am BYO, Share Supper Pemberton Mill Hall Terrie 0439 840 784		<b>Sacred Heart Mass</b> Wed 10.00am, 1st 3rd, 5th Sun 8:30, 2nd 4th Sun 10:30am. St Josephs Church Admin 9776 1180		<b>Produce Swap</b> 2nd Sun @ 4.00pm Vic Conte Community Garden		<b>Snooker Club</b> Wednesdays @ 6.30pm Pemberton Sports Club John 0488 760 426		<b>Youth Zone</b> Fri @ 3.30-7pm Pemberton Sports Club Maegan 0488 940 202
	<b>Fire and Rescue</b> 1st Sat @ 2.00pm Pemberton Fire Station Craig 9776 0091		<b>MTB Social Ride</b> Sat @ 8.00am Leaving from Pemberton Pool Mark 0429 384 800		<b>MTB Social Ride</b> Sat @ 8.00am Leaving from Pemberton Pool Mark 0429 384 800		<b>Soiltaire Club</b> Tues @ 11.00am Pemberton CRC Office 9776 1745		<b>Play Group</b> Thurs @ 9.00 Pemberton Sports Club crèche Pippa 0401 654 902		<b>Snooker Club</b> Wednesdays @ 6.30pm Pemberton Sports Club John 0488 760 426		<b>Youth Zone</b> Fri @ 3.30-7pm Pemberton Sports Club Maegan 0488 940 202

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# SAINT JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWS

## WELCOME BACK TO 2023



It is with great excitement that we welcome all our students back to school to begin the 2023 school year. We trust that all of our families have had a safe and restful holiday break and our students are ready to begin another exciting year, filled with learning, friendship, and fun.

This year, we look forward to continuing to work together with our parents and the wider school community to ensure that St Joseph's remains an amazing place to learn and play for our amazing students.

We are also looking forward to welcoming Nicolle Achmad as a part of our beautiful school for six months while Ashlee De Campo takes some parental leave to have her first child.



# DECEMBER AT PDHS



## PEMBERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

PDHS's annual Community Week took place from Monday 5 December 2022 to Friday 9 December 2022, and was a tremendous success for another year. Community Week aims to provide our students from Kindergarten through to Year 10 with the opportunity to develop and implement philanthropic or charitable projects that give back to the local community of Pemberton.

Our Primary students did a fantastic job helping out the Emergency Services. Students from Kindy, Pre-Primary and Year 1 were delighted to roll up their sleeves and wash the local Police car. Year 2/3 students cleaned the St John Ambulance from the Pemberton Sub Centre, while our Year 4-6 students got to work scrubbing the trucks from the Pemberton Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service.

Our Year 4/5 class donned their gardening gloves and got to work at the Vic Conte Community Garden. Students tidied garden beds and pulled out plenty of weeds to make space for the spring and summer plants to grow.

Year 5/6 students spent a morning at the Pemberton Aged Accommodation Village. Students got stuck into washing windows and weeding garden beds, putting their Kitchen Garden skills to good use. They celebrated their hard work by sharing a morning tea with some of the residents.

Throughout the week our Year 7-10 students worked on a range of projects. Students offered their services to assist in packing up the Pemberton Museum in readiness for its move. Mid-week our Secondary students spent time down at the Pemberton Pool, helping to clear the blackberry bushes from around some of the walking tracks. Back at school, students created thank you cards for our numerous community volunteers, made Christmas decorations to go on display at the Pemberton Hospital and baked cookies as gifts for Pemberton's Seniors.



PEMBERTON  
DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Happy New year and I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas.

What an awesome way to start the new year with our Australia Day Celebrations for 2023. It was a packed house. Around 400 people attended the morning free breakfast which was kindly hosted by the Pemberton Community Resource Centre. About 300 guests attended the afternoon in which Short & Curly played beautiful music from original songs to covers while Colour me face painting entertained the kids and maybe a few of the bigger kids. 😊 It was an Australia Day at Pemberton Pool to remember.



Australia Day  
2023

Pemberton Pool  
Beautiful place,  
perfect weather

What more could  
you ask for to  
celebrate this  
day.

Credit: Vivian

Congratulations to our New Citizens & and our Citizens of the year. Hold your head up and be proud of what you have achieved & accomplished.

Thank you to everyone that helped in some shape or form. A big thank you to the PVC Board, Pemberton Caravan Park, especially to the PCRC for cooking the awesome free Breakfast, and my awesome PVC team Ladies, Bek Lothian, Mel Arnold who helped in the morning and then back again in the afternoon, not to mention Kelly Thomson who held the fort at the PVC and then came to help out at the pool in the afternoon. There is so many thanks to give but I would be here forever. I would probable run out of space, so Many thanks to all that volunteered., and you all know who you are, the day would not have been a success without your time regardless how big or small ever minute was much appreciated. To the Pemberton Locals and visitors thank you for attending, hope you enjoyed and had a fun filled day.



**PCRC: Kathy, Bek & Paul**

Our Fantastic  
Volunteers for  
the Pemby  
Community  
Resource Centre  
cooking up a  
storm.

Credit: Mel Arnold



**PCP: Michala & Jason**

Jason & Michala  
from Pemby  
Caravan Park  
Enjoying the Sun  
and delicious  
breaky.

Credit: Mel Arnold



**PVC: Graeme & Petula**

Pemby Visitor  
Centre  
Volunteers in the  
Pemberton Pool  
CAFÉ

Credit Toni Dearle



**Music: Short & Curly**

Short & Curly  
Karen Hunt &  
Steve Packer  
Playing some  
awesome original  
and covers

Credit Petula Holland



**Colour me Face Painting**

Colour Me Face  
Painting –  
Tammy Messer  
entertaining the  
Kids with  
beautiful faces  
painting

Credit Petula Holland  
Mel Arnold

So what in store for 2023?

Watch this space for updates as we prepare for the new collocation move. Hopefully everything will run smoothly without any hiccups.

**Petula Holland**  
Manager



Hi everyone,

We hope you've all had a wonderful holiday season and are enjoying the long, warm days with a dip in one of our local watering holes. The heat has slowed most of us down, so things have been fairly quiet within the club this month or so. However, we do have an exciting month ahead!

Tim Neve from Mountain Bike Coaching WA is returning to host some mountain bike coaching sessions, thanks to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC). These sessions are available to any local or visiting riders and are a great opportunity to help develop your mountain biking skills.

All ages and abilities are encouraged to attend, with sessions ranging from beginner to advanced levels. Each session is \$25 and includes 2 hours of coaching in a small group of up to 8 riders of similar skill. Multiple sessions are welcomed for those looking to consolidate their skills. Limited places are available, so get in quick!

Head to [pcacoachingweekend.eventbrite.com.au](https://pcacoachingweekend.eventbrite.com.au) for further information and tickets.

If you're looking to give it a try, bikes suitable for beginner level sessions are available to hire at Pemberton General Store.

### COACHING SCHEDULE

#### **Saturday 11-02-2023**

8:30am-10:30am

Session 1 - Beginner

11:00am-1:00pm

Session 2 - Intermediate

2:00pm-4:00pm

Session 3 - Intermediate/Advanced

#### **Sunday 12-02-2023**

8:30am-10:30am

Session 4 - Beginner

11:00am-1:00pm

Session 5 - Intermediate/Advanced

\$25 per session

All ages welcome



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

The PCA Team

[www.pembertoncycling.com.au](http://www.pembertoncycling.com.au)

[pembertoncycling@gmail.com](mailto:pembertoncycling@gmail.com)

[@pembertoncycling](https://www.facebook.com/pembertoncycling)



Any questions, please contact us at [pembertoncycling@gmail.com](mailto:pembertoncycling@gmail.com) or call Mark on 0429 384 800.

We can't wait to see you out there!

**MTB ride - Saturday 8.00am**  
Pemberton Pool carpark

**Road bike ride - Sunday 7.00am**  
Crossings Bakery

# Holidays

## ROZZI IN OZ

There is much in the truth in the saying: "Time flies". More especially in later life. For a child days are long, carefree and leisurely. There is so much to do and days seem never ending. Only when the sun begins to set and the air gets cooler, you realised it was the end of another happy day. Now one wonders why the days seem shorter ; but the pendulum moves at the same tempo as it did at the beginning and always will.

Awareness of time was uppermost in my mind when I had to start thinking of the four week holiday that lay ahead. I had to cram in all the plans envisaged over the past few months. Where shall I begin to share these holiday experiences which had at last become a reality? At the beginning, you suggest? That's what I intend to do as I reflect on the thoughts that occurred then.

Thoughts about beloved family members I had longed to see. In reality, and not in video calls and photographs. Friends who longed to share their latest news , whether happy or sad. Uppermost in my mind though, was in which way have people changed; would the new additions to the family recognise me, and how would the familiar places I had last visited, changed. News can never do justice to such developments and I was excited to find out for myself.

Thinking back, there was the anticipation of traveling to my country of birth, South Africa. There are the cases to be packed, a task I did not enjoy very much. There is always a concern about taking enough for various occasions but not too many unnecessary items. I found myself

tossing things in and out up to the morning of my departure when I crammed in a pair of boots which I never even wore! Importantly , items for my shoulder bag were carefully chosen. No bulky wallet of plane tickets but a single page , an e-ticket printed in advance and the precious document of identity and nationality, my passport. Without these and my purse , I certainly wasn't going anywhere.

I realised although holidays were exciting ,preparation can be exhausting as well. Added to this was the

## Land for Wildlife

ARTICLE BY DEB DIRKS

Photos by Henk Dirks



This is love - the essence of a 'Land For Wildlife' property.

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Land for Wildlife Coordinator

Species and Communities Program

Locked Bag 104

Bentley Delivery Centre WA 6983

Phone: (08) 9219 9527

Email: lfw@dbca.wa.gov.au



thought of having to move from one continent to another, experiencing a range of emotions as you brace yourself to fly in an aircraft , several hundreds of kms across land and ocean and trusting God that you would reach your destination safely.



The two designated flights from Perth were long and tiring. Both were fully booked and I found myself seated between two passengers on both flights. Nine hours on a night flight brought us to Dohar in Qatar; a twenty-one hour stopover was followed by another eleven hours which took us to the final destination. I managed to endure the virtually 2 days of travelling.

Without boring the readers with the on board events, I'll share the most memorable moment . As I peered across the passenger who had the privilege of the window seat, there I set eyes on the iconic Table Mountain in all her glory! The "sleeping giant" against the cloudless blue summer skies .This awesome sight obliterated all the discomfort of flight traveling which I had endured for those many hours. The aircraft , now descending at a gentle cruise was about to land in the "mother city", the city of my birth.

Tears of nostalgic happiness welled up in my eyes. How majestic she (my mountain) was as always. She once again touched me with her everlasting beauty. Appearing strong and mighty as she proudly dominated the scene on the narrow Cape Peninsula. This natural outcrop has been nominated as the eighth wonder of the world. I came out of my reverie by the clicking of seatbelts as passengers at last released themselves from their cramped seats.

Now there was a frenzy as passengers started scrambling to get their luggage from overhead. My thoughts were interrupted by the voice of the captain of the plane. "Ladies and gentleman, welcome to Cape Town International Airport".....In my heart I had already been welcomed by the sights below. The touchdown was quick and smooth and we were back on terra firma in the land of my birth.

I said a silent prayer for the safe journey as my holiday had just begun.

## DFES - Points to Remember

ARTICLE BY LINDA ASHTON

Community Preparedness Advisor -LSW Region

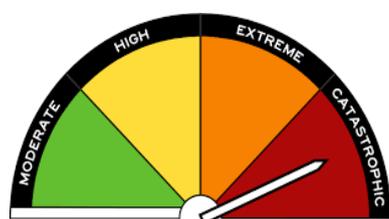
**Busy start to the year for bushfires – a timely reminder for you and your family to have a plan!**

The busy start to 2023 for DFES, volunteers and other fire agencies provides a timely opportunity to remind you of a few points:

- If you see smoke or fire, call 000 immediately – don't call your local fire brigade members as this may delay or complicate the emergency response
- Get familiar with the Emergency WA website ([www.emergency.wa.gov.au](http://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)), find your local ABC radio channel so you can listen to warnings and alerts on a battery operated radio, talk to your neighbours and exchange phone numbers so you can keep in touch with each other during an emergency, pack an emergency kit if you haven't already done so and review and practice your bushfire plan



- If you plan to leave early, identify your triggers for when you will leave – don't wait for someone to tell you when to go. Firefighters are too busy fighting the fire and network outages or depleted resources in an emergency mean that you can't rely on a text message or knock at the door telling you to leave – you need to be prepared to make your own decisions for your survival. More information at [www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au/leave-early/plan](http://www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au/leave-early/plan)
- If you plan to stay and defend your property, make sure you are extremely well prepared, physically, emotionally and materially, to do so. You can find more information at [www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au/stay-and-defend](http://www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au/stay-and-defend)
- Check if a Total Fire Ban has been declared before doing any activity that may cause a fire (for example lawnmowing, slashing, cooking on an open fire, grinding or welding in the open). Even if a Total Fire Ban hasn't been declared, it's sensible to check the weather conditions on any day before undertaking these activities – if it's hot, windy and dry, hold off until the conditions become more favourable. Check if a Total Fire Ban has been declared on the DFES website – [www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/total-fire-ban](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/total-fire-ban), Emergency WA website or call our Total Fire Ban enquiry line – 1800 709 355



- Monitor daily fire danger ratings via the Emergency WA website ([www.emergency.wa.gov.au](http://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)) so you and your family know your risks and can enact your bushfire plans early

## Stay safe around water this summer

REGIONAL COLUMN

Article by Annetta Bellingeri,  
Senior Regional Officer



With the warmer summer months upon us, many families will spend more time outdoors and around water, so it is important to be aware of the risks to keep safe while having fun in the sun.

Sadly 339 people have lost their lives to drowning in Australia this year, according to figures from Royal Life Saving Australia. Rivers and creeks accounted for 34 per cent of all drowning deaths, followed by beaches at 21 per cent.

Drowning deaths can happen to children and adults of any age. Of the 39 people who lost their lives to drowning in Western Australia this year, 79 per cent were adults over 25 years, while eight per cent were children aged 5-9 years – up from zero last year.

Water safety around rivers, creeks and in pools is everyone's business but there are some risk factors that increase the likelihood of drowning in both adults and children.

Consuming alcohol and drugs around water can affect a person's balance, coordination and judgement, increasing the risk not only to your own safety but also to children requiring responsible adult supervision, who may need your help in an emergency.

Swimming pools and portable pools are a popular option for families to escape the summer heat, but without constant adult supervision, children of all ages can drown very quickly.

In Western Australia, it is a legal requirement to have a gate that is self-closing and locks properly around any pool with more than 30 centimetres of water.

Families should also be mindful not to prop open pool gates or leave large items such as furniture near pool fences, providing easy access for children to climb over.

Flotation and aquatic toys may seem like a great option to keep children safe while swimming, but they are not safety devices. Adults should continue keeping a watchful eye on children while using them.

For more consumer advice around summer activities, visit: [www.productsafety/safesummer](http://www.productsafety/safesummer)

Anyone thinking about buying a portable pool should spend a few minutes checking out [www.productsafety.gov.au/makeitsafe](http://www.productsafety.gov.au/makeitsafe)



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### Be Skin Aware this Summer ....

Cancer Council WA is encouraging adults in the South West region to familiarise themselves with the common symptoms of skin cancer, with the majority (55-70%) of melanoma's detected by themselves or their partners. South West Regional Education Officer, Julie Rose, said it was important to know your skin and what is normal for you, particularly if you are over 40 year of age. "Skin cancers (including melanoma) account for the largest number of cancers diagnosed in Australia each year," Ms Rose said.

"Our latest data reveals that in 2019, 1587 people in WA were diagnosed with melanoma and sadly 145 people died from it. In the SW region in 2019, 162 people were diagnosed with melanoma, with 14 deaths."

"We know people living in regional Australia have lower rates of five year survival, compared with people living in our larger cities, so we urge anyone in the SW experiencing a skin cancer symptom to visit their doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker."

Common symptoms of skin cancer include:

- A new spot or mole on your skin
- A spot that is different from other spots on your skin
- Any crusty or non-healing sores
- Any spots, freckles or any moles changing in size (width), thickness (height), colour, or shape over a period of weeks to months.

If you notice any of these symptoms or any unusual changes, tell your doctor, clinic nurse or aboriginal health worker.

"It doesn't mean you've got skin cancer – often it turns out to be something less serious. But it is important to get checked. Getting our symptoms checked out and treated early means we can get back to the people we love and the things we enjoy doing."

Melanoma champion Di Steward from Busselton knows all too well how important it is to react quickly to unusual skin changes. "Get it checked immediately. Don't wait like I did." she said.

**For more information about skin cancer symptoms visit**  
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## Not just a Co-location Facility, A COMMUNITY HUB

As residents of Pemberton we enjoy an amazing lifestyle in so many ways.

For a start we avoid the stresses of modern life by living in a small rural town – Traffic, crime, pollution ... it's not that we don't have these things, it's that they tend to be more manageable – easier fixes, because, well, most things are easier to deal with when smaller.

But what really makes a difference is the ways we are empowered to influence the community we live in. In the city it is the 'THEM' who are in charge. In the country, not so much. By becoming involved in our community, we can really make a difference. And that is what the wonderful team on the Balang Miya Community Hub committee has been working towards. Let's support these community members by becoming involved to make the Hub a place which brings community together; making it safer, friendlier, more productive, and more healthful and fit for the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Of course, the Clever Clogs crew share a vision for a town which has its own renewable energy supply. This will look something like a community microgrid and battery which collects and shares all the rooftop solar already being generated here, plus hydroelectricity from a refurbished generator on the Lefroy Brook, with maybe some extra from a well-placed wind turbine or two. This is all perfectly possible when the community comes together behind such a project. Clever Clogs is always interested to talk with businesses and any community member who would like to help formulate this vision, and will make opportunities for these discussions throughout the year. But what interests us now, is what the Community Hub can be to you?

The community members working on the Balang Miya Community Hub also have a vision for the Hub. Imagine a space where rainwater tanks collect the run-off from the roofs of the centre, to distribute it to the bathroom facilities, the RSL Park, and even the Fire Service in times of emergency. In a drying climate it only makes sense to collect the rain on our roofs and save the water bills. Currently small businesses can access rebates for the purchase of rainwater tanks. Let's put our support behind the committee, and ask the Shire to support the planning and funding which would see the Hub have its own rainwater tanks.

Recycling is the way of the future too. The PCRC already does this, however Manager Gaye Van Hazendonk extended this when she signed up for TerraCycles free recycling programs. TerraCycle offers free national recycling programs funded by brands, manufacturers, and retailers around the world. The Pemberton CRC is already a drop off point for ink cartridges, coffee pods and old phones. But through TerraCycle's program the new co-location facility can be a hub which recycles so much more.

More ambitious, and definitely aligned with Clever Clogs own concerns for improvement in our electricity supply, is the committee's concern to put solar PV panels on the roof of the new Hub. This would be a fantastic initiative which would bring so much benefit to the Shire, if only in the savings on electricity bills every quarter.

CORENA, the Citizen's Own Renewable Energy Network of Australia, has a scheme where not-for-profits can receive no-interest loans to install solar panels and batteries on their premises. The loan is repaid at the amount and frequency of what it *would have cost* to be paying power bills. Once this money is repaid in full, it is possible for an organization to owe \$0 for its power – although supply charges will still be payable. Similar schemes have also been developed closer to home – for example, in Margaret River. Its amazing what a community can do when it decides to back an idea.

If Clever Clogs has its way, the Balang Miya Hub could include a central microgrid and community battery which powered the St John's Ambulance building; the CWA; the Fire Service; and Little Taddies. A similar system could be developed on the roofs of the small businesses in the vicinity of the Hub. Many more than just the Balang Miya groups could enjoy free energy once capital costs had been recouped.

There are so many positives which could be true for the Balang Miya Hub. By supporting our champions on the committee, all this really can happen. Let's all make a new commitment to influence our town towards a shared vision. And see what we can create. Thanks for reading!

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# Free Transport to Peregrinations of a Citizen Botanist Exhibition in Manjimup

Peregrinations of a Citizen Botanist is a wonderful, whimsical exhibition that charts the journey of the 18th Century French botanist, Jacques-Julien Houtou de Labillardière, who came to Western Australia in 1792 on the ship Recherche, captained by Rear Admiral Bruni d'Entrecasteaux.

It was developed by, artist, Susie Vickery, who has had a long and very successful career in embroidery and textiles. At a time of accelerating climate crisis, this exhibition invites viewers to reflect on our relationships with home, history and environment, and by imagining an alternative past, to think creatively about possible futures.

Peregrinations of a Citizen Botanist is on display at the Manjimup Town Hall from 3 February until 8 March 2023. Opening hours are 10.00am-4.00pm from Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).

The Manjimup Library and Art Gallery in conjunction with the Pemberton Community Resource Centre, is offering Pemberton residents free bus travel to Manjimup to see the exhibition on Thursday 23 February 2023.

Details are as follows:

- 9.20am Meet at Pemberton CRC entrance
- 9.30am Bus departs
- 10.00am Bus arrives at Manjimup Town Hall  
Visitors view the exhibition
- 1.00pm Bus Departs from Brockman Street Carpark
- 1.30pm Bus arrives at Pemberton Community Resource Centre

Please register your interest with the Manjimup Library (9771 6940) if you plan to join the excursion.

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# Pemberton Sports Club

## New Year's Fireworks - a roaring success!

ARTICLE BY LANI TE WAO-JONES

Photos by Laura Bendotti

As most members will know we hosted our first new year's eve fire works just previously and to say I'm extactic at how our first show went is understatement.

With a consistent rotating flow of young and old, tourists and locals created a wonderful family friendly environment.

Hoopz managed to cater for close to three hundred meals and the bar producing one of its highest earning days outside of funerals and grand finals.

Everyone was amazing well-behaved, which was also very impressive.

Id like to thank our volunteers/ committee, you are the life force that keeps this club going.

Thank you also to Joe and Co. at the Hotel who closed at 9pm and encouraged patrons down to the Sports Club.

Lately and not leastlym a huge thank you to our sponsors. Without your donations, the fireworks wouldn't have been possible.

Sponsors include:

- Emma French
- Jacqui Moltoni
- Sharon Roche
- Will & Deb French
- Pemberton IGA



In preparation for the free Australia Day breakfast, I strolled into the Pemberton Sports Club on the hunt for the loan of the Canteen Urn.

As luck would have it, I stumbled into the aftermath of the Annual **Bendotti Chip day** lawn bowls competition, sposed by chip King's, Peter, Steven and John.

I ran into the very proud 3rd place winners also know as 3 Dings and a Dong. As you can see in the photo, they are all smiles from Left, Chris Velios, Peter Roberts, John Omodei and Tom Cabassi.

Congratulations to the local team and thanks for the photo Tom and for all the info, John. GVH

ED: It would be nice to see some regular contributions to the PCN from our sporting organisations when such events occur, I can not guarantee to be so lucky next time.

SOUTHERN FOREST STEPPERS PRESENTS

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AN EVENT HELPING RAISE MUCH NEEDED FUNDS FOR CANCER RESEARCH



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# Manjimup Shire Bulletin

February 2023



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Citizen of the Year Awards

The Shire's official Citizen of the Year awards were held in Pemberton on the 26 January 2023. It is always an honour for myself and fellow Councillors to participate in the presentation of certificates and awards to the citizen of the year nominees and awardees.

These awards are made possible by Auspire – the Australia Day Council of WA. Every year the Community Citizen of the Year Awards program gives local governments around the State the opportunity to acknowledge the contribution and celebrate community engagement of people within the community.

Congratulations to this year's awardees:

- Youth Citizen of the Year - Regan Marsh
- Senior Citizen of the Year Over 65 - Lynn Minchin
- Active Citizenship Community Group or Event - Rotary Club of Manjimup
- Citizen of the Year - Jodi Johnston

Thank you and congratulations to all nominees for the tireless work you do for your communities.

**Election Transition Arrangements**  
Council recently made a decision on the Local Government Reform Election Transition Arrangements. Council opted to put forward a proposal for a two ward system with four councillors per ward plus a directly elected Shire President.

It is important to note that these changes are not instigated by the Shire. They follow an instruction from the Minister for Local Government in September 2022 giving Local Governments the choice of:

- A voluntary pathway, entailing a review to reduce the number of Councillors to between five and nine, review wards as a result of those changes, and phase in the changes over two election cycles; or

- The reform election pathway, where at the 2023 election; all Councillor positions are declared vacant, wards are abolished and the number of councillors is set based on reform proposals.

In September 2022 Council agreed to take the voluntary pathway. The decision we have now come upon is based on the recent Ward and Representation Review and what is believed to be the best outcome for our electors.

Regards Paul

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### Ward/Representation Review

Following public consultation, a report was presented to Council on 19 January 2023. After taking into consideration various factors, Council agreed that the CEO report to the Local Government Advisory Board on the proposal to:

- Adopt eight councillors plus a directly elected Shire President.
- Adopt a two ward system with four councillors per ward.
- The current Central Ward becoming Urban Ward and all other wards combining into Rural Ward.
- Retain current councillors elected to 2025 as part of the transition.

The Local Government Advisory Board will then consider the report and make a recommendation to the Minister for Local Government for the next Council Meeting.

## SHIRE NOTICES

**Prohibited burning times** are now in effect across the Shire.

### NO BURNING IS PERMITTED

Zone 8 - Manjimup & Pemberton until 14 March 2023.

### Firebreak and Fuel Hazard Reduction

Ranger's are continuing annual inspections for compliance with the Firebreak and Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice. Penalty for non-compliance with the notice is up to \$5,000. Several work orders and infringements have been issued.

### Annual Electors Meeting

The Annual Electors Meeting of the Shire of Manjimup was held on Thursday 12 January 2023, the minutes of the meeting are available on the Shire website.

### Expression of Interest - Pemberton Town Activation Advisory Committee

The Shire is inviting expressions of interest for the Pemberton Town Activation Advisory Committee. Nominations are open to all local Pemberton community members who are interested in serving on the committee, see the website for information on how to nominate. Nominations close on Tuesday 28 February 2023.

### Request for Tender - Supply of Gravel Shire of Manjimup and Surrounds

The Shire invites tenders from suitably qualified and experienced contractors for the supply of gravel in the Shire of Manjimup, Western Australia.

To obtain the documents visit: [www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/tenders](http://www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/tenders)

Tenders must be lodged by 3pm on 16 February 2023.

## Employment Opportunities

- Manjimup Trail Bike Hub - Project Manager.
- Principal Environmental Health Officer.

Both closing on 10 February 2023.

## SHIRE NEWS

### Libraries

#### Manjimup Library Renovation

Manjimup Library staff have been very busy throughout January, moving books out and moving books back in again. They are very excited to welcome you into their refreshed and fabulous space.

#### Manjimup Home & Community Care

Manjimup Home and Community Care have some exciting activities planned for February. Check out the program on the website or facebook page.

### Art Gallery

The first exhibition for 2023 will be held in the Manjimup Town Hall from 1 February to 8 March. Peregrinations of a Citizen Botanist is an immersive and finely crafted installation by Susie Vickery which takes the form of a cabinet of curiosities, charting the journey of the 18th Century French botanist Jacques-Julien Houtou de Labillardiere, who came to Western Australia in 1792 on the ship Recherche, captained by Bruni d'Entrecasteaux.

### AquaCentre

There's a new class on the timetable. Join us for a one hour Target and Tone Class on Fridays at 10.15am. Check out the full timetable at

[www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/fitness](http://www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/fitness)

## West Ward Councillors



Cr Murray Ventris  
(08) 9776 1757

Cr Kenneth Lawrence  
(08) 9776 2010



## Pemberton Waste Transfer Station

104 Pemberton Northcliffe Rd Yeagarup

Wednesday: 11 am - 5 pm

Saturday/Sunday: 12 pm - 5 pm

## Pemberton Library

Pemberton Lesser Hall - 9776 1311

Wednesday and Thursday: 9 am - 1.30 pm

Friday 9.30 am to 5 pm

## SHIRE CALENDAR

### Library Storytime

Manjimup - Friday 10.30 am

Northcliffe - Monday 10.00 am

Pemberton - Friday 11.00 am

Walpole - Alternate Fridays 10.00 am

### MHCC Activities

Boronia Club - 10 am to 2 pm Monday & Friday

Over 50 Exercise Group - 9 am to 10 am Tuesday & Thursday

Tai Chi 10.30 am to 11.30 am Wednesday

Bingo - 1 pm to 3pm Thursday

## Council Meetings

The February Council meeting will commence at 5.30 pm in the **Walpole Community Hall** on 9 February 2023.

## AquaCentre

Check out the extensive group fitness program on the website.



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