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JULY AT A GLANCE

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EDITORIAL

It would appear it is time for my annual rant.

You know the one, "your community needs you" speech.

But the truth is, in a small community, those words are not just a catchy phrase. They are the reality of how our town keeps turning. The cogs in the wheel of community need momentum, and that momentum is created by consistent use and support from local people. Without it, the wheel slows, seizes, rusts, and eventually stops altogether.

It is always easier to stay home on a cold day rather than attend the morning tea, the exercise class, the workshop, the church service, the fundraiser or the local event. It is easier to order online, have things delivered to the door, or look for the cheapest option elsewhere. And yes, often it is cheaper. There is no denying that.

The rising cost of living has taken a toll on everyone. It has affected our generosity, our spare change, limiting our choices. That slice of cake with your weekly coffee might feel like a luxury. That event ticket might feel like something you can skip. That local service might cost a little more than something found online.

But in a small town, every one of those choices has a knock-on effect.

That slice of cake, multiplied by all the regulars, helps keep a local café going. Those event tickets help make sure presenters, artists, and facilitators come back. A well-attended fundraiser encourages volunteers and organisers to try again. Shopping locally helps keep shop doors open. Using local services keeps local jobs in place.

When tickets do not sell, events are cancelled. When fundraisers are not supported, organisations suffer. When locals shop elsewhere, local shops struggle. When services are sourced cheaper online, local services disappear and jobs become redundant.

It is a very slippery slope.

We are also seeing fewer volunteers. Many community groups, clubs and organisations are run by the same small handful of people who keep showing up, but at the same time, people are tired, busy and stretched. Everyone needs to earn a living.

That is the reality. But it does leave us with an important question, what kind of community do we want to live in?

Do we want local events? Local services? Local produce? Local businesses? Local clubs? Local spaces to gather, learn, connect and support one another?

If the answer is yes, then we all have a part to play.

Supporting your community does not always have to mean spending a lot of money. It can mean buying local when you can. Attending the event. Sharing the poster. Bringing a friend. Volunteering, donating and booking the local service. Having the coffee. Buying the slice of cake. Saying thank you to the people who keep things going.

Small choices matter in small towns.

So perhaps it is time for all of us to think about our choices, and the things we would like to see remain in our community. Because if we value them, we need to use them, support them and show up for them.

Otherwise, one day, when we need them most, they may no longer be there.

Use it or lose it - It really is that simple.

Gaye



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Looking for Contributions

Do you have an interest, article, advert or information on an event, sporting or community group?

Send all contributions in to

pcn@pembertoncrc.org.au

Deadline is 26th of the month



WITH YOUTH • FOR YOUTH

Blurred Minds VIRTUAL REALITY WORKSHOP

STEP INTO A VIRTUAL REALITY HOUSE PARTY

This workshop aims to strengthen young people's knowledge, decision-making skills, and resilience around peer pressure and substance use.

Each young person is equipped with their own headset, immersing them in real-life party scenarios and challenging them to make decisions when faced with substance use situations.

Friday 10th July

Northcliffe, Family Centre

5pm - 7pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION

☎ DONNA PH: 0483 337 299

<https://www.blurredminds.com.au/>

<https://www.blackwoodyouthaction.com.au/>



JOIN THE FUN THIS SEASON!

There is still time to join Minkey or Junior Hockey this season and save!

THERE'S STILL
TIME TO
HAVE A GO!

MINKEY (Pre-Primary – Year 2)

A fun intro to hockey

\$ Now even better value!

🏑 No stick? We can sort you out!

Use code at Registration: **MINKEYDISC**

JUNIOR HOCKEY (Ages 8–11)

Learn new skills, play games & be part of a team

🏑 Make friends and Stay Active

🏑 Keep the fun going!

Use code at Registration: **JUNIORDISC**

Join us Saturday mornings from 10:45am

👉 Sign up now: Scan the QR Code!



SCAN TO REGISTER

B·A·S·I·S Clinic

Balance Ability Strength Independence Support



FREE GROUP SESSIONS

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

The Clinic offers a range of programs to support your wellbeing.



**HEALTH
EDUCATION**



**LIFE
PROGRAM**



**MORNING
TEA**



**INDIVIDUAL
CONSULTS**



**HOME
VISITS**



**GROUP
SESSIONS**

UPCOMING GROUP SESSION DETAILS

Pemberton

Pemberton Community Resource Centre
61 Brockman St, Pemberton

Group Sessions Run on:

Tuesdays 10am - 12pm

21st April - 2nd June

28th July - 8th September

29th September - 10th November

Northcliffe

Northcliffe Family and Community Centre
58 Zamia St, Northcliffe

Group Sessions Run on:

Wednesdays 10am - 12pm

22nd April - 3rd June

29th July - 9th September

30th September - 11th November

B·A·S·I·S Clinic

Balance Ability Strength Independence Support

UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF
RURAL HEALTH SOUTH WEST

Call us to register your interest!

☎ 08 6304 3100

✉ BASIS.UDRHSW@ecu.edu.au

🌐 www.udrhw.ecu.edu.au



100 Chawan

An exhibition of ceramics and textiles by

Linda Chambers & Collyn Gawned

Soundscape by Nat Rad



DAILY
9AM-3PM

4TH JULY -
16 AUGUST 2026

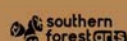
**Painted tree
gallery**

9 MUIRILLUP RD
NORTHCLIFFE

🌐 southernforestarts.com.au

LAUNCH & ARTIST Q & A
11 AM SAT 4TH JULY

RSVP encouraged. Use QR code or email
info@southernforestarts.com.au





SATURDAY 7TH NOV 2026

The Pemberton Chamber of Commerce is hosting/organizing the **AVOCADO FESTIVAL AGAIN THIS YEAR IN 2026.**

Last year's event was a huge success and we would like to hold this event again showcasing the unique avocado production in Pemberton.

Would you like to become a sponsor for this special event?

CONTACT EVENT CO-ORDINATOR KATIE McDONNELL VIA EMAIL admin@pembyavofest.com OR BOX 308 PEMBERTON 6260 WA

BAT BOXES FOR SALE

SOUTH WEST WA IS HOME TO 9 SPECIES OF MICROBATS.

UNFORTUNATELY, MOST OF THESE SPECIES ARE DECLINING IN POPULATION

HELP OUT THE BATS BY INSTALLING A BAT BOX!

WHAT IS A BAT BOX?

A man-made habitat that encourages microbats to live in the area.

WHY DO WE WANT BATS?

Bats are amazing pollinators and pest control agents. They can eat 1000 insects per hour.

PLEASE CONTACT ASSISTANT@PEMBERTONCRC.ORG.AU OR 9776 1745 TO PURCHASE A BAT BOX

\$70

THE VOICES OF PEMBERTON

Calling all Storytellers

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

- Digital media (audio, video, podcasts, photography)
- Print media (writing, poetry, zines, storytelling)
- Art media (visual art, illustration, mixed media)

Anyone can Participate

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

Contribute to the community collection

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

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

REGISTER NOW!

PEMBERTON CRC

9776 1745

pcn@pembertoncrc.org.au

STAYING IN PLACE

ARTICLE BY REGINE DUMPERT
Care Coordinator – Pemberton
Staying in Place Program



Australian Government



myagedcare

Hello everyone,

First of all, I would like to sincerely thank the lovely group at the Pemberton CWA, who kindly welcomed me as a guest speaker last Monday and provided a wonderful afternoon tea at their facility.

Many of our seniors, carers and community members attended the talk to find out more about the Staying in Place program.

As I often say, questions are always welcome. However, some of the queries raised on the day made me realise that there is still quite a bit of misinformation circulating in the community.

To help clarify some of these issues, I have put together a short "myth-busting" list to answer some of the frequently asked questions.

Myth 1: Home care is only for people who are unwell.

Reality: People are eligible to apply if they are aged 65 years or older, or 50 years or older for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people, where assistance is required with everyday tasks due to change in health (can you still get on your knees and clean the shower?) Accessing support can be a proactive step that helps people maintain independence, improve wellbeing and prevent future issues.

Myth 2: People with family don't need home care.

Reality: Family members often have other commitments, work responsibilities, health challenges, or may go away. Having support workers in place can help provide continuity of care, while allowing family members to spend more quality time with their loved ones.

Myth 3: Seniors are unable to make their own decisions and cannot choose who comes into their home.

Reality: The client remains central to decision-making. They are involved in all decisions about their care, preferences and who provides support, and services. Clients can raise concerns and request changes if the support arrangement is not working for them.

Myth 4: Home care is too expensive.

Reality: Support at Home services are government subsidised. Prices for services must be reasonable, transparent and clearly explained and agreed on with the client, before services begin.

10% of your support at home budget is automatically allocated to your Home care package provider for Care Management fees to cover care plans, scheduling and budget tracking.

Under the support at home program, the Government fully funds 100% of the cost for Clinical care service within the allocated support at home budget.

Co-contributions for other services may apply and are based on the client's circumstances, including income and assets assessments through Services Australia.

Myth 5: If I apply for a service, I have to start it straight away.

Reality: Applying or being assessed does not

mean services must start straight away. However, having an assessment completed can be helpful, as circumstances can change quickly and it is better to understand what support may be available before a crisis occurs.

Please note: In some regional communities, programs such as Staying in Place help connect older residents with **local** support so they can remain living independently in their own homes for longer.

The application process through My Aged Care is quite lengthy but straightforward. However, when assessments take place, people may not always think to describe their "worst day" or include all of the daily challenges they encounter.

In my experience, it can be helpful to have a conversation with a care coordinator before the assessment process. That may clarify questions and ensure people feel prepared and supported.

You may still have questions, and that is completely okay. It is a complex process. Don't hesitate to come into the CRC and make a time to speak with me.

We are also hosting the Communithea session listed below, where you can chat with me, as well as others who may be able to provide guidance, information and assistance.

Pemberton Community Resource Centre LINKWEST Staying in Place HomeMade Smarter support at home

Communithea CATCH-UP

COME IN FOR A WARMING SOUP & FRESH BREAD ROLL

Connect with others, have a chat and keep warm.

INCLUDING FREE INFORMATION PROGRAM FOR SUPPORT WORKERS

Thursday 23rd July 26 11:00-2:00PM

FREE AFTERNOON TEA

RSL BOARDROOM PEMBERTON COMMUNITY HUB

RSVP AT THE CRC - 9776 1745
Office@pembertoncrc.org.au

FAREWELL FROM PCRC TO THE PYZ

ARTICLE BY GAYE VAN HAZENDONK

Images by CRC Staff and Volunteers



After nearly three years of fun, friendship, activities, snacks, games, school holiday adventures and plenty of organised chaos, the Pemberton CRC will be saying a fond farewell to the management of the Pemberton Youth Zone at the end of June.

The CRC has proudly managed the Pemberton Youth Zone since November 2023, and what a busy and rewarding time it has been! During this period, we have delivered 35 Youth Zone sessions and 4 school holiday activities, providing local young people with a safe, welcoming and fun space to connect, socialise and try something new.

From games and activities to movie nights, creative projects, food, laughter and the occasional sugar-fuelled burst of energy, the Youth Zone has been a wonderful reminder of just how important it is to create opportunities for young people in our community.

Along the way, the CRC has also helped raise approximately \$2,500 in donations and almost \$3,000 in Youth Zone fees, while managing grant applications, acquittals, administration, staffing, activities and the behind-the-scenes work that keeps community programs running.

Of course, no Youth Zone program happens without people. We would like to sincerely thank the volunteers, CRC staff, family members, supporters and community members who have given their time, energy, ideas and patience to help make the program possible.

Whether you helped supervise a session, donated food, assisted with activities, transported equipment, supported a grant, or simply encouraged young people to come along, your contribution has been greatly appreciated.

Most importantly, we would like to thank the young people who attended the Pemberton Youth Zone. Thank you for bringing your energy, humour, creativity and personality to the program. You are the reason programs like this matter.

As of 30 June 2026, the CRC will be concluding its role in managing the Pemberton Youth Zone. While we may be stepping back from the management side of Youth Zone, we remain proud of what has been achieved and grateful to have played a part in supporting local youth and families.

So, from all of us at the Pemberton CRC, thank you for the laughs, the memories, the snacks, the noise, the fun and the many moments that reminded us why community programs are worth the effort.

We wish the Pemberton Youth Zone every success for the future.



CWA NEWS

ARTICLE BY KATE SHAW

Images provided by Kate Shaw

July and I'm back from my holiday. That was a whirlwind tour, four countries beginning in London and ending in Vienna.

Hot weather from start to finish which resulted in a heat rash and swollen ankles.



Chelsea Flower Show was a highlight. It is very big over there and on TV every night.

Lake Garda was lovely, especially the gardens of Villa Rizzardi.

Padua Botanic Gardens founded in 1545 making it the world's oldest academic botanical garden. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Anyway, it's good to be back in Pemby.

Back into the swing of CWA and catching up with friends.

CWA managed very well without me and Pat for that matter, who is no longer with us.

It seems to me, that it is all about "pulling together". Pemberton is a great community and pulls together.

Belonging and working together.

Opshop is open each Saturday. It would be good if we could open more often, in the holidays we try to, but the time to prepare etc doesn't give us enough time.

Amazingly, we still don't need clothes thank you.

Keep warm and busy.

CWA Pemberton Branch wishes to thank Clint Walker for his Very generous donation of two heaters for our Rooms.

Not only that, but he installed them as well.

Can't thank him enough.

In friendship - Kate

Accessing Government Info

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

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

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

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



HOROSCOPES & THE MONTH AHEAD

Welcome winter!!!!

July 2026 promises a dynamic mix of personal growth, social opportunities, and career developments, influenced by planetary movements like Jupiter in Leo and Mercury retrograde.

General Astrological Climate - July 2026 begins under Mercury retrograde, which may cause minor tech glitches, scheduling issues, and travel delays, requiring patience and careful planning.

This Full Moon 30 July 2026 represents emotional clarity and a time for reflection, as July is often associated with intense emotions and life changes.

The New Moon in Cancer 14 July 2026 is a good time to commit to personal goals that express the positive energies of the sign of the Crab. These include honoring our deepest, most irrational and intimate, feelings; recognizing the sense of security and safety we derive from whatever it is we call home.

July 2026 is a month of balance between reflection and action, offering opportunities for personal growth.

Horoscopes! - **Aries** - July 2026 is bright, social, and a little bolder for you, Aries. After June's softer, home-and-heart energy, this month pulls you back out into the world — travel, friends, fun, visibility, and a bit of summer romance. It's got that "I want to enjoy my life" feel. The cosmos is basically saying: use your fire in joyful ways. You don't have to be in productivity mode 24/7. You get to create memories, reconnect, and show up where the energy is warm. **Taurus** - July 2026 slows the tempo a bit for you, in the best way. After a busy, chatty June, this month wants you to come home to yourself, nourish your closest relationships, and protect your energy so the rest of the winter actually feels good. Think warm blankets, family time, short trips, and making your space more comfortable. You're still building big things this year, but July says: you can't pour from an empty cup. This is your midyear "reset the rhythm" month. Let it be softer, more heart-centred, and more intentional. **Gemini** - Relax with Rhythm is your horoscope, and it leans into rested socialising, intentional spending, and protecting your energy while still having fun. You've been pretty active since spring — July wants you to keep enjoying life, but with a little more pacing. With Cancer season in full swing for most of the month, there's a home-and-heart vibe — tending to your space, your closest people, and your sense of safety. When Leo energy starts to warm things up toward the end of July, you'll feel more outgoing again, but with better discernment. **Cancer** - for the month, and it's all about being more fully yourself in love, at home, and out in the world. Think warm nights, heartfelt moments, and a deeper sense that you belong exactly where you are. You may feel extra aware of what (and who) feels like true home. Your need for emotional safety and your desire to shine both get louder, and July invites you to honour both without choosing one over the other. This month is about celebrating your heart, your growth, and your right to take up space—on your own terms. **Leo** - July 2026 glows for you, Leo, and this horoscope is all about stepping into that light without burning out. After June's busy, social energy, July tilts toward emotional depth, inner authority, and preparing to step centre stage as your season approaches. You may feel more reflective at the start of the month, then increasingly

bold as the weeks go on. It's a month of transition: from tending your inner world to owning your outer presence. July has a "soft on the inside, strong on the outside" vibe for you. **Virgo** - Where June asked you to balance work and life, July encourages you to soften

a little, lean into your support system, enjoy your people, and create spaces (literal and emotional) that feel like home. You're allowed to slow down without falling behind. The early part of the month highlights your friendships and community; the later part shifts toward your inner circle and emotional needs. You may feel more aware of who shows up for you, who drains you, and where you're craving deeper roots.

Libra - Where June was social and lively, July invites you to re balance from the inside out—to check in with your feelings, your sense of safety, and the people who really feel like "your people. This month is less about chasing new goals and more about stabilising what you've already started, tending to your home, your body, and your inner landscape. By the time late July's fiery energy arrives, you'll be glad you took time to refill your tank. **Scorpio** - Where June was fiery and adventurous, July asks you to exhale, recharge, and integrate everything you've been feeling and doing. It's less about chasing the next high and more about gently tending to your inner world. This is a month to listen more closely to your inner signals. Your intuition is loud right now — especially when something isn't right for you. July's energy for you is about re balancing and re-centring. **Sagittarius** - Where June was busy and outward, July asks you to slow down just enough to feel what's really going on beneath the surface. You're still you—curious, social, full of fire—but this month nudges you to check in with your heart, your home base, and your closest bonds. You may find yourself craving cosiness, real talks, and safe spaces. It's a mid-year moment to nourish yourself emotionally so you can keep expanding without burning out.

Capricorn - Where June was about communication and options, July invites you to actually live a little — travelling (even short distances), saying yes to more fun, and letting your heart feel lighter. You're still you (responsible, grounded, thoughtful), but this month wants you to weave more pleasure, play, and warmth into your days. Think less "grind mode," more "I'm allowed to enjoy the life I'm building. **Aquarius** - Where June amped up the fun and social volume, July invites you to refine the balance. The energy of July is soft but focused. Cancer season at the start of the month emphasises your well being, your daily routines, and the people you rely on (and who rely on you). As the Sun shifts into Leo later in the month, partnerships and close connections — romantic, professional, and personal — move to the forefront. **Pisces** - Where June asked you to own your voice and take up space, July invites you to enjoy your life more fully—through rest, play, and genuine connection—without losing yourself in everyone else's plans. July has a cozy-yet-creative vibe for you. Early in the month, the energy lights up romance, fun, and self-expression. You may feel more playful, more creative, or just more in the mood to enjoy simple pleasures: music, movies, time with people you love.



MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS- ARE HUMANS WORTH MORE THAN AI?

A LOOK INTO POPE LEO XIV ENCYCLICAL ON SAFE-GUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON
By Catherine Petal



Leo PP. XIV

In recent weeks Pope Leo XIV released his first encyclical. Many in the Catholic Church had wondered what his first encyclical would be on. Many had speculated it would focus on the common worker.

One of the first things the new Pope does when entering the position is the duty of choosing his new name, one that will be remembered throughout history. So, when Pope Leo XIV chose his name, it would

be a good indication of his wishes for the future by looking to the past.

So, the question was, what name would the previous Cardinal Robert Prevost choose and what statement would that make?

His predecessor in name is Pope Leo XIII, who had many defining moments, the most notable one was his fierce advocacy for the working class during the Industrial Revolution. His encyclical *Rerum Novarum* advocated for labour unions, fair living wages, and the protection of private property.

So, when looking at our modern time we had to think... what theme would the new Pope bring to his papacy, and the answers seemed to point to the 'AI Revolution'. This was confirmed on the 25th of May 2026 when His Holiness Pope Leo XIV released *Magnifica Humanitas*, his first encyclical.

The heart of 'magnificent humanity' is on this fundamental truth; no machine can replace the beauty and individuality of the human person. In his words, "We must lovingly safeguard the grandeur of humanity bestowed upon us and revealed in its fullness in Christ, the splendour of which no machine can ever replace" (MH15).

One message that cannot be overlooked is Pope Leo's stance on the apparent "limits" some humans face, such as "incapacity, illness, old age, suffering, [and] vulnerability". It is often in our most vulnerable times that we find uniquely human ways of flourishing. We hear the Lord's voice most clearly when the noise of the world is turned down in moments of great need.

He emphasises that the current direction of AI will not be for the good of humanity, even if in the moment it feels like the burdens of the world is lessened with its use. Yes, he does not make a stance on whether it is inherently good or evil, but the warning is clear: if the use of AI continues to be abused in the way it currently is, humanity will be the one to suffer the consequences.

There are warnings about transhumanism (the use of technology to overcome or enhance the limits of the human condition) and posthumanism (the idea that humanity would surpass, replace or merge with

machines or other forms of life). While very sci-fi, it should remain in books and not enter our society. He also quotes *Lord of the Rings*, which everyone reading the encyclical loved.

Pope Leo emphasises the importance of privacy protection and governance of data, which is especially important when looking at the breaches of privacy AI has faced since its creation. We can see the negative effects on AI specifically through the lens of AI on art and imagery, nothing that comes from AI is new. Everything it makes comes from a human creation, so when you see a beautiful art piece and it comes from AI, what is happening is the intellectual property from a human is being stolen and morphed into an AI creation. Like *Ecclesiastes* 1:9 says, "there is nothing new under the sun", and AI may as well take this as its new slogan because its very nature is to steal information.

I highly encourage you to read *Magnifica Humanitas* yourself and contemplate the teachings of our new Holy Father has released. You can find it on the official Vatican website by searching: Encyclical Letter *Magnifica Humanitas* on Vatican.

Even with the ever-expanding world of technology, it is important to remember this fundamental truth:

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging." Psalms 46:1-3

MONTHLY PRAYER

Dear God and Father of all creation,

Who watches over us day and night, we praise and thank you for every good gift. We humbly ask for your pardon where we have gone wrong. Please help us to walk faithfully in your paths of righteousness. We come freely to your throne of grace because you are a god of love and forgiveness.

Lord, we thank you for the winter weather. We welcome the rain and sunshine in between. For the peaceful and safe places in our town where we can enjoy the surroundings. The delightful scenery of green fields and grazing animals and orchards of winter crops.

In spite of stormy days Lord, you have kept us safe from natural disasters and pray for those families elsewhere who have lost loved ones and possessions. For relief agencies with resources to help where it is needed.

As the school term has come to an end we thank you father for the love and diligence of our educators who have given their time and energy to our children. We ask that you keep them safe and in a good care over the school holidays. Continue to bless our community and may we, in turn be a blessing to others,

Heavenly father, keep us close to you as we continue to pray for the spreading of the Gospel and for your kingdom to come,

In Jesus name we pray,

Amen



REGIONAL COLUMN

Voice your thoughts on home building contract laws



Building a home can be one of life's biggest milestones. Most projects go smoothly, but signing a building contract can be daunting and some homeowners experience unexpected price hikes, delays and other challenges during their build.

Western Australia's home building contract laws are designed to ensure these contracts are fair and that disputes between homeowners and builders, if they arise, are efficiently resolved.

These laws are now under review with the goal of ensuring they remain relevant, robust and practical in today's changing building landscape.

Whether you are a homeowner or builder, the State Government wants to hear from you as part of the review, which is led by Hon Dan Caddy MLC and supported by our building regulation colleagues at the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety's Building and Energy division.

Following earlier industry and public feedback, a survey and discussion paper are now providing a rare chance to have a say on specific ideas under consideration.

So, what changes are being considered?

Among the proposed reforms are clearer rules around price increases, improved dispute resolution processes, better knowledge for consumers and accreditation requirements for building inspectors. Increased contractual deposit limits and revised monetary thresholds and limits are also on the table.

Whether you've built, are currently building or renovating or work in the building industry, this is your chance to help shape the future of home building contract laws in WA.

To have your say on the proposed changes, search online for "review of WA's home building contract laws" or head to LGIRS.wa.gov.au/WAhomebuildinglaws.

Feedback via the survey or discussion paper must be submitted before 5pm (WST) Wednesday, 24 June 2026.

MILL HALL NEWS

The Mill Hall is like a new pin!

Thankyou to the wonderful Mill Hall Members who spent a very productive morning mowing, cleaning, dusting, mopping at the recent busy bee.

There is a new storage shed thanks to funds from fundraising and a Shire of Manjimup Community Grant.

Look out for the WOW Workshops supported by the Pemberton CRC to be held in July. Two of the Workshops will be held at the Mill Hall.



UPCOMING EVENTS - JULY

11TH SAT DANCE 7.30PM

12TH SUN WOW WORKSHOP WITH CATHY OSBORNE - PERFECTING PASTRY

13TH MON WOW WORKSHOP WITH DR ROSE FERRELL - ACTING & STAGECRAFT

BOOTSCOOTING IS HELD EVERY THURSDAY @ 5.00PM

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

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

The Mill Hall's banking details:-

WESTPAC BSB: 036126 ACC: 237796

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

The account is C10562118. You can drop them off or we can pick them up for you.

You are also welcome to leave them at the tip in a woven plastic bag (feed bag) and label them with the number C10562118.

Deanne Ventris - President

GAME SESSION DETAILS

SAT AM THE CANDY CAPER D&D 5E (2014) lvl 5, DM Peach Manse A ROYAL MYSTERY D&D 5E (2014) lvl 5, DM Dev Halphon	SAT PM A FAMILIAR QUANDRY D&D 5E (2014) lvl 3, DM Leanne Monda A WAYWARD CARNIVAL D&D 5.5E (2024) lvl 3, DM Orion Read
SUN AM ADVENTURE IN HERBALISM D&D 5E (2014) lvl 5, DM Matthew Brewer HOORAY FOR HEROES! D&D 5E (2014) lvl 1-3, DM Matt McKail	SUN PM THE WIDOW'S WEB D&D 5E (2014) lvl 8, DM Jay Hickory FIRST DAY AT ADVENTURING ACADEMY D&D 5.5E (2024) lvl 1, DM Larissa Beeby

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REMOVAL OF BEACHED VESSEL AT WINDY HARBOUR

ARTICLE BY: SHIRE OF MANJIMUP

Over the previous months, a vessel became stranded on the Windy Harbour shoreline. Since the vessel washed ashore, the Shire of Manjimup has been working with the relevant State Government authorities to assist in progressing its removal as quickly as possible.

The Shire wishes to advise that the Department of Transport has now engaged contractors to remove the vessel from the area. The contractors are awaiting favourable weather and sea conditions before commencing removal works, which are expected to take place over the coming weeks.

During this time, leaseholders and visitors are reminded to keep a safe distance from the vessel and any machinery operating on the beach as part of the removal process.

Shire President, Donelle Buegge, said:

"Windy Harbour is a special place for many people, and we're pleased to see the steps now being taken to restore this section of its coastline."

The Shire thanks the community for its patience and cooperation during these works.



Greetings to Pemberton

A Bit of our Mill History.

The Tall brick chimney is State Heritage listed due to its historical relevance. It was built in the 1950s of red brick and believed to be built by a Mr Dobson, although not the Mill manager of recent times.



Left: Brick Chimney

It was essentially built to receive and take end steam products away from the site.

At present there are eucalyptus trees that have grow up obscuring the chimney view from the road.

Also on site is the steam driven reciprocating saw that was used at the Mill for many years. We are very keen to receive or hear more information about its past life.

Right: Steam driven saw

The steam driven saw sits on railway lines that are wider than any normal width. Probably for better balance when in use.

This saw probably only worked within the Mill area and probably limited to the landing area.

It's main purpose was to cut huge logs to the required length before they moved into the mill for further slicing.



This steam driven saw remains on site but requires attention and maintenance to halt any further deterioration.

Ideally the saw would be returned to working order and then be part of a working museum situation, if perhaps, a portion of the Mill site that includes the Heritage listed chimney, could be sectioned off for that usage.

If anyone out there can add more detail or information about the saw or the chimney, we would dearly love it at the museum.

Or come into our Museum's Bill Bryant Workshop any Thursday morning 10am - 12.

We welcome visitors, residents, members and friends to join in any Thursday to help or just chat.

The kettle is always on!

Cheers.....Museum team

Email: pembertonhistory@gmail.com

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TEENA'S CARING FOR CHICKENS WORKSHOP

ARTICLE BY: CHLOE FLYNN

Photos by CRC Staff & Volunteers

On Sunday 21st, I attended Teena's workshop in our Vic Conte Community Garden. Despite a rainy day, chook-minded individuals filled up the garden's gazebo with burning questions.

Teena even brought a couple breeds of chickens in with her!

She showed us a demonstration of how to safely cut their flight feathers on the wing, as well as how to euthanise a chicken without the mess.

Did you know that chickens LOVE meat? They eat mice if they can catch them, so be aware of your baits and poisons. A chicken or two accidentally got to explore the garden a bit, but I think they loved it.

Teena runs a small business in Bridgetown called Gone Clucky as a Chicken Breeder. She sells assorted poultry and can take unwanted roosters off your hands.

Teena's been taking care of chickens for over 20 years, and her tips and tricks for chicken-keeping are invaluable.



The CRC would like to thank lovely Teena for hosting such an informative and relaxed workshop!

This Caring for Chickens workshop is a part of our "Learn-in-the-Garden" Workshop Series running monthly in the Vic Conte Community Garden.

We hope to see you at the next one!



FUN FACTS: AUSTRALIAN WATER RAT

ARTICLE BY KATIE PILLAR

Images by Katie Pillar

Trying to come up with a good rat pun has been plaguing me for some time, enjoy these fun facts!

Australia Water Rats have the unique ability to consume Cane Toads – an introduced pest of Australia. They have learnt to avoid the poison glands by flipping the toad over and eating the belly. To prepare their meal they remove and discard of the gallbladder, containing poison, and wash their meal in water to remove excess toxins. Bon appetite.

These rats have adapted to aquatic life with slightly webbed hind feet and a thick, waterproof coat of fur. They have an abundance of sensory whiskers on their face which help them navigate through water as they hunt, along with sight and memories of previous catch locations.

Being carnivorous, they rely on a wide variety of crustaceans, fish and aquatic insects to make up their diet. This means that if they are present, there must be a diverse range of wildlife available to support them.

They are found all over Australia and Papua New Guinea and can adapt to live in burrows in any permanent body of water, including lakes, ponds, rivers, banks, and have been known to dwell in farm dams especially where there is marron, as they are a desirable food source for Australian Water Rats.

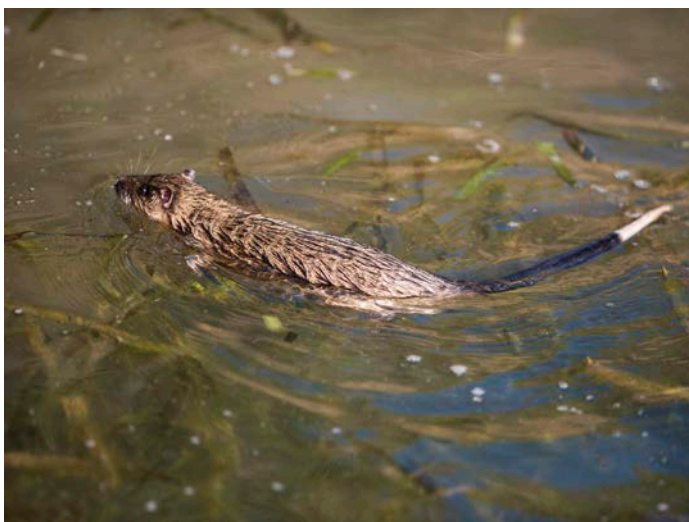
Australian Water Rats are native rodents. Australia has around 60 species of native rodent. They are amphibious mammals, like the platypus.

They can get up to 40cm long, not including the tail. Their thick tails can add 20cm to their length and has a white tip at the end. They weigh between 350 grams and 1.3 kilograms.

When a ban of imported furred skins was placed during the 1930s Depression, the demand for Australian Water Rat pelts increased. The soft Australian Water Rat fur became a popular substitute for American Muskrat fur. In 1938, the native animal became protected under legislation due to being heavily hunted.

The common noongar name for Australian Water Rat's is Rakali (RAH-kuh-lee).

Aww rats! That's the end of the article.



Learn in the
Garden

Worm Farm Workshop

With Alisa Allison from Reconnect to Nature

Learn the basics and take home an
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\$25 per person, \$15 for VCCG Members

Sunday, 16th August, 2026

11am - 2pm

Supplies are provided.
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for more information email
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www.reconnecttonature.com.au

Places limited - Bookings essential

THE TRAVEL RUG

Rozzi In Oz

Theres nothing like a warm winters tale in July as you enjoy the roaring fire in the hearth, this, however, is a true story about a snuggly red travel rug. I was prompted to tell the story as it in view right now, draped over a pine chair in the lounge. The rug had lived its life in our family since 1977! It must be of good quality if its lasted that long; and I can assure our readers it is as warm and wooly as it was at the time it was purchased 49 years ago.



It was during the year of the late Queen Elizabeths Jubilee year that I was fortunate to be granted a British Council Scholarship. My studies in early childhood development took me to Edith Collage in Liverpool. There I met many other international students and became firm friends with one from Ireland and the other from the United State of America. On weekends we found time to tour parts of the British countryside and before our parted ways with myself having to return to sunny South Africa, we decided on a trip further afield – to Scotland! Edinburgh Castle was on our short itinerary as a must to see the changing of the guards and other interesting events and places. A souviner shiop close to the castle caught my eye. Although I can not manage to find mums cousin Margaret who had married a Scotsman, I thought it a good idea to get something special for her and dad. This is where the travel rug started its travels.

The warm red, brown and yellow tartan mohair rug was for mum and the same tartan tam 'o shanter is pure Shetland wool with cheeky black pompom for dad! It did me out of pocket for other little gifts but it was all so much worth it and still is today. The precious rug and cap travelled to Liverpool by train and on the underground rail to London. From there I was on a flight from Heathrow and via Johannesburg to Cape Town. Certainly a great adventure for myself and the souvinirs. Mum was delighted to receive this special gift and immediately wrapped it around her shoulders in spite of the heat of summer in the Southern Hemisphere. Dad sported is cap as well and they were both pleased to receive gifts from abroad.

The tartan mohair rug became know as the 'travel run' because of its long journey across land and sea. Mum enjoyed the rug which came out of the cupboard every winter. Sometimes she covered her knees while watching television and as she grew older, she loved having it covering her feet at the foot of the bed. Mum cared very well for her travel rug and would not allow anyone else to wash it. It was swished around in gent soap suds in cold water to prevent shrinkage and laid down flat in the sun to dry. Then back in the cupboard for the next season. When mum passed on, I inherited the travel rug.

We moved houses several times and of course the rug came along to several areas of the Cape Peninsula and then more than a hundred kilometres away to the Overberg, over two mountain passes and ending up close to the ocean. How our family appreciated the travel rug which had become a family possession by now. It was very handy when sea breezes were cold and

years it remained in her house folded away with other blankets in a linen cupboard.

Gone but not forgotten, our famous, now family owned rug has had a few more adventures. We migrated to Oz in 2009 and had a sea container packed with most of our house contents. Somewhere in the container, probably in a large well sealed box with blankets and bedding, our rug travelled across the vast Indian Ocean to Perth in Western Australia. Six weeks after our arrival the container was delivered to Pemberton, we used our travel rug a great deal and I am sure no explanation is needed as to why it was so handy in this town!

The story doesn't end here. I moved to Jalbarragup nine years later and my trusty travel rug once again came in handy. It held so many memories for me and those early days. As I write this story the years from the time the thoughts come rushing back from the time of purchasing until today. Now staying in Yeagarup in a little cottage on my own, I have warm cuddly friends who keep me warm as I sit on my couch during these cold winter months. I hug my friend who keeps my shoulders warm as I snuggle my face into the soft red mohair. I fondle it lovingly between my fingers and like everything which has its origin somewhere, our gamilys most treasured travel rug reads: made in Scotland, The Edinburgh Woollen Mill, 139, Princess St. Edinburgh.

I trust you have enjoyed this story and think about life long treasure which is and will always be precious to you.

Rozzi in Oz

GIGANTIC ADVENTURES

ARTICLE BY GAYE VAN HAZENDONK

Images by Kaas Van Hazendonk

We were very fortunate on a recent jaunt to the Metro to find both the time and some glorious weather for a little side quest: hunting for Giants in Mandurah.

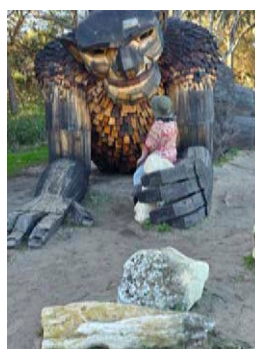
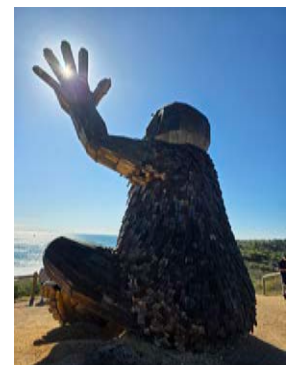
Quite the adventure it was too, especially as we chose not to do it the easy way by simply visiting the local Visitor Centre and picking up a Giants map.

Instead, we set off with a car full of trusty teenage navigators, a reliable and patient driver, and a shared determination to combine our skills and enthusiasm toward the successful outcome of the mission.

And it was totally worth it!

Even a car full of tired teenagers were engaged in the process from start to finish, which is no small achievement. Although we tried, we didn't quite manage to see all of the Giants, so that will have to be a mission for next time.

My advice - If you have not been, go.





Weekend Of Workshops PEMBERTON 2026

10.07.2026 - 13.07.2026

STORY TO SCRIPT- FRIDAY 10TH
DR ROSE FERREL- \$85 PP

CREATIVE CAKES- FRIDAY 10TH
GAIL BARRINGHAM- \$60 PP

FELTED FOOTWARMERS- SATURDAY 11TH
FAYE LLEWELLY- \$75 PP

PAINTING FACES- SUNDAY 12TH
TONY WINDBERG- \$120 PP

TEXTILE COLLAGE & STITCHING- SUNDAY 12TH
LESLEY PARKER- \$125 PP

LEGO CHALLENGE- SAT 11TH & SUN 12TH
PEMBERTON ARTS GROUP- \$40 PP

PERFECT PASTRIES- SUNDAY 12TH
CATHY OSBORNE- \$75 PP

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DR ROSE FERREL- \$85 PP



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Y9/10 DRAMA CAMP



PEMBERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Students at Pemberton District High School have enjoyed a range of exciting learning opportunities throughout Term Two.

A highlight was the Year 9/10 Drama Camp, where students worked alongside professional actor and film school teacher Megan Collier (Aspinall). Through improvisation, script work, character development and filming activities, students gained valuable insight into acting for film while building confidence in their performance skills.

Students from Kindergarten to Year 9 participated in the World of Maths Workshop, a hands-on learning experience that encouraged critical thinking, teamwork and resilience through a variety of engaging challenges and activities. The workshop encouraged students of all abilities to challenge themselves and experience mathematics in new ways.

Our Year 5/6 students further explored STEM learning through a VEX Robotics Workshop, where they developed coding, engineering and problem-solving skills while working collaboratively to complete practical tasks.

PDHS students represented the us proudly at the Interschool Cross Country Competition. Competing against students from twelve schools, our Year 3–6 team demonstrated outstanding determination, resilience and sportsmanship.

Meanwhile, the Year 9/10 Outdoor Education Camp provided students with the opportunity to ride sections of the Munda Biddi Trail, participate in team-building challenges at Donnelly River Village and further develop their mountain biking skills at Tank 7 Mountain Bike Park. Students embraced every challenge and demonstrated excellent teamwork throughout the camp.



K-Y9 WORLD OF MATHS



Y5/6 VEX ROBOTICS



**Y3-6 INTERSCHOOL
CROSS COUNTRY**



Art at St Joseph's



Creativity flourished across all year levels

Art is thriving at St Joseph's, with students from Years 1-6 exploring a range of exciting techniques and creative projects this term.

In Years 1-4, students have been developing their skills in blending and shading, learning how artists create a sense of depth, light, and shadow in their work. To inspire their creativity, students watched captivating videos of life under the ocean, sparking their imaginations and curiosity.

Using a variety of blue and green tones, students experimented with colour blending to create artwork that captured the feeling of being beneath the ocean surface, looking up towards the sunlight shining through the water. To complete their pieces, students carefully drew silhouettes of ocean animals, adding contrast and bringing their underwater scenes to life. The final artworks are vibrant, thoughtful, and truly showcase the students' growing artistic skills.

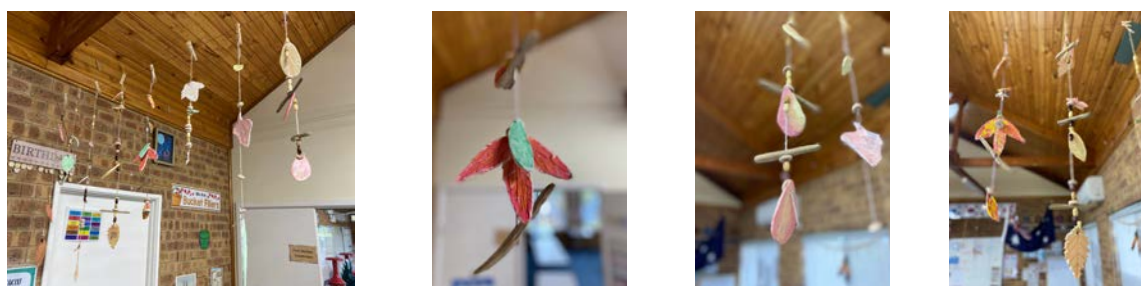


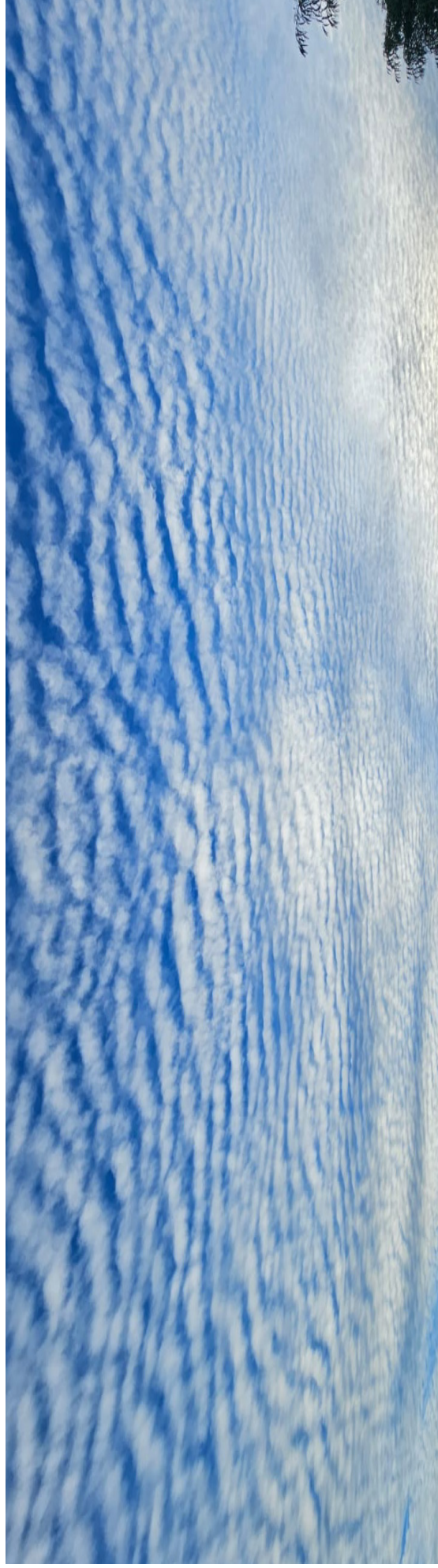
Meanwhile, in Years 5-6, students have been exploring the world of clay art. As part of their learning, they studied and sketched different types of leaves, paying close attention to their shapes, patterns, and fine details.

Inspired by the colours and textures of autumn leaves, students then created their own clay leaf designs. They worked carefully to include the intricate veins of the leaves, while also experimenting with warm autumn colours such as reds, oranges, and browns. These creations have been transformed into beautiful hanging leaf ornaments, designed to resemble leaves gently falling from trees.

The finished pieces are both artistic and meaningful, demonstrating students' attention to detail and their ability to translate natural inspiration into creative work.

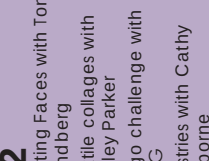
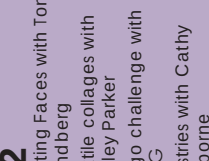
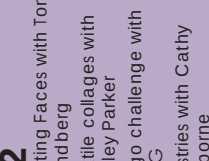
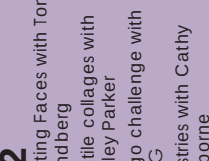
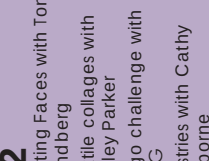
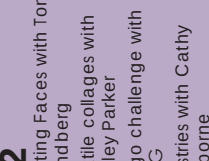
Across all year levels, it has been wonderful to see students building confidence, experimenting with new techniques, and expressing themselves through art. St Joseph's continues to be a place where creativity is celebrated and imagination comes to life.

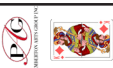
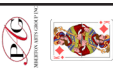




July 2026

Thank you to **Gaye Van Hazendonk** for this months Calendar photo

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY									
 WOW Weekend of Workshops PEMBERTON 2026  Presented by Community Resource Centres	 13 Bonsai Club 9am-12pm @ Manjimup Family Centre Dune Planting @ Windy Harbour Thesplan workshop with Dr.Rose Ferrel	 6 Dune Planting @ Windy Harbour	 7	 8 String art, 10.30 am @ Pemberton Library	 9	 2	 3 School holidays start	 4 Truffle Hunt @ Millgrove Truffles 2-4pm 100 Chawan Exhibition @ Understory Art & Nature Trail Launch 11 am, info@ southernforestarts.com. au for more info	 5	 11 Felted footwarmers with Faye Lewellin	 12 Painting Faces with Tony Windberg Textile collages with Lesley Parker Lego challenge with PAG Pastries with Catny Osborne	 13 WOW Pemberton - see page 13	 18	 19 Latch Hooking Work- shop @ Manji Arts Hub 1-4pm	 5
WOW Pemberton						BYA DnD Winterfest - see pg 9									

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			28	BASIS Clinic @ Pemberton CRC 10am-12pm	29	Electrical industry nights @ Tall Timbers Manjimup 4.30pm	30	Communita Catch Up @ Pemberton CRC 11am-2pm see pg 5 AgriBalance Workshop Manjimup	24	Accidental Councillor Workshop Manjimup Rally 24th-25th July	25		26	

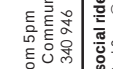
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Coming up in August

4th August Xero Workshop with RSM
16th August Warm farm workshop @ VCCG - see page 11
22nd - 23rd August Balingup Medieval Carnival
26th August Advocacy WA Disability Roadshow
31st August Hard Waste Collection Pemberton Starts - see page 28
7-16th August Nannup Flowers & Gardens Festival
4th July - 16th August 100 Chawan Exhibition - see page 3

Regular Community Events

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Anglican Church Service 1st & 3rd Sun 11:30am Uniting Church, Brockman St, Pemberton Michelle 9776 0371	Craft Group 1st Tues \$5 St Hilda's church Pot 9776 0388	Mill Hall Dance 2nd Sat 7:30pm BYO. Share Supper - \$5 Pemberton Mill Hall Terrie 0439 840 784	PCA - Womens Ride Second Tuesday of the month @ 9am Meeting @ Pemberton Community Hub	Fire and Rescue 1st Sat 2:00pm Pemberton Fire Station Jarnie 0447 165 814	Southerners Home Games Times Vary Pemberton Sports Oval	Uniting Church Service 4th Sun 10:00am Pemberton Uniting Church Tom 9776 1472
All-sorts exercise group Mon 9am \$5 each NB: Not on School Holidays Pemberton Community Sports Club Admin 9776 1066	Art Classes with Tony Windberg Wed @ 7:30pm, Thurs @ 9:30am PAG Art Room - at the HUB Tony 0427 832 032	Badminton (Ladies) Wed @ 9:00am - 11am Pemberton Community Sports Club Evelyn 9776 0332	Boot scooting Thurs 5pm Pemberton Mill Hall Terrie 0439 840 784	CWA Op-Shop Sat 9:00 am - 1:00pm Pemberton CWA Kate 0437 167 198	Karate Sat @ 9am Pemberton Community Sports Club. Bernadette 0457 272 500	MTB Social Ride Sat @ 8:00am Leaving from the Community Hub Mark 0429 384 800
Museum Workshop Thursdays @ 10:0 am - 12pm Pemberton Heritage & History Group Ros 0439 214 393	PAG Arts-in-House Tues & Wed 9:30am PAG Art Room @ the HUB Anna 0439 369 702	Pemberton Golf Club Saturdays @ 12pm Golf links road Club 9776 1455	Pemberton Yoga Collective Mondays 5:30pm - 7:00pm Pemberton CSC - Jarrah room Pemberton CRC 9776 1745	Pemberton Youth Zone Every 2nd Fri @ 5pm - 8pm Pemberton Community Sports Club Admin 9776 1066	Play Group Tues, Thurs @ 9:00 NB: Not on School Holidays Pemberton Community Sports Club crèche Pippa 0401 654 902	Rhyme and Story Time Pemberton Library NB: Not on School Holidays Wednesday 10:30am Sherri 9776 1311
Netball Tuesdays from 5pm Pemberton Community Sports Club Chloe 0417 340 946	Road bike social ride 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sun @ 7:30am Leaving from the Community Hub Christine 0407 774 128	Sacred Heart Catholic Church Wed 10:00am, 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun 8:30, 2nd & 4th Sun 10:30am. Cnr Guppy S & Dean St Manjimup Parish 9771 2873	Social Badminton Adults @ 6pm-7:30pm \$5ea. Pemberton Community Sports Club Vivian 0401 501 941	Solitaire Club - \$2 Tues @ 11:00am Pemberton CRC Pemberton CRC 9776 1745	Snooker Club Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm Pemberton Community Sports Club Renata 0488 760 426	Proudly supported by:  Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development



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

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

WOW Workshops!

The Pemberton CRC will be running their annual Winter WEEKEND OF WORKSHOPS. PAG are delighted to help by running a few fun creative workshops over the weekend.

Remember to keep Friday 10th to Monday 13th July free to add some fantastic workshops to your calendar.

PAG will be hosting:

- Pemberton Arts Lego Challenge
- Painting Faces In Watercolour with Tony Windberg

Information can be found in this newsletter or by contacting the CRC on 9776 1745 or office@pembertoncrc.org.au

Weekly Art Sessions!

Art sessions take place Tuesday and Wednesdays 9.30am-to12.30pm during school terms. \$2 per session which includes tea, coffee and some morning tea. What a fun space to interact with like-minded people, delving into deep and not-so-deep conversations about life and nature and of course how we express ourselves through creativity. Everyone is welcome to come and join us!

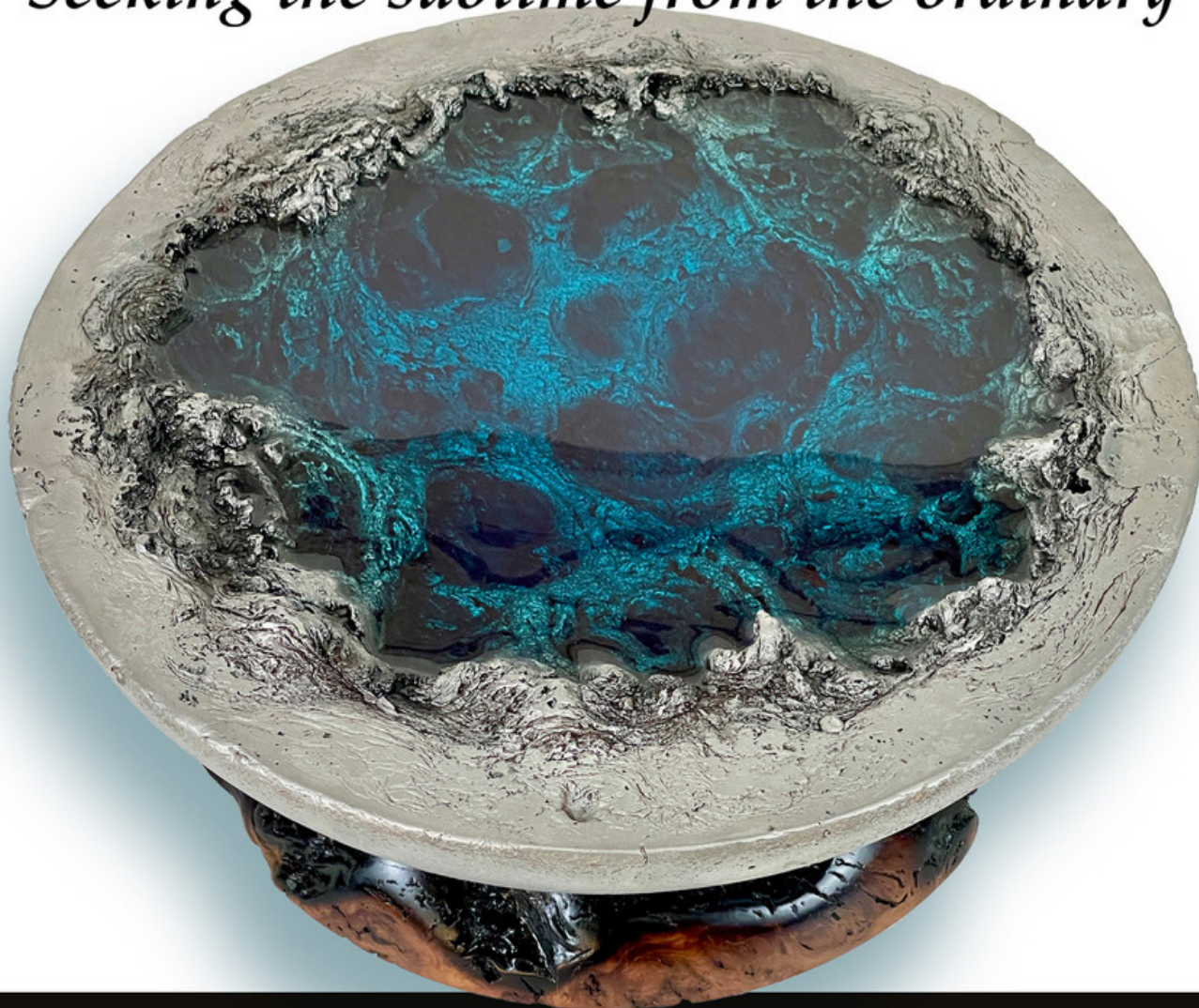
PAG SPRING ART EXHIBITION 26 September to 11 October 2026!

We are pleased to announce the theme of the PAG Spring Art Exhibition is ALCHEMY!. Alchemy is an ancient philosophical and protoscientific tradition that sought to transform base metals into gold, discover cures for diseases and achieve immortality. While historically seen as a mystical practice, it laid the foundational experimental framework that eventually evolved into modern chemistry and pharmacology. A more modern definition is about transformation. We look forward to seeing how artists create art inspired by this exciting theme and seek the sublime from the ordinary. You may see stunning works from artists including Barbara Maumill, Elaine Steele, Paul Fontanini, Lesley Barrett, Dee Credaro, Christine Blowfield and Sue Bradshaw.

**Pemberton Arts Group Inc presents
23rd Annual Spring Exhibition**

'ALCHEMY'

Seeking the sublime from the ordinary



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

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

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

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

Sculpture by Paul Fontanini

Pemberton Cycling Update

Hi everyone,

We're now well into Makuru, the Noongar season of cold fronts and soaking rain, and winter has certainly arrived with plenty of stormy weather keeping both riders and volunteers on their toes.

It has been a busy month on the biking front, highlighted by the recent Pemberton XCO round hosted by PMBC. The inaugural racing in the new Arboretum Trail network was a huge success, with spectators and competitors alike enjoying the new venue. It was fantastic to see so many local riders taking part, with Peter Walker claiming 1st place in E Division and Sean Tysoe riding strongly to secure 3rd place in C Division. The weather on Saturday was an absolute treat and the trails were running exceptionally well thanks to the hard work of our volunteers. Unfortunately, a significant storm on Sunday brought a halt to the second day of racing, but by all accounts the Saturday racing alone was enough to create a memorable race weekend.

A number of local riders also recently completed a Winter Solstice challenge, inspired by our late friend and club member Patrick Trewenack, who sadly passed away earlier this year following a long battle with MND. The challenge was simple: ride as many Pemberton trails as possible in a single day. Some riders managed to tick off every trail in the network, covering an impressive 58 kilometres and 1,600 metres of climbing. The ride was a great success and has already earned a place on next year's calendar.

Further afield, local legend Peter Henley recently returned from France, where he took part in La Médocaine VTT, a unique mountain bike event held in the Médoc wine region near Bordeaux. The event attracts more than 7,000 riders each year and combines riding through vineyards and forests with visits to local châteaux, complete with food, music and wine tastings. Known for its creative costumes and festive atmosphere, the event sounds like a fantastic celebration of both mountain biking and regional culture, and certainly one to add to the bucket list.

As we head deeper into winter and the storms continue to roll through, please remain vigilant when out on the trails. Fallen trees and debris can appear overnight. Keep an eye on our Fresh Trail Friday updates to find out which trails have recently been cleared and are ready for a weekend ride.

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

The PCA Team

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Top: Sean keeping spirits high during the XCO race.

Left: Always a proud sight to see local riders on the podium!



Above: The crew about to set off and tackle as many trails as possible in the Solstice Challenge.



Above, right: French wine and bike riding - Pete's grin says it all!

MTB ride - Saturdays 8.00am

**Women's MTB ride - Sunday
July 12, 9.00am**

Road bike ride - Sundays 7.30am

**All rides meet at Pemberton Visitor
Centre**

**Upcoming events:
Stay tuned!**

SOUTHERN FOREST FOOD COUNCIL

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Pictures by SFFC

Apples

As the apple season winds down across the Southern Forests, the region continues to showcase why it is one of Western Australia's most important apple growing areas, producing around two thirds of the State's apples. Generations of orchard growers across Pemberton and Manjimup help supply fresh apples enjoyed by households throughout WA and beyond.

The Southern Forests is well known for producing a wide range of apple varieties, from sweet Galas and crisp Granny Smiths through to popular late-season favourites like Pink Lady™ and Bravo™.

The region also holds a special place in Australia's apple industry history, with both the Pink Lady and Bravo apples originally bred and developed right here in Western Australia's Southern Forests region, a pretty remarkable achievement considering the global popularity of both varieties today.

Thanks to the region's cool climate and rich soils, Southern Forests apples are renowned for their crunch, colour and flavour, making them a standout favourite throughout autumn and beyond.

Fox family



For three generations, the Fox family have been part of the orchard growing history that has

helped shape Pemberton and the Southern Forests region. Farming amongst the rolling hills of Pemberton, the family continue a legacy built on hard work, innovation and a strong connection to the land.

Over the decades, the orchard has evolved alongside the family itself, from introducing new apple varieties and modern growing practices through to adapting for changing consumer tastes and farming conditions. Today, Michael and Kaye Fox work alongside sons Mat and Trent as the next chapter of the family story continues to grow.

Their story offers a glimpse into the people behind Southern Forests produce and the generations of knowledge helping shape the future of farming in the region.

Truffle kerfuffle

Truffle Kerfuffle is back on the menu in 2026! They are just serving it up a little differently...

This year, the Truffle Kerfuffle returns with a series of curated dining experiences celebrating fresh Manjimup black truffle across both Manjimup and Perth.

The much-loved Fonty's Pool long table dinners return on 26-27 June, before the Truffle Kerfuffle heads to Perth for the very first time with an exclusive Dinner Series across four iconic venues throughout July.

Expect truffle-laden feasts, chef collaborations, long lunches, and indulgent winter dining experiences built around one of WA's most prized seasonal ingredients. Tickets are on sale now, with some events already selling out.

Recipe Apple turnover

Looking for an easy dessert to warm the soul this season? Let sweet Southern Forests apples shine in this simple, golden apple turnover recipe the whole family will love.

Serves 16

INGREDIENTS

- 2 large Genuinely Southern Forests apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 1 tablespoon raw sugar
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 4 sheets of puff pastry
- 2 free range eggs
- 1 tablespoon raw sugar mixed with 1 teaspoon cinnamon

METHOD

1. Preheat oven/air fryer to 180°C.
2. Defrost 4 sheets of puff pastry.
3. Place half the apples into a saucepan with the sugar and a small dash of water. Cook until softened.
4. Add the remaining apples, butter and cinnamon. Cook until fragrant and lightly caramelised, then set aside to cool.
5. While the apple mixture cools, cut the puff pastry into rectangles approximately 10cm x 5cm.
6. Spoon 2 teaspoons of apple mixture onto one half of each pastry rectangle.
7. Beat the eggs and brush along the pastry edges. Fold the pastry over the apple mixture and press gently to seal.
8. Use a fork to crimp around the edges for a firm seal.
9. Lightly prick the top of each turnover with a fork, brush with egg wash and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar.
10. Bake in the oven or air fryer for 10 minutes.
11. Carefully turn over and cook for a further 5 minutes until golden and crisp.
12. Enjoy warm on their own, served with custard, or cooled for an anytime sweet treat.



Accessing Government Info

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

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

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

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





Department of
Primary Industries and
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Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

July 2026

European wasps – close of season



European wasps swarm a raw fish lure, carrying pieces straight back to their nests. Staff track this flight path to locate the nest.

The war against European wasps has been raging in the regions of WA.

The 2025-26 European wasp (*Vespula germanica*) surveillance season has wrapped up, with teams locating and destroying 73 nests across WA. More than half were found in regional areas, with surveillance spanning Geraldton, Hyden (Wave Rock), Bunbury, and the Albany region.

The Perth metropolitan area recorded 34 nests across 11 local government areas, with most clustered around industrial and commercial precincts. More than 2,800 surveillance traps were deployed to detect and delimit areas of activity.

Sixty traps were strategically deployed across Geraldton, with no nests detected. Geraldton remains a surveillance priority due to individual wasp detections and historical nest sites. In Bunbury, 100 traps were deployed and one nest located in Picton. A single nest was also found in Hyden (Wave Rock) following a public report. Both areas remain a priority area of concern.

The southern front remains active in the Albany region. Near the port, across Mira Mar, Mt Clarence and Yakamia, 15 nests were found and destroyed. Another 22 nests were eradicated in Napier, about

20 km north of Albany. More than 500 traps covered these areas. The Napier activity began in the 2023-24 season after a confirmed public sighting, and surveillance will continue next season with the same goal: detect, locate and eradicate every incursion.

Incursion pathways

European wasps are skilled hitchhikers. Fertilised queens can slip into the smallest gaps in pallets, freight, machinery, cars and caravans. Most nests appear in industrial precincts, but detections in port cities and tourist hotspots suggest queens are arriving in cargo or with interstate travellers towing caravans or equipment.

Look, report, adopt a trap!

Dedicated personnel, strong public reporting and detections from community 'Adopt-a-trap' participants are all helping in the fight against European wasps. With ongoing incursions from the eastern states and potentially overseas, we cannot drop our guard. Vigilance remains essential, particularly in port cities, industrial and commercial precincts, and tourist hotspots.

For more information about the eradication program, how to identify European wasps or how you can adopt and monitor your own surveillance trap, search online for '[DPIRD European wasps](#)' or contact our Pest and Disease Information Service.



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Why home fire safety matters

Many house fires start from everyday activities and escalate quickly. Increasingly, fires are also linked to modern household products such as battery-powered devices and electrical items.

Simple actions, safe behaviours and choosing the right products can significantly reduce the risk.

Electrical and battery safety at home

Modern homes rely on more electrical devices than ever before, including products powered by lithium-ion batteries such as power tools, e-scooters, power banks and mobility devices.

To reduce risk:

- Avoid overloading power boards and outlets
- Replace damaged cords or appliances
- Only use chargers designed for your devices
- Avoid charging devices overnight or when unattended
- Do not use damaged or swollen batteries
- Avoid mixing incompatible chargers and batteries
- Be cautious when purchasing electrical products or batteries online, some may not meet Australian safety standards

Use heaters safely

Heaters are a common cause of winter fires if not used correctly.

- Keep heaters at least one metre away from furniture, bedding and clothing
- Never dry clothes on heaters
- Turn heaters off before leaving the house or going to bed
- Check cords and plugs before use

Also take care with other winter items such as:

- Electric blankets
- Wheat bags
- Portable or decorative heaters

Ensure these products are in good condition and used according to instructions.

Kitchen safety

Cooking is one of the leading causes of house fires.

Never leave cooking unattended

Keep anything that can catch fire away from the stove, like tea towels, paper and loose clothing

Turn off appliances when finished

Plan to get out safely

If a fire starts, having a plan to get out can make all the difference.

- Talk about your escape plan with everyone in your home

- Have more than one way out of each room
- Choose a safe place to meet outside
- Get out straight away if there is a fire
- Call 000 once you are outside
- Do not go back inside a burning building for any reason

Let's take action this month

- Look around your home for fire risks
- Move anything that can catch fire away from heaters
- Check cords, chargers and batteries for damage
- Make sure everyone in the household knows how to get out safely if a fire starts

Small actions can help prevent fires at home this winter.



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| ✓ Make sure everything is at least a metre from the heater. | ✓ Check your heaters once a year. Worn out electrical cords or plugs should be replaced immediately. |
| ✓ Never leave children unsupervised near heaters. | ✓ Always plug heaters directly into permanent power points and never overload power points and power boards. |
| ✓ Only use heaters that meet approved Australian standards. | ✓ Turn off electric blankets before going to bed. |
| ✓ Never leave heaters unattended or on overnight. | |

For more information visit dfes.wa.gov.au





Know the symptoms of bowel cancer to Find Cancer Early

Bowel cancer is one of the most common cancers affecting both women and men in Western Australia. Unfortunately, in 2021, 1342 West Australians were diagnosed with bowel cancer and 437 people died from the disease. Behind every statistic is a person, a family and a community. That's why recognising the symptoms and getting them checked as soon as possible is so important. The earlier bowel cancer is found, the more treatment options are available and the better the chances of survival.

Common symptoms of bowel cancer include:

- Blood in your poo (even just one time)

Or if it lasts for at least four weeks:

- A change in your normal bowel habit, such as runny poo, pooing more often or finding it hard to poo.
- A new pain, lump or swelling in your tummy.
- Feeling tired or looking pale.
- Losing weight without trying.

If you have noticed anything unusual, tell your doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker without delay. It doesn't mean you've got bowel cancer, often these symptoms turn out to be something less serious, but it's important to tell your health professional and get checked out to be safe.

For more information about cancer symptoms, visit: www.findcancerearly.com.au or call the **Cancer Council Information and Support Line on 13 11 20**.

Ditch the booze in July to help those affected by cancer

Sign up to Dry July 2026 and quit alcohol for the month, in a bid to raise much-needed funds for the 13 11 20 Cancer Information and Support Line for all Australians affected by cancer.

Alcohol causes seven types of cancer, including mouth, pharynx, larynx, oesophagus, liver, bowel and breast cancer in women. New research shows that around 7800 cancer cases in Australia each year are caused by alcohol use, and alcohol is responsible for around 4.6 per cent of all cancer cases nationally.

There is no safe level of alcohol consumption when it comes to cancer risk. Any level of drinking increases your risk, and the more you drink, the greater the risk. Reducing your alcohol intake reduces your risk. For cancer prevention, the safest option is not to drink alcohol.

To sign up to Dry July and support Cancer Council visit
<https://www.dryjuly.com/cancercouncil>

WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE



What We Need to Know About Nutrition

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
July 2026

We all know that there is a mountain of information available about nutrition, diets and food. It would be impossible to cover all the necessary information in one article so instead we'll talk about finding what works for each of us as individuals. The problem these days is deciphering which information is accurate and perhaps more importantly which information applies to us in our lives. It's vital to our health and wellbeing that we get the right information and apply it consistently. To do otherwise is selling ourselves short.



The thing to remember about health and wellbeing is that it is a holistic system, meaning that all aspects of our health have flow on effects to other important areas of wellbeing. This is especially true for diet which controls so many aspects of our health. Eating the correct amount of the right food directly improves our energy levels, concentration, physical appearance, mood, immune system and sleep. It also makes it easier to stay at a healthy weight and live longer without the adverse effects of high blood pressure, high cholesterol, a higher risk for numerous diseases and a weakened immune system. Most of us have been hearing about things like this since we were kids, remember the food pyramid and other public health campaigns?

While farmers and other physical workers who are

often on the move may have higher energy requirements from their food than office workers (that do very little physical activity) it is still clear that some foods cause us harm, regardless of how tasty they are or how much energy they give us. Unfortunately, these foods often happen to be among the cheapest, the tastiest and to some people, the most addictive. While food science is constantly changing there are some things that have always been a good idea; that is to eat a lot of healthy fish, meats and vegetables (especially leafy greens which blokes have trouble with sometimes, preferring meat with a side of meat) and avoiding highly processed food that comes with all sorts of additives and often excess salt and sugar.

The trouble however is that except for these staples, every time we look at a magazine, internet article or read a book on nutrition a large part of the public and scientific opinion seems to have changed almost overnight. Whether it's low fat and high carb or suddenly no sugar, low carb and high fat or any other combination we all know there will be someone credible disputing it in no time. It also certainly doesn't make things any simpler that everyone has their own individual requirements based on genetics but also on the daily activity.

The answer is that instead of dealing with nutrition as a group, individuals will have to discover what works for them personally so that they can take responsibility for their own wellbeing. Ways to do that include asking advice from a GP, dietitian or nutritionist, getting blood tests regularly to determine what nutrients are lacking. As well as regularly getting health checks to see if what we're currently doing is working for us and of course trial and error with the fundamental principle of moderation in all things at its heart.

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🎧 Working with Warriors Podcast

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Why making health education fun may be the key to helping kids build lifelong healthy habits.

For many parents, constantly reminding children to eat your vegetables, drink more water or spend less time on screens can feel like a daily battle, with much of the advice often going in one ear and out the other. Health experts say traditional health messaging can sometimes feel overly clinical, repetitive or lecture-driven for children, making it difficult for healthy habits to truly stick. Increasingly, interactive and ‘gamified’ education approaches are being recognised as an effective way to help children engage with health information in a way that feels fun, practical and empowering rather than overwhelming.



Mum Salome with daughter Isla, 6yrs

With only 4.6% of Australian children meeting the recommended daily vegetable intake guidelines, experts say involving children directly in hands-on learning and achievable lifestyle changes may play an important role in building lifelong healthy habits.

WA mum, Salome, joined the [Better Health Program](#) looking for support with her six-year-old daughter Isla’s eating habits but says one of the biggest surprises was how much Isla genuinely enjoyed learning about health.

“All topics in the program were made fun for her to actually feel part of the

“The program was straightforward and easy to do with my daughter.”

Through games, practical activities, and child-friendly learning, Salome says Isla became more engaged in healthier routines at home, including reducing sugary and processed foods, eating more vegetables, drinking more water, prioritizing daily physical activity and eating meals together as a family. Health experts say children often disengage from health messaging when it feels shame-based or overly restrictive, while interactive learning can improve understanding, confidence and long-term behaviour change.

The Better Health Program is free and funded by the WA Department of Health and supports West Aussie families to build healthier habits together through practical education, nutrition guidance and achievable lifestyle changes.

Interviews available with:

- Salome, WA mum and Better Health Program participant
- Better Health Company experts available for comment on children's behaviour change and family health habits.

Better Health Company is a health promoting organisation designing and delivering evidence based healthy lifestyle solutions.

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Waste Management

Annual Vergeside Hard Waste Collection August / September 2026

The Shire of Manjimup provides a free annual hard waste collection service.

♦ **This service is only available to domestic properties which have an existing regular kerbside rubbish bin collection service.**

♦ The service will collect:

- ☒ old furniture
- ☒ mattresses
- ☒ carpet, lino
- ☒ other household hard waste
- ☒ air-conditioners and other whitegoods
- ☒ scrap metal of manageable size & weight

♦ **Refrigerators and freezers MUST have doors completely removed before being placed on the verge.**

♦ The service will NOT collect:

- ☒ general domestic waste (food scraps etc)
- ☒ asbestos
- ☒ e-waste (TVs, stereos, any electronics)
- ☒ any type of battery or light tube or globe
- ☒ gas cylinders, other hazardous materials
- ☒ green waste (lawn clippings or tree limbs)
- ☒ liquid waste (oils, paints, chemicals etc)
- ☒ building materials (cement, bricks, rubble and renovation discards)
- ☒ crates, pallets, shopping trolleys
- ☒ vehicle tyres or vehicle batteries

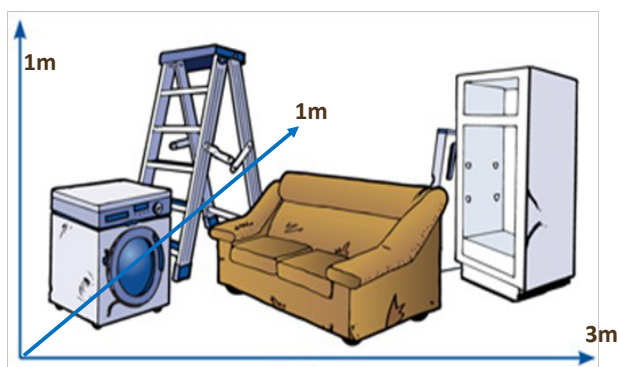
♦ Under the **Shire of Manjimup Waste Local Law 2022**:

- ♦ hard waste material must not be put on the verge outside of the dates, volumes, dimensions or position specified here;
- ♦ hard waste material placed on the verge must not be removed by a person for financial gain but may be removed by a private person for a private purpose; and
- ♦ no person may move, tamper with or disassemble any waste material placed on the verge in any way which may increase the risk of harm to any other person or affect the efficient removal of waste material by the Shire's contractor.

Hard waste collections start:

Manjimup	from Monday 24/08/2026
Deanmill	
Jardee	
Palgarup	
Northcliffe	from Monday 31/08/2026
Windy Harbour	
Pemberton	
Browns Road	
Quinninup	
Walpole	

- ♦ Put your items out on your verge **not more than two weeks** before your town's collection start date.
- ♦ Do not put items out on or after the Monday start date for collection in your town as it may not be collected.
- ♦ Ensure your hard waste does not obstruct the footpath for pedestrians or lines of sight for drivers.
- ♦ Each household's waste items must be placed only on their own section of verge; households shall not add their waste to another property's verge area.
- ♦ A maximum of 3 cubic metres (1m x 1m x 3m) may be collected per property. Properties with more than this amount will have to make private arrangements to have their waste removed. Items longer than 2m will not be collected.



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



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	PYC Yoga	5:00 pm
TUESDAY 	Playgroup	9:00 am
	Netball	6:00 pm
	Junior & Senior Footy Training	6:00 pm
	Ladies Darts	7:30 pm
WEDNESDAY 	Ladies Badminton	9:00 am
	Social Badminton	6:00 pm
	Snooker	6:30 pm
	Men's Darts	7:00 pm
THURSDAY 	Playgroup	9:00 am
	Junior & Senior Footy Training	From 4:30 pm
SATURDAY 	Karate	8:00 am

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July Yoga Classes

6th July 2026

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27th July 2026

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ANOTHER FOND FAREWELL

ARTICLE BY GAYE VAN HAZENDONK

Images from pixabay

In May 2023, three newly fledged yoga teachers came together to gain experience sharing their skills with the Pemberton Community.

It was a daunting task for brand-new teachers, especially without a mentor. Thankfully, Esther Mills soon arrived on the scene — an experienced yoga teacher with a calm, reliable presence — and our little group grew from three to four.

Now, after three wonderful years of supporting the Pemberton Yoga Collective, Esther is taking time to focus on her own pursuits.

It is important to acknowledge that most of the teachers provide their services on a voluntary basis, with class fees going towards charitable donations, teacher insurance and professional development. Since May 2023, the Pemberton Yoga Collective has delivered 150 regular classes for a wide range of community members and groups.

We would like to sincerely thank Esther for her hard work, dedication and unwavering support. Her guidance has helped ensure the continuation of local yoga classes while giving new teachers the space to learn, grow and build their confidence.

As Esther moves on to her next chapter, we are now looking for new — or greatly experienced — teachers to join the fold at the Pemberton Yoga Collective.

All yoga styles and philosophies are welcome, especially kindness.

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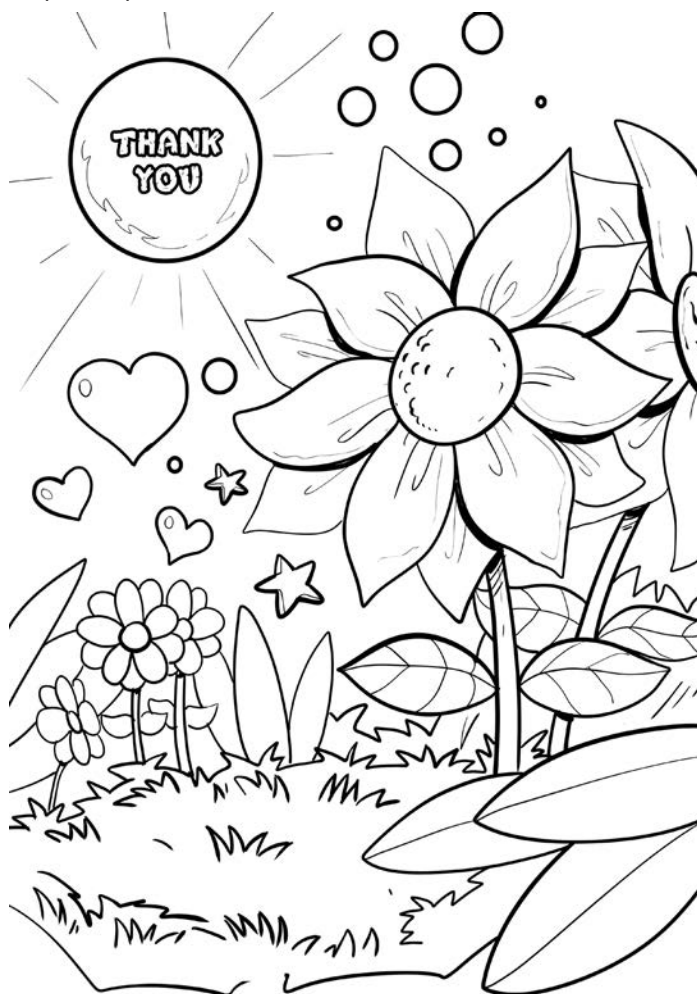
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Manjimup Shire Bulletin

July 2026



SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's been a busy couple of weeks for the Shire of Manjimup.

First, it is with deep sadness that I acknowledge the passing of Susanne Peet. Susanne was a much-loved member of the community, a former Shire employee and had recently accepted the position of Councillor for the Rural Ward of the Shire of Manjimup. Susanne was deeply respected and known for her work supporting others to build resilience and for her commitment to strengthening communities. On behalf of Council and the community, we extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends and all who knew her, during this difficult time.

On Friday 12 June at the Western Australian Local Government Association Awards, our CEO, Mr Ben Rose, took home a Merit Award. This award recognises the contributions of staff and councillors who have demonstrated sustained service and commitment to the sector, their organisations and the communities in which they serve.

Just 10 days later on Monday 22 June, our Director of Infrastructure Services, Mrs Catherine Mills, was awarded the Women in Local Government Award. This national award recognises the outstanding work of women who are making a positive difference to their local government and community. If you see Ben and Catherine around town, please join me in congratulating them on their outstanding achievements.

I recently attended a presentation by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development on the management direction for the Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer and its implications for local government. This followed what was, at times, quite a robust discussion. Discussed was the service and financial implications for our Shire, should that little bug come our way, and the imperative need to ensure it doesn't!

Finally, a sincere congratulations to CR Burns and his wife, who welcomed a new member to their family on 23 June 2026. We wish their family all the very best with their new addition.

As always,
Stay safe and chat soon.

Donelle Buegge
Shire President

2026 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

SHIRE NEWS / WHAT'S ON

Shire's Director Infrastructure Services, Catherine Mills, wins prestigious National Award

As touched on in the Shire President's message, we are very proud to celebrate our Director of Infrastructure Services, Catherine Mills, for taking home the prestigious 'Women in Local Government' Award at the 2026 National Awards for Local Government in Canberra on Monday 22 June. The award recognises her outstanding leadership, commitment to gender equity, and significant contribution to local government. Since returning to the Shire in 2025, Catherine has led a positive transformation within the Infrastructure Services team while delivering major projects across the region. This award recognises not only Catherine's professional achievements and leadership, but also her commitment to creating positive outcomes for regional communities.



School Holiday workshops at Shire libraries

There are a range of free childrens workshops on offer across Manjimup, Pemberton, Walpole and Northcliffe Libraries, including String Art, LEGO Club and Colourful forest animal masks. Whether your child is a master builder, budding artist or future forest creature, there's something for everyone. Visit the Shire website for full details.

"Brushes With Nature" Exhibition 27 Jun - 31 Jul

The *Brushes With Nature* exhibition at the Manjimup Art Gallery features the work of two former locals – Rick Sneeuwjagt and John Kaye. John and Rick worked together as foresters in the late 70s and early 80s with Rick based in Manjimup and John in Walpole. Their landscapes, created in acrylics and oils, are particularly distinctive as they

are inspired by places that are familiar to our region.

Increase in use of private land by Hipcamp users

If you're thinking about allowing people to camp on your private property for a fee, it's important to check with the Shire first. In many cases, charging for camping means the use may be considered a campground, caravan park or short-stay accommodation, which can require approvals.

Depending on the circumstances, you may need development approval and be required to meet health, sanitation, fire safety and access standards.

Operating paid camping without the necessary approvals could result in enforcement action or fines. If you're considering offering paid camping on your property, we encourage you to contact the Shire before advertising or welcoming campers, so we can help you understand what approvals may be required.

Upgrades to Community playgrounds!

We are pleased to announce the completion of playground upgrades at Cole Street, finalised in April 2026 (left photo below).

The old swing set has been replaced with a new, enclosed triple swing, providing a safer and more enjoyable space for children and families. Upgrades have also been completed at the Lintott Street Playground (right photo below), where a new soft fall base has been installed along with a modern climbing tower with slide and a new swing. Completed in April 2026, these improvements enhance play opportunities and safety for local residents.



Antenno's new look!

The app that the Shire use to provide the community with local updates and news, Antenno, will have a new look come 11 July.

All that will be changing is the visual look of the app - you can say goodbye to orange and look out for a brand new purple theme!

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Cr Andy Burns: 0467 511 867

Cr Jennifer Willcox: 0400 504 095

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Cr Jayde Darin: 0422 070 195

Cr Wade De Campo: 0427 094 081

Cr Steve Miolin, Deputy Shire President: 0428 671 552

Cr Heidi Tempa: 0407 193 761

Pemberton Waste Transfer Station

104 Pemberton Northcliffe Rd, Yeagarup

Wednesday: 11:00am - 5:00pm

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

SHIRE CALENDAR

Library Storytime

Manjimup - Friday 10:30am

Northcliffe - Monday 10:00am

Pemberton - Wednesday 10:30am

Walpole - Alternate Fridays 10:00am

Council Meetings

The next Council Meeting will commence at 5:30 pm on 29 July at the Pemberton Sports Club.

Pemberton Library

61 Brockman Street - 9776 1311

Wednesday 9:00am - 1:30pm

Thursday 9:30am-12:30pm

Friday 1:00pm - 5:00pm, Saturday 9:00pm - 12:00pm

AquaCentre

Check out the extensive group fitness and swim school programs on the website.

MHCC Activities

Boronia Club - 10:00am to 2:00pm Mon and Thu

Over 50 Exercise Group: 9:00am to 10:00am Tue and Thu

Tai Chi: 10:30am to 11:30am Wednesday

Bingo: 1:00pm to 3:00pm Thursday



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The Shire of Manjimup respectfully acknowledges the Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands in which we work throughout the region and we pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

