



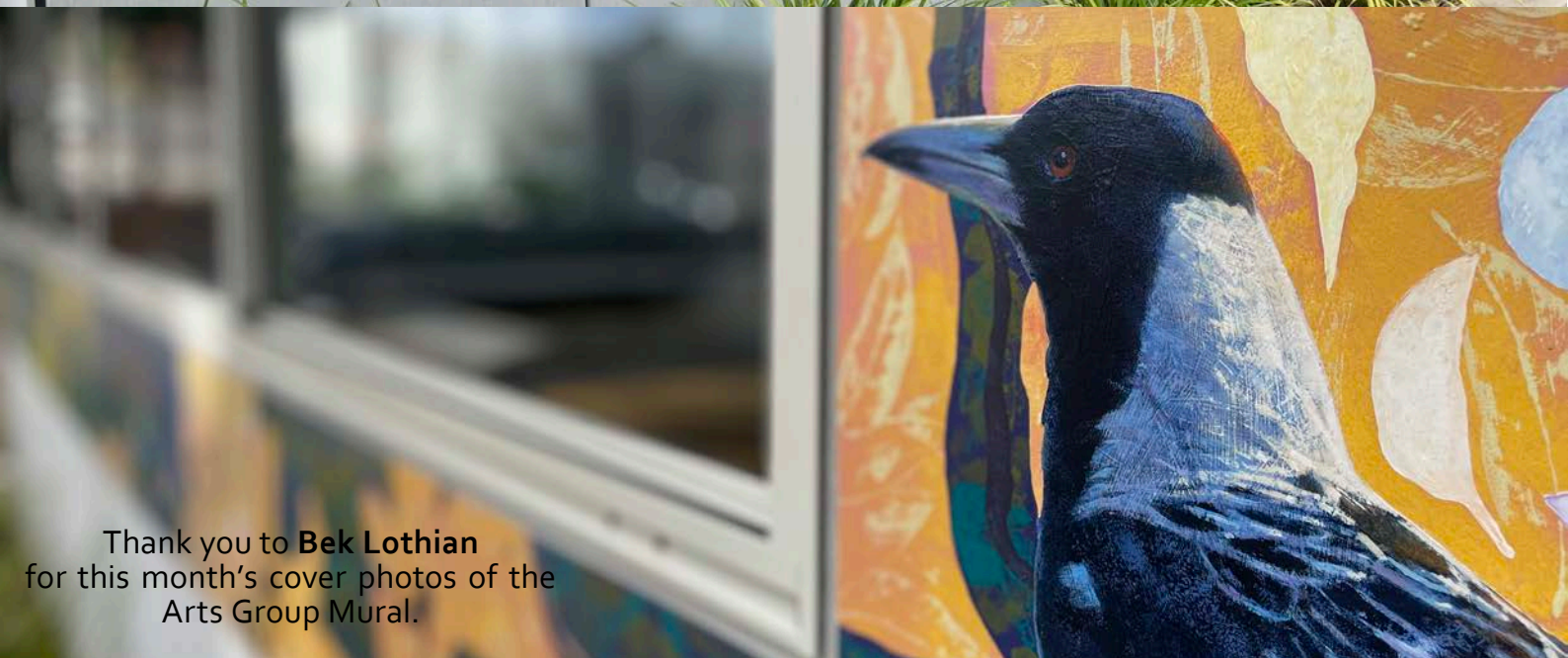
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Do you have an interest, article, advert or information on an event, sporting or community group?

Send all contributions in to

pcn@pembertoncra.org.au

Deadline is 26th of the month

EDITORIAL

Just when it feels like things are finally running smoothly—when the weekly groceries are covered, the rent or mortgage is paid, and there's just enough left over for a pint or a coffee with a friend—something changes. This time, it's the cost of fuel.

Almost overnight, prices have surged to the point where even a simple drive to town feels like a luxury. For many, it's time to dust off the old helmet, pump up the bike tyres, and rethink how we get around.

We count ourselves lucky in many ways. We are far removed from the conflicts and fuel crises driving these increases, with the power plays and plans of the 1% having little to do with us—the people. But distance has always been a defining feature of life in our region, and when fuel climbs beyond \$3 per litre, that distance becomes more than an inconvenience—it becomes a struggle.

For farmers, it's another hit in an already demanding and sometimes fickle industry. Getting produce to market and accessing essential services becomes more costly by the day. For pensioners, the challenge is even greater—how do you make it to appointments or run basic errands when every kilometre comes at a premium? And for our volunteer services, already stretched thin, the strain is almost unimaginable. These are the people we rely on in times of need, and rising fuel costs only make their job harder.

Not to mention the Mums and Dads who have to ferry their children from pillar to post—not only for school, but for sport and other commitments as well.

It's worth acknowledging, too, the quiet resilience within the community. Unlike during the pandemic, we haven't seen widespread panic buying or hoarding. Most people have shown common sense and consideration for others, and that deserves recognition. At the same time, there are still those whose actions—whether it's stockpiling fuel or locking down supplies—create unnecessary tension and mistrust. In small communities, that kind of behaviour is felt more deeply.

It would be comforting to offer solutions or words of certainty, but the truth is, many of us are navigating unfamiliar territory. Decisions made far beyond our control—often by those far removed from everyday realities—continue to shape the cost of simply living.

Perhaps the best we can do is shift our perspective to gratitude. Many of us have family members—parents or grandparents—who lived through times of rationing, hardship, and uncertainty. Their experiences remind us that resilience is not new, and neither is community.

Back to bottling, pickling and preserving. Making do, going without, sharing what we have, and carpooling when we can.

We may not have all the answers, but we do have each other. And in times like these, gratitude becomes more than a sentiment—it becomes a necessity. Gratitude for food on the table, for friends and neighbours who care, and for a roof overhead. Especially on the days when the pressure feels greatest, it's worth remembering that these are no small things.

Stay safe, stay sane—and good luck getting around.

Gaye



Manjimup's DARK CORNERS

the future of history

True tales told on an immersive night walk through soundscape, projection, and live theatre.

SETTLERS HOUSE



\$25.00
23-26 April
6:30 PM - 7:20 PM
Manjimup Heritage Park



BOOK TICKETS

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REGIONAL ARTS WA
MANJIMUP
GENEROSITY ARTS
GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
SOUTHERN FORESTS & VALLEYS
lotterywest

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS YOUTH WEEK

SKATE PARK JAM

Pemberton Skate Park, Club Road, PEMBERTON

10/4/2026
12pm - 4pm
9776 1745

10+
\$15

Party and Skate!

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




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PEMBERTON ARTS GROUP INC
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SHIRE OF MANJIMUP
REGIONAL ARTS WA

PEMBERTON HOTEL

Happy Hour

Public Bar: Wed 5-6pm, 7pm Jackpot Draw, Happy Hour Friday 6-7pm

Centenary weekend 24-26th!

20 APR **JEFFRO. 5-8PM**
WED 1ST & SAT 4TH

26 APR 05 **LIGHTNIN' JACK**
SUN 12-3 PM

10 APR **SHENAI JOHNSTON**
FRI 5-8 PM

17 APR **ROB V**
FRI 5-8 PM

24 APR **OLIVE MAE**
FRI 5-8:30PM

25 APR **SHENAI JOHNSTON**
SAT 1-4 PM

25 APR **JONELLE GROKOWSKI DUO**
SAT 5:30-8:30PM

26 APR **LIGHTNIN' JACK**
SUN 12-3PM

POOL LEAGUE
MONDAYS 6PM

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



SCULPTURE IN THE VINES

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

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

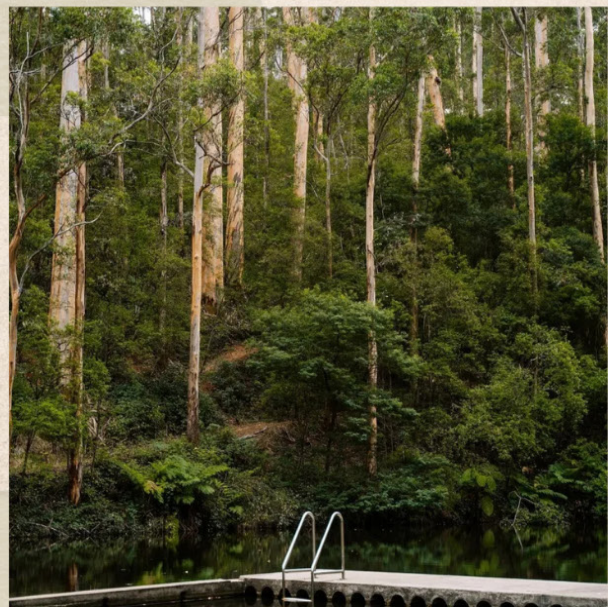
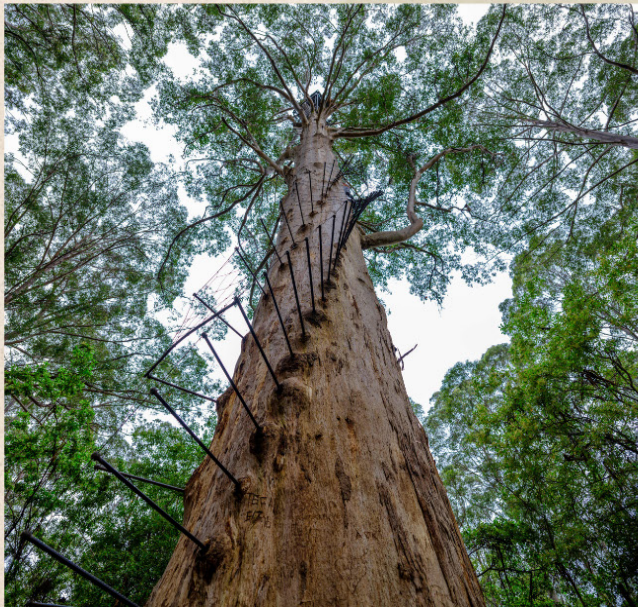
Entries close Saturday 21st March 2026

Artist information and entry form available at:

www.pembertonartsgroup.org.au

Galleries of previous years:

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



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!!



PEMBERTON CRC

9776 1745

pcn@pembertoncrc.org.au

NIGHT STALK



Join SFCL at Manjimup Timber Heritage Park for a thrilling night walk into the hidden world of nocturnal wildlife. Spot sparkling wolf spider eyes, glowing huntsman spiders, and fluorescent scorpions lighting up electric blue under special torches. Tune in to microbats with bat detectors, then go completely dark as we try to lure in a barn owl – listen for its spine-tingling screech echoing through the night. A fun and fascinating, experience for curious kids and adventurous adults alike!

WHEN: 15th April 2026

WHERE: Manjimup Timber Heritage Park, meet at Southern Forests Community Landcare on Edward's St side of the park.

TIME: 6pm start

WHO: Anyone that can hold a torch. All children must be supervised by an adult.

COST: Free

RSVP: Bookings essential. Contact Katrina.zemke@warrenc.org.au to register.

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Flight to Freedom

BY STUART HALUSZ & MYLES POLLARD

FEATURING MYLES POLLARD, TADHG LAWRENCE & TARAN KNIGHT

Saturday May 30th

Bridgetown Town Hall

Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start

BUY TICKETS ONLINE:

Adult Early Bird (May 1st): \$35

Concession Early Bird (May 1st): \$30

Child 12 years - 17 years: \$15

Adult: \$40

Concession: \$35



Recommended for 12 years - 100 years
Duration: 105 minutes plus Q & A. No interval.

Pemberton Arts Group Inc presents

Pemberton Art Prize 2026



REFLECTION



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

2D and small 3D works

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

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

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

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

Mona & Torsten Ketelsen



Pemberton Visitor Centre

- An update from the Chair



Pemberton is once again in the WA Tiny Tourism Town Awards, and we would love your support by voting for us.



Voting is only open for a short time from the 2nd April — please take a moment to vote using the link below and share it. It genuinely helps put Pemberton on the map. www.toptourismtownwa.com.au

It has been a busy start to 2026 for the Pemberton Visitor Centre.

We have focused on strengthening our team, welcoming several new Board members and Lorretta to our front of house. Kelly and Leanne continue to represent the centre day-to-day, with Pei Chen supporting operations as Finance Officer.

Board member Anne-Marie Piper has led marketing and promotion, including social media, website updates, progressing a refreshed Pemberton brand, and coordinating our awards submission.

The Pemberton Caravan Park, managed by Jason and Michaela, continues to deliver a strong visitor experience and remains the financial backbone of the Visitor Centre. Ongoing improvements are underway, with longer-term upgrades now being planned.



The Pemberton Pool and surrounding forest park remain one of our most significant responsibilities. The site has recently experienced significant vandalism, including damage to trees. This matter is under police investigation and we are unable to comment further. The pool is temporarily closed while remediation works are undertaken.

Maintaining and improving the pool precinct continues to place pressure on available funding. The Board has committed to upgrading the pool carpark using caravan park revenue, with contractors now engaged to undertake the works.

The floating sauna project is progressing and is expected to commence its 12-month trial in the coming months.

We continue to support the region's trail and nature-based tourism opportunities, including the opening of the Karri Trails and ongoing advocacy for the reopening of the Gloucester Tree. These remain key drawcards for Pemberton.

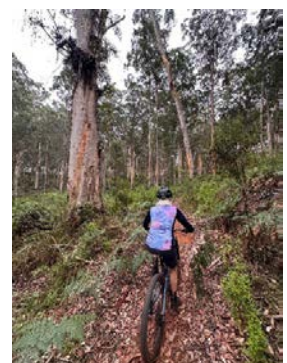
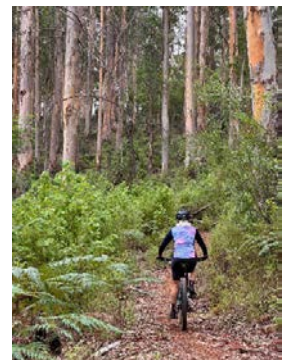
Within the Visitor Centre, improvements continue, including the installation of an automatic door and internal works to improve access and functionality.

The Visitor Centre also provides services beyond local information, including Transwa bookings and assistance with Perth accommodation for residents needing to travel.

With Easter approaching, we expect strong visitation across the region. While fuel prices may influence travel plans, Pemberton remains a popular choice for a close-to-home escape. We encourage local businesses to make the most of the opportunity.

A request if you are visiting our beautiful town, please take a few minutes to complete our visitor survey, it's anonymous and helps us with our marketing.

Pemberton is a special place, and it takes all of us to keep it that way. Thank you to our community for your support, and welcome to those visiting.



REGIONAL COLUMN

Where you stand when a business closes down

By Consumer Protection



It's never good news when a business announces it's closing, or they have called in administrators. For many consumers, the first question is: what happens to the goods or services I've already paid for? And what about gift cards or credit notes still sitting in my wallet?

The answer depends on the circumstances.

In some cases, a business under administration may continue trading while efforts are made to save it. If you've paid in full and have proof of purchase, you may be able to collect your goods or have the service provided. If you've only paid a deposit, you might be asked to pay the remaining balance to receive the item.

Gift cards and credit notes can also be affected. An administrator may place conditions on their use, such as requiring you to spend additional money in the same transaction. For example, you may need to make a \$100 purchase to redeem a \$50 gift card. This is a way for the administrators to bring in extra money to save the business. If the business is sold, the new owners can decide whether they will honour outstanding gift cards or credit notes. That's why it's always wise to use gift cards sooner rather than later.

If the business closes up shop because it can't be saved, you may lose your money even if you've paid in full, paid a deposit, bought a gift card or have an item in for repair that was yet to be collected.

Unfortunately, customers are generally last in line to be paid when a business goes bust. After any assets are sold off, secured creditors such as banks and suppliers are paid first, followed by employees. If any money remains, unsecured creditors, such as customers, may receive a share. You can register your details with the administrator or liquidator, but there is a possibility you may only receive part of what you're owed, or nothing at all.

However, there is another way you could get your money back, but you will need to act quickly. If you paid by credit card, contact your card provider and ask about a chargeback. Strict time limits apply, so don't delay.

What about warranties or your consumer guarantees? You may still have rights under the Australian Consumer Law. If the manufacturer of your product is different from the retailer that went under, you can contact them directly about a remedy. And if the business continues trading under administration, it may still be able to meet its consumer guarantee obligations. However, if the business has been sold, the new owners can decide whether they will handle claims relating to products purchased before they took over.

To find out who has been appointed to manage a company in administration or liquidation, you can search insolvency notices through Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC). Details may also appear in newspapers or on the company's website.

If you need advice about your situation, contact Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54

SOUTHERN FORESTS FOOD COUNCIL

GEN FRESH: CELEBRATING SOUTHERN FORESTS

This month we're launching Gen Fresh - a fresh new campaign celebrating the growers, seasons and flavours of the Southern Forests.

Over the coming months you'll see Gen Fresh stories, produce, grower profiles and videos across social media, Channel 7, and Perth retailers, highlighting the people and passion behind our region's produce.

Gen Fresh brings new energy to the Genuinely Southern Forests brand - championing the skill, care and generational knowledge that make this one of WA's premier food-growing regions.

You can support the campaign by sharing and tagging **#GenFresh @genuinelysouthernforests**



SOUTHERN FORESTS CARBON PILOT - ROUND 2

EOIs are now open for Round 2 of the Southern Forests Carbon Pilot, offering growers support to understand farm emissions and prepare for the evolving carbon landscape.

Following a successful first round, SFFC has secured funding to expand the program. Participants receive fully funded access to expert consultants, training in the PICCC GAF calculator, and support to establish a carbon baseline and identify efficiency opportunities.

This round will also involve Southern Forests Young Growers, helping equip the next generation with practical carbon knowledge.

If you're curious about your farm's carbon profile and keen to be part of the conversation, we encourage you to submit an EOI.

www.southernforestsfood.com/carbon

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HOROSCOPES & THE MONTH AHEAD

On April 1st (10.11am 2 April here is Perth), a Full Moon occurs in the sign of Libra, bringing sudden awareness to our lives, particularly of areas that require more balance. Improving or enhancing our relationships can be a new focus arising from our epiphanies now. Something is exposed or illuminated, prompting us to get in touch with those things that we may have been neglecting or putting off, especially regarding our partnerships. Relationship imbalances and flaws are more noticeable and perhaps even glaring now. We can feel quite inspired to make improvements, coming up with excellent strategies for doing so now.

The Full Moon in Libra awakens us to our feelings about relationships and social exchanges. It's an emotional time, and its square with Jupiter lends an element of exaggeration or excess to our emotional discoveries.

On April 17th, the New Moon in Aries prompts a new beginning—we're starting fresh. We awaken to the need to act on our initiative. This lunation brings a "fresh start" to our lives, and challenges us to show a pure part of ourselves to the world. By acting on our own inner impulses (constructive ones!) without fear, and by abandoning the need to refine them based on what others might want us to do or what they think we "should" do, we learn more about ourselves. If we learn to depend on ourselves, we exude an all-new aura of strength, born of personal integrity and confidence, as well as a pure, innocent charm.

Aries - The first three weeks of the month are your time to shine. The Sun in your sign increases your confidence and casts a favourable glow over you. You can find the courage to assert your needs on the 1st's Full Moon. It's your best chance to let others know what is in your heart, even if that means cutting ties.

Taurus - April begins quietly. The Sun rests in your introspection zone, the ideal transit for behind-the-scenes activities. A Full Moon on the 1st signals the end of a work assignment, freeing you up for new endeavours. Mars joins the Sun on the 9th, followed by Mercury a few days later, a trio that bodes well for top-secret projects. You can get a lot accomplished on the down low.

Gemini - Your social life is buzzing, thanks to the Sun's presence in your friendship zone at the beginning of April. Weddings, graduations, birthdays, or brunch dates provide the mental stimulation you need. The Full Moon on the 1st is lovely for a romantic night out. Mars enters Aries on the 9th, followed by Mercury a few days later, a combo that keeps the party going.

Cancer - This is a stunning month for your career. The Sun casts a red-hot spotlight on you, attracting the attention of the top brass or the public. Even so, the Full Moon on the 1st helps you find your root, so you remain grounded as you continue to rise. Mars amplifies your ambition on the 9th when it enters Aries. No matter how steep the climb, you're unstoppable. Mercury follows suit on the 14th, opening up the door for meetings.

Leo - The Sun in your travel sector for the first three weeks of April means a vacation may be just the thing. The best dates for a trip would be the Full Moon on the 1st (for a quick getaway) or the New Moon on the 17th (divine for long-distance journeys). Schedule your

travels and ships ahoy! Mars moves into Aries on the 9th, followed by Mercury on the 14th, accelerating your thirst for adventure.



Virgo - Income changes are possible this month. The Full Moon on the 1st sheds light on a situation that needs your attention. Don't put this off too long. The sooner you handle it, the better. Your house of joint resources is active for most of April, providing ample opportunities to update your budget and get your taxes in order. Conversations with loved ones about expenses ensure everyone's on the same page.

Libra - Relationships will be on your mind this month. Although some would consider that your usual state, the Sun's presence in your partnership zone puts issues front and centre. Address those problems, and your connection deepens. If you're single, this is an excellent month to put yourself back on the dating scene, too. You can express your needs better than ever, thanks to the Full Moon on the 1st.

Scorpio - April's busyness at work may feel bananas at times, but you'll be at your best. Before the madness commences, use the 1st's Full Moon for a day of rest. This will prepare you for the challenges ahead. On the 9th, your ruling planet, Mars, moves into your work zone with Mercury joining a few days later. You'll have the energy, mental bandwidth, and drive to achieve great things.

Sagittarius - Romance is on the rise this month. A bevy of planets in the true love section of your chart raises the possibility of finding the one or making a commitment with a current paramour. The Full Moon on the 1st is ideal for socializing - you could meet exciting new people that day. Say yes to invites and rub elbows! Mars and Mercury move into Aries the week of the 9th, adding assertiveness to love matters.

Capricorn - This is the best month to get your home sorted out. The Sun sits next to your ruler, Saturn, as April begins, a dynamic duo for organizing, renovating, and repairing. Get busy! A Full Moon on the 1st pushes you into the limelight. Recognition is possible at that time. Be proud of your accomplishments. Busyness around the household reaches a fever pitch the week of the 9th when Mars and Mercury enter the domestic section of your chart.

Aquarius - April will have you on the go constantly. The Full Moon on the 1st is ideal for a long-distance journey. It's best to keep your passport handy - or your car gassed up for last-minute road trips, which are a real possibility when Mars and Mercury enter the short travel section of your chart the week of the 9th. Once that happens, there is no slowing down. The New Moon on the 17th is another excellent option for a getaway.

Pisces - Your income improves this month. Begin by examining your budget on the 1st. The Full Moon illuminates financial leaks and debts that need payment. Once you've taken care of that, you're ready to boost your revenue. The Sun in your money zone attracts new sources. But things really get roaring when Mars and Mercury join the Sun the week of the 9th. This trio provides ingenuity, muscle, and determination. You could soar past money goals quicker than expected.

MILL HALL

The Mill Hall volunteers recently catered at the Karri Valley Triathlon. This was another great fundraiser for the Mill Hall funds. Thankyou to Bec from the CRC who also lent a hand.



This hall was built for the community and stands strong as testament to the wonderful hard-working community members who have in the past and continue to maintain this building. You are always welcome to contribute to keep this iconic venue in top condition.



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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- THURSDAYS 5PM BOOTSCOOTING
- APR 4TH SAT EASTER MARKETS 9AM – 1PM

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

Banking details: WESTPAC BSB: 036126 ACC: 237796

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

President Deanne Ventris

MONTHLY PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, We praise and glorify Your name and come before Your throne of grace and mercy.

We thank You for this peaceful and beautiful little corner of the country in which we find ourselves ; our earthly home.

Thank you for the produce we reap ,the stock and all other abundant resources with which you bless us.

Please help and guide us to share it unselfishly with those of lesser means. We pray for all in authority, ,at all levels of governance ,at work, in schools and in political spheres.

May they be guided by Your Holy Spirit to be fair and just . Lord, we bring before You the sick and suffering and those who mourn in this and world wide nations.

We pray for those faced with natural and human disasters. Those in war zones of immense and unspeakable situations of human suffering and despair.

We call upon You, our Creator, deeply saddened by the state of this broken world. We know you love each one equally and trust You will accept our prayers for Your divine intervention.

Please continue to give us the courage to support each other in our community; friends and strangers alike and for us to share the good news of Your everlasting Gospel.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



PAAInc HOME OPEN

Saturday April 11 from 10 - 4
Invitation to Pemberton Community
to view the new duplex unit 14
on 9 Doc Ryan Close.

The Pemberton Aged Accommodation committee (PAAInc)

would like to invite the Pemberton Community to view the new unit 14 of the duplex on Doc Ryan Close.

The duplex was completed off-site by Transhomes in Perth and delivered on November 6 to Doc Ryan Close.



The site works, electrical, plumbing and septic work have all been done by local tradespeople including the verandah paving and fitting of floor coverings and blinds.

This now brings the Retirement Village to 14 independent living units.

If you are over 55 and retired, able to live independently and a resident past or present of Pemberton, or have family currently living in Pemberton, you are eligible to go on our waiting list.

Since its incorporation in 1992 PAAInc has subsidised the cost of accommodation by 50% thanks to the support of the community to its early fundraising efforts.

A resident pays a lump sum as an ingoing for the right to reside in the unit and receives half of the ingoing back on vacating as an interest free loan to PAAInc.

One of the older units will be open for inspection too.

For more information please call 0407 774 128



THERE WAS AN OLD LADY WHO SWALLOWED HER PRIDE

ROZZI IN OZ

Good day everyone ! It has been a long time since I put pen to paper; my mind is currently being flooded with so much I would like to share. Although there is one story that needs to be told before technology strides ahead once again. As I stepped off the plane ,returning from my holidays a month ago, I thought of the many stories worth writing about. This one has left those who have heard it amazed and surprised and may just have a similar response from our PCN readers.

Plane tickets were booked well in advance before my departure to coincide with my brother in law's as we were both visiting South Africa, our country of birth and the mother city, Cape Town. He planned to stay for two weeks and then take a three week cruise ending in Singapore. I would spend the entire five weeks in Cape Town and meet with him again in Singapore before flying back home to Perth.

My daughter suggested I request wheelchair assistance on the return journey as I would be unaccompanied half of the journey back. She thought it a reasonable request at my age .Sorry ,(undisclosed information) .This idea sounded ridiculous to me at the time. Given my physical condition and mental capability it was unnecessary. Afterall, an incapacitated passenger would require such service more than I would. This was my reasoning and we stopped having this debate which seemed ridiculously funny .

However, when I reached Cape Town,the other daughter agreed with her sister's suggestion.Much against my will (or stubbornness) she boldly took it upon herself and messaged the Airline and requested assistance for her"elderly" mother. It was obvious that my daughters had genuine concern for me and always cared for my wellbeing. Before I could put up an argument, the Airline responded directly to my e-mail address to enquire how they could be of assistance. It was such a polite offer and I was asked to state my specific needs.This I could not ignore and I was obliged to put in a request for guidance and accompaniment from Cape Town to Singapore.I made sure to mention that I was quite capable of walking and climbing stairs . Busy airport crowds overwhelmed me and I would struggle to find my way around especially between arrival and departure halls.

At the end of an enjoyable five week holiday came the day of my departure, leaving behind family and friends. The official at the desk at Cape Town International Airport assured me that a wheelchair had been assigned and an attendant would take me through all the security checkpoints. Soon a young lady came to my assistance, introduced herself and wheeled me through the crowded airport to the departure lounge. Here she waited with me until the gate at the passage leading to the plane opened. Airport protocol allows wheelchair passengers to board first. The welcoming airhostess ushered me up the aisle and made sure I was comfortably seated when the plane was ready to take off. I was very relieved and glad for this service.



We landed at Singapore Airport after an uneventful flight with a smooth landing six and a half hours later

and on scheduled time. I was reminded to stay seated until all the other passengers had disembarked. Another airhostess walked me to the exit and wished me a pleasant journey as she showed me to the next awaiting attendant who stood ready with my second wheelchair mode of transport. This gentleman wheeled me into the bustling Singapore Airport building. I was beginning to feel like an invalid but was happy with the assistance .I expected the same procedure as I had had in Cape Town.

However, this time I was asked to transfer into a more sophisticated wheelchair unlike the two conventional ones I was thus far used to. I was secured in it with a safety belt wondering why it was necessary. There were special panels on the armrests which the others did not have. The attendant had walked off leaving me on my own.....and then I started moving. I held onto the fancy armrests and understood why it was necessary for a safety belt as I was moving faster than when being wheeled as before. Reflections in the windows showed that there was no one pushing me. At that moment I realised I was in an automated vehicle !!

I held onto my bag on my lap and looked at the lighted panels on the armrests . On the right is "Automated Vehicle", a large red button for "pause" and staff assistance. Also an indication of the destination which was T3.That was the gate number on my boarding pass. I was so fascinated by all this that by the time I looked at the time of arrival on the panel it was 25 minutes and at that stage I could have been travelling for 5 minutes. The minutes were counting down as this self propelled wheelchair negotiated itself around pillars, cleaning trolleys,through passages ; even giving way to passengers crossing in front of me!. This was so easy. I was relaxed and had no anxiety about finding my own way around. I unashamedly admit I really enjoyed this stress free ride all the way from the arrival to the departure halls of the huge airport.



On reaching the T3 Lounge,I was escorted to a seat where I waited until a friendly driver of a manually driven four seater topless "buggy" fetched me. A fellow traveller and I were driven down the wide hallway. tooting at anyone in our pathway. Within minutes we reached the boarding gate.It saved us a very long walk. As I got out of the buggy, I was surprised to see none other than my brother in law waiting to escort me further. He was very amused to see that I was in a buggy and not in a wheelchair ; but I had an amazing experience to share with him. Together we set off on foot through the gate to board our 9 hour flight to Perth.

Dear readers, this old lady was glad she swallowed her pride. Let me advise all airline travellers, regardless of age or physical ability not to hesitate to take advantage of this wonderful service . To my two lovely, caring daughters, I am truly blessed to have you always giving me sound advice.

A TALE OF TWO TOWNS

ARTICLE BY ANNE O'DONNELL

Images from internet

Having been around the Warren area for seven tenths of my life one tends to make observations and upon re-reading my favourite local history book, written by my very favourite Dad, I was fascinated about the relationship between neighbours, in this case, Pemberton and Northcliffe. The latter was generally regarded as the end of the earth, but the relationship between the two towns proves a rather unique story.

Building the road to Northcliffe was damned near heroic and here we meet the Littlefair brothers, Jack and Ron, member of the second gang were there when a truckload of men women and children, all singing and cheering passed them and as the brothers knew what the next fourteen miles were like remarked "They wont be cheering tomorrow."

Next meet Percy Pemberton, surname purely coincidental, a building supervisor, organised the Ancient Order of Druids in 1924, Northcliffe Branch and at absolute minimum cost sick pay and funeral costs were covered, and contributions ranged from 8 pence to 10 shillings. Through their efforts a doctor was appointed long with a health fund established. Well done Percy, but as The Clerk of works determined priorities and is said to have played favourites in his method of selection dubbed "the peripatetic perambulations of the philandering Percy Pemberton" by many settlers. Sorry Percy.

Next we meet Paul Kingston with his cart and team, were able to take up the slack in delivering timber, as bullocks had to rest for at least a week between trips. As milling progressed in the new town, horses were soon required and Paul Kingston, a faller at the Pembie Mill with a cart and team was paid 4/2d (four and tuppence) a load for up to 3.2km. Paul went on to purchase land in Pemberton, and establish the first orchardist in the area. One daughter, Norah, went on to marry Gordon Barnsby and establish a new dynasty.

Soon th road became not only a bridle path, but a bridal path and it is likely that Reg Church and Lily Collins were perhaps the first mixed-marriage of P and N, thus another dynasty. It would take a book to record all the marriages, but Pemberton young bucks continued to court and win Northcliffe hearts and vice Versa.

Flanagan/ Martyn, Barnsby/Pratt, Pratt/Green, Flanagan/Collins, Flanagan /Bendotti, Gould/Della Franca. Della Franca /Hewson, Daubney/Kelly, Daubney/ Kemp, Rosman/Sanders. Sanders/Roche. Sanders /Bradley, Williamson(Bennet) /Omodei, Phillips/MacDonald (McRitchie) Dunnet/Brittain,. Warne/Brittain, Kelly/Adams, O'Donnell/Cabassi, and lots more of course, but we have some pretty interesting names there.

Yarns to despondent settlers about the virtues of both the soils and climate of Pemberton/Northcliffe were extolled, especially by advisers. A favourite story was that of a man (legend has it that it was a Eastbrook farmer who had to give up growing watermelons as the vines grew so fast that they dragged the melons along with them and wore the bottoms out of them before they could ripen. However, with pumpkins he had a good deal more success, the pumpkins being too

heavy for the vines to drag along. His record pumpkin was 1.5m high and 2.4m across: too big to eat and too heavy to cart away.



While he was wondering what to do with it, a sow, waiting to farrow had started to eat her way through the side. By the time she had eaten her way to the middle, and the greater part of the centre, she farrowed with a litter of nine little piglets. She continued to live in the pumpkin, feeding her family and hardly having to move for her needs. The ending was not a happy one. With the inside of the pumpkin drying out the seeds dropping from there were so big they killed the piglets and even gave the old sow a few bruises.

Dave Evans relates that Northcliffe had two legitimate attempts at succeeding from the Manjimup Roads Board for a multitude of good reasons, but both were unsuccessful. Fortunately for Pemberton!! Just imagine Windy Harbour being in the Northcliffe Shire. Would there be a toll gate? Where would your rates go? Oh dear, it is too awful to imagine and quite likely have lead to Civil War.

Respectfully, Anne O'Donnell.

LIFE IN PEMBERTON

Pemberton is not only a beautiful place to live, but also a town rich in history. We are currently gathering stories and memories to help preserve this history for future generations.

Do you have any anecdotes or personal experiences from living in the area? If so, we would love to hear from you. Your story may be meaningful and interesting to others in the community.

- Stories
- Photographs
- Newspaper clippings

We can scan your precious documents to preserve them safely.

Even if you are new to Pemberton, your experiences and contributions are valuable.

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By Leanne



MEMORIES OF THE MILL WHISTLE

As stories continue to emerge about the mill whistle, many locals have shared vivid memories of how its sound shaped daily life in Pemberton and beyond.

Lorraine Roache says she is grateful people are coming forward to clarify exactly what the whistle was. "So much history, so many stories over the years, told by those who experienced life in the mills."

David (Ned) Kelly explained that it was a steam whistle, originally powered by steam and later by compressed air when the mill converted systems. Units were sometimes swapped out and sent to BEW for maintenance, so the whistle that remained at the mill may not have been the original. Simple in design, it operated much like a locomotive whistle, possibly under greater pressure to increase its volume.

The whistle marked time for the entire town. From early morning through to midnight, when the night shift knocked off, life in Pemberton and the surrounding districts revolved around its call. On clear summer evenings, David recalls hearing it as far away as Westbrook, eight miles out, and believes residents in Eastbrook could hear it as well.

For many, the whistle was their clock. It signalled bedtime, warned there was half an hour to get to the start of a shift, and called workers back after breaks. Catherine Tozer remembers that when the late shift finished around 1989 and the whistle no longer sounded, she found it difficult to sleep without it. Bobbie Clark says he always knew the time because of it. Pam Davie adds, "I grew up with the mill waking me up. It was a long time ago, but you don't forget it."

Lynne Wilcocks recalls having two brothers who worked at the mill. "Dad used to go down just before 8pm to collect him for tea. The men would come running to their cars, jump in and race home," she remembers.

Adrian McDonnell recalls hearing it at 6am, 2pm, 10pm and again at 7am, depending on shifts. As a 15-year-old apprentice, he often worked from 3.45pm to 12.45am and sometimes double shifts. "You were always woken by the whistle — or by Mario," he says. After night shift, he would sometimes stay back to patch machinery as a second-year apprentice. "Great times."

The whistle carried far beyond the mill. Charlee Chodorowski remembers hearing it on Channybearup Road when the wind was right, while Anna Czerkasow says at certain times of the year it could be heard in Yeagarup.

Positioned on the roof apex above the office clock, the whistle remained in place until the fire. It was central not only to the mill's operation, but to the identity of the town itself.

The Story of the Klaxon Horn

John Szylejko also shared the history of the Klaxon



Horn, another important signalling device used at the Pemberton Mill.

Located in the mill greaser's shed, the Klaxon Horn served a different purpose from the town whistle. In a timber mill, the lubrication technician — known as the greaser — was responsible for ensuring the massive, fast-moving saws, pulleys and conveyor systems were constantly lubricated to prevent breakdowns.

Because the greaser often worked alone and moved between sections of the mill in extremely noisy conditions, a dedicated alert system was essential. Unlike the general whistle used to mark shift times, the Klaxon Horn was activated when machinery required urgent attention.

If a chain or wire broke, a conveyor belt failed, or bearings needed greasing, a button in the mill would trigger the horn. Its sound had to cut through the roar of operating machinery to alert the greaser wherever he was working.

Klaxon horns were motorised sirens commonly used in industrial, mining and agricultural settings for safety alerts and emergency warnings. Designed to penetrate high background noise, they produce a powerful, high-output sound to ensure urgent signals are clearly heard.

Now preserved in the local museum, the Klaxon Horn provides a tangible link to the daily working lives of Pemberton's timber pioneers.

Together, the mill whistle and the Klaxon Horn represent more than machinery. They are enduring symbols of a time when the rhythm of work, family life and community was carried on the wind by the sound of the mill.

CWA NEWS

ARTICLE BY KATE SHAW

Just to prove CWA women are busy and capable I have put in a photo of Ros Piper hard at work.



Whole place looks spotless.

We are all getting ready for Anzac Day, always a big day on our calendar, lovely to be part of it.

Late June we are holding an open invitation to anyone over 65!

Topic Staying In Place. The Pemberton CRC has partnered with Home Made Mable

to support the seniors of Pemberton to Stay In Place.

We thought it would be nice to have our own get together with our guest speaker Regine Dumpert



Followed by afternoon tea.

This will begin at 1.30pm on Monday 29th June.

We will be holding our Mothers Day Raffle on the 1st and 2nd May. We have some very nice gift vouchers in the basket.

We have our usual Market Day on Saturday 28th March and also on 4th April, Easter Saturday 9am to 1pm.

Thank you to all the CWA members who give their time freely.

Also thank you to the community for your support of the Pemberton Branch of the Country Women's Association.

In Friendship - Kate.



FELTING SESSION- IN THE GARDEN

ARTICLE BY: KELLY THOMPSON

Photos by CRC Staff & Volunteers

Attending Faye's felting course was a wonderful way to dive into creativity.

The session was informative without ever feeling too heavy, thanks to a great teacher who guided, encouraged, and somehow made every step feel achievable (trust the process).

We experimented with colours, textures, and techniques, discovering how calming and surprisingly addictive felting can be.

By the end, we walked away with a unique handmade creation we were genuinely proud of. A great way to spend a Sunday afternoon, full of focus and laughter.



Next Learn in the Garden session is Sun 19th April



Learn in the Garden

Everything House plants Workshop With Poppy

Learn how to make your own potting mix and care for your house plants.

\$25 per person, \$15 for VCCG Members
All materials are provided.

Please bring with you: camping chair, gloves, and a house plant that needs repotting or health care!

19 April, 2026
2pm - 4pm

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

Places limited - Bookings essential



Expression of Interest

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Sale of Shire of Manjimup Community Bus

The Shire of Manjimup invites expressions of interest for the purchase of the 2011 Mitsubishi Fuso Rosa, Community Bus.

To obtain the documents please visit: www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/expressionofinterest
Submissions must be lodged by **4pm, Friday 24 April 2026**.

No submissions are necessarily accepted.

Canvassing of Councillors or Council Officers will disqualify any submission.

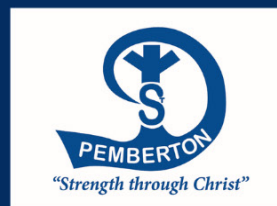
Submissions must be clearly marked with the full title and expression of interest number and emailed to info@manjimup.wa.gov.au

Benjamin (Ben) Rose, Chief Executive Officer

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Joseph's Day Celebrations

19th March 2026



Students at St Joseph's Primary School came together to celebrate St Joseph's Day, enjoying a meaningful day focused on prayer, creativity and service to others.

The celebration began with a beautiful Liturgy prepared and led by the Year 1/2 class in the school hall. The students participated reverently, sharing prayers, songs and reflections that highlighted the important qualities of St Joseph, including kindness, faith, responsibility and service.

Following the Liturgy, students were divided into multi-age groups and rotated through a range of art, craft and community service activities, allowing them to work collaboratively with peers across year levels.

One activity involved collaborating and generating designs for an applique project, which will be proudly displayed during our upcoming 75th anniversary celebrations. Students shared ideas, sketched designs and worked together to create pieces that reflect the spirit and history of our school and local community.

Another group worked cooperatively to recreate and enhance our prayer garden, with the aim to transform the space into a more inviting, peaceful and reflective area that can be shared and enjoyed by all students. This activity emphasised care for our environment and provided students with the opportunity to contribute positively to a communal space.

A further activity focused on social justice, with families donating collections of coins and creating a money mandala. The coins collected will be donated to Caritas Project Compassion, supporting efforts to provide clean water, education, healthcare and new opportunities for communities facing poverty and injustice. This experience helped students understand the impact of generosity and compassion.

Students also showed care for others by creating cards and Easter goodies for members of our local community, spreading joy, kindness and connection beyond the school grounds.

St Joseph's Day was a fun and meaningful occasion, giving students the opportunity to live out our school values in both our school and wider community.



TERM ONE AT PDHS



YEAR 6 CAMP



PHOTOGRAPHY EXCURSION



HARMONY WEEK



PEMBERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

PDHS has been buzzing with activity, providing students with a wide range of opportunities to learn, connect and grow.

Our Pre-Kindy Program has welcomed our youngest learners and their families into the PDHS community. These sessions support children to become familiar with PDHS, build their confidence and begin forming positive relationships, ensuring a smooth and happy transition into Kindergarten in 2027.

Our secondary students have enjoyed learning beyond the classroom through a recent Photography Excursion led by Ms Shepherd. Students travelled into the Pemberton town centre to capture images for their urban and rural landscape project. They demonstrated excellent creativity and technical skill, experimenting with composition, lighting and perspective while supporting one another to produce high-quality work.

A highlight was the Year 6 Camp, where students developed independence, resilience and teamwork through a range of engaging activities. They visited Parliament House, Kings Park and Fremantle Prison, participated in surf awareness sessions, tackled the rock wall, and took part in team-building challenges such as raft building on the beach. Ice skating was also a memorable experience. Students approached each challenge and experience with enthusiasm, strengthening friendships and representing PDHS with pride.

PDHS's Harmony Week was a wonderful celebration of diversity, inclusion and respect. Students participated in a range of activities, including wearing orange or cultural dress, face painting, class discussions, mural-making and a shared International Food luncheon. It was wonderful to see students embracing different cultures and reflecting on the importance of belonging and understanding within our community.





Thank you Enrico Piazza for this months Calendar photo

April 2026

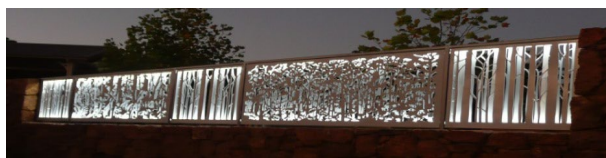
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Help bring history to life SOUTHERN FOREST & VALLEYS HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2026 18 - 26 April 6 PUBLIC HOLIDAY Easter Monday	7	1	2 Pemberton Arts Group Art Exhibition opens see pg 6	3 PUBLIC HOLIDAY Good Friday Start School Holidays 3rd-19th	4 Easter Markets @ Pemberton Mill Hall 9am-1pm	5 Easter Sunday!
13 PYC	14	15 Night Stalk @ Manji Heritage Park see pg 6	16	17 Sculpture in the Vines @ Pemberly starts (17th-26th April)	18 Southern Forests & Valleys Heritage Festival starts (18th-26th April)	19 Everything House Plants with Poppy @ VCCG 2pm-4pm
6 PUBLIC HOLIDAY Easter Monday	7	8	9 Colour my world @ Pemberton Library RSVP before 3rd April 9776 1311	10 Skate Park Jam @ Pemberton Skate Park see pg 3	11 The Lester Prize - Finalists Exhibition 11th April - 16th May @ Manji Art Gallery	12

20	School Returns	PYC	
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23	Manjimups Dark Corners - the future of history see pg 3		  
24	Pemberton Hotel Centenary 24th - 26th April see pg 27		  
25	ANZAC Day Pemberton - Dawn Service 6am Pemberton - Day Service 10.45am		  
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Regular Community Events

	Anglican Church Service 1st Sun 11.30am St Hilda's Church, Ellis St, Pemberton Michelle 9776 0371		All-sorts exercise group Mon 9am \$5 each Pemberton Community Sports Club CRC 9776 1745		Art Classes with Tony Winberg Wed @ 7.9pm, Thurs @ 9.30am PAG Art Room - at the HUB Tony 0427 852 032		Badminton (Ladies) Wed @ 9.00am - 11am Pemberton Community Sports Club Evelyn 9776 0332		Boot scooting Thurs 5pm Pemberton Mill Hall Terrie 0439 340 237		CWA Op-Shop Sat 9.00 am - 1.00pm Pemberton CWA Maria 0488 805 494		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		Rhyme and Story Time Pemberton Library Wednesday 10.30am Sherril 9776 1311		Play Group Tues, Thurs @ 9.00 Pemberton Community Sports Club crèche Pippa 0401 654 902		Bowls Every 2nd Fri @ 5pm - 8pm Pemberton Community Sports Club Pemberton CRC 9776 1745		Solitaire Club - \$2 Tues @ 11.00am Pemberton CRC Emma 0400 518 185		Social Badminton Adults @6pm-7.30pm \$5ea Pemberton Community Sports Club Emma 0400 518 185		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		Road bike social ride 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sun @ 7.30am Leaving from the Community Hub Christine 0407 774 128		Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
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Pemberton Community organisation of the Year 2016.

www.pembertonartsgroup.org.au

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

PAG NEWS:

Contact Anna: pembertonart2023@outlook.com 0439 369 702

PAG would like to wish everyone the very best Month of April. The forest is about to put on its Autumn Extravaganza! Not only is Mother Nature putting on a show, we here at PAG have some exciting exhibitions we would like to invite you to.

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

Mural Launch

There was a great turnout to the official launch of our new mural. *Leaf Fall* invites visitors and locals into the Community Hub Balang Miya with a very welcome splash of colour! Come on down and have a closer look at this 17-metre portrayal of our river system painted by participants of all ages with artist Tony Windberg. The resulting artwork is an extravaganza of creativity and a lasting testament to community engagement!



Call out for Lego!

Do have unwanted Lego lying around that you would like to donate to PAG? We are going to run a Lego Workshop as part of the Pemberton CRC's annual WOW Weekend in the July School Holidays. It will be available to all ages and we know it will be a lot of fun. If you have some Lego you can donate please contact us or deliver Tuesday or Wednesday mornings.

PAG Autumn Exhibition!

The PAG Autumn Exhibition is being held Friday 3 April to Sunday 19 April 2026. The theme is "Reflection". We are very excited to see the various ways our artists interpret 'Reflection'. Please head down to the Pemberton Sports Club during this time between 10am and 4.30pm daily. You can even vote for the 'People's Choice Award' for a Gold coin donation.

Sculpture In the Vines 2026!

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

Gelli Printing Workshop with Elaine Steele

What a great morning of creativity and new skills!! Participants in this well-planned workshop learnt all about the joys of using a gelli plate for printing. The plate can easily be made from glycerin, gelatin powder and water.

When the gelli plate starts to look a bit tatty, it can be heated and reshaped. (Strongly recommend that it's not left in your car on a warm day!)

Workshop presenter Elaine divulged her tips and suggestions while everyone experimented with a variety of found objects including feathers, leaves, bracken, shells, stencils and papers. Some amazing effects resulted! Everyone produced multiple prints and challenged themselves to try different techniques.

The gelli prints that don't quite work out as well as anticipated can be used in collage, printed over or worked into with other media.

If you weren't there gelli printing, you missed out on a great morning!!



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!

PEMBERTON YOUTH ZONE

ARTICLE BY GAYE VAN HAZENDONK
Photos by CRC Staff & Volunteers



After a jam-packed year of activities in 2025—with up to 26 young people attending our Friday night sessions—the PYZ has seen a bit of a slowdown in 2026. This is something that happens from time to time, as older members move on to new stages like getting their learner's permits and expanding their social circles.

Now it's time to welcome the next group of local youth!

If you're aged 12 and over (or turning 12 this year), come along to the Pemberton Youth Zone (PYZ) and help create your own space to hang out, relax, and have fun. If you've never been before, this is the perfect time to check it out. You're more than welcome to bring a friend—or even a parent or adult—if that makes you feel more comfortable.

The PYZ offers excellent facilities including:

- Board games
- Pool and table tennis
- Netflix
- Music
- Food and healthy snacks
- Crafts and sports activities
- And plenty more



per year. Sessions are just **\$5 per person** and includes food.

All attendees need to complete a membership form (including parent/guardian permission), but this is only required once

Pemberton Youth Zone

Trip to Lake Yeagarup and Yeagarup Dunes

An opportunity to experience one of the region's most unique landscapes while also helping care for it.

The afternoon will include a clean-up of the dunes, followed by a BBQ at Lake Yeagarup.

Please bring with you:

- Closed shoes suitable for sand
- Warm jacket or jumper
- Water bottle
- Hat and sunscreen
- Gloves (some will be available)

Transport will be provided by Pemberton Discovery Tours using licensed 4WD vehicles and accredited drivers.

Date: Friday, 1st of May
Time: 4:30pm
Cost: \$5

A signed consent form is required.
9776 1745
pembertyouthzone@gmail.com

Thanks to a very kind donation from Pemberton Discovery Tours, our next session will feature an exciting trip to the Yeagarup Sand Dunes!

Whether you want to get involved in activities, events, and training—or just chill out and catch up with friends—the choice is yours.

Come along and be part of something great at PYZ!

For more information on the PYZ:

website: www.pembertoncrc.org.au/pyz

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SOUTHERN FOREST & VALLEYS HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2026

18 – 26 April

Vegetable Lasagne



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Prep Time - 30 mins

Cook Time - 40 mins

Portions – 6

Ingredients

Bechamel Sauce

50 g butter

1/3 cup all-purpose flour

2 1/2 cups milk

1 pinch nutmeg

salt & pepper to flavour

3/4 cup parmesan cheese, grated

Filling

1 cup red lentils

1 cup onion

2 cloves garlic

1 tsp oregano, chopped

1 tsp basil, chopped

1 tsp rosemary, chopped

1 carrot, grated

5 mushrooms

1 small sweet potato, grated

1 bunch spinach, chopped

1 capsicum, diced

1 small zucchini, diced

1 cup tomato passata

salt & pepper to taste

500 g lasagne sheets

Directions

Step1 - BECHAMEL SAUCE:

Melt butter in a medium saucepan and stir in flour

Step2 Stir constantly on a medium heat for 1 minute

Step3 Remove from heat and gradually add the milk, stirring constantly

Step4 Return to heat and bring to a boil, stirring frequently

Step5 Simmer for 2 minutes, or until the sauce has thickened

Step6 Add the nutmeg, salt and freshly ground pepper and set aside.

Step7 - FILLING:

Wash and rinse lentils, cover in boiling water and let rest

Step8 Add some olive oil to a pan, fry the onion until translucent and add chopped garlic

Step9 Add chopped herbs, grated carrot, grated sweet potato and mushrooms and cook until softened

Step10 Add diced zucchini, capsicum, tomatoes and vegetable stock

Step11 Drain lentils and add to the vegetable mix, stirring until lentils start to soften

Step12 Stir in chopped silverbeet and stir until it starts to wilt

Step13 Place a layer of vegetable sauce in the base of an oven-proof dish, and cover with lasagne sheets

Step14 Add another layer of vegetable sauce, then bechamel sauce and add another layer of lasagne sheets

Step15 Continue alternating vegetables, bechamel, and lasagne, finishing with a layer of lasagne covered with vegetables and topped with bechamel sauce, sprinkle with parmesan cheese

Step16 Place in a moderate oven and bake for 35 - 40 minutes or until golden brown

Step17 Allow to stand for 10 minutes before serving.

Thanks to the

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Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

April 2026

Pretty but problematic – Spring bulbs



Chinchinchee invading bushland, Arum lily with its distinctive flowers and the highly invasive pink gladiolus.

Choosing spring colour wisely

Autumn is the time to choose and plant our spring bulbs, and gardeners have never had more choice! Local nurseries, garden centres, weekend markets, online retailers, and those irresistible full-colour catalogues. But before you fill your trolley, there are a few things worth knowing. Some popular bulbs are surprisingly toxic to people and animals; others have escaped gardens entirely and are now serious environmental weeds. When it comes to bulbs a little knowledge goes a long way.

Invasive bulbs

Around two-thirds of weeds in Australia were deliberately introduced as garden plants or fodder crops. The south-west of WA has a Mediterranean-type climate, which means plants from South Africa and other Mediterranean regions grow exceptionally well here, sometimes too well!

Several common bulbs can escape from gardens and invade bushland, outcompeting native plants. Plants to be cautious about include Freesia, Watsonia, Sparaxis and some Gladiolus, particularly older varieties.

Toxic bulbs

Cape tulips (*Moraea* spp.) were introduced in the 1800s; they are now widespread, established weeds. It's their toxic glycosides that are responsible for livestock poisoning.

Chinchinchee (*Ornithogalum thyrsoides*) is toxic to livestock and dogs; it's known to cause gastrointestinal illness and blindness in cattle. Found at a few locations in the south-west of WA, it's one to avoid.

Arum lily (*Zantedeschia aethiopica*) is beautiful but extremely invasive, and toxic to all livestock, pets and humans. It has colonised thousands of hectares in south-west WA.

Tips for safe plantings

- Choose non-invasive, non-toxic species where possible.
- Store bulbs safely, away from children and pets, and label anything in the fridge.
- Never dump garden waste in bushland or farmland – a single discarded bulb can establish a new weed population.

⚠ If you suspect poisoning

People: Call the Poisons Information Centre immediately on 13 11 26 (24 hours, 7 days)

Livestock or pets: Contact your vet without delay



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Pest and Disease Information Service (08) 9368 3080 | padis@dpird.wa.gov.au

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HOLIDAY HAZARD AWARENESS

Plan ahead before you travel

April can be a busy time for travel. Planning ahead can help reduce stress and improve safety.

Before you leave:

- Check current road conditions on the Main Roads Travel Map.
- Plan your route and identify a safer alternative if needed
- Let someone know where you're going and when you expect to arrive

Check Emergency WA before leaving home and while travelling to stay informed about warnings, incidents and hazards that may affect your journey.

It's also a good idea to pack an emergency kit. Items such as water, medications, a phone charger and a first aid kit can be helpful if plans change or delays occur.

Check Emergency WA before and during your trip

Emergency conditions can change quickly.

Checking Emergency WA before you leave and during your trip helps you stay informed about current alerts, warnings and hazards. This allows you to make early decisions and adjust your plans if needed.

Emergency WA is the official source of emergency information for Western Australia. It is available on the website and mobile app, making it easy to check conditions before you go and while you're on the move.

Fire safe camping and caravanning

Camping and caravanning are popular in April, but fire conditions can change quickly.

Before you travel:

- Check the Fire Danger Rating for your destination.
- Check whether a Total Fire Ban is in place.

Campfires are not permitted on Total Fire Ban days. Where fires are allowed:

- Keep fires small and contained
- Never leave them unattended
- Fully extinguish fires before leaving your campsite or going to sleep

Keep your campsite clear of dry leaves and other flammable materials. Be prepared to change your plans if conditions worsen.

Travelling during or after a flood.

April can bring rainfall, storms and floodwaters, especially in regional and remote areas. Roads may remain flooded even after rain has stopped.

Flood water is dangerous and unpredictable. Even shallow water can cause vehicles to lose control, stall or become stranded.

If you come across water over the road:

- Do not drive through it
- Turn around and find an alternative route
- If a road is closed, it means closed. Always obey road closures and check road conditions if there are no signs around.

Marine safety for boating trips

Autumn conditions can still change quickly on the

water.

Before heading out:

- Check the weather forecast
- Make sure your vessel is well maintained and fuel is clean
- Ensure safety equipment is in good working order
- Always log on and log off using your marine radio or with your nearest Marine Rescue group. If you can't do this, tell someone you trust where you're going and when you expect to return, so they can raise the alarm if you don't arrive back safely.
- Be prepared to change plans if conditions get worse.

Let's Take Action This Month

Encourage your community to:

- Check Emergency WA before leaving home and while travelling
- Plan travel routes and share trip details with someone they trust
- Pack an emergency kit suitable for their trip and destination
- Check weather conditions and vessel readiness before boating
- Keep fire safety in mind when camping or caravanning
- Avoid flooded roads and choose safer alternatives if conditions change

Sharing these simple actions throughout April can help support safer holiday travel and reduce the risk of avoidable emergencies.



BUSHFIRES CAN START WITHOUT WARNING. People have been killed or seriously injured during bushfires. If you are travelling or staying near bushland, fire is a real risk to you. **Pack an emergency kit including important items such as woollen blankets, drinking water and protective clothing.**



IF THERE IS A LOT OF SMOKE

- Slow down as there could be people, vehicles and livestock on the road.
- Turn your car headlights and hazard lights on.
- Close the windows and outside vents.
- If you can't see clearly, pull over and wait until the smoke clears.



IF YOU BECOME TRAPPED BY A FIRE

- **Sheltering inside a vehicle is a very high risk strategy. It is unlikely that a person will survive in all but the mildest circumstances.**
- Park the vehicle off the roadway where there is little vegetation, with the vehicle facing towards the oncoming fire front.
- Turn the engine off.
- Close the car doors, windows and outside vents, **and call 000.**
- Stay in the car until the fire front has passed. Stay as close to the floor as possible and cover your mouth with a damp cloth to avoid inhalation of smoke.
- Stay covered in woollen blankets, continue to drink water and wait for assistance.
- Once the front has passed and the temperature has dropped, cautiously exit the vehicle.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Find the local ABC radio frequency in the area. Stay up to date in a major emergency, when lives and property are at risk, ABC radio will issue broadcast warnings at a quarter to and a quarter past the hour.
- Main Roads provides updated information on road closures throughout WA. Call 138 138 or www.mainroads.wa.gov.au
- Check the weather forecast and current fire restrictions. Be aware of the Fire Danger Rating for the area you are travelling to and be prepared to reassess your plans.
- Download the Bushfire Traveller's Checklist at www.dfes.wa.gov.au

For more information visit dfes.wa.gov.au/bushfire or contact DFES Community Preparedness: Community.Preparedness@dfes.wa.gov.au or 9395 9816



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Now is the perfect time to check your skin!

The end of summer is a perfect time to check your skin. Months of outdoor activities in the sun can leave behind subtle changes you might not notice day to day.

Finding skin changes early can help you stay well for longer and keep you doing the things that matter to you.

Common symptoms of skin cancer include:

- A new spot or mole on your skin that is red, pale or pearly in colour
- 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

To learn about the early symptoms of cancer visit <https://www.findcancerearly.com.au/> or call our 13 11 20 Information and Support Line.



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WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

Men and Cancer

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
April 2026

Men in Australia are much more likely to be diagnosed with and die from Cancer than women. In fact, according to the Cancer Council of WA the lifetime cancer risk is 1 in 2 for men and 1 in 3 for women. Men are over represented in all gender shared cancers including the most common - lung, bowel and skin. The experience of cancer in one form or another is never good, but it does beg the question, why the gender disparity? There is no simple answer, but we do know that men in general are less likely to visit their GP to report or act on any unusual symptoms or changes.



Cancer is a disease driven by changes in our DNA/genes which causes a group of abnormal cells to divide and grow out of control. It usually occurs in a specific spot but can spread to other parts of the body. We are still some ways from finding a cure, but we do know that finding cancer early improves our chances of successful treatment and long-term survival. For the average bloke, general things that warrant a chat with a GP could include:

- unusual lumps or a sore that isn't healing properly;
- unusual changes in our testicles – changes in shape, consistency or a lump;

- a persistent cough or hoarseness, coughing up blood;
- unexplained weight loss;
- moles that have changed shape, size or colour, or bleed, or an inflamed skin sore that hasn't healed;
- blood in a bowel motion;
- persistent changes in toilet habits or urinary problems or changes.

It is important to note that these symptoms are likely to be related to more common, less serious health problems. However, we still need to discuss them to ease our concerns or pick up something early rather than later.

Unfortunately, it is often only when blokes find they are progressed with cancer that they actually start to think about modifying their behaviour and making healthy changes. So, what can us men do to prevent or lessen our chances of developing cancer?

- Stop smoking – lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in Australian men
- Be SunSmart – protect our self in the sun and take care not to burn
- Stay in shape – aim for a healthy body weight, watch our waistline
- Move more – be physically active for at least 30 minutes on most or all days
- Eat for health – A varied diet with lots of fruit/vegetables and limit red meat
- Limit alcohol – no more than two standard drinks a day and try to have one or two alcohol-free days a week
- Have a chat with our GP about our prostate especially if we are over 45 years
- Use our bowel screen kit when you get it
- Get to know our family history of cancer

Remember it's our health, if we have any concerns or questions, we need to go and chat with a GP, don't wait and leave it till it's too late.

✉ @RMHI_4blokes

🎧 Working with Warriors Podcast

🌐 regionalmenshealth.com.au



Gandy Angus Proves Its Breeding on the National Stage

Gandy All In Q202 takes on Australia's most popular AI sires and leading seedstock programs in ASBP Cohort 13 — and comes out on top

For any seedstock operation, the ultimate test of a breeding program is how its genetics perform against the best in the industry under independent, rigorous assessment. The Angus Sire Benchmarking Program (ASBP) offers valuable insights, and Cohort 13 results show that Gandy Angus genetics not only stand alongside the country's top programs but outperforms them.

Gandy All In Q202, a homebred son by Gandy Angus, has claimed five number one rankings and finished in the top 10 for 11 of the 22 traits measured — across growth, feed efficiency, carcass quality, temperament and structure. It's a result that puts Gandy Angus breeding firmly alongside the biggest names in the Australian and New Zealand Angus industry. The ASBP is the most rigorous independent progeny test in the Australian beef industry.

The Company He Keeps

The strength of any benchmarking result depends on the strength of the competition, and Cohort 13 is stacked. The sire line-up includes genetics from some of the most respected and widely used programs in the country. Texas Iceman R725, Lawsons Rocky R4010, Moogenilla Quinella Q33 and Knowla So Right S48 are leaders in the AI market.

The cohort also features sires from leading seedstock operations such as Alpine Angus, Ben Nevis, Booroomooka and Te Mania.

For Gandy Angus to enter a bull into this field and have him come out on top across the key commercial traits is a powerful validation of the program's direction and the quality of genetics being produced.

Growth: Leading from the Front

Q202 ranked first for 400-day weight and 600-day weight and second for 200-day weight. His 600-day weight was 18 kg clear of Bald Blair Stirling S86) in second, and nearly 50 kg above the cohort average. Q202 didn't just edge these bulls, he was well clear of all of them.

Feed Efficiency: The Easy Doing Advantage

Q202 ranked number one for net feed intake at -3.6 kg/day — meaning his progeny required less feed for a standard weight and rate of gain than any other sire group in the cohort. When a sire can outperform the most widely used genetics in the country for feed efficiency by a margin of 1kg/day over second place, it proves that Gandy cattle grow fast and do it efficiently.

Carcass Weight and Meat Quality

Q202 ranked first for carcass weight at 491.4 kg and his MSA ossification score of 144.3 was the best in the cohort — indicating his progeny reach market specification at a younger physiological age, a trait directly linked to eating quality and grid premiums. Q202 also placed seventh for MSA Index (66.1), in a trait where the spread was tight, with first place at 66.8.

Structure and Temperament

Q202 ranked second for docility, and second for foot angle. He was sixth for claw set. These results confirm that Gandy Angus is breeding cattle with the structural integrity and temperament to perform in any commercial environment.



For a Gandy Angus homebred sire to take on bulls from Alpine, Ben Nevis, Booroomooka, Te Mania, Lawsons, Moogenilla, Knowla, Texas Iceman, and Rissington — and finish with five number one rankings and 11 top 10 finishes from 22 traits measured is a stellar result.

About the ASBP

The Angus Sire Benchmarking Program is a major initiative of Angus Australia with support from Meat & Livestock Australia and industry partners including Vetoquinol, Rangers Valley Feedlot and John Dee Abattoir. Each cohort joins 25–35 sires with a minimum of 25 progeny per sire (50:50 steers and heifers) across commercial cooperator herds in New South Wales and Victoria. Progeny are comprehensively recorded for calving ease, growth, temperament, structure, feed efficiency, carcass attributes and beef quality. For further information visit www.angusaustralia.com.au.

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Pemberton Community Sports Club

WHATS ON AT THE CLUB



-April 2026



What's On at the Club

Day	Activity	Time
Monday	All Sorts Fitness	9:00am
	Yoga	5:00pm
Tuesday	Playgroup	9:00am
	Footy Training	From 6:00pm
Wednesday	Ladies Badminton	9:00am
	Social Badminton	6:00pm
	Snooker	6:30pm
Thursday	Playgroup	9:00am
	Junior / Senior Footy Training	From 4:30pm
Saturday	Karate	8:00am

Casual Bar Attendant Wanted

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

Requirements:

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

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

📍 Pemberton Sports Club

✉ Email: admin@pembertoncsc.com.au

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

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Pemberton Cycling Update

Hi everyone,

It's been a little while since our last update, so there's quite a bit to catch up on. We're now moving into Djeran, the Noongar season of cooler mornings, shorter days and a welcome change in conditions after the long, dry summer.

Quickly recapping the end of last year, our Christmas Lights Night Ride was a fantastic success, with an impressive turnout and plenty of creativity on display. Riders went all out with festive outfits and bike decorations, making for a fun evening cruising around town. A few well-earned prizes were handed out in the form of vouchers to local coffee shops — always a welcome reward after tackling a few of Pemberton's hills!

The WA Gravity Girls weekend was also a highlight, with all coaching spots filled and a great vibe across the two days. It was fantastic to see women building confidence and progressing their skills on the trails, with local riders helping showcase the beauty and variety of our trail networks - and getting into the festive spirit!

Looking ahead, our club social calendar is now locked in, with a series of rides planned across different locations around the South West. We'll be sharing the full schedule soon — all members and visitors are welcome to come along and join the fun.

Below, L-R: Michele and Monique were all smiles on the women's social ride, leading the group down the Munda Biddi, along the Eastbrook trail and back into town. It was great to have so many riders join in! Thank you, Tyler, for capturing these moments.



Above: full of festivity - and looking the part - for our Christmas Lights Night Ride.



Left: Hitting the trails complete with Santa shirts and reindeer antlers.

Below: A few snapshots from the WA Gravity Girls social weekend in Pemberton, which coincided with our regular monthly women's social ride. It was an impressive sight to see so many women on mountain bikes!



We've also recently added some new club merchandise to our website. If you're keen to represent the club on or off the bike, it's worth jumping online to check out what's available.

Out on the trails, a huge karri recently came down in the Pemberton MTB Park, blocking a section of return trail and the Munda Biddi alignment. Thankfully the crew from DBCA responded quickly and made short work of clearing the mammoth tree, reopening the trail within a matter of days. A big thank you to DBCA for your efforts!

This time of year also means ongoing maintenance challenges, with significant leaf and limb drop following the hot, dry months. Our volunteers are doing their best to keep trails clear and safe, but riders are encouraged to stay alert and ride with caution as conditions can change quickly.

Finally, a reminder that the **Northcliffe Karri Cup** is coming up on **April 18**. This cross-country riding event offers a range of distances all the way up to 100 km, making it a great challenge whether you're looking to push yourself or just enjoy a day out on the bike.

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

The PCA Team



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Above: the massive karri that came down recently, with a couple of humans for scale! Thank you DBCA for your quick work to restore access.





NORTHCLIFFE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

17-19 April

2026

EARLY BIRD

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

MTB CHALLENGE

Saturday 18 April

8km | 25km | 50km | 100km

FUN RUN

Friday 17 April

2km | 8km

KARRI KIDS MTB Race

Sunday 19 April

www.karricup.com.au

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

[northcliffekarricup](https://www.instagram.com/northcliffekarricup)

MTB ride - Saturdays 8.00am

Women's MTB ride - Sunday
April 12, 9.00am

Road bike ride - Sundays 7.30am

All rides meet at Pemberton Visitor
Centre

Upcoming events:
Northcliffe Karri Cup
April 18



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Celebrate 100 Years!

PEMBERTON HOTEL



Pemberton Hotel Centenary Weekend

Friday 24th April

- Olive Mae music 5-8:30pm
- Wine, Gin & Vodka Tasting with Ampersand
- Dancing!
- Charlie's Story 7pm in lounge bar by sculptor Mandy Sneeuwjagt

Saturday 25th April

- Dawn Service at RSL park at 6am followed by RSL Gunfire Breakfast finger food provided by Pemberton CWA at RSL
- 10:45am ANZAC parade gather at hotel, 11am parade departs for ANZAC service by school until approx 11:40am followed by finger food & drinks at CWA
- 12-2pm Museum tour option

Back at hotel -

Saturday Afternoon

- 1-4pm Musician Shenai Johnston at hotel
- 2pm Two-up by RSL
- 4:30pm Ada the friendly Ghost Historic Account of hotel
- 5:30-7:30 Wild Beyond Cider & new leaf orchard juices tastings
- 5:30-8:30 Jonelle Grokowski Duo

Sunday 26th April

- 11:30 Historic account of the first woman ever in the public bar!
- 12-3 Lightnin Jack Blues
- 3pm Line dancing
- Afternoon Tastings with Bob - Batiste Wines
- 3:30pm More stories & Tales of the Century
- 4pm Speeches & thank you's

More surprise additions still to be announced
Prizes all weekend for Best dressed in 1920's costume

Manjimup Shire Bulletin

April 2026



SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month it was our great honour and privilege to host the Governor of Western Australia, the Honourable Chris Dawson. His Excellency visited both Manjimup and Walpole and met with the community and volunteers. We are extremely grateful and humbled by time the Governor took to speak to each attendee, and we hope his time in our beautiful Southwest was enjoyable.

Deputy President, Steve Miolin and I had the opportunity to see all that the newly redeveloped WACA, has to offer. We attended the Kookaburra WA Community Cricket Awards on Monday 23 March, where the Rea Park Collier Street lighting project was a finalist for the "Community Facility Project of the Year". Although we didn't leave with a win, it was an honour to be in the top 3 and we are excited to see the second stage of the project commence. This will see the drainage issues addressed – a welcome announcement for our winter sports I'm sure!

Our March Council meeting was held in Northcliffe at the Town Hall. Council took the opportunity to tour surrounding businesses and key projects including the Windy Harbour Settlement. We were thrilled to celebrate the local volunteers, community and local legends at an afternoon tea prior to the Council meeting. This celebration is the first of the series, to recognise the contribution that our volunteers make to their communities. Quinninup, Walpole and Pemberton afternoon teas will take place throughout the year - keep an eye out for your invitation!

My next town visit is on Tuesday 31 March in Northcliffe and Quinninup. This year I've added a Manjimup visit - please check the Shire website and posters around towns for details.

As always please reach out to your Councillors or myself if you would like to raise a fabulous idea or issue. Until then, 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 April 2026

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

SHIRE NEWS / WHAT'S ON

Shire President Visits - Chat with Donelle Buegge!

On the first Tuesday of each month, the Shire President will be visiting two towns in the Rural Ward, alternating between Northcliffe and Quinninup one month and Pemberton and Walpole the next. Visit the Shire website for all the information.

Shire Progresses RV-Friendly Town initiative

The Shire is advancing its RV-Friendly Town initiative, to boost tourism and local spending, by providing short-term parking for self-contained RVs. This initiative will be rolled out in a staged approach, allowing a trial period in Manjimup first to test service levels and the management model before progressing in other areas. Visit the Shire website for more information.

Great Sorts!

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's "Great Sorts" campaign was displayed on a billboard along Vasse Highway, during March. The campaign was to promote the five key actions to reduce landfill: Gift unwanted items, Recycle, Earth-cycle food scraps into compost, Avoid single-use items, and Take special wastes to the right place (batteries, e-waste and old phones). Be a GREAT sort!



2025 Lester Prize Finalists exhibition at Manjimup Art Gallery from 11 April -16 May 2026

The Lester Prize is one of Australia's most prestigious awards for portraiture, celebrating artists who push the boundaries of contemporary Portraiture. We are very fortunate and excited to be hosting the Exhibition in our very own Manjimup Art Gallery.

'Colour My World' Workshops

This fun and interactive STEM program (for ages 8-

11) will get kids learning, experimenting, and discovering, while sharing an important sun safety message. Visit the Shire website for dates.

What's in a Name? Finding Your Story!

In this Ancestry workshop, expert, Tanya Orso, will show attendees how to research their ancestors, navigate historical documents and uncover the unique stories that make up a family's past.

To be held at Manjimup Library, on Tuesday 21 April from 10:00am – 12:00pm. For full details, visit the Shire's website.

'Beginner's Guide to Contemporary Portraiture' Painting Workshop

A *Beginner's Guide to Contemporary Portraiture* is a free workshop providing a rare opportunity to develop new skills under the guidance of renowned artist, Lori Pensini.

Numbers will be limited to 12 so registrations are essential. Visit the Shire website for details.

Free Lifeguard training - Manjimup AquaCentre!

The Shire is offering free, nationally recognised lifesaving training through its Volunteer Lifeguard Program, supported by the WA Government.

Training runs over two weekends in May, with First Aid/CPR on Saturday 9 May, and a Pool Lifeguard course on Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 May. Participants must be 16+ and meet minimum requirements. For further information, please contact Jenine Dilts on Jenine.dilts@manjimup.wa.gov.au

Annual Vergeside Hard Waste Collection Service

The 2026 vergeside hard waste collection is available to domestic properties with kerbside bin services, but not commercial or non-domestic sites.

It will occur later than usual, with dates announced about three weeks in advance. Accepted items and limits will be similar to 2025, and residents must wait for official notice before placing waste on the verge, or they will be required to remove them.

Shire represent Perth Caravan and Camping Show

From 19–22 March, Shire of Manjimup staff attended the Perth Caravan and Camping Show at Claremont Showgrounds, promoting the region's food, wine, and outdoor attractions, while showcasing local produce and sharing visitor guides.

Shire President

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Cr Andy Burns: 0467 511 867

Cr Brayden Daniele: 0475 450 141

Cr Jennifer Willcox: 0400 504 095

Urban Ward Councillors

Cr Jayde Darin: 0422 070 195

Cr Wade De Campo: 0427 094 081

Cr Steve Miolin, Deputy Shire President: 0428 671 552

Cr Heidi Tempra: 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 April at the Council Chambers, Manjimup.

Pemberton Library

61 Brockman Street - 9776 1311

Wednesday 9:00am - 1:30pm

Thursday 9:30am-12:30pm

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

AquaCentre

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

MHCC Activities

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

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

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

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



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

