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pcn@pembertoncra.org.au

Deadline is 26th of the month

EDITORIAL

I've always been a fan of good sci-fi—the kind where robots take over the world but still somehow manage to be more polite than humans. Back then, it felt like harmless entertainment. Now, it's starting to feel less like fiction and more like a documentary we accidentally wandered into.

In my lifetime, technological advancement has exploded exponentially, and I am not sure its for the better.

Lately, it has become genuinely worrisome—somewhere between watching people scroll endlessly through social media, reading news that may or may not be real, and seeing everyday photos filtered beyond recognition.

And of course, we now regularly ask artificial intelligence what to think, what to write, where to go on holiday, and occasionally, how we're feeling about it.

It all started innocently enough. Auto-correct saved us from embarrassing spelling mistakes (and created a few new ones). Then came smart assistants, helpful apps, and tools that made life easier. At the time, AI felt like a friendly helper—more WALL-E than world domination.

But let's be honest: most movies about AI don't end happily. For every friendly robot, there are dozens quietly plotting humanity's downfall—or at least taking over our jobs.

Still, we didn't worry too much. After all, the idea of machines running our lives felt about as likely as "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Seas" felt to Jules Verne.

And yet... here we are.

Our phones listen to us (allegedly), our fridges are smarter than we are (definitely), and AI can now write emails, reports, and possibly this very article. It can plan your holiday, organise your schedule, and remind you to drink water—which is helpful, because apparently we can no longer be trusted to do that on our own.

So what's the downside?

Well, for starters, we don't have to think quite as much anymore. Spelling? Optional. Writing? Assisted. Decision-making? Outsourced. At this rate, the only thing we'll be fully responsible for is remembering our passwords—and even that seems negotiable.

Then there's work. If AI can do your job faster, cheaper, and without needing coffee breaks, it does raise an uncomfortable question: are we really becoming redundant?

But perhaps the strangest shift is happening in how we connect with each other.

Face-to-face conversations are becoming rare, especially for the youth. When they do happen, there's a good chance someone is mentally drafting a text or post about it instead of fully participating. Studies suggest we're even getting worse at reading facial expressions—which makes sense, given most of our exchanges now involves the use of emojis.

Romance has changed too. Love letters have been replaced by memes, short videos, and the occasional "seen" notification. Nothing says deep emotional connection quite like a love heart reaction. Potential partners can also be vetted through apps such as Keeper, ALO and emma to ensure success!

Which leads to an interesting thought: if technology can already influence what we see, what we think, and what we do... how long before it starts handling how we feel?

Will there be an app for that? "Feeling sad? Tap here for instant joy." "Mild existential crisis? Try our premium upgrade."

And if that happens, here's the real question:

When we laugh... will it be because something is genuinely funny, or will we have an app decide that for us as well?

Something to think about—while your phone finishes that thought for you.

Gaye



Image by mohamed Hassan

THE PCN GOES GLOBAL!

Everyone loves our local paper — even on the other side of the world!

Check out this fantastic snap of our friend Elsa enjoying the PCN all the way over in Japan.

A huge thank you to Elsa for sharing this with us — we can't wait to hear all about her adventures abroad.

And of course, thank you to all our loyal readers and supporters. We've loved your feedback, your stories, and your contributions to local news.

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**THURSDAY
14TH MAY
2026**

1:00-3:30PM

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PEMBERTON COMMUNITY HUB

RSVP AT THE CRC
Office@pembertoncrc.org.au



Founder of Staying In Place program **Helen Morton**
from Pingelly CRC will be speaking at 1:30pm

PEMBERTON HOTEL

LIVE MUSIC MAY

MONDAYS 6PM	POOL LEAGUE ALL WELCOME!
10 MAY	MOTHERS DAY ROB V. 12-3PM
15 MAY	JONELLE DUO 5-8PM
29 MAY	SHENAI 5-8PM JOHNSTON
HAPPY HOUR	WED 4-5:30PM FRI 4-5:30PM

PLEASE SEE SOCIALS FOR MORE INFO

IT'S ON AGAIN.....WOW PEMBERTON 2026

Returning for the 5th consecutive year, Welcome to Winter and our annual **Weekend of Workshops (WOW)**

EARLY BIRD TICKETS ARE ON SALE FROM 1ST - 31ST MAY FOR ADVERTISED WORKSHOPS

SPACES ARE LIMITED SO GET IN EARLY!

WE ARE STILL WAITING TO CONFIRM DETAILS FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

Textile collage & stitching
metal clay jewellery
Perfecting pastries
Gnocchi and Italian sausages

Please contact the CRC to register your interest in purchasing tickets for these events.



WOW
Weekend Of Workshops
PEMBERTON 2026
10.07.2026 - 13.07.2026

WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:
PAINTING FACES
FELTED FOOTWARMERS
TEXTILE COLLAGE & STITCHING
LEGO CHALLENGE
CREATIVE CAKES
PERFECT PASTRIES
AND MORE!

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WOW PEMBERTON 2026
Friday 10th July 9.30am-11.30pm or 1.00-3.00pm
Making Cakes with Miss Bazz

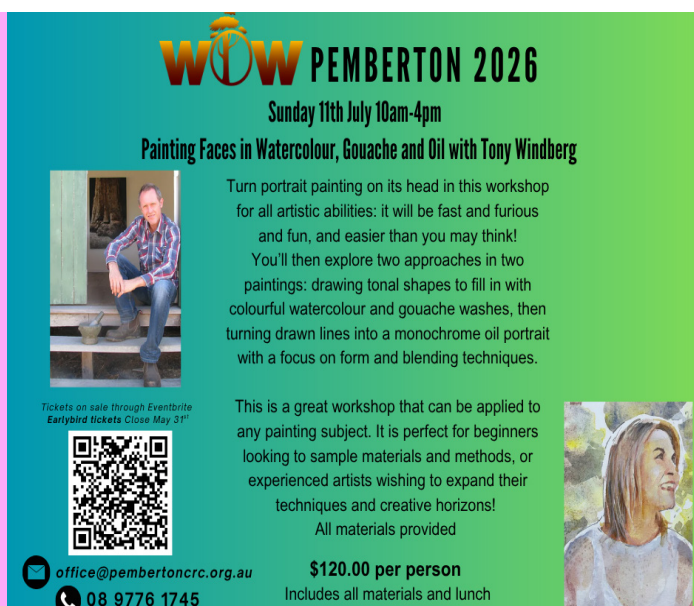
Cake making tips and tricks from our local legend - Miss Bazz!
Participants will receive recipes, see a hands-on demonstration and will also enjoy eating what is prepared!

Morning class - Layered Honey Cake.
This class will show you how to make this famous European cake. **Afternoon class - Victoria Sponge plus Anzac biscuits.**
This class is for people who would like to be shown some basic baking skills and how to quickly whip up some baked treats - whether for an afternoon tea delight or the kids' lunchboxes.

\$60.00 per person
Includes all materials

Tickets on sale through Eventbrite
Earlybird tickets Close May 31st

office@pembertoncrc.org.au
08 9776 1745



WOW PEMBERTON 2026
Sunday 11th July 10am-4pm
Painting Faces in Watercolour, Gouache and Oil with Tony Windberg

Turn portrait painting on its head in this workshop for all artistic abilities: it will be fast and furious and fun, and easier than you may think!
You'll then explore two approaches in two paintings: drawing tonal shapes to fill in with colourful watercolour and gouache washes, then turning drawn lines into a monochrome oil portrait with a focus on form and blending techniques.

This is a great workshop that can be applied to any painting subject. It is perfect for beginners looking to sample materials and methods, or experienced artists wishing to expand their techniques and creative horizons!
All materials provided

\$120.00 per person
Includes all materials and lunch

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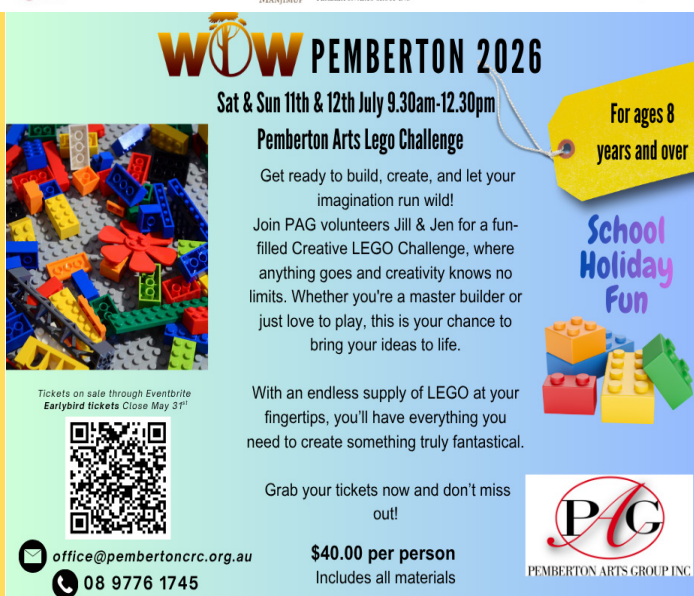
WOW PEMBERTON 2026
Saturday 11th July 9am - 4pm
Fabulous felted fluffy footwarmers with Faye Llewellyn

At this workshop you will make your very own fabulous fluffy footwarmers. Faye will give helpful hints and tips on how to produce wildly colourful and useful items using natural materials at the least cost to the maker and the environment. Faye loves to share the techniques she accumulated from her 15 years of experience including many workshops and loads of trial and error. Faye's workshop will provide you with not only a wearable item and a useful new skill, but you will have great fun in the process.

\$75.00 per person
Includes all materials and lunch

Tickets on sale through Eventbrite
Earlybird tickets Close May 31st

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WOW PEMBERTON 2026
Sat & Sun 11th & 12th July 9.30am-12.30pm
Pemberton Arts Lego Challenge

Get ready to build, create, and let your imagination run wild!
Join PAG volunteers Jill & Jen for a fun-filled Creative LEGO Challenge, where anything goes and creativity knows no limits. Whether you're a master builder or just love to play, this is your chance to bring your ideas to life.

With an endless supply of LEGO at your fingertips, you'll have everything you need to create something truly fantastical.

Grab your tickets now and don't miss out!

\$40.00 per person
Includes all materials

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For ages 8 years and over
School Holiday Fun

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REGIONAL COLUMN

Article by Annetta Bellingeri - Senior Regional Officer for the South West,

How to avoid a holiday house horror

Staying in a holiday house can be like a home away from home. Unlike hotels and motels, holiday properties are often regular homes or apartments that haven't been designed specifically for accommodation. They may be hosted, where the owner lives onsite, or un-hosted, where guests have exclusive use of the property during their stay.

Travellers usually book these holiday houses through online "sharing economy" platforms like AirBnB and Stayz.

Just like with any product or service you buy, your rights are protected by Australian Consumer Law if things go wrong. This means your holiday accommodation must be safe and of acceptable quality, match the advertised description, provided with due care and skill and be fit for purpose. These rights don't change if you booked through a sharing platform, an app or directly with a provider, and they can't be taken away by terms and conditions.

However, it is important to still take the time to read the platform's terms and conditions and check how complaints are handled if something goes wrong and to know what your rights are should you need to cancel. Also make sure you agree with the house rules the host sets out in the listing before you hit the "confirm booking" button.

When you arrive at the holiday house take the time to look around and make sure everything is in order before you start unpacking the bags. If something is broken or not working, take a photo and send it to the host straight away.

Depending on what is wrong, the host should fix the issue within a reasonable time or offer you a remedy. A broken wine glass may not matter but it might be a different story if the pool is out of service.

The remedy you're entitled to depends on whether the problem is major or minor. A problem with a holiday house could be considered "major" if it creates an unsafe situation, or where an issue or series of issues can't be easily fixed or can't be resolved within a reasonable time. In these cases, you could be entitled to a refund or to cancel without losing any money.

If you paid extra for something like a highchair or beach towels and they're not there, contact the host in the first instance and if they can't resolve this quickly you may be entitled to a refund of that hire fee.

If you break something during your stay, honesty is always best and you should also let the host know.

If contacting the host doesn't resolve the issues, you should raise the matter through the platform's dispute resolution process, if one is available. The sharing economy relies on customers reviews, so leaving a factual review can also help warn other consumers.

When all other avenues have been exhausted and the issue remains unresolved, you can lodge a complaint with Consumer Protection for further assistance – 1300 30 40 54.



PEMBERTON VISITOR CENTRE

ARTICLE BY GRAEME DEARLE

Pemberton Update – April

April has been a big month for Pemberton, with strong community events, renewed energy across local businesses, and exciting milestones ahead.

Tourism continues to play an important role, with Pemberton once again a finalist in the WA Tiny Tourism Town Awards. Voting has now closed, and we thank everyone who took the time to support and share — it all helps raise the profile of our town.

The Southern Forests Heritage Festival has been a highlight, celebrating local history and community. Events such as the Pemberton Hotel's 100-year celebration and activities with the Pemberton Tramway Company were well supported and a great reminder of the stories that shape our region.

We acknowledge and thank Wilma, Joe and Micheala for their incredible contribution to the Pemberton Hotel over the past 38 years, and wish them all the best for what comes next.

We also recognise Pauline and Mitch, who created the much-loved Treehouse Tapas and Wine Bar, and thank them for the energy and experience they have brought to the town. It is always a significant moment when long-standing businesses change hands, and we look forward to seeing the next chapter for these iconic venues and welcome the new owners to town.

Congratulations also to the Pemberton Arts Group on another successful Easter exhibition, along with Pemberley's "Sculptures in the Vines" event. It's this passion, creativity and community spirit that makes Pemberton such a special place to live and visit.

At the Pemberton Pool, cleanup and remediation works have been completed following recent damage, and the pool has now reopened, much to the relief of locals, families and visitors. The floating sauna project remains on track and is expected to open in the coming months, adding a new experience for both visitors and locals. Planning is also underway for upgrades to the pool carpark, aimed at improving access, safety and the overall visitor experience at the precinct.

The Pemberton Caravan Park has continued to perform strongly, welcoming visitors from across the state and beyond. As a key contributor to the Visitor Centre, it supports ongoing improvements and future projects, with planning underway for upgrades to facilities and accommodation.

Looking ahead, there is growing excitement around the reopening of some of Pemberton's key attractions, with the Gloucester Tree currently on track to open in June and the new Karri Trails also expected to open soon. As a major tourism icon and trail destination, these openings will be a significant milestone for the town, and we look forward to celebrating with the community.

As we move into the quieter months, rising fuel costs and discretionary spending are influencing travel decisions. We encourage both visitors and locals to make use of the Pemberton Visitor Centre, where staff can assist with Transwa bookings and accommodation state wide, helping to make travel planning easier.

We also encourage our community and visitors to take part in the Pemberton survey, as this feedback helps guide future planning and ensures we continue to deliver what matters most to those who visit and live here.

Pemberton continues to offer a unique mix of forest, trails and local experiences, and we look forward to welcoming visitors as we head into the cooler months.

PEMBERTON
Western Australia



HOROSCOPES & THE MONTH AHEAD

We're getting a blue Moon in 2026!

The month of May 2026 will see two full Moons rise: one on 1st May and a second on 31st May.

That makes the 31st May 2026 full Moon a blue Moon and means we'll see 13 full Moons in 2026, rather than the usual 12.

The month begins on the 1st with a Full Moon in Scorpio, a powerful time to review your finances. Take stock of your progress toward goals set earlier in the year and adjust if needed. Even if you're behind schedule, there's still time to regroup and refine your strategy. Intuition runs high under this Moon, helping you uncover hidden details and make smarter decisions.

The May 16, 2026, New Moon in Taurus offers a potent spiritual window focused on grounding, stability, and manifesting material security. It serves as a "cosmic reset" to plant seeds for financial abundance and personal comforts, perfectly balancing the high-energy, rare double-Full Moon (Flower & Blue Moon) atmosphere occurring earlier and later in the month.

The Blue Moon on May 31, 2026, is a rare second full moon in one month, offering a powerful time for reflection, releasing old patterns, and setting long-term goals. As a "micromoon"—farther from Earth—its energy is quiet and reflective, urging us to look inward and embrace wisdom rather than force action, often in the sign of Sagittarius.

Spiritual Meanings & Themes

The Quiet Micromoon: Because it is far from Earth, it is a shy, subtle, and peaceful moon, emphasizing deep reflection and intentionality.

Culmination and Release: The second full moon in a month is an invitation to release what no longer serves you and to step into a new phase of life.

Sagittarius Energy: This moon emphasizes freedom, expansion, and seeking truth.

Usage Examples & Rituals (May 31, 2026)

Release Ritual: Write down what you wish to release on paper and place it under a piece of obsidian or amethyst.

Moon Water & Crystal Recharge: Place your crystals in the moonlight to recharge. Set a jar of water under the moon's light to create energized moon water for the month ahead.

Manifestation Journaling: Reflect on your, long-term goals and write them down in the present tense to harness the intense energy of a Blue Moon.

Aries (March 21 - April 19): Focus on consolidating financial gains and taking calculated risks early in the month.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): You are in the spotlight. The New Moon on the 16th empowers new personal projects, while Mars boosts your energy.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20): A personal renaissance period; focus on intuition and rest before the Sun enters your sign on the 20th, initiating a high-energy, social phase.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22): Career focus is high, with potential for recognition or new responsibilities in the

first half of the month.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Opportunities for career expansion and networking, particularly through friends or professional groups.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Focus on long-term travel, education, or career breakthroughs.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Unexpected opportunities for financial growth, likely through partnerships or shared resources.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): The Full Moon in your sign on May 1st forces a reassessment of personal goals and relationships.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Focus on routines, health, and improving efficiency in your daily life.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): Creative endeavours and romantic interests take centre stage.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18): Changes in home and family life; you may find sudden luck in property or finding harmony at home.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20): Highly communicative, social, and busy month, with opportunities to sign contracts or make valuable connections.



MONTHLY PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, We thank You for the four seasons You planned each passing year. May we see Your beauty for us in all of them. Especially now as we experience Autumn in Pemberton and the surrounding towns.



The different array of colours in the trees; hues of yellows, gold, orange and reds. The crisp coolness of early mornings. The welcoming warmth of midday and the cosiness of our homes in the evenings. We believe this is the portrayal of Your love for us.

We are so privileged to enjoy the comforts of life here, even if there are days of unwellness or missing loved ones who have passed on.

Lord, we ask that you open our spiritual eyes to see that love of which we can so easily lose sight of in our hurriedness and in worldwide instability of these times.

Our lives are filled with choices and decisions, T-junctions and crossroads are part of the journey of life. Help us to pause when we have to make decisions and ask for Your wisdom Lord, so that our hearts may be filled with peace and rest.

We acknowledge You as our Lord and Saviour who sacrificed Your only begotten Son to rescue and redeem us from our sinfulness. For this we thank and praise You.

May we be worthy to be called the children of God and keep our eyes focused on You,

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



MILL HALL

The Mill Hall Easter Markets were a great success with a jam-packed Hall full of varied stalls.



The Raffles winners were:

- Joy Brown (RED C66)
- Rebecca Handley (RED C34)
- Zach (YELLOW D45)
- T. Carrington (RED C39)

Don't forget the Volunteer BBQ to be held at the Mill Hall on Fri May 22nd. This will be a great social event!

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
- MAY 9TH DANCE
- MAY 22ND VOLUNTEER BBQ

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

Mill Hall banking details:

WESTPAC BSB: 036126 ACC: 237796

We have an account with Containers for Change. This is for the collection of the 10c cans and bottles. The account is C10562118. You can drop them off or we can pick them up for you. You are also welcome to leave them at the tip in a woven plastic bag (feed bag) and label them with the number 10562118.

President Deanne Ventris

CWA NEWS

ARTICLE BY KATE SHAW

It's May, it's May, that merry month of May.

It is also the month I'm going away on a garden tour. I'm wondering if I will see Lilac trees in flower.

We had a big lilac tree in our garden with a swing under it. It was divine.

CWA is rocking along thanks to our great members and community members.

We are still not needing women's clothing. We have enough summer and winter clothes for the rest of this year.

We could use some men's, especially winter.

Please, if you are hoarding masses of clothes, dispose of them as no good down the track.

They get mould, vermin and smelly.

It seems all the opshops are inundated.

All for now

In Friendship - Kate



PEMBERTON YES CADETS

Free community event at the Mill Hall on Friday, 22 May 2026, commencing at 5:00pm.

This event is being held in conjunction with National Volunteer Week 2026, proudly embracing this year's theme: "Your Year to Volunteer." It's a great opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate the incredible contribution of volunteers across Pemberton.

Event Overview

We're planning a relaxed, family-friendly evening that will include:

- A free BBQ for the community
- A screening of our locally produced documentary, Local Knowledge, which highlights the importance of volunteering in emergency services
- An opportunity for local volunteer organisations to connect directly with community members

Location: Mill Hall, Pemberton

Date: Friday, 22 May 2026

Time: 5:00pm start

If you're keen to be involved, please let us know so we can ensure we have enough space and catering for everyone.

We'd love to see as many of our local volunteer groups represented as possible—together we can make this a great night for the community and hopefully inspire a few new faces to get involved.

YES Cadets Pemberton Unit Leader

0447 165 814

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - PEMBERTON

BBQ • MOVIE • VOLUNTEERING

Join us for a relaxed, family-friendly evening celebrating our local volunteers!

Screening: Local Documentary "Local Knowledge"

FREE BBQ for all

Meet many of our local volunteer groups

Friday, 22 May 2026

From 5:00pm

Mill Hall, Pemberton

Come along, have a feed, and discover how you can support your community!

Hosted by Pemberton YES Cadets

MISSING THE BUS

ROZZI IN OZ

One of the memories of my school days is when classmates were late for school. The principal would face the late comers with a cane dangling menacingly behind his back. (although with little intention of using it) Facing the first guilty looking pupil, "And why are you late for school again?" "Missed the bus, sir!" would be the most common phrase as an excuse. "Well, then go to bed early and get up early!" "Next.... And so this was a good line used by many.

Missing the bus saved many a school late comer. Today I have another story to share with our PCN readers. The incident happened after arriving in Perth from the Cape Town holidays and as you may have guessed, it involves a bus! I taxied to the East Perth bus terminal at 12:30 that Thursday afternoon, the last leg of the journey back home to Pemberton. All passengers were on board on time and we left on the Transwa coach on schedule at 1pm.

Usual announcements were made about safe storage of luggage; fastening of seatbelts etc. We were also informed about the few short stops at the small towns and the main 20 minute refreshment stop at Bunbury station. It was a pleasant drive and it was interesting to watch passengers disembark and the newcomers embark at the stops along the way. Some people took a catnap while others listened to music through earphones and now and again the rustling of packets as some opened snack packs. Various ringtones sounded from mobile phones and whispered conversations could be heard, none causing any disturbance.

At one stage the driver announced no new passengers would be boarding and we could spread out to make ourselves more comfortable and sit in preferred seats. Here and there passengers took advantage of this while I chose to remain in my window seat from where I could observe the changing views as we travelled along. On arrival at Bunbury Station we were informed that we were well ahead of time and could enjoy an extra few minutes at this stopover. We were also reminded that the bus would be leaving promptly at 4pm to arrive at the final destination in Pemberton at 6:25pm. Most passengers got off to use the restrooms or buy refreshments at the vending machines in the station's waiting room. I enjoyed the fresh air and stretching my legs after that 3 hour drive.

As I had travelled this route several times before the procedures were familiar and as usual I took a walk on the station platform in the warm Autumn sunshine. On their return from the waiting room all the passengers sat facing the bus. It seemed a bit crowded and I decided to sit on the back to back seats facing the railway line. In privacy I called my daughter to remind her to fetch me at the Pemberton bus stop next to the old school building at the estimated time of arrival at 6:25 pm. She wished me a further pleasant ride and as I put my phone back into my backpack, I heard the roar of the bus engine as it took off with all the other passengers on board!!

I jumped up and ran around the shelter. The bus was no further than 20 metres away. I ran behind it, shouted and waved frantically for the driver to stop. I had missed the bus. In desperation, I ran across the road while praying, running through the shrubbery of the sidewalk

garden to the next road, thinking the bus would come that way. Oh no!! It was reserved for taxis. I ran and half stumbled through the next garden onto the road, dropped my backpack and waved both arms shouting and signalling the driver to stop. He did not see me. No one saw me. The bus slid past as if ignoring my desperate plea, took a left turn, drove around the corner out of sight.

Heart pounding in my chest, legs all wobbly, I made my way back to the waiting room stuttering a prayer for some kind of help to get me home. The lady behind the desk in the waiting room must have thought I had been mugged by the look on her face when I approached her. "What

happened!?" The words came tumbling out "I just missed the bus!!" "The one that just left a few minutes ago at 4?" "Where do you come from?" Breathless and totally distraught, I said "I boarded at East Perth sat on the station facing the railway line...and heard the bus taking off

.....She needed no further explanation. "Where is your luggage?" On the bus, I replied weakly.

The lady assured me she would do her best to help and said I should sit down and relax while she made a phone call. "These things do happen", she said sympathetically. For a fleeting moment I had hope. "The driver will not be able to stop once he gets onto the highway," she added. Hope faded again. I watched nervously while she went to another desk behind a partition, returned and made a second call. I could not hear the conversation from where I was sitting. I assumed she was calling the Transwa office. "We will wait and see whether they can locate him" she said.

I had calmed down somewhat and got my hopes up again when she smiled and said that I was very fortunate. "The driver is coming back to fetch you" I could hardly believe my ears. "He has just dropped off passengers at Edith Cowan Campus and will be here soon." I was overcome with gratitude and thanked the lady several times before I went outside again to sit on the rightful seat where I could see the bus which arrived sooner than I expected. I envisaged an agitated driver but instead he got out with his billboard and ushered me back into the bus. I thanked him for coming all the way back for me and slumped into my seat on the bus. Even the passengers did not bat an eye when I got on and in record time we arrived in Pemberton, just five minutes later at 6:30 pm. The driver parked the bus in front of the local hotel and myself and another passenger were the last ones to get off. "Are you not taking us to the bus shelter down the road?" she asked enquiringly. "No this is my last stop for the day" he answered, glancing towards me.

After parking the bus in the parking bay across the road, the driver passed me again where I stood on the pavement with all my luggage. "Thank you very much for coming back for me" I said once again, and enjoy your dinner "...I certainly will", he said as he mounted the steps to

the hotel entrance. Glancing over his shoulder his last comment was, "I hope your lift will fetch you soon." I had already called my daughter to tell her I was waiting outside the hotel and not at the bus stop.

On our way home I related my day's dilemma which certainly had a good outcome. The family listened with interest and we all had a good laugh in the end. Granny missed the bus, and though not reprimanded for being late, paid the price with aching legs days after the incident!!



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I LOVE MEN

ARTICLE BY ANN TIQUITTY

Images from internet

Now this old dear would like to admit, at the risk of being subject to an attack by militant women and a good percentage of the female of the species that I love men*

Through my long life I have had the good fortune to be surrounded by men and loved every minute of it. Now admittedly there have been some duds, some big time and some quite forgettable, but they got short shrift.

The men in my childhood had been crushed and humiliated by the Great Depression and just when the sun peeped through the clouds, they were called to defend their country, their loved ones, families, homes and they did it nobly.

. Now, I am not saying that the women of the day had it easy, certainly not, as usual they carried their own load and the load of their children, but back in the day, they stuck together, sharing with all the other women in the same situation. Women, those resilient warriors, took up the reins until their men, husbands, fathers, brothers and friends came home, or grieved together

for those that were lost. As the old saying goes "men must work and women must weep"

Men did not have that same support system. They kept it to themselves. All their mates were in the same situation

And when the men came home, life returned to some normality. Dad took over from Mum, who had done a marvellous job, and eventually I discovered Boys- my brother is exempt here He just found me complete embarrassment.



While admitting to having lots of boyfriends, I was discerning, but they were much more interesting than girlfriends, firstly they had lovely manners, opened car doors, arrived on time, could dance and dress well. They thought it was a privilege to have a good-looking girl on their arm. Ah me! Yes, I admit, I was a charmer with a pair of dimples to die for.

And then the love of my life stepped in and changed my life. College was full of dashing young blokes, but I found girls ordinary and there were 'mean girls' as well. Blokes were less complicated. What you saw was what there was and if that was not the case, they got the order of the boot. I love men even now. They hold the door open, lift heavy stuff, fix things, reach the top shelf at the Supermarket, put petrol in your car and check the tyres for us oldies, and smile.

I love the way they beat the crap out of their opponents on the sporting field and then shake hand, hug or congratulate each other

So dear Gentle Readers, having met squads of wonderful men in my long life and scads of wonderful women I am battling to come to terms and deal with the embarrassment of the 'woman of today'. You know who I mean, the ones who cannot even tell you what a woman is. Screaming banshees, women/females/etc. who feel they are saving the world, denigrating our men, and forming a Sisterhood of foul mouthed, vain, "Me Too's" Some of their malicious

gossip is breathtaking. Frothing at the mouth and shrieking obscenities is cringe worthy. Even some of the ladies of the ABC lack respect, smiles and are often not even rational.

Now ladies, I love you all. Well, nearly all. So, rise up wise up, and give men equal rights I say. What goes round may come round again. Give your sons assurance, manners, coping skills. Give your daughters smiles, charm, manners and coping skills, so they can cope together.

Biblically, we weren't created from the foot of men, to be trodden on, but from his rib, near the heart and his arm, to be loved, held and to offer each other support.

*With the exception of Andrew MW, assorted Vic AFL footballers, a good proportion of politicians, blokes who march in protests, dress as Nazi's, nearly all of Hollywood-(male and female) and a few not safe to be mentioned here.



MOVIE REVIEW

SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK

2012 Rated M, 2h 2m

Directed by David O. Russell and nominated for 8 academy awards, this movie is well worth a watch.

After a stint in a mental institution, Pat (Bradley Cooper) who suffers a bipolar disorder moves home with his parents and tries to reconcile with his ex-wife.

The entire cast including Robert De Niro as Pat Sr. (Dad), Jacki Weaver as Dolores Solitano (Mum), Chris Tucker as Danny, Anupam Kher as Dr. Cliff Patel and John Ortiz as Ronnie gave awesome performances for their outstanding characters.

The drama and difficulties of mental illness and the complexities of family, friends and life in general are skillfully portrayed and poignant.

Things get more challenging when Pat meets Tiffany (Jennifer Lawrence), a mysterious girl with problems of her own.

The story revolves around these two fractured individuals and how, through their difficulties, create a connection which helps both of them heal in unique ways.

A fantastic feel good movie that could make you cringe, cry, cheer or clap at any given moment.

A film that depicts not only the complications of family, love, and life, but also cleverly represents the complex nature of mental illness.





Our Group are still in shock at the sudden loss of Kevin Dunnet. He was part of our team, always willing and helpful.

A wealth of historical knowledge that cannot be replaced.

Our most heartfelt condolences to his wonderful mother and family."

ABOUT WATER AND WELLS – A REFLECTION FROM A SETTLER'S GRANDSON.

As a teenager on our farm in summer during the 1950's, one of the more pleasant jobs was 'watering the spuds'! This meant driving the 'grey Fergie 26' down to the dam, linking the centrifugal pump to the P.T.O (power take off), priming the pump and then checking in the paddock for leaks in the pipe joins or faulty sprinklers when pumping was underway. Getting wet under the sprinklers for ready maintenance was comforting, keeping you cool on a warm day and taking in the smell of the earthy mud from the dam water. As the sprinklers ticked around, the summer garden would be a source of pickings, with green peas or beans to crunch, or carrots or corn to quell the appetite, or even the stray gooseberry ripening amongst the farm veggies. Dad grew a crop of peanuts one year amongst the tall nourishing sweet corn. Nearby his experimental acre of olive trees were forming shape. Novel Mexican gourds surprised with their colours and gnarled twisted shapes. Some years when the water in the dam was low trout could be seen gasping for air as the dam water temperature rose in the heat.

We did have a well nearby the house. A deep cool reservoir of black foul-smelling water. The well was a forbidden area, and the water was never used or could be used even on the garden as it was so mineralised to be toxic to regular plants. Protected by a deck of heavy wooden sleepers the young children knew the well area was forbidden. Ignoring the threats occasionally we



prised off the sleepers and looked down 10 feet and more onto the black sheen with the interior walls lined by carefully crafted timbers.

The Campbell's well, a young Joan testing the sleepers, with hand pump and washing bath upturned on a box. To the left, prior to the well a stack of jarrah timber liners is revealed, as well the farmhouse and 'outside thunder box-dunny'.

As a farmer's son I never understood why such a wasted asset existed, why it was built and at what cost? At my uncle's farm, they had a similar well. Auntie used their well mostly to set jellies or custards by lowering these down to the water level. She also stored the butter in the well to keep it solid! Their well, too was never used, as directly in front of the house was a fresh permanent stream, a source of water for

the house or dairy. We kept our rare bottle of Robbies, Creaming Soda or Kola Beer or Mint Freeze in the creek for cooling, sometimes a few long browns, on special occasions, in place of the non-existent refrigerator. Uncle had a ram 'donk' water pump on the creek. It ran by gravity and water flow, with sufficient power to lift water to the dairy and house. The wonderful photo above including toddler Joan Campbell, shows to the left a stack of jarrah liners specifically cut to line the well. As the well was dug down into the clayey soil liners were pushed in at the bottom to keep the well straight, protect the confined digger and prohibit the walls collapsing in over time. The wells were up to thirty feet, around 10 metres, deep.

A time warp to 1923, rainfall in December was 0 points, January 1924, 13 points, February 1924, 9.6 points and March of that year 6.1 points followed by April 8.6 points. Basically, arid conditions for five months. Very few farms had permanent summer creeks and most only 1000 gallons house tank for water. Imagine being on the Peel Estate near Rockingham in such conditions or Manjimup where the above rainfall was the official record.

No wonder the Group officials mandated that every farm would have a well, at cost, the sum of which was added to the capital cost in establishing each farm, to be repaid plus interest in due course, or in fact for many properties never!

At least the 'dry' property farmers would have water for the dairy herd and horses to drink, to wash the cows' udders or clean milking buckets and cans and separators; and water for the house garden or the



solitary rose bush in summer; or to wash in and or drink when the 1000-gallon house tank ran dry.

And along came the Australian windmill to lift and pump water to the shed or garden or horse trough.

Turning windmill, mostly with a squeek!

On our farm we had the compulsory asset including a windmill even though it never produced potable water failing through random geology, however we did have a permanent creek as a substitute for the regular dry summers. Countless other locations, many nearby, without summer creeks had their wells, productive or not, and maybe represented another nail in the coffin for a marginal scheme if ever there was.

Wells were in use into the later forties and early fifties on southwest farms. At this time D3/4 Caterpillar tractors appeared to shape dams across the winter



creeks to store water and heavy-duty galvanised irrigation pipes, and the attendant accessories became another cost, or an asset to make farming more productive.

A D4 Caterpillar tractor.

EVERYTHING HOUSEPLANTS- IN THE GARDEN

ARTICLE BY: NINA MARTIN

Photos by CRC Staff & Volunteers

The recent "Everything Houseplants Workshop" held at the Vic Conte Community Garden in Pemberton proved to be a wonderful afternoon of learning, connection, and greenery.

Led by local plant enthusiast Poppy, the hands-on session brought together a group of keen gardeners and beginners alike, all eager to expand their knowledge of indoor plants. From the moment the workshop began, Poppy created a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere, generously



sharing her expertise and passion for plants.

Attendees were guided through the essentials of creating their own potting mix, along with practical tips on how to care for and maintain thriving houseplants. The workshop struck a perfect balance between informative demonstrations and interactive learning, giving everyone the confidence to try things themselves.



One of the highlights was the opportunity for participants to bring along their own plants for advice and troubleshooting. This personalised approach meant everyone left with solutions tailored to their own home and garden challenges.

Poppy also brought along a beautiful selection of plants for sale, which added an extra layer of excitement to the day. Many attendees couldn't resist taking home a new leafy addition.

Beyond the practical skills, the workshop fostered a lovely sense of community. It was a chance to meet like-minded people, share experiences, and connect over a shared love of plants.

With limited places, the workshop filled quickly — a clear sign of the strong interest in gardening and sustainable living within the community. Events like this highlight the important role local spaces like the Vic Conte Community Garden play in bringing people together and promoting lifelong learning.

All in all, it was an inspiring and enjoyable afternoon, and many participants are already looking forward to future workshops.



**mulch the
garden beds**



**put up the
noticeboard**



**install
new
gate**



**SATURDAY
16th May 2026**

**GARDEN BUSY BEE
10-3 PM**

**Come along and help us finish off the Sustainability
project in the Community garden**

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Please bring your own gloves and tools

Call the CRC on 9776 1745

Let us know how you can help!



**Remove
old
wicking
beds**



**put in
the
pavers**



**install new
garden beds**



WE NEED YOU!

IF YOU HAVE EVER TAKEN THE TIME TO ENJOY THE GARDEN, THROUGH A WORKSHOP, SOME PLANT SUPPLIES OR EVEN TO SIT FOR A BIT AND ENJOY A BREAK, PLEASE TAKE SOME TIME NOW TO HELP OUT.

BRING SOME GLOVES AND PUT IN TO HELP US GET A FEW JOBS FINISHED IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN.

CALL THE CRC ON 9776 1745 AND LET US KNOW HOW YOU CAN HELP.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Busy and Joyful First Term for Year 1/2



The Year 1/2 students at St Joseph's School have had a wonderful and action-packed first term, filled with learning, creativity and connection to our local community.

Throughout the term, students have been actively involved in sustainability projects, developing a strong sense of care for God's creation. The class planted and tended a range of vegetables, eagerly watching them grow and learning about where food comes from. Our worm farm became a favourite feature, helping students understand composting and how food scraps can be turned into something valuable for the garden. These hands-on experiences encouraged responsibility, curiosity and respect for the environment.

Real-life maths learning was another highlight of the term. Students explored measurement through practical cooking activities, carefully measuring ingredients and following instructions. Making playdough provided another fun opportunity to practise counting, measuring and problem-solving, while also strengthening fine motor skills and teamwork.

Faith and tradition were celebrated when the class marked St Joseph's Day, learning about the importance of St Joseph and his values of kindness, hard work and care for others. This linked beautifully with our learning about everyday heroes and what it means to help others in simple but meaningful ways.

As part of our history learning, students explored what everyday life was like in the past. They examined and guessed the purpose of old artefacts, sparking thoughtful discussions and lots of curiosity about how times have changed. Students were fascinated by how people lived, worked and played long ago.

Creativity was on full display as students designed their own superhero characters. Rather than focusing on superpowers alone, the children imagined what it takes to be an everyday superhero. Kindness, helping others, sharing, bravery and inclusion were some of the qualities proudly highlighted in their creations.

We look forward to many more exciting experiences as the year continues and thank our families and community for their ongoing support of St Joseph's School.





PEMBERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Pemberton District High School continues to offer engaging and practical learning experiences for Year 9 and 10 students through its Semester One elective program, with courses designed to build confidence, creativity and real-world skills.

Drama students have been refining their talents in both representational and presentational acting styles as they prepare for an exciting short film project. This term, students will have the opportunity to work with a Perth-based actor and acting coach, developing specialist screen acting techniques. Their learning will culminate in a showcase of polished short self-tapes, highlighting both their technical skills and creative expression.

The Independent Living course remains a highly practical and student-driven elective. Each lesson begins with a Career Education component, where students explore their interests, values and future pathways, while also preparing for the upcoming Work Experience program later this term. This is followed by a "Life Skills" session shaped by student input, covering a wide range of hands-on skills. From using small engine garden tools and cooking simple meals to pitching tents and learning first aid basics, students are building valuable everyday capabilities.

In Business and Marketing, students are developing foundational knowledge of the business world through practical and applied learning. The course introduces key concepts such as personal income tax, business models and administrative processes, including creating invoices and quotations. Students also explore branding by designing logos, while building digital skills through the use of programs such as Microsoft Word and Excel. A strong focus is also placed on understanding workplace health and safety in an administrative setting.





May 2026

Thank you to Jenny Geuer for this months Calendar photo

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Colour Society of Australia x Pemberton Arts Group 15-17 May 2026			1 How ya doing? Stand up comedy @ Tall Timbers Manjimup PYZ trip to Yeagarup with Pemby Discovery Tours 4.30pm, meet @ PCSC	2	3	
4 Using drawings on canvas - one day pastels workshop @ Pemberton Arts Group, email Tricia.reust@gmail.com	5 Pastel landscape & texture workshop email Tricia.reust@gmail.com BASIS Clinic @ Pemberton CRC 10am-12pm	6 Clay Techniques with Sue Bradshaw @Pemberton Arts Group see pg 19 for more info	7	8 Devoted to Colour - immersive workshop @ Pemberton Arts Hub, 8th - 10th May	9 Trails workshop @ Pemberton Community Hub see pg 25	10 Mothers Day Rob V @ Pemberton Hotel 12-3pm
11	12 BASIS Clinic @ Pemberton CRC 10am-12pm	13 Clay Techniques with Sue Bradshaw @Pemberton Arts Group see pg 19	14 Communita Catchup @ Pemberton CRC from 1pm see pg 3 Please RSVP	15 Blurred Minds - VR experience with BYA & Pemby Youth Zone 5pm @ PCSC see pg 17	16 Busy Bee @ the Vite Conte Community Garden - Free sausage sizzle 10am-3pm see pg 11	17

18		19	 BASIS Clinic @ Pemberton CRC 10am-12pm	20	 Clay Techniques with Sue Bradshaw see pg 19  Meet the NDIS @ Pemberton CRC, see pg 25	21	 Meet Rachel Johns @ Manjimup Library 9771 7777 for more information	22	 BBQ, Movie & Volunteers with Pemberton YES Cadeys 5pm @ Pemberton Mill Hall see pg 7	23	24	  	
National Volunteer Week													
25		26	 BASIS Clinic @ Pemberton CRC 10am-12pm	27	 Clay Techniques with Sue Bradshaw @Pemberton Arts Group see pg 19	28	 Clay Techniques with Sue Bradshaw @Pemberton Arts Group see pg 19	29	 Shenai Hohnston @ Pemberton Hotel 5-8pm	30	31	 Pemberton XCO 30th-31st May see pg 25	
1st June		Drawings on Canvas Email Triciareust@gmail.com for more information		Landscapes & textures on paper Email Triciareust@gmail.com for more information		Clay Techniques with Sue Bradshaw See Pg 19 for more information		Coming up in June Every Tuesday BASIS Clinic @ Pemberton Community Hub 13th - 14th June Matters of Taste Food Tour- 0409 969 920 for more information 21st June Caring for Chickens @ VCCG call 08 9776 1745 to book 24th June Shire of Manjimup - Council Meeting					
Regular Community Events													
	Anglican Church Service 1st Sun 11.30am St Hilda's Church, Ellis St, Pemberton Michelle 9776 0371		Craft Group 1st Tues \$5 St Johns Ambulance Hall Pat 9776 0388		Mill Hall Dance 2nd Sat 7.30pm BYO, Share Supper - \$5 Pemberton Mill Hall Terrie 0439 840 784		PCA - Womens Ride Second sunday of the month @9am Meeting @ Pemberton Community Hub		Fire and Rescue 1st Sat 2.00pm Pemberton Fire Station Craig 0419 045 362		Southern Forests Photography Club Last Wed 6.00pm Pemberton Community Sports Club Rob 0428 275 665		Uniting Church Service 4th Sun 10.00am Pemberton Uniting Church Tom 9776 1472
	All-sorts exercise group Mon 9am \$5 each Pemberton Community Sports Club CRC 9776 1745		Art Classes with Tony Windberg 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
	Museum Workshop Thursday @10.0 am - 12pm Pemberton Heritage & Hirtory 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 Pemberton CRC 9776 1745		Play Group Tues, Thurs @ 9.00 Pemberton Community Sports Club crèche Pippa 0401 654 902		Rhyme and Story Time Pemberton Library Wednesday 10.30am Sherril 9776 1311
	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 Emma 0400 518 185		Solitaire Club - \$2 Tues @ 11:00am Pemberton CRC Pemberton CRC 9776 1745		Bowls Thurs & Sundays Pemberton Community Sports Club Brian 0417 952 427		Snooker Club Wednesdays @ 6.30 pm Pemberton Community Sports Club John 0488 760 426	Proudly supported by: 	

The Farewell of the PEMBERTON THREE



For thirty-eight years, through storm and through shine,
Joe, Michaela, and Wilma held the line.
At the Pemberton Hotel, with heart and with care,
They built a haven, a memory to share.

The double-story stood steadfast and strong,
A welcome for all who came along.
From fires crackling on winter's chill nights
to summer evenings basking in golden light.

JOE, the strategist, sharp and astute,
A businessman whose efforts bore fruit.
With wisdom and skill, he led with pride,
Turning challenges into triumphs far and wide.
A host with a grin, a storyteller's flair,
He balanced the books while showing he cared.

MICHAELA,
the joker, the heart of the place,
With quick-witted humour and endless grace.
Her laughter rang out like a joyful bell,
Filling the air with stories to tell.
From tending the plants with a nurturing hand,
To brightening each room with touches so grand.

AND WILMA,
the kind one, a gentle guide,
With warmth that reached everyone inside.
Her touch turned a hotel into a home,
A place where no one felt alone.
She was there when needed, at the drop of a hat,
Ever cheerful, no matter what.
From lending a hand wherever she could,
To quiet acts of care that felt so good.

Through years of hard work,
through grit and through toil,
They built something lasting on Pemberton soil.
With long days and late nights,
with little rest in between,
Came a dedication and strength rarely seen.

With service that shone, always heartfelt and true,
They earned the respect of locals and travellers too.
In times of need, they stood by their town,
With kindness and care when things were down.

And alongside them always, through busy times and demands,
Were their children and grandchildren, lending their hands.
Pitching in when it mattered, doing whatever was needed,
A family behind them, steadfast and heeded.

Together they forged, with laughter and will,
A place of belonging on Pemberton Hill.
But time, like a river, must flow and recede,
And now they prepare for their next great deed.
With bittersweet hearts and spirits held high,
They bid their beloved old home goodbye.

Sold to new hands, its future untold,
The trio's story continues to unfold.
Yet their echoes will linger in every hall,
In the warmth, the laughter, the life of it all.

So here's to Joe, Michaela, and Wilma's reign,
To thirty-eight years of joy and refrain.
May their new chapter be rich and complete,
As the Pemberton Hotel bows in heartfelt retreat.

We honour your dedication, exceptional service, and unwavering support for the community, and the remarkable legacy you leave behind.

PYZ FUN AT THE SKATE PARK

ARTICLE BY CHLOE FLYNN

Photos by CRC Staff & Volunteers



The Pemberton Youth Zone had a really fun event on April 10th for Youth Week.

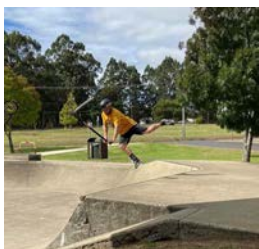
We got Freestyling WA to do a workshop at the Skatepark, teaching kids all kinds of cool tricks on skateboards, scooters and bikes. While the skaters

weren't skating, we had Anna Czerkasow making wool creations – I made a beautiful butterfly, others made turtles.

Tristan made sure we had heaps of fun with Giant Bubbles!

Between watching kids stack it (or pull-off a sick stunt), messing with bubbles, and the crafts, there wasn't a moment of boredom.

With help from Jim Craigie, Tristan Mills, Kaas and Edge VHD, we have finally put up a majestic sign for the Skatepark, which was designed by



PYZ members in 2025.

Participants enjoyed a yummy BBQ, juice boxes, and complimentary stickers.

Hopefully we'll see you at the next awesome event!



STAYING IN PLACE IN PEMBERTON

ARTICLE BY REGINE DUMPERT

Hello there, this is Regine, your local Care Coordinator at the Pemberton CRC.

I've been so busy since starting here in January that this is my first official article!

It has been wonderful getting to meet so many people in Pemberton and to get the Staying in Place program up and running for the community. We already have several clients on board and are looking forward to helping as many people as possible.

You can visit me at the Pemberton CRC on Tuesday mornings and Fridays, or feel free to give me a call anytime on 0494 003 348.

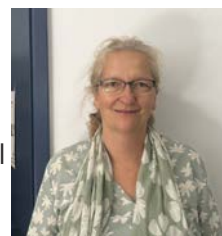
We are very lucky to have Helen Morton joining us for our Community Catch-Up on Thursday, 14th May. Helen is the founder of the Staying in Place program from the Pingelly CRC. Thanks to her work, this initiative is now supporting over 50 communities, helping seniors remain in their homes while receiving the care and assistance they need.

Come along to meet Helen and myself, ask any questions you may have about the program, or simply enjoy a cuppa and a chat. Feel free to bring a friend along too.



look forward to seeing you at the Community Catch-Up!

See more information on page 3.



BRIDGETOWN ROLLER SKATING

TERM TWO

BRIDGETOWN LEISURE CENTRE

ENTRY \$10
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FRI 24 APR	ANZAC DAY 7:30-9:30 PM
SUN 3 MAY	HEROES & VILLAINS 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
FRI 8 MAY	GLITTER & SPARKLES 7:30-9:30 PM
SUN 17 MAY	SPORTS DAY 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
FRI 22 MAY	DISCO DUCKS 7:30-9:30 PM
SUN 31 MAY	JUNGLE SAFARI 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
FRI 5 JUN	ROCK 'N' ROLL 7:30-9:30 PM
SUN 14 JUN	FLOWER POWER 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
FRI 19 JUN	FAIRY TALES 7:30-9:30 PM
SUN 28 JUN	WINTER WONDERLAND 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
FRI 3 JUL	PAJAMA PARTY 7:30-9:30 PM

BLURRED MINDS

Pemberton Youth Zone

BLURRED MINDS

AN INTERACTIVE VR SESSION WITH BLURRED MINDS FROM BYA

5-8PM @ PEMBERTON COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB

15TH MAY

\$5 ENTRY

SOFT DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AND DINNER PROVIDED

BLURRED MINDS

An innovative way to educate students about **alcohol and drugs**

15th May

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Pemberton Community organisation of the Year 2016.

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PAG NEWS:

Contact Anna: pembertonart2023@outlook.com 0439 369 702

PAG would like to wish everyone the very best for the Month of May and Mothers' Day. We are planning some exciting workshops

PAG AUTUMN EXHIBITION – REFLECTION – Photos by Mel Arnold

The autumn exhibition was held over the April school holidays. It was officially opened by Pemberton local Mr Bevan Eatts MLA. He delivered a wonderful speech recognising the beauty of our landscape and community connection. We have included his speech with his approval in this PCN.

We would like to thank the artists, donors and volunteers for their contributions. We would like to thank Pemberley of Pemberton for their continued support supplying the most delicious variety of award-winning wines.



Sculpture In the Vines 2026 – Photos by Mel Arnold



Clay Techniques Workshop

It's not too late to join up for this series of workshops presented by Sue Bradshaw!! Sue is very kindly sharing her vast knowledge, tips and experiences on Wednesday afternoons 12.30-4.00pm, finishing on May 27. Cost \$100 PAG Members (single session \$20), \$120 Non Members (single session \$25). Please contact PAG to book.



Clay Techniques

Sue Bradshaw sharing



Get to know pottery!

When : April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27
Day: Wednesday
Time: 12:30-4pm
Venue: Pemberton Arts Group
Cost: \$100 - PAG members
\$120 - non-members

What to bring:

- Pencil and notebook
- Closed footwear
- Apron
- Appropriate clothes
- If you have a lazy Susan or turntable that is helpful but optional

Afternoon tea included

Weekly Art Sessions!

Art sessions take place Tuesday and Wednesdays 9.30am-to 12.30pm during school terms. \$2 per session which includes tea, coffee and some morning tea.

Bevan Eatts – MLA Opening address Pemberton Arts Group 'Reflection' Exhibition 2026

Good evening Everyone

It's a pleasure to be here tonight to open 'Reflection'

Art has a unique way of helping us pause and look more closely – not just at the world around us, but at ourselves, our communities, and the moments that shape us.

This exhibition invites us to do exactly that: to reflect on where we've been, what we value, and where we might be heading.

And reflection takes many forms. It might be something as simple as the evening light mirrored on a farm dam – a quiet, familiar moment that reminds us to slow down and take it in.

It might be the reflection we see in the mirror each morning, and the question that comes with it – what do others see when they look at us?

Then there are the deeper, inward reflections – the thoughts, values and experiences we carry that no one else can see, but which shape who we are.

It's also a moment to reflect on how fortunate we are to live in a place like Pemberton.

In a world where we're constantly seeing uncertainty, conflict, and upheaval abroad, communities like ours remind us not to take for granted the stability, natural beauty, and sense of connection we enjoy here.

That perspective makes evenings like this – celebrating creativity, culture, and community – all the more meaningful.

Each piece here tells us a story – some personal, some shared – and together they create a powerful reminder of the depth of creativity in our region.

I'd like to congratulate all of the artists involved. Your work enriches our community and gives us all the opportunity to see things from a new perspective.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this exhibition and to those who continue to champion the arts locally.

It's my pleasure to officially open 'Reflection'.

Enjoy the evening



Department of
Primary Industries and
Regional Development

Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

Polly needs a permit!

May 2026



Parrots and cockatoos make captivating pets, but their ownership comes with serious responsibilities. Left to right: Sulphur-crested cockatoos, Alexandrine parakeet and Indian Ringneck parakeets.

Colourful, cheeky and engaging, it's easy to see why bird lovers are drawn to keeping parrots and cockatoos as pets. Many Western Australians are unaware, that a number of these birds are declared pests under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* (BAM Act), meaning their uncontrolled presence in the wild can cause significant agricultural, economic, and environmental damage. For this reason, keeping exotic birds as pets is strictly regulated in WA. Owners must obtain the appropriate permits and meet mandatory enclosure requirements.

Obtaining a permit

From December 2025, the administration of restricted keeping permits for regulated birds transferred from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD). All permit applications are now handled by DPIRD's Invasive Species and Environment Biosecurity Permit and Compliance Team. Current permits are valid until their stated expiry date. When it is time to renew, or for new applications, the process has been updated:

- Permit duration has increased to 5 years.
- Application fee is \$76.67 (cost recovery basis).

- Inspections may be required for new or renewal applications at \$72.68 (cost recovery basis).

Be aware! Regulated birds imported or travelling with you into WA also need an import permit to enter. Visit the DPIRD website (dpiird.wa.gov.au) for more information, or Google: 'DPIRD Invasive species permits'. To contact the Permits team directly: RKApplications@dpiird.wa.gov.au or 08 9368 3393.

A serious matter

Despite mandatory double-door entry systems and secure enclosure requirements, escapes do happen. Deliberate releases, although illegal, occur too. Even a small number of escaped birds can mark the beginning of a much larger problem. Parrots and cockatoos are intelligent, adaptable, and capable of establishing feral populations surprisingly quickly, as the unfortunate history of the rainbow lorikeet in Perth has demonstrated.

If you see an escaped pet bird or birds that look out of place, record the location, time, and a description of the bird (or take a photo if possible) and report it to the MyPestGuide team OR, PaDIS. See footer for details.



Report your observations

MyPestGuide® Reporter via app or online mypestguide@dpiird.wa.gov.au

Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS) 08 9368 308 | padis@dpiird.wa.gov.au

DFES

Prepare your property

Severe weather can be tough on homes and buildings, especially if there's already damage or outstanding maintenance.

- Secure or store loose outdoor items such as trampolines, furniture, pot plants and bins
 - Clear gutters, downpipes and drains so water can flow away from buildings
 - Check roof for existing damage, including cracked or loose roof tiles, damaged grout or ridge capping, loose tech screws and signs of rust
 - Repair minor issues early, as these are common causes of water entry and lead to numerous SES call outs during severe weather
 - Trim overhanging branches where it is safe to do so
 - In coastal areas, consider how storm surge and waves can affect properties, access routes in low lying areas
- Put safety first

Severe weather hazards, including flooding and storm surge, can develop quickly and create dangerous conditions.

During severe weather:

- Having an up to date emergency kit can better prepare your household for all hazards. Everyone in your household should know where the emergency kit is and be able to reach it.
 - Stay indoors and away from windows where possible
 - Avoid driving unless necessary, particularly during storms, heavy rain or flooding
 - Remember that flooding can occur even if it has not been raining in your area, as floodwaters can travel downstream from nearby catchments
 - Never drive through floodwater, even shallow water can be fast moving and unpredictable
 - If you need to stop when driving, due to bad conditions, move off the road where safe to do so and use hazard lights only when stopped
 - Keep clear of fallen trees, coastal hazards and powerlines, and follow advice from emergency services
- Stay informed

Warnings may be issued for storms, flooding or storm surge, sometimes before impacts are seen locally.

- Check Emergency WA for current alerts and warnings
- Monitor local weather forecasts and conditions
- Be prepared to change plans early, particularly if you are travelling through flood prone or coastal areas

Emergency WA is the official source of emergency information for Western Australia and is available via the website and mobile app.

Let's take action this month

- Create your Emergency Plan in the Emergency WA app and turn on Natural Hazard alerts so you are notified if a warning is issued for your area
- Inspect and maintain your property, including roofs, drainage and outdoor areas
- Understand that flooding can occur downstream, even without local rainfall
- Avoid unnecessary travel, especially on flood affected

or coastal roads

- Adjust plans early when warnings are issued



Sharing these actions throughout the month can help reduce avoidable damage, prevent injuries and support safer outcomes during severe weather.

FALLEN TREE? KNOW WHO TO CALL:

Fallen tree or branches that have damaged your home or vehicle, making it unsafe:	Fallen tree or branches over your fence or in your yard:	Fallen tree or branches across a minor street or road:	Fallen tree across a major road or highway:
SES 132 500	Private Tree Removal Company	Local Government	Main Roads WA 138 138

For more storm safety information visit: dfes.wa.gov.au/storm

STORM PROOF YOUR ROOF

- Trim branches to prevent them falling on your roof or car.
- Remove unused aerials and satellite dishes.
- Check and replace cracked, damaged or loose tiles.
- Clear gutters and downpipes of leaves and blockages.
- Have tarps and ropes on hand if needed.

For more storm safety information visit: dfes.wa.gov.au/storm

A majority of storm damage is preventable.

Planning and preparation is key to staying safe and reducing damage to your property during a storm.

At a minimum, you should clean leaves out of your gutters, trim branches near roofs and tie down loose items in your garden, like sheds and trampolines.

DID YOU KNOW?



Promote lung cancer screening in your practice and win!

Cancer Council WA, WA Health, and WA Primary Health Alliance invite your practice to help raise awareness of the National Lung Cancer Screening Program (NLCSP) by hosting a waiting room display during May 2026.

By setting up a display in your practice, you can help patients understand the importance of lung cancer screening, who is eligible, how it works, and why early detection can save lives.

How to get involved

1. Order a free resource pack for your display via our order form.
2. Set up your NLCSP display in your waiting room during May 2026.
3. Send a photo of your display to gp@cancerwa.asn.au by 15 June 2026 to be entered into the competition.



Win a prize!

- Every practice that submits a photo will receive a \$25 gift card.
- The major prize, a \$300 gift card, will be awarded to the display judged to be most creative, innovative, and reflective of overall effort. The winner will be chosen by WA Health and notified on the 17 June by 5:00pm (AWST).



WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

Staying Connected in Challenging Times

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
May 2026

Things that we cannot control are our biggest stressors in life. In agriculture it is mostly weather issues followed by a multitude of other factors such as commodity prices, input costs (diesel, fertilizer availability and price), machinery breakdowns ... how long is a bit of string.

Every season is not without its challenges, and the effects are always felt across the whole community (farmers, people involved in agribusiness and those in the Agri-link industries like the mechanics and the Mitre 10 store). Everybody feels the pain.

No one can change what happens with the weather and/or influence the other factors, all we can do is manage our programs and control our business as best we can which importantly includes looking after ourselves and each other (our family, mates and neighbours).

Remaining connected is one way of doing this. So, what does this mean? Rural communities have an innate capacity to reach out and organize and participate in many bottoms up activities. RMHI has been attending a lot of these events including breakfasts, sundowners and many other gatherings over the years which allow the communities to have a conversation about where they are at individually and as a collective. There is less and less of us living in regional areas, add this to the nature of modern farming as well as a challenging season and isolation becomes more prevalent. It's so important that we maintain social connection, but it takes an effort.

Isolation is the enemy of good mental wellbeing. This is both in the physical sense (less of us) and the interpersonal sense (social networks around us). Staying connected is important and something we must work on, this can be achieved in part if we are mindful of living in the present and staying connected with others.

As blokes, we have a propensity to self-medicate. A lot of people think that is done by sex, drugs and rock and roll however in the work we do it is mostly blokes

spending more time in their cave, working harder, longer, and talking less (some ladies might find that hard to believe). It is important that we continue to talk about some of the pain and distress that as blokes we tend to suffer alone.

We describe *primary care* as what can we do to look after ourselves and others, invariably it is about connection. Some simple things we can do:

- Talk to a Mate® – realize that we are not alone.
- Talk to whoever needs to be informed about our situation (family, financiers, advisors).
- Keep an eye on others – drop into a neighbour and have a chat and a coffee. Take the time to ask someone *are you okay?*
- Slow the pace of our life a little, join a group that fits in with our passions and interests. It will make a difference.
- Maintain our sense of humour, laugh at ourselves and with others.



Australians are well known for their larrikinism and humour, Edward de Bono one of the world's foremost thinkers called humour *a key lubricant for life* and often referred to humour as *social glue and the best anti despair device we have*. I think he is right on the money, when we lose our sense of humour we are buggered.

✕ @RMHI_4blokes

🎧 Working with Warriors Podcast

🌐 regionalmenshealth.com.au



Pemberton Cycling Update

Hi everyone,

As we settle further into Djeran, the cooler mornings and shorter days are making for some fantastic riding conditions, and event season is now well and truly underway.

A number of the Pemby crew recently headed over to Nannup for the Tiger Tracks Gravel Race, enjoying a great introduction to the world of gravel racing. It was a solid day out on the bike, topped off nicely with a well-earned feed at the Nannup Brewery afterwards.

Not long after, the Karri Cup delivered another fantastic event, with a huge turnout and near-perfect weather conditions. Riders were treated to an excellent showcase of South West riding, with a challenging mix of fire roads and flowing singletrack winding through the towering karri forests. It was great to see such strong participation and enthusiasm for the region's riding opportunities.

Back home, the post-summer leaf and bark drop continues to keep our volunteers busy. A huge thank you to everyone who has lent a hand with maintenance in recent weeks. Thanks to these efforts, the majority of the trail network is now running sparkling fresh, with only a handful of sections still left on the to-do list.

Looking ahead, the end of May will bring the Pemberton XCO Double Header, with two big days of mountain bike cross-country racing on **May 30-31**. Day one will showcase the soon-to-be-opened Pemberton Arboretum Trails, while day two will take place in the classic Pemberton MTB Park. This event promises to be a fantastic test of fitness and skill while also offering riders the chance to experience the exciting new Arboretum network, which should provide an approachable and rewarding circuit for newcomers as well as seasoned racers.

As always, events like this rely heavily on volunteer support, and we're currently on the lookout for marshals across the weekend. If you're available and keen to get involved while seeing some of the racing action up close, please get in touch.

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

The PCA Team

 www.pembertoncycling.com.au

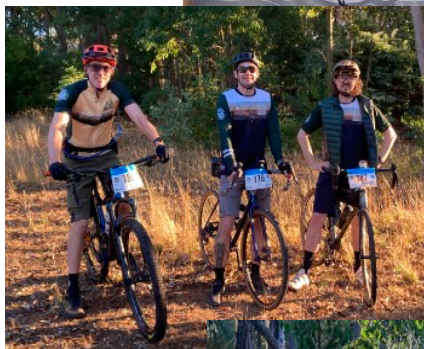
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Above: The Petes and Sean ready to roll out on the Karri Cup.

Left: Pete, Jason and Sean enjoying the early morning sunshine before Tiger Tracks



Above: Jason on his way to claiming the fastest PCA rider of the day.

Left: Now that the summer dust has settled, all-time autumn conditions are a welcome relief.



MTB ride - Saturdays 8.00am

**Women's MTB ride - Sunday
May 10, 9.00am**

Road bike ride - Sundays 7.30am

**All rides meet at Pemberton Visitor
Centre**

Upcoming events:

**Pemberton XCO
May 30-31**



Want to learn more about the NDIS?

Come and meet the NDIA

Take the opportunity to drop by and connect with the NDIA team in **PEMBERTON** to discover how we can support you

Wednesday 20th May 2026

9.30am to 11.30am

Pemberton
Pemberton Community Resource Centre,
61 Brockman Street

If you want to know more about the NDIS, the team will answer your questions and speak about what we do:



How the NDIS works



Am I eligible?



How do I apply?



Using your plan



SOUTHERN FORESTS & VALLEYS
Western Australia

Trails Workshop

Help shape the future of trails in Pemberton

Love walking, riding, or exploring the outdoors? We want to hear from you.

We are inviting community members, trail users, and local stakeholders to be part of a workshop in Pemberton to inform the Warren Blackwood Regional Trails Strategy.

This is your opportunity to share insights on local trails, identify opportunities, and help guide future planning across the region.

Date: Saturday 9th May 2026

Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Location: RSL Boardroom, Pemberton Community Hub

Whether you're into walking, riding, horse trails or tourism, your input is valuable.

No registration required — please arrive for a 10am start

For all regional workshop and drop in session dates, visit www.wbac.net.au or email trails@wbac.net.au

Clay Techniques

Sue Bradshaw sharing



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PEMBERTON XCO

DOUBLE HEADER

30-31 MAY

2026

REGISTER NOW
perthmtb.asn.au



SATURDAY

PEMBERTON ARBORETUM

New network for all abilities

Racing from 12 noon



SUNDAY

PEMBERTON MTB PARK

The original and the best!

Racing from 10:00am

2X MAJOR PRIZE DRAWS

- 1 free entry to Dwellingup 100, 12 September
- 1 free DAY entry or 25% off a 4 day entry to Cape to Cape MTB, 15-18 October

Local prizes and support thanks to:





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LOCAL JOBS BOARD



Job Vacancy

WE'RE HIRING

Administration & Programs Officer

Selection Criteria:

- Customer relationship experience.
- Well-developed verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Problem solving skills with the ability to develop and maintain web and social media forums.
- Ability to plan, prioritise and organise workloads.
- Ability to work in a team environment and contribute to team goals.

About the role:

- Part-time position (15-30 hrs/wk)
- Flexible work hours
- Career growth opportunities
- Great remuneration
- All training provided
- Friendly and supportive work environment

If you want a rewarding role, supporting the local community, this may be the perfect job for you!



Send your CV & Cover Letter to:

Email: manager@pembertoncrc.org.au

For more Information

Call 9776 1745, email office@pembertoncrc.org.au or come in and see us at the Pemberton CRC



WE ARE HIRING

We are recruiting for a versatile Front of House team member!

Position opening for a casual role with flexible hours and days, for 3-5 days per week, ideally including weekends.

Previous experience in a cafe or hospitality setting desirable.

For further information or to express your interest, please contact us at 0417893495, or head straight in and meet with our team!



SHIRE OF MANJIMUP

Current Vacancies

Support Workers (Aged & Disability)

Casual, \$37.08 - \$41.96 per hour
(inclusive of casual loading)

The Manjimup Home and Community Care is seeking people interested in or currently working in the Aged and Disability sectors. This role provides a range of services including domestic assistance, personal care, social support, and helps individuals build their skills. Flexibility for scheduled, ad-hoc, and weekend shifts is required.

Closing Date: 5.00pm 12 May 2026

For further information and how to apply, please visit www.manjimup.wa.gov.au or contact Human Resources on 9771 7751 or hr@manjimup.wa.gov.au

Benjamin (Ben) Rose, Chief Executive Officer

We are Hiring!

Casual Position 15-20 hrs per Week

Join Our Team at Pemberton Cellars (Liquor Barons)!

Are you passionate about Craft Beers, knowledgeable about Australian and New Zealand wines, and supportive of local distillers? Do you have a "get up and go" attitude? If so, we think you will thrive in our store, and we would love to hear from you.

We're looking for a dynamic, customer-focused team member with experience in liquor stores or cellars. Holding an Approved Manager's Card would be a bonus.

What we're looking for:

- Enthusiasm for liquor retail and building strong relationships with our loyal customers.
- Availability to work flexible rosters, including weekends.
- Energy, reliability, and a commitment to delivering outstanding customer service.
- Positive Attitude

To be successful the following is preferred but not essential:

- Minimum 1 year liquor retail experience.
- Strong liquor product knowledge.
- Hospitality Industry Experience.
- RSA and Approved Manager Card

Essential Criteria:

- Solid level of physical fitness
- Current RSA certificate
- Exceptional customer service attitude.

Only successful applicants will be contacted.

Email ID: pembertonliquor@foodmerchants.com.au

MANJIMUP REGIONAL
AquaCentre

Employment Opportunity Fitness instructor

The Shire of Manjimup has an exciting opportunity for a qualified and motivated fitness and/or yoga instructor to join our team in a casual capacity.

This role will be responsible for instructing a variety of fitness classes for a range of clientele. Minimum qualifications include Cert III in Fitness and/or Yoga qualifications, plus current First Aid/CPR. Additional training may be offered for the right applicant.

Les Mills and/or additional fitness specific qualifications are desirable.

For more information, please visit the Shire of Manjimup website at www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/our-shire/careers and submit an expression of interest form.

Manjimup Shire Bulletin

May 2026



SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a social month April was - it was fabulous to attend and chat at so many community events. I have had the honour of attending two fantastic art events; Pemberton Arts Group's Art Prize and Sculpture in the Vines at Pemberley. These two events, along with the Lester Art Exhibition at the Manjimup Art Gallery, highlights the incredible talent that we have in our region. A sincere thank you to everyone involved in ensuring these events continue to bring a little bit of art culture to our Shire.

Councillors and staff attended the opening of the Waangka Danjoo Nyinyiny Yarning Circle at the Manjimup Heritage Park. What an amazing display of indigenous culture. Congratulations to the Elders and local aboriginal community for an informative and entertaining afternoon. The yarning circle will provide a place of gathering and talking for all.

The Shire of Manjimup and Bridgetown-Greenbushes met with our State representative, Bevan Eatts, to explore options to address the critical shortage of accommodation relating to family domestic violence and crisis. We thank Mr Eatts for his advocacy and continued efforts in this space.

I was honoured to introduce Tracy Ladhams at her Biggest Morning Tea, held at the Manjimup Country Club. This was Tracy's second year of fundraising for cancer research, reaching an outstanding \$11,500, topping last years total of \$7,770! Congratulations Tracy, another incredible event. See you next year!

As part of my role, I have the opportunity to meet with community groups and stakeholders to provide updates, or to hear issues they may be facing. This month I attended the District Health Advisory Council's (DHAC) meeting at the Warren Districts Hospital to provide an update on the aged care proposal. Please get in touch if you would like me to attend a community group meeting to provide an update on any Shire matter.

A heartfelt congratulations to the RSL groups in our Shire on another incredible ANZAC Day turnout, honouring our service men and women.

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.

- 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 NOTICES

Current Vacancies at the Shire

Support Workers (Aged & Disability)

Pay: \$37.08 - \$41.96 per hour

Job Type: Casual

Location: Manjimup

Closing Date: 12 May 2026

SHIRE NEWS / WHAT'S ON

Shire President Visits - Chat with Donelle Buegge!

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

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.

2025 Lester Prize Finalists exhibition

The Lester Prize is one of Australia's most prestigious awards for portraiture, celebrating artists who push the boundaries of contemporary Portraiture. Stunning artworks from the 2025 Finalists of the Lester Prize for Portraiture are on display at the Manjimup Art Gallery until 16 May.

Author Talk with Rachael Johns

With over 30 books published, Rachael is a highly regarded Australian author celebrated for her heart-warming, witty women's fiction and rural romances.

We are lucky enough to be hosting Rachael Johns for an in-person talk at Manjimup Public Library on Thursday 21 May. Please register your attendance for this free event at manjilib@manjimup.wa.gov.au by Monday 18 May 2026.

Author Talk with Fiona Evans

Walpole Public Library is hosting an Author Talk with Dr Fiona Evans on Friday 8 May (11am-12pm), who will be introducing her debut novel "The Track", set on Western Australia's Bibbulmun Track. Please register your attendance for this free event by Wednesday 6 May 2026.

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 Shire vergeside hard waste collection for 2026 will be held later this year, rather than in May as it has been in recent years. The change will allow us all to present our towns at their best - with clear verges - when various community events are held prior to winter. Full details will be published in papers, on the Shire website and socials a few weeks prior to the collection. Please don't put anything out on your verges yet! Wait for the public notices to appear in the media, we'll give you plenty of notice.

National Simultaneous Storytime 2026

Celebrate National Simultaneous Storytime 2026 with a special community Rhyme and Storytime event! National Simultaneous Storytime is one of Australia's most beloved annual reading events which brings together millions of children, families, libraries, schools and early learning centres to share the same story, on the same day, right across Australia. This year we are reading *Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller* by Adam Jackson and Adrian Lloyd, illustrated by Jake Minton. Session details are:

Manjimup Family Centre @ 10:00-11:00am

Northcliffe Public Library @ 9:30-10:30am

Pemberton Public Library @ 10:30-11:30am

Walpole Public Library @ 9:30-10:30am

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

Shire President

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Cr Andy Burns: 0467 511 867

Cr Brayden Daniele: 0475 450 141

Cr Jennifer Willcox: 0400 504 095

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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 27 May 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



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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.

