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for this month's cover photo.

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## EDITORIAL

Here we are in October already. Spring has sprung, the wild flowers are blooming, lambs are leaping, the sun is (intermittently) shining, another footy season is behind us—and all is well in our little corner of the world.

Normally, this is the part where I would attempt to inspire community spirit, encourage goodwill, and generally make some positive and supportive commentary. But not this time, dear reader. I am in no such mood. As my mother would say, I am just "good and wild."

It has been a tumultuous year of extremes—soaring highs and crushing lows—and I feel as though my eyes have been well and truly opened to the astonishing complexities of the world and the people in it.

Now, being a lifelong "glass half full" kind of person, you may wonder: what is it exactly that has "got my goat"?

Well, after jumping through hoops like a champion show dog and turning myself inside out to accommodate unreasonable demands, it would appear my circus performance is far from over.

I found the most relevant quote from the master of subtlety, Dr Seuss, from his poignant tale - If I ran the circus; "*We'll work and we'll work up so many surprises you'd never see half if you had forty eyes's*".

Indeed, there are so very many surprises, but at least we can say that life is never dull.

As tempting as it is, I am not one to brandish headlines and tarnish reputations, (I'll leave that to the professionals) and instead retain a general state of fury rather than to aim at any specific targets.

Of course, some may be quick to blame my current state on a certain shift in hormonal tides.

Goodness knows that at this stage in life, we dare not mention the "M" word—as if that were the cause of every woman's ferocity and the only rational reason for the endless, sleepless nights. Oh, if only it were as simple as slapping on a patch! Wouldn't that be lovely?

Still, there is hope. A well-earned break is on the horizon, and I hold onto the anticipation of returning refreshed and renewed—ready for a new and improved space for community engagement and inclusion.

But for now, we'll just have to make do with a shoebox.

Glass being half full, I suppose I could always turn it into a flea circus..... Ta Dah!

Until the next time.

Enjoy the sunshine.

Gaye

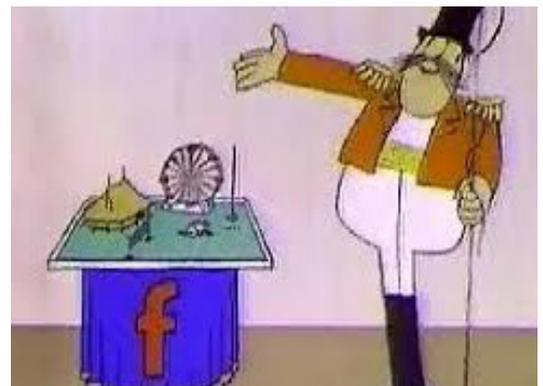


Image from Sesame street - the letter F

Pemberton Arts Group Inc *presents*  
**22nd Annual Spring Exhibition**

# 'Light'

2D and small 3D works, Pemberton Sports Club  
 Exhibition open 27 September - 12 October,  
 daily 10am - 4:30pm, (closes 1pm Sunday 12th October)  
 (size limits and prize list will be on entry form, available late July)

**NOTICE OF AGM**  
 PEMBERTON ARTS GROUP INC  
 TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2025  
 6PM START  
 RSL MEETING ROOM  
 PEMBERTON HUB 'BALANG MIYA'



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

**03 SASSY CHICKS**  
 FRI 6-9PM OKTOBERFEST WEEKEND

**20 05 LIGHTNIN' JACK**  
 SUN 5-8PM

**10 ROB V**  
 FRI 6-9 PM

**17 LAINE WOLFE**  
 FRI 6-9PM

**19 SHENAI JOHNSTON**  
 SUN 5-8 PM

**24 BETH CHIA**  
 FRI 6-9PM

**26 NOMADIKHA**  
 SUN 5-8PM

**31 DJ DAMAGE**  
 FRI 8 - HALLOWEEN ZOMBIES

**Pool League**  
 EVERY MONDAY 6PM

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

## THE BIG HOO HAA!

IMPROV COMEDY • DONE WELL  
 NORTHCLIFFE TOWN HALL  
 FRI 17 OCTOBER • 7PM

**REGIONAL WA TOUR!**



## THE LITTLE HOO HAA!

BIG LAUGHS FOR LITTLE PEOPLE  
 NORTHCLIFFE TOWN HALL  
 FRI 17 OCTOBER • 1PM

**REGIONAL WA TOUR!**



Bar and doors  
 open 6.30pm  
 Recommended 15yrs+



Presented by:  
 southern forest arts

More info and tickets - scan QR codes

Doors open  
 12.30pm  
 Recommended 5yrs+





PEMBERTON ARTS GROUP INC



**Pemberton Community organisation of the Year 2016.**

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

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

Contact Cate: [pembertonartsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:pembertonartsgroup@gmail.com)

**Exhibition Opening.** Our Spring Exhibition themed Light opened on Friday 26th September with our special guest the Hon Bevan Eatts MLA doing the honors. Our opening was well attended and shall be running from the 27th to the 12th October. It will be opened from 10am to 4:30pm. We have had a fabulous response with 42 entries received.

Photos by Mel Arnold

**RYGOLD ART PRIZE:**

**#41 ANNIE WILLIAMS - ONE PINK DAISY**



Left: Bevan Eatts, Annie Williams and the Judge for the exhibition, Peter Hill

**VOUCHER TREASURES IN THE FOREST AWARD:**

**#3 LIZ LOCKYER - LIGHT IN FULL BLOSSOM**

**FARMHOUSE FLOWERS AWARD:**

**#12 SANDRA NYSTEN – BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL**

**PEMBERTON TRAMWAY PRIZE:**

**#28 KAREN WIEDEMANN - LIGHT REFLECTION**

**PEMBERTON HOTEL PRIZE**

**#6 ANNA CZERKASOW – TRANSFORMED**

Right: Anna Czerkasow and Michaela Drake with her winning peice.



**HARCOURTS SOUTHERN FORESTS PRIZE:**

**#35 PAM TEDEE – DELIGHT**



Above: the Harcourts team ready to present their award.



Above: yet another packed venue for the ever popular Exhibition opening on Friday 26th September.

**AWARD WINNERS**

**SOUTHERN FORESTS CHOCOLATE FACTORY PRIZE:**

**#38 TARA BROOKS - C'MON BABY LIGHT MY FIRE**

**WILL & DEBRA FRENCH PRIZE:**

**#14 BARBARA MAUMILL - BLACKWOOD RIVER**

**VALUE PEMBERTON DISCOVERY TOURS PRIZE:**

**#11 JEAN BARRETT - MORNING SUNLIGHT**

**FAYE'S AWARD:**

**#36 HOLLY LAMEY - LIGHT CATCHERS**

Left: Bevan Eatts presenting Holly Lamey with 'Faye's Award"

**P & W FRENCH AWARD:**

**#15 LOUISE TASKER - SPECTRUM OF THE DRY**

**KETELSEN AWARD:**

**#2 PAUL FONTANINI - SHADOWS OF TIME**



**OPEN ACQUISITIVE AWARD – KETELSEN AND JACKSONS ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD GIFT PACK:  
#42 ELAINE BATTILANA - LIGHT MOMENTS**

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE – TO BE SELECTED**



Above: Max Hewitt, Morrie Mills and Will French



Above: Sarah Gibellini, Ros Piper and Anne-Marie Piper



Above: Donna Boelen, Monica Rado, Mark Hudson and Bart Boelen

Right: the CRC team take some time out to enjoy the event.



Right: Katrina Zemke and Graeme Dearle



Below: Bevan Eatts MLA and Cate Ferguson Chair of PAG



Below: The crowd enjoying the exhibition and the award ceremony.



Right: Bek Lothian and Paul Nolan provided the patrons with fine wines from Pemberley

**AGM.** Our AGM will be held on the Tuesday 28th OCT. 6pm at the RSL meeting room. Change of venue due to possible work on studio.

We have had a number of new members join our merry band. Numbers are steadily growing on Tuesday and Wednesday art sessions with many different projects. We have had everything from bookmaking to macrame. So if you have a passion or would like to find one, come and join us. We are also open on a Saturday morning now.

**Art Sessions:** We are an inclusive group. Come and join us on a Tuesday & Wednesday from 9:30am and Saturday morning from 10am. Gold coin donation appreciated. Try drawing, painting, printing, clay work, pastels, collage – or just use your own preferred medium. Supportive environment and we have some lovely morning tea too!

## COLTS PREMIERS 2025

CONGRATULATIONS TO SOUTHERNERS  
*An impressive season and great team effort in bringing home the flag*



Photo by Mad Dog Moore Media - Taken from FB

### AWARD WINNERS FOR THE SEASON

**Fairest and Best** - Lauchie Hughes

**R/U Fairest and Best** - Hamish Omodei

**Most consistent** - Caleb Jackson

**Best Position** - Riley Gill

**Most Improved** - Lee Virgo

## SPRINGFIELD BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

### AGM & VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Springfield Bush Fire Brigade held its Annual General Meeting on Sunday, 14 September, with a strong turnout of members, including many younger volunteers keen to get involved in the upcoming fire season.

A highlight of the meeting was Paul Nolan being recognised for his service with a medal, proudly presented by Tom Backhouse. Paul has been involved in the Brigade for over 35 years and is often seen volunteering his services throughout the local community. Well done, and thankyou Paul.



The brigade also re-nominated Captain Mike Sims and Fire Control Officer Nigel Pitts, ensuring experienced leadership continues into the new season.

"Having a strong, engaged volunteer base means we can support DFES and DBCA crews during emergencies and assist local landholders with firebreaks and verge burns."

The brigade is always looking for new members to join their ranks. Volunteering is a valuable way to contribute to the community, gain skills, and be part of a supportive team.

For more information or to get involved, [emailspringfeldbfb@outlook.com](mailto:emailspringfeldbfb@outlook.com)

## Workforce Australia

Local Jobs

South West WA



# Embrace !

### Employment, Skills and Participation

Register your interest to be a stallholder for our 2025 events



### Upcoming events:

- 2nd of September: Bunbury
- 9<sup>th</sup> of September: Harvey
- 16<sup>th</sup> of September: Collie
- 23<sup>rd</sup> of September: Busselton
- 21<sup>st</sup> of October: Bridgetown

- Meet employers
- Financial counselling
- Resume help
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- Coffee!
- Apprenticeship info
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- Self Employment Assistance and much more...

Reach out to Tiarlie via [support@swlocaljobs.com.au](mailto:support@swlocaljobs.com.au)

## BLOOMING WILD IN THE SOUTHERN FORESTS

Spring has arrived and the forests around Pemberton are bursting into colour – the perfect time to get out and enjoy the Blooming Wild Festival run through the Northcliffe Visitor Centre! (See [www.bloomingwild.com.au](http://www.bloomingwild.com.au))

*Right: Arkana in flowers*



Running throughout spring, Blooming Wild celebrates the incredible diversity of wildflowers across the Southern Forests & Valleys. From delicate orchids hiding along the forest floor to brilliant displays of wattles, there's something new to discover on every walk.

Our Beach & Forest Eco Adventure becomes a true wildflower tour at this time of year, with your guide pointing out orchids, wildflowers and unique forest plants along the way. It's the best way to experience the blooms without worrying about where to go or what you're looking at.

Tours run regularly and can be booked online via [pembertondiscoverytours.com.au](http://pembertondiscoverytours.com.au) or at the Pemberton Visitor Centre.

## CWA NEWS

It has been a while since we have last touched base with the community.

Our members have been busy with the Op Shop and with some of our members attending a lovely afternoon tea at the Pemberton Hospital and then the Tulip Festival in Nannup which has a lovely day where our members could enjoy a casual catch up lunch.

We are often asked by the community and those visiting where proceeds and donations go to. Here are the donations that we have been able to make between July 2024 & June 2025. This is largely due to your ongoing Support of our Op shop and our CWA Pemberton Members

Pemberton District High School \$ 950.00

St Josephs Primary School \$ 850.00

Clothing to Remote Communities- Postage costs \$ 171.20

Pemberton Pool Refurbishment \$ 500.00

CWA of WA Centenary Fund \$1000.00

Pemberton 1919 Heritage School Preservation \$1000.00

St John Ambulance \$1000.00

Pemberton CRC - School Holiday Activities \$100.00

Until Next time.



## REGIONAL COLUMN

*BOARDERS AND LODGERS' RIGHTS EXPLAINED*

*Article by Consumer Protection*

Knowing whether you're a tenant, boarder, or lodger isn't just about labels. It can make a big difference to your rights and responsibilities. While tenants are covered by Western Australia's tenancy laws, boarders and lodgers usually rely more on the terms of their agreement. The tricky part is that the difference isn't always obvious, and it comes down to the details of your living situation. Knowing what to look out for, and what questions to ask before you move in, can help you avoid headaches later on. You're probably a boarder or lodger if you're living in someone else's home and they're still in charge of the space. This means the landlord, or someone they appoint, is living there with you, setting the house rules, and being able to come into your room or shared areas. If the landlord also throws in extras like meals, cleaning or laundry, then you're a boarder. Otherwise, you're considered a lodger. While the Residential Tenancies Act doesn't apply to your living situation as a boarder or lodger, you do have rights and protections under both common law and the Australian Consumer Law (ACL).

The property must be fit for purpose, meaning it must be safe, clean and meet your needs as discussed with the landlord at the beginning. You should be able to use your room and facilities without too much disturbance from the landlord and you can expect your room and belongings to be safe and secure. Any meals or services included in your agreement must meet consumer guarantees, such as be provided with care and skill. Your responsibilities should be covered in your written agreement. Generally, you will need to follow house rules, keep your room clean and tidy, pay your rent on time and give around one week's notice if you plan to leave. Before you consider this living arrangement, there are some questions you might want to ask before moving in. Make sure you understand what is included in your rent, who else lives at the property, is there a safe place to park and who is responsible for cleaning common areas. House rules will differ between properties so make sure they are rules you can live with. The landlord is also not allowed to make false or misleading representations about the property or services, such as claiming there is air-conditioning when there isn't, or agreeing to provide a wide variety of meals when they don't.

Ensure you understand and agree to all the terms before you sign an agreement. You and your landlord can make changes to the agreement if you both agree in writing. Importantly, always keep a copy of the signed written agreement. Be aware that as a boarder or lodger, the landlord can end your agreement at any time, unless otherwise stated in your agreement. They also don't have to give a reason to ask you to leave. You should be given reasonable notice, which means you have time to collect your belongings. If you don't have a written agreement with your landlord and there is a dispute, it will be up to a Magistrate to decide whether you're a tenant, boarder or lodger. This is why it's important to make sure you get a copy of your signed agreement. If you have a problem with the property or the services provided, contact your landlord directly in the first instance to give them the opportunity to fix the problem. If this doesn't work, we may be able to help. If you are not sure whether you are a boarder, lodger or a tenant, or you have issue that can't be resolved contact Consumer Protection 1300 30 40 54 to discuss.

## MONTHLY PRAYER

Father God

Thank you for the rain over winter filling our dams and rivers. We look forward to the warmth returning and being witness to your glorious creation blossoming with wildflowers and spring colour. Let us stop and enjoy the beauty around us and feel your love.



Thank you for our town and our residents who all play important roles throughout the community. Thank you for those who take care of others and lend a hand when needed. We pray for growth and prosperity for the town, the farms, the businesses and future endeavours. We ask that you help those in local leadership positions to listen to the needs of the community and have wisdom when making important decisions.

Ease the pain and discomfort for those who are suffering Lord. We pray for healing miracles and cures for disease or illness. Help those who feel lonely to reach out and those who can help, recognise those in need. Relieve those who are feeling overwhelmed so that through your Holy Spirit, their worries can be taken away. Help us to see the brighter side of life and appreciate the journey we are on.

In Jesus name,

Amen

## SOUTH WEST FARMING CONCERNS

ARTICLE BY JULIAN SHARP

It was certainly an interesting, and rather disturbing, headline in the 17th September 2025 edition of the Manjimup-Bridgetown Times.

'South West Future Dire – Climate impact report paints a bleak picture for farming communities'.

This headline is in reference to the federal governments 'Climate Risk Assessment Report', which makes it abundantly clear that Australia is facing unprecedented impacts from climate disruption, with seriously adverse impacts on the south-west region of WA, including declining rainfall, more frequent and intense bushfires, declining agricultural productivity, loss of biodiversity and habitat and other compounding and concurrent impacts.

There really is no point in emphasising the fact that we have had decades of scientific warning of the consequences of the relentless burning of fossil fuels, that fact is now history. We are now all facing this reality of climate breakdown, we will all be impacted.

It is vitally important, in the light of scientific reality, that people and communities must proactively work together, forget our differences and prejudices, and instead recognise our commonalities and build resilient, adaptive and co-operative communities. We need each other more than ever. Country communities are well known for being supportive, self-reliant, accepting and adaptable; the very things we need to build on to sustain ourselves in the increasingly challenging future we face.

Our whole economy and environment will be impacted, often likely in ways we cannot foresee. For example, food security may very well be compromised, food delivered to the shops may experience supply chain disruptions, become increasingly expensive and have less variety or choice on offer. Our precious environment, upon which we all utterly depend, may not be able to provide the level of 'ecosystem services' that underpin a safe and reliable present and future for all life. Insect populations that are essential for pollination may experience severe decline,

affecting our food security; forests and vegetation that absorb carbon from the atmosphere may suffer from increased wildfire, disease and decline from climate impacts; decreasing rainfall will impact food production, biodiversity, habitat and water availability for the many vital uses we require.

We all love our families, friends and community, a wonderful and precious privilege that we share. This is worth protecting and enhancing through connection and shared responsibility, caring for our place and our future, learning from traditional wisdom and living within the Earth's limits.

We are in an escalating climate emergency, and the most important thing we can do is to acknowledge that fact. Our common future depends on collaboration, compassion and understanding. No government has the will to fully address the crisis we face, no plan to rapidly cut fossil fuel mining and use. They dither around, pretending to act, pretending to care about the future all the while ramping up approvals for increased coal, gas and oil production, exacerbating climate disruption.

We have basically been abandoned and failed by successive governments in responding effectively to the climate crisis, so it is imperative that we build community resilience and self-reliance. We lack strong and effective state and national leadership, so it is important that communities provide local leadership, adopting policies and strategies that prioritise our security, safety and long-term resilience. This is an essential role for local government, ensuring the safety and security of the community and the local and regional environment. We all have a part to play in this real and growing emergency, and it's something we can all contribute to in so many ways. A community meeting facilitated perhaps by the Shire of Manjimup and the Pemberton Chamber of Commerce and Industry to discuss the challenges and opportunities we all face will be useful in thinking about the way forward.

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## PEMBERTON LOCAL WINS PRESTIGIOUS STATE TELSTRA BEST OF BUSINESS AWARD

ARTICLE PROVIDED BY SUSANNE PEET

Pemberton-based Susanne Peet, founder of Eight Acres Permaculture, has been recognised as the Western Australian winner in the "Promoting Sustainability" category at the highly respected Telstra Best of Business Awards. This remarkable achievement places her business among the top 1% of all nominated businesses in Australia, a testament to her vision and hard work in the Southern Forests and Valleys region.

The Telstra Awards celebrate small and medium businesses that are making a significant positive impact. Eight Acres Permaculture's win highlights its dedication to fostering resilient living and encouraging conservation through accessible education. Mrs. Peet is known to many in the local area through her hands-on workshops on topics like food preservation and self-sufficiency, her work with WILD Ones Forest School and Adventures, and her ongoing contributions to local tourism.

Central to her mission is The Resilience Village, a vibrant, free online community she founded earlier

this year. This group has grown to nearly 400 members who connect and share knowledge, helping one another to navigate these troubled times and build a more secure future for themselves and their families.

"It is an immense honour to be recognised by Telstra for work that is so close to my heart," said Susanne Peet. "This award isn't just for me; it's for everyone in our community who believes in the power of resilient living. I am passionate about helping people feel more in control of their lives and building genuine connections with one another."

Mrs. Peet will now go on to represent Western Australia at the National Telstra Best of Business Awards in Brisbane in October, where she hopes to take out the national title. No matter how you know Susanne, you'll find she's always open to collaborative partnerships with other local businesses and community groups, believing that working together is the key to a truly resilient community for all.

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## PEMBERTON CHAMBER SUCCESS – ADVOCATING FOR PEMBERTON'S COMMUNITY FOR OVER 15 YEARS!

The Pemberton Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc has delivered powerful results for local businesses, residents, and our wider community for almost two decades.

### Key Wins for Pemberton

- Advocacy on local issues – from road upgrades and subdivision planning to supporting the development of a Light Industrial Area.
- Christmas cheer – secured funding for Main Street Christmas decorations, bringing festive spirit to town.
- Community spaces – advocated for upgrades to the Pemberton Hub, including improvements to the History & Heritage Workroom and the Visitor Centre.
- Festival success – won a \$55,000 grant to launch the inaugural Pemberton Avocado Festival (November 2025), including funding for an Event Organiser. See details below.
- Business support – purchased new office equipment from the Shire to better serve members.
- Events legacy – backed iconic local events, including the Marron & Wine Festival and the Autumn Festival, coming soon the inaugural Pemberton Avocado Festival.
- Great WA Bike Ride – provided strong local support for this major event, putting Pemberton on the map for cycling tourism.
- Future focus – continued close collaboration with the Shire on essential services like footpath cleaning, toilets, and the delivery of a grand new playground (design complete and ready to go).
- Industry advocacy – represented growers in tackling the shot-hole borer threat.
- Economic growth – supporting new business ventures and encouraging ongoing investment into the region.
- Visibility boost – invested in TV advertising on GWN to promote Pemberton and our members.
- Knowledge sharing – hosted guest speakers at Chamber General Meetings, open to all members and the community, to learn, network and connect.
- Strategic planning – contributed to long-term planning to ensure Pemberton's voice is heard in shaping the region's future.
- Rural Ward – Meet the Candidates Recap

In September, the Chamber hosted a Meet the Candidates Forum for the Rural Ward elections at the

Pemberton Sports Club. The evening gave community members the chance to hear directly from candidates, ask questions, and understand their vision for Pemberton's future.

Events like these are a cornerstone of the Chamber's commitment to strengthening civic engagement and ensuring local voices are heard.

### Why Membership Matters

Membership means more than being part of a local network – it also connects you to the Regional Chambers of Commerce & Industry WA (RCCIWA), giving you access to:

- Advice and resources tailored for small and regional businesses.
- Advocacy on state and national issues that impact our town.
- Training and professional development opportunities.
- Networking and collaboration with other regional Chambers and businesses.
- Guidance on grants, compliance, and business growth.
- A collective voice that ensures regional business interests are heard by decision-makers.

### Join Us

These achievements prove the power of a strong Chamber working for the benefit of our community. With more members, we can do even more.

Membership is just \$110 per year – open to all businesses and individuals who care about the future of Pemberton.

Together, we can achieve even greater things.

### Pemberton Avocado Festival

A initiative of the PCCI, the inaugural Pemberton Avocado Festival is coming 31 October – 2 November 2025, and we'd love our community to be at the heart of it all. Come and be part of the celebrations:

Festival Day – Saturday 1 November, 9am–4pm, RSL Park

Full information at [www.pembyavofest.com](http://www.pembyavofest.com). Follow the 'Pemberton Avocado Festival' on socials for updates and see PCN October insert.

## MILL HALL UPDATE

There was plenty of activity at the Mill Hall on the last weekend of August:-

- The 'Pemberton's Got Talent' concert was a roaring success with a variety of performers from poets to choirs, to ukuleles to vocalists entertaining us.
  - The screening of 'Mystery Road' was also a fantastic event for the community to view. Great to see some familiar faces on the Big Screen!
- Once again, thank you to the volunteers who contributed to these events.

The new Audio System, Projector and Stage Lighting are a valuable asset to the Mill Hall coupled with the big screen and enhances the facilities available at this great venue.

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!

- THURSDAYS 5PM BOOTSCOOTING
  - OCTOBER 11TH 7.30PM OLD TIME DANCE
- 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 C10562118.

President - Deanne Ventris

## FLORAL REFLECTIONS

ROZZI IN OZ

On our wedding day I woke up to a beautiful Spring morning. It was an exciting day and was made even more special as our little back garden was in full bloom. The small patch in our backyard had burst into bloom this season, thanks to my sister, an avid gardener. The beautiful blooms seemed to be smiling at me as I looked at them in awe and wonderment through the kitchen window. Daffodils, renunculus, hyacinths, sparaxis and freesias put on an awesome show on that momentous day, 25 September.



The eventful day, the actual ceremony, bouquets, blue satin, the ceremony and of course my life's partner are all etched on my mind, come September each year. During this special month I look out for these blooms as I remember our wedding anniversary. 2025 was no exception. However, I regret having put off the purchasing of spring bulbs. When I eventually got to the nursery in mid July, they were already out of stock. Little did I realise that bulbs should be planted 4 months in advance. Late Winter days kept us indoors for a number of months and I have to admit that is no excuse for neglecting my garden.

Nature lovers will agree that one can never leave a nursery empty handed. Although disappointed at my habit of procrastinating, I randomly chose and bought 3 packets of flower seeds. The packets were colourful and attractive on display and I purchased cosmos, snapdragon and forget-me-nots. Back home, after reading the sowing times, the only seeds I could sow, in July, were the forget-me-nots which would germinate by mid August. The remaining two packets of seeds could only be sown later in the year.

By mid August there was no visible sign of emergent life in the germination pots. Perhaps the seeds were drenched by the heavy downpours of rain or planted too deeply in the soil. ( Garden experts are probably amused at my ignorance regarding planting ). Disappointed but still hopeful, I placed them under cover on the front porch, sheltered from the intermittent showers.

Some gardeners are known to have "green fingers". They can put almost anything into the soil and it will take root, resulting in strong, healthy plants. I certainly do not have that gift; perhaps "brown fingers" would be a more appropriate description in my case. More interest and a closer study on how to cultivate a successful garden will be beneficial. It is never too late to learn and this could become another useful hobby in the future. The unsuccessful search for flowering bulbs and failed sowing of forget-me-not seeds will not deter me from trying my hand at planting an amusing thought came to mind. Did the forget-me-not seeds remind me not to forget about them? I was not prepared to give up on them and continued to spray water on the soil to remind them I still had hope.

Shrubs and trees were showing signs of the season, sprouting fresh green leaves and flowers as they woke up to the warm sunshine. Meanwhile, I made my way to the nursery once more. Having little success with sowing, I chose 2 pots of flowering plants. Fragrant

french lavender and bright yellow daisies. They are proudly thriving in the round patch just outside my sunroom window. Credit also to the pretty little snowdrops that appeared along the pathway adding more floral joy.

Almost daily I peeked into the germinating pots of illusive forget-me-not seeds. Voila! Last week I noticed 3 tiny green leaves had emerged from the dark soil. It pays to develop patience and to be hopeful. Today there are three more seedlings. Nature certainly has a way of surprising us. Now I am convinced more will appear in the warmer forthcoming days.

Observing my constant pottering in the garden, my daughter suggested I try my "brown fingers" at getting punnets healthy seedlings. It would be more economical than buying potted plants. I agreed, and graciously took her advice. This time I chose another blue favourite, little lobelias and pretty pansies in punnets. Transplanted, they are all thriving in new pots alongside the lavender and daisies and like us, enjoying the Spring sunshine.



I read in Galatians 5:22-23 about the fruit of the Spirit.

Which requires love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Reflecting on these floral experiences, I hope I have developed at least one or two of these attributes. Perhaps more next time? Till then,

**EAST MANJIMUP  
PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C**

**QUIZ  
NIGHT**

Bring gold coins  
for games, EFTPOS  
available for  
purchases

**FRIDAY  
17  
OCTOBER**

**@ THE PARISH CENTRE  
MOORE STREET, MANJIMUP**  
Doors open 6:30 – Quiz starts 7:00

*Licensed Bar*  
**BYO SUPPER**

\*limited Food available  
to purchase\*

**Tickets available - \$80 per table  
(maximum of 8 people per table)**  
**Manjimup Newsagency (cash only)**  
**and EMPS Front Office (cash/EFTPOS)**



ARTICLE BY DONNA VIRGO

It has been a very challenging time for a small group of hard-working parent volunteers lead by new President Allison Beattie and past President Cathy Pitts. The Southern Strikers Soccer Club have decided to hold a Summer Soccer competition for junior players (under the age of 18).

With no LSW regional soccer committee the Pemberton based Southern Strikers committee have conducted a survey with past players and parents and consulted with all LSW clubs. Registrations are now open!

If you would like to join our committee, you're more than welcome to come onboard and give us a hand.

The junior summer soccer competition in Term 4 (commencing on Saturday 18 October 2025 and concluding on December 13th) is for children in Manjimup, Pemberton, Northcliffe, Bridgetown and Balingup/Greenbushes. Games will be played at Pemberton and Manjimup. Training is also likely to be at Manjimup and Pemberton.

We have been advertising on both Facebook and via email, to past registered players and by word of mouth around the various communities.

We asking for expressions of interest in volunteering for - coaching, refereeing, linesperson, canteen shifts, helping with set up and pack down, line marking, uniforms, equipment and or fundraising. Plenty of opportunities for anyone and everyone to get involved.

The committee believe it is critical for soccer clubs in all towns in our region to have active members for a sustainable thriving competition for years to come.

The registrations are finally open due to substantial technical difficulties with Football West and Football Australia's Play Football system.

You can now register via the link below:

[https://registration.playfootball.com.au/signin?redirect\\_to=%2Fparticipant%2Ffind-products&referrer\\_entity\\_id=31626](https://registration.playfootball.com.au/signin?redirect_to=%2Fparticipant%2Ffind-products&referrer_entity_id=31626)

Southern Strikers Soccer Club  
southernstrikerssecretary@gmail.com



Do you own a business in the area? Then you may consider becoming a member of the Pemberton Chamber of Commerce and Industries. We advocate for businesses and

issues that affect industry in your local area.

For membership forms please contact:

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

OR

Call up or visit the Pemberton CRC where we can give you more information on this excellent Business Resource.

(08) 9776 1745



Greetings historians and Pembertonians as we can finally welcome spring that brings our bush alive with colour.

We have a lot to celebrate in our past and present!

In the past hundred years or so, there have been many publications regarding the forest, town and tourism distributed by the departments and local contributors like D H Evans and Roger Underwood.

Then there have been numerous family history books of all sizes written by local families.

Titles like...."No Time for Dancing" by the Moltoni family.

"Tale of a Groupie's Son" by Jack French plus two books by the Fox family and others by;

Dunnet, South, Hunter, Wellburn, Shoobridge, Phillips, Radomiljac, and more.

Alison Daubney has made several collections of stories about local identities and families of the Pemberton Northcliffe area.

Jane Muir has written extensively on Manjimup stories and people.

Many of the above were self-funded and published by the families.

Pemberton Museum team have just completed a new book on Pemberton. A chronological order of jottings and photographs. It is far from a literary creation, but it is a start, a first edition.

We are hoping it will evolve with more contributions to become more inclusive for a next edition.

Relevant paragraphs of history and photographs that were important to you will be most welcome by our team. Please email them to [pembertonhistory@gmail.com](mailto:pembertonhistory@gmail.com)

Pemberton, the first edition, will be available and on sale by 18th October at our afternoon tea celebration.

We will also showcase the new museum exhibition that our full team, led by Renata, have been working on since our Group Settlement exhibition.

Complementing the afternoon we hope to have a history calendar for 2026 along with interesting souvenirs.

Please join us on Saturday 18th October at the Museum space to see our latest productions.

Thanks go to the CRC for the design of our poster for this event.

Always a warm welcome to helpers, volunteers and historians at our weekly Thursday morning in our Bill Bryant Workshop behind the Museum.

PH&HG Team.



# HOROSCOPES AND THE MONTH AHEAD – OCTOBER 2025!

October 2025 brings a mix of transformation, romance, and opportunities for personal growth across all zodiac signs.

## Key Astrological Events

**Mercury in Scorpio** (from October 6): This transit encourages deep research and investigation. It's a great time to uncover hidden truths and focus on serious topics. Expect heightened intuition and a desire to get to the bottom of matters.

**Full Moon in Aries** (October 6): This full moon invites you to reflect on your passions and personal goals. It's a time to assess what drives you and make necessary changes to align with your true desires.

**Venus in Libra** (from October 13): This period enhances romantic relationships and encourages social interactions. It's an excellent time for engagements and deepening commitments. The energy of Venus in Libra promotes harmony and diplomacy in love.

**New Moon in Libra** (October 21): This new moon offers opportunities for new partnerships and collaborations. It's a favorable time to set intentions for relationships and alliances.

## General Predictions

**Career:** October may bring challenges in the workplace, but also opportunities for growth. Hard work and confidence will lead to success, especially for those who avoid dubious activities.

**Love:** Relationships may experience possessiveness, but communication and diplomacy can help maintain harmony. Singles may find love through kindness and social interactions.

**Health:** Overall health is expected to be good, but attention to the well-being of senior family members may be necessary. It's a good month for planning family activities and focusing on personal health improvements.

**Personal Growth:** The month encourages self-improvement and reflection. It's a time to let go of past issues and embrace new beginnings, especially after the full moon.

In summary, October 2025 is a month filled with potential for personal and relational growth, driven by significant astrological events that encourage introspection and connection.

## Horoscopes

**Aries:** A surge of courage finds you on October 12. Your word—Release—isn't loss, but liberation. Angel Number 191 whispers: every ending is a breakthrough disguised as light.

**Taurus:** On October 19, love feels like home. Your word, Harmony, and Angel Number 455 anchor you in stability. Peace becomes your most profound act of devotion.

**Gemini:** The air crackles with ideas on October 5. With Breakthrough as your word and 737 as your number, curiosity is your compass. Follow the questions; they will lead you to freedom.

**Cancer:** Renewal comes on October 7 like a tide pulling you forward. Expansion is your mantra, and 822

reminds you that compassion is the soil where growth takes root.

**Leo:** On October 23, your fire is reignited. Renewal leads you into action, while 118 assures recognition will follow. The spotlight is not your cage—it's your stage.

**Virgo:** October 21 delivers fresh start energy. With Alignment as your guide and 664 as your number, service becomes sacred. When you align, everything else falls into place.

**Libra:** Love and connection shimmer on October 18. Intention carries you through, and Angel Number 272 echoes harmony. Balance is your gift—and your choice.

**Scorpio:** October 22 stirs your passions. Your word, Power, and number 505 awaken transformation. What feels like fire is also rebirth.

**Sagittarius:** On October 13, clarity breaks through the clouds. Vision is your word, 144 your foundation. Build with purpose; the horizon will meet you there.

**Capricorn:** October begins with progress. Momentum and Angel Number 919 remind you: discipline isn't restriction, it's freedom disguised as structure.

**Aquarius:** A visionary shift finds you on October 3. Awakening is your word; 383 pulses with innovation. Trust your strange sparks—they are the seeds of tomorrow.

**Pisces:** October 26 washes you in deep healing. Revelation and Angel Number 252 teach you to flow. What rises to the surface now is exactly what you're ready to know.

October is here. Trust the words, notice the signs, and embrace your power.



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WINTERFEST

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday October 26th 2025  
Meeting Via Discord

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Nominations Close 25/09/25  
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## More Information

9776 1745<sup>o</sup>

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



Or come in and see us at the  
Pemberton CRC  
Tuesday - Friday

## PEMBERTON YOGA COLLECTIVE

Article by Gaye Van Hazendonk

Photos by Maureen Baker

Since 2nd May 2023, four dedicated volunteer teachers have been offering weekly yoga classes—almost without interruption. These passionate individuals generously give their time to provide a valuable community service, with most of the money raised going toward insurance, further training, and charitable donations.

Despite having busy lives filled with work and other commitments, these teachers make time to contribute to something they believe in. The collective structure not only provides a shared roster system to ensure everyone gets a break, but also fosters a supportive network—allowing teachers to attend other classes and training sessions free of charge.

All administration is managed through the CRC Community Initiatives, which allows the teachers to focus entirely on delivering quality yoga classes.

While community surveys confirmed the demand for regular yoga classes in Pemberton, attendance—especially during the winter months—has sometimes been lower than hoped. Even so, after thoughtful discussion, the PYC teachers have committed to continuing their weekly classes, including through public and school holiday.

I would like to sincerely acknowledge the dedication of this wonderful group of women who work quietly and generously behind the scenes, giving their time and energy for the benefit of our community.

If you've ever been curious about trying yoga, why not come along? Classes are held weekly at the PCSC on Mondays at 5:30 PM. It's a great chance to meet the teachers and experience the benefits of yoga in a welcoming and supportive environment.

Contact the CRC on 9776 1745 or email us at [office@pembertoncrc.org.au](mailto:office@pembertoncrc.org.au) for more information.



Above: The PYC teachers from Left to Right Gaye O'Donnell, Nina Angeloni, Esther Mills & Ali Kelsell

## WELCOME TO THE CRC TEAM!

ARTICLE BY GAYE VAN HAZENDONK

Photos by CRC Staff & Volunteers

### MEET OUR NEW TRAINEE

Hi, I'm Chloe Flynn.

I'm a new trainee starting in November at the Pemberton Community Resource Centre.

I will be working Tuesdays to Fridays, completing a Certificate III in Community Services.

My parents and I moved down from Perth and recently bought Beedelup House Cottages from Bev & Ken.

I'm really into wildlife and nature, especially bugs and spiders but its all amazing here!



### MEET OUR NEW CARE COORDINATOR



Many of you already know Jackie King in the many roles she has undertaken throughout her time in Pemberton. Having recently returned to town she has joined the CRC team as the CARE COORDINATOR for the Staying in Place/Support at home Program.

Jackie is establishing the program for the seniors of Pemberton and we will soon be sending out information to every mailbox on how you can apply for your support at home.

In the meantime, feel free to call or come in and give us your details to contact you about how we can support you when the program is up and running.

Next time you are in town, pop in, introduce yourself and Welcome the new members of the team.

We have lots of great things happening at the CRC, so make sure your membership is paid for great discounts and information on all the upcoming events and activities.

## POSITION AVAILABLE!

DO YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE IN FINANCE?

GOT 5 HOURS TO SPARE?

JOIN THE GROWING PEMBERTON CRC, PART-TIME

### FINANCE OFFICER

COMPETITIVE SALARY

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COLLABORATIVE TEAM

Contact: [manager@pembertoncrc.org.au](mailto:manager@pembertoncrc.org.au)

# CRC COMMUNIQUÉ

ARTICLE BY GAYE VAN HAZENDONK  
Photos by CRC Staff & Volunteers

## REGIONAL TECH HUB:

Having problems with your internet connection or phone provider? Well help is on the way!

Recently successful in a grant application through the Regional Tech Hub, the Pemberton CRC with be training staff, other CRC's and locals in how to get the best connection for their needs. Be it Satellite internet, NBN or phone provider, we will find the best option for you.

Workshops and training are still in the planning stages, hoping to kick-off in November, so call, email or drop in and sign up your expression of interest in attending so you don't miss out!

**Regional Tech Hub**  
Get connected. Stay connected

*Confident Care for Families*  
**Peace of Mind Online**

## BUILDING DIGITAL SKILLS:

Recently successful in a grant application through the Good things Foundation, and the "Be Connected Program" we are now able to provide FREE computer skills workshops for anyone over 50 years of age.



These one-on-one training sessions will assist in undertaking online learning courses such as:

- Computer basics
- All about android and Apple devices
- Getting set up
- Online safety
- Using the cloud
- Sharing files and photos and many more!

Come into the CRC to see how we can assist you.



## RECEPTION AREA RECONFIGURATION:

Thanks to generous funding from the Shire of Manjimup, the Pemberton Visitor Centre (PVC) and the CRC have entered a tripartite agreement with the Shire to see some resolution to the issues with the shared reception area at the Community Hub.

With an increase in our staff numbers and so many new projects underway at the CRC, including the Staying in Place program, we cant wait to see an improvement to the Reception space to reduce confusion and congestion and to create a warm welcoming entrance for community members.

For this reason we are closing for one week to provide unfettered access to tradespeople so the works can take place smoothly.

We apologise for the inconvenience but look forward to greeting you from our new reception area from the 20th October and getting your feedback on the new look.

Pemberton CRC  
**CLOSED**  
Mon 13th - Fri 17th October  
FOR RENOVATIONS

Free Wi-Fi available here

Centrelink wifi access available

Re-open on **Monday 20th** October with a **NEW RECEPTION AREA!**  
See you then!  
office@pembertoncrc.org.au

## PERMANENT MONDAY CLOSURE:

After a recent Operational review of the Pemberton CRC in Collaboration with Linkwest, the CRC will be moving towards closing on a Monday and extending the opening hours to 9am - 4pm Tuesday to Friday.

This works in well with the Library closure on Mondays and provides later access to community members throughout the week.

We have sent out a survey to all CRC Members and have survey responses from many CRC users. There has been very little opposition to the suggestion so we are hoping to begin Monday closure from **November 2025**.

If you would like to provide your survey feedback, please stop into the CRC or email us at [office@pembertoncrc.org.au](mailto:office@pembertoncrc.org.au). Everyone is welcome to request the survey link and we would love to have your feedback!



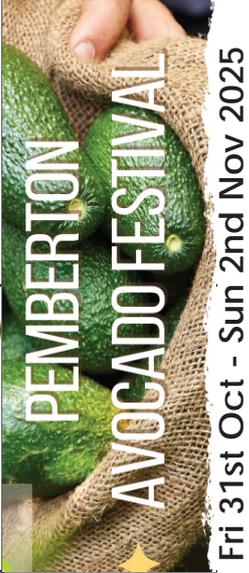


# October 2025

Thank you to Maja Plante for this months photo

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p><b>6</b> <b>PAG Spring Exhibition</b> Runs through school hols 1st - 12th Oct see pg 3</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Car Boot SALE</b> October 4th, 2025 9:00 am - 1:00 pm CLOTHING • BOOKS • TOYS • PRODUCE</p> <p>Sacred Heart Catholic Church Carpark - Corner of Guppy Street</p>	<p><b>1</b> <b>Creating illustrations</b> workshop 10am-2pm @ PAG Hub</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>Clay &amp; textiles</b> workshop 10am-4pm @ PAG Hub</p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>Live music @ the Pemby Hotel - see page 3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> <b>Car Boot Sale 9am-1pm @ Sacred Heart Catholic Church</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>Bean Bag Cinema</b> presents Flow @ Northcliffe CRC 2pm</p> <p><b>Live music @ the Pemby Hotel - see page 3</b></p>
<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>Inside out movie day</b> @ Bridgetown hub 10am-2pm</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>Live music @ the Pemby Hotel - see page 3</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>Beekeeper taster short course @ Manimup TAFE 9am-3.30pm</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> <b>Southern Forests Trout Festival @ Big Brook Dam 9am-1pm</b></p> <p>Last day of PAG Spring exhibition @ PCSC closes 1pm</p>
<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> <b>One day digital training @ Northcliffe CRC 9.30am-4pm</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> <b>The big and little hoo-haa @ Northcliffe town hall - see page 3</b></p> <p>EMPS Quiz night - see page 10</p> <p><b>Live music @ the Pemby Hotel - see page 3</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> <b>The big and little hoo-haa @ Northcliffe town hall - see page 3</b></p> <p>EMPS Quiz night - see page 10</p> <p><b>Live music @ the Pemby Hotel - see page 3</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> <b>Pemberton turns 100 at the Museum from 3pm - see page 27</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>Live music @ the Pemby Hotel - see page 3</b></p>

 <p><b>20</b> OSECA @ Pemberton CRC 9am - 2pm</p>		 <p><b>21</b> Bridgetown womens Circle Roe St 4.30-7.30pm Embrace! employment, skills &amp; participation in Bridgetown - see page 6</p>	 <p><b>28</b> Pemberton Blue print 5-7.30pm @ Mill hall see pg 32 PAG AGM - see page 3</p>	 <p><b>22</b> All-sorts exercise group Mon 9am \$5 each Pemberton Community Sports Club CRC 9776 1745</p>	 <p><b>29</b> Pemberton Blue print 5-7.30pm @ Mill hall see pg 32 PAG AGM - see page 3</p>	 <p><b>23</b> Shamone's Band Experience @ Tall Timbers Manjimup 5-9pm</p>	 <p><b>30</b> All-sorts exercise group Mon 9am \$5 each Pemberton Community Sports Club CRC 9776 1745</p>	 <p><b>24</b> JB Ipsen Memorial Cup @ Pemberton Golf club 24th-26th Oct Lunch N Learn @ Manjimup CRC -Grant writing fundamentals 12-1pm</p>	 <p><b>31</b> Avo Festival Meat smoking masterclass @ Pemberton Golf Club 6pm Live music @ the Pemby Hotel - see page 3</p>	 <p><b>25</b></p>		 <p><b>26</b> Blackwood D&amp;D Winterfest AGM - see page 12 Live music @ the Pemby Hotel - see page 3</p>	
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Fri 31st Oct - Sun 2nd Nov 2025



**Cancelled**

**2025**

**Sunday 12th October - 9am - 1pm**  
**Big Brook-Dam Foreshore & Picnic area Pemberton**  
**10am Trout Release**

**Coming up in November**

31st Oct - 2nd November Avocado Festival  
 25th-27th November Springtime sensations food & art 3 day tour  
 25th November Tractor training 1 day course @Manji TAFE  
 24th November Chainsaw training 1 day course @Manji TAFE

Got an event? Let us know - [pcn@pembertoncrc.org.au](mailto:pcn@pembertoncrc.org.au)

 <p><b>Anglican Church Service</b> 1st Sun 11.30am St Hilda's Church, Ellis St, Pemberton Michelle 9776 0371</p>	 <p><b>Craft Group</b> 1st Tues \$5 St Hilda's church Pat 9776 0388</p>	 <p><b>Mill Hall Dance</b> 2nd Sat 7.30pm BYO, Share Supper - \$5 Pemberton Mill Hall Terrie 0439 840 784</p>	 <p><b>PCA - Womens Ride</b> Second sunday of the month @9am Meeting @ Pemberton Community Hub</p>	 <p><b>Fire and Rescue</b> 1st Sat 2.00pm Pemberton Fire Station Craig 0419 045 362</p>	 <p><b>Southern Forests Photography Club</b> Last Wed 6.00pm Pemberton Community Sports Club Rob 0428 275 665</p>	 <p><b>Uniting Church Service</b> 4th Sun 10.00am Pemberton Uniting Church Tom 9776 1472</p>	 <p><b>All-sorts exercise group</b> Mon 9am \$5 each Pemberton Community Sports Club CRC 9776 1745</p>	 <p><b>Art Classes with Tony Windberg</b> Wed @ 7.9pm, Thurs @ 9.30am PAG Art Room - at the HUB Tony 0427 852 032</p>	 <p><b>Badminton (Ladies)</b> Wed @ 9.00am - 11am Pemberton Sports Club Evelyn 9776 0332</p>	 <p><b>Boot scooting</b> Thurs 5pm Pemberton Mill Hall Terrie 0439 340 237</p>	 <p><b>CWA Op-Shop</b> Sat 9.00 am - 1.00pm Pemberton CWA Maria 0488 805 494</p>	 <p><b>Karate</b> Sat @ 9am Pemberton Community Sports Club. Bernadette 0457 272 500</p>	 <p><b>MTB Social Ride</b> Sat @ 8.00am Leaving from the Community Hub Mark 0429 384 800</p>	 <p><b>Museum Workshop</b> Thursday @10.00 - 12pm Pemberton Heritage &amp; History Ros 0439 214 393</p>	 <p><b>PAG Arts-In-House</b> Tues &amp; Wed 9.30am PAG Art Room @ the HUB Anna 0439 369 702</p>	 <p><b>Pemberton Golf Club</b> Saturdays @ 12pm Golf links road Club 9776 1455</p>	 <p><b>Pemberton Yoga Collective</b> Mondays 5.30pm - 7.00pm Pemberton Community Sports Club - Jarrah room - PCRC 9776 1745</p>	 <p><b>Pemberton Youth Zone</b> Every 2nd Fri @ 5pm - 8pm Pemberton Community Sports Club CRC 9776 1745</p>	 <p><b>Play Group</b> Tues, Thurs @ 9.00 Pemberton Community Sports Club crêche - Pippa 0401 654 902</p>	 <p><b>Rhyme and Story Time</b> Pemberton Library Wednesday 10.30am Sherril 9776 1311</p>	 <p><b>Road bike social ride</b> 1st 2nd 3rd Sun @ 7.30am Leaving from the Community Hub Christine 0407 774 128</p>	 <p><b>Sacred Heart Catholic Church</b> Wed 10.00am, 1st 3rd 5th Sun 8.30, 2nd 4th Sun 10.30am. Cnr Guppy St &amp; Dean St Manjimup Parish 9771 2873</p>	 <p><b>Social Badminton</b> Adults @6pm-7.30pm \$5ea. Pemberton Community Sports Club Emma 0400 518 185</p>	 <p><b>Solitaire Club</b> - \$2 Tues @ 11:00am Pemberton CRC CRC 9776 1745</p>	 <p><b>Bowls</b> Thurs &amp; Sundays Pemberton Community Sports Club Brian 0417 952 427</p>	 <p><b>Snooker Club</b> Wednesdays @ 6.30 pm Pemberton Community Sports Club John 0488 760 426</p>	<p>The Community Calendar is Proudly supported by:</p> 
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Monthly Events

Regular Community Events



**YOH FEST**



**PEMBERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL**

PDHS students have received a number of accolades over the last month for their outstanding achievements across academic, sporting and performing arts fields.

In early August, four Year 6 students represented PDHS in the interschool VEX Robotics competition hosted by EMPS. Grace, Hayden, Levi and Isobel all played important roles to build, drive, code, troubleshoot and problem-solve in the weeks leading up to the competition and throughout the day with their robot. They impressed everyone with their skills and teamwork, culminating in the team taking out first place and bringing home the trophy.

Year 8 students performed at YOH Fest in Albany with their original group piece "A Rainbow Amongst the Storm Clouds" and the original monologue "Reflections" performed by Emma. YOH Fest is a performing, visual and media arts event for WA school students which combines the fun of the arts with health education to create a unique, exciting and valuable experience for young people. Congratulations to the Year 8s who were recognised for their performance's effective exploration of the theme and excellent production values. Congratulations also to Emma, whose solo piece was acknowledged as being a strong performance of an original piece with excellent audience connections.

Our top Year 6 Science students took part in the Interschool Science Competition at EMPS. The competition tested their scientific knowledge and skills across a range of question styles including multiple choice, investigation and short answer. A massive congratulations to Grace, Hayden, Zoe and Isobel who placed second overall and won the 'Small School Shield'. They represented themselves and PDHS most admirably.

Finally, PDHS students from Years 3-6 participated in the annual Interschool Winter Carnival, competing in netball, hockey and soccer. This year our Year 9/10 Specialist Sport students supported the carnival as coaches for our teams and all did a fantastic job. All of our students tried their hardest, had plenty of fun and represented PDHS with respect and positivity. Congratulations to all of our students who took part:

- Year 3/4 Team : Beginner Champions
- Year 4/5 Team : Intermediate Runners Up
- Year 5/6 Team 1 and Year 5/6 Team 2 : Senior Co-Champions



**INTERSCHOOL SCIENCE**



**WINTER CARNIVAL**



**VEX ROBOTICS**



# ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL *Term Three 2025*



## FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The Friday morning before Father's Day, our school hall was buzzing with conversation, laughter and the aroma of a hearty cooked breakfast! Our yearly Father's Day breakfast was, once again, a great success as fathers, uncles and granddads joined the students in the school hall for a full hot breakfast of eggs, bacon, toast and hashbrowns catered for and prepared by our P&F and Staff.



## ORAL SPEAKING COMPETITION

Every year, students from years 4-6 are given the opportunity to develop and showcase their public speaking skills as they compete in the Regional TREE Talks Competition. There are five Catholic Schools in our region including Bridgetown, Boyup Brook, Manjimup and Donnybrook and every year the competition is certainly fierce!

In preparation for the competition, students research, write, practise and present a speech about a topic of their choice to their local judges. The best are then chosen to travel to the host school to compete against the other schools.

This year, our chosen students travelled to St Brigid's in Bridgetown, to compete in the final, where the adjudicators and audience were inspired by topics such as cloud seeding, gladiators, tractors and Banu (a story about a dog)!

It is always a wonderful and rewarding experience for students, teachers and judges as students battle their nerves and demonstrate resilience and poise as they present their speech to the audience.

Thank you to Councillor Murray Ventris for assisting us with our selection process, and staff, students and parents from St Joseph's and the other competing schools for joining us for this special event.



Department of  
Energy and Economic  
Diversification

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## Applications are open for the Closure of Impacted Business grants program.

The non-competitive grant program aims to support businesses reliant on native timber to exit the industry.

Funding of up to \$50,000 is available for eligible businesses to support with expenses associated with closing their business.

Visit our website to find out more:

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

## WHAT AN INTERESTING PLACE!

ARTICLE BY ANNE TIQUITY  
Images from PCN Archives

Having spent over 50 years driving to, through and out of Pemberton on a daily basis and keeping up to date with your progress through gossip and the PCN, I can certainly claim that Pemberton has never been boring. What an interesting place!

Coming to the top of Thompson's Hill in hail, rain or shine the vista was impressive. The smoke from the Mill Chimneys, the amazing and intricate spider webs glistening on the fences, the smell of sawdust, the kids off to the Old School and the possibility of Mr Lunn catching child or adult crossing that road with his precise instruction made for good driving.

Very little movement on the left but one knew that and on the right the shops were always busy. Beware of log trucks and off through to the other side and the brilliant drive through farmland and forest.



The Old Hospital was going flat out as well as the evening surgeries at Doc Ryans house. As a newcomer, it was terrifying. With no receptionist or appointments, everyone in the waiting room knew whose turn it was. As the patient left after seeing the Doc, he would roar out "NEXT!" and woe betide anyone who tried to jump the queue as hostilities would ensue.

Above: Doc Ryan

One might remember well the advent of the Orange People out on the Nannup Road. Now that was an interesting but somewhat tense time, but Pemberton proved itself to take a united front when Ma Sheela made threats and a couple of hundred citizens made themselves quite clear on this subject at a Town Hall meeting. A united front.

The Sports Ground was an interesting if shabby looking place, no offence meant but certainly not the groomed spectacle of today, but always busy with footy, and all sort of activities. School Sports Days brought out the supporters, kids, and families for the days where we saw great teams, sports persons, organisation and supporters, right in the heart of town. How proud the Southerners were when they built their first clubrooms on the hill, hot water and all.

One particular Sporting Day stands out in my mind. The Great Swimming Carnival between Pemberton and Northcliffe District High Schools. Now Pemberton had a pool, but Northcliffe did not. The latter kids had suffered the wilds of Windy Harbour and caring dads had taught the rudiments of survival with a long rope in the farm dam, so picking a team was going to test ingenuity. Northcliffe however, had a very long verandah and the Sports Teacher and offsider evaluated skill levels by requesting those willing, to swim down the veranda from the Maths class door to the Arts room, and their arm actions would indicate how far they could go. So, in a variety of strokes from dog paddle to almost any stroke anything over 25m. ensured their entry.

It was surprisingly accurate with the Sports master spending the day of the carnival walking alongside kids

and hauling them out on request. No results of the day were recorded but the teacher/student relay was impressive. There is an unspoken rule that says "you must never beat the children, either literally or by your actions. And thereby hangs another story for another day.

The building of the Community Centre was again, the work of a whole community. While it received great support and attention, we might pay tribute to the mill workers who had a small amount taken out of their pay each fortnight for years which went straight to the new building, plus their expertise in all things timber. These things tend to be forgotten as time passes. The opening was a fabulous affair but the poor blokes from CALM were called out at 4.00 am to a bushfire in Northcliffe. Not happy chappies, but great workers.

The enforced closure of the Timber Industry was .....enough of that. This old dear could well be flogged to death by Cancel Culture, so subject closed.

Carnivals at the pool, Italian Nights, school concerts, weddings, Ernie's, the transition from spuds and caulis to lines of vines, the great facelift to the magnificent Pemberton Hotel, the establishment of the new hospital and demolition of the old were all part of the fabric of the 70's and continuing until the present day.

So many great stories, sad stories, and wonderful people some still with us, some gone to their reward. Up to five generations over the one hundred years all part of a story that "can certainly claim that Pemberton has never been boring. What an interesting place!"



### **FULL MOON RIDE To Mt Barker SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER 2025 (Combined with BDR STATE Ride)**

REGISTER AT [www.blackdogride.org.au](http://www.blackdogride.org.au) TO PARTICIPATE

Passing through Denmark for Lunch 1pm, onto Albany, The Porongurup's, finishing at Mt Barker Bowling Club Approx. 4pm.

Join in the fun at the Bowling Club, with purchase of a meal, drinks at club prices and music with a DJ.

Discounted accommodation available Mt Barker for BDR Riders at the Holiday Park or Valley Views Motel. Contact Rob Woods Coordinator 0428442376 for information



## Be breast aware this October

Cancer Council WA is urging everyone in the South West region to take Breast Cancer Awareness Month as an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the common symptoms of breast cancer.

In 2021, 1,862 women were diagnosed with breast cancer, and sadly, 279 women and one man lost their lives to the disease. In the South West region, 175 women were diagnosed with breast cancer, and 31 died from it.

Common symptoms of breast cancer include:

- A lump or hard area in your breast or underarm, especially if it is only on one side
- A change in the size, shape or feel of your breast
- Change in the look of your breast, including redness, rash, or your skin looks like the skin of an orange, or is wrinkling in small folds
- Changes to the nipple, like it's pulled inwards, leaking, itchy or has a sore that won't heal
- Breast pain or discomfort, especially if it is only on one side
- An area of the breast that feels different to the rest

If you have had any of these symptoms for more than four weeks, tell your doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker as soon as possible.

If you have any of the symptoms, it doesn't mean you've got cancer; often, it turns out to be something less serious, but finding breast cancer early often means that the breast cancer is small, less likely to have spread to other parts of the body and can be more effectively treated.

### Cancer Information and Support

To find out more about common cancer symptoms, visit [www.findcancerearly.com.au](http://www.findcancerearly.com.au), or if you're feeling overwhelmed and you need someone to talk to, call Cancer Council's information and support line on 13 11 20 and speak to one of our cancer nurses.

# BREAST CANCER



## Common symptoms:



### Lumps and bumps

A lump or hard area in your breast or underarm, especially if it is only on one side.



### Unusual dimpling or rashes

Change in the look of your breast, like: your skin looks like the skin of an orange, your skin looks and feels different in one area, redness or rash.



### Changes to the nipple

Changes to the nipple, like: it's pulled inwards, leaking, itchy or has a sore that won't heal.



### Pain or swelling

Breast pain or discomfort, especially if it is only on one side.



### A change in size

A change in the size, shape or feel of your breast.

**Get to know your breasts and what is normal for you. If you notice any of these symptoms or unusual changes, talk to a doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker without delay.**

If you have a symptom, it does not mean you have breast cancer. Often these symptoms turn out to be something less serious. However, it is important to get these symptoms or any unusual changes in your body checked out just in case.

For further information visit [findcancerearly.com.au](http://findcancerearly.com.au) or call 13 11 20.

# WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

before it all gets too much...

**Talk to a Mate!!**

THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE

## Testosterone and Wellbeing

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE  
October 2025

We've all heard of the hormone testosterone, but we might not know just how important it is that we look after our testosterone levels for our physical and mental health and wellbeing. Hormones themselves are the chemical messengers that the glands in our body send through our blood to our organs. They are necessary for growth, reproduction and wellbeing. The ones that are particularly important to men are the male sex hormones called androgens. Testosterone is the most important androgen and effects everything from our metabolism, our recovery time after physical exertion, our mood and of course our sex drive, performance and health. All things that we care about, that help define us as men and that we don't want to compromise on.

As testosterone is such a vital part of living a full and healthy life, it's important to keep a lookout for signs of testosterone issues, most commonly testosterone deficiency. It is normal for men to have their testosterone peak between 20 and 30 years of age; and from there fall gradually as we get older to one third of our maximum amount. In fact, by 45 years of age 4 out of every 10 men have symptoms of male hypogonadism (lowering testosterone). Despite it being common it is still important to keep an eye on it as testosterone deficiency can have severe consequences.



In our youth it can present as failure to go through normal puberty, including not having our voice break, not getting a normal growth spurt or even developing breasts. This is all to be avoided if possible! In adults there are a range of potential symptoms including weight gain, mood changes, reduced strength, difficulty getting erections and a lower sex drive. These symptoms and others can have a detrimental impact on our health and quality of life so being aware of testosterone's role in our lives and the difficulties we can have with it is important to all men.

If we find ourselves experiencing these issues we should go to the doctor and have a simple blood test that will check our testosterone levels. If we are suffering from a severe deficiency it is likely we will be administered Testosterone Replacement Therapy (TRT) in the form of injections, gels, lotions, creams, patches and tablets; some of which can come with negative side effects. Fortunately, there are ways to increase our testosterone short of pharmaceutical help. Primarily through lifestyle choices. That is getting enough sleep, avoiding alcohol and drugs, staying active; especially through weightlifting, minimising stress levels and getting all our vitamins and minerals through a balanced diet, will all have a significant impact on our testosterone levels and general health.

Like with most aspects of our health the same fundamentals affecting everything else also affect testosterone levels. Good health is a holistic process and if we do these things to take care of our testosterone we will enjoy the benefits of healthy testosterone levels throughout our lives. As always if there is any doubt it's important to speak to your GP, especially when something as important as testosterone is involved.

 @RMHI\_4blokes

 Working with Warriors Podcast

 regionalmenshealth.com.au





Department of  
Primary Industries and  
Regional Development

# Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

October 2025

## When trees send distress signals



Photos from left to right: a Marri tree demonstrating branch dieback, the trunk of the same tree stained with kino (gum like substance produced as a protective response), this tree was diagnosed with Marri canker. A stressed verge tree with peeling bark showing signs of secondary attack by boring insects.

Trees across Western Australia have faced a multitude of threats in recent years including pests, disease and environmental stress. Learning to spot the warning signs can help save our trees.

### Disease or drought?

Dark staining, bark splitting, blackened areas on trunks, and leaf discoloration are common symptoms of tree disease. Many fungal pathogens attack trees that are already stressed from environmental factors. Root diseases caused by *Armillaria* and *Phytophthora* are particularly common in WA, with symptoms including thinning canopies, branch dieback, and bleeding trunks. Drought-stressed trees exhibit symptoms that can easily be mistaken for disease. The most common being, wilting or curling leaves, premature leaf drop, browning leaf margins and thinning of the canopy. A key point of difference is that drought symptoms typically appear uniformly across the tree, while disease often begins with flagging or wilting of individual branches before spreading.

### The secondary attack

Both diseased and drought-stressed trees can become more vulnerable to attack by pests. Wood-boring insects that normally can't penetrate healthy trees take advantage of weakened defenses, evident by small holes and sawdust-like material around trunks. This could be seen as a domino effect, the initial stress compromises the tree's natural defense systems, allowing opportunistic organisms to establish.

### Treatment options

Is professional diagnosis worth it? If low-cost, simple efforts don't lead to improvements, engaging a qualified arborist to help identify and guide treatment options is a good idea, especially for valuable or heritage trees. Plant health laboratories, including DPIRD's, offer fee-for-service diagnostic testing. Treatment will vary by problem, but in general:

- For root diseases: improve drainage, avoid overwatering.
- For drought stress: provide slow, deep watering and adequate mulching, especially if the tree is young.
- Prune affected branches with sterilized tools.
- Apply appropriate fungicides and pesticides as necessary and as per label instructions.
- Protect trees from physical damage.

Remember good garden biosecurity - check any new addition to the garden for signs of pests and diseases.

### Prevention is key

Think carefully about what you're planting, a tree well suited to the environment it is being planted in will require less intervention and be more resistant to both disease and environmental stress. Consider species adapted to local conditions such as drought-tolerant natives and pest resistant species that can withstand WA's challenging climate.

Be vigilant - keep an eye on your trees and the trees in your community. The faster an issue is identified the sooner the tree can be helped - it might be as simple as a few deep waterings to help get it through a particularly long summer.



### Report your observations

MyPestGuide® Reporter via app or online [mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au](http://mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au)  
Pest and Disease Information Service (08) 9368 3080 | [padis@dpiird.wa.gov.au](mailto:padis@dpiird.wa.gov.au)

## KNOW THE WARNINGS:

### AFDRS & AWS

ARTICLE BY DFES

Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS)

The Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) tells you how dangerous a bushfire could be on any given day, using four easy-to-understand levels - Moderate, High, Extreme and Catastrophic, so you know when to prepare, act, or leave early to stay safe.

#### What you need to know:

- Ratings are based on weather and vegetation conditions.

#### There are four levels:

- Moderate – Plan and prepare
- High – Be ready to act
- Extreme – Take action now to protect life and property
- Catastrophic – For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

#### What you can do to stay safe:

- Check the daily fire danger rating at Emergency WA and plan your activities accordingly.
- Avoid activities that could start a fire on high-risk days.
- Avoid using machinery or open flames on days rated High, Extreme, or Catastrophic.
- Prepare your property by clearing dry vegetation, cleaning gutters, and removing flammable materials.
- Have a bushfire plan and share it with your household
- Stay informed by checking Emergency WA and listening to local alerts.

#### Australian Warning System (AWS)

The Australian Warning System (AWS) is a nationally consistent approach to emergency warnings that uses three clear levels - Advice, Watch and Act, and Emergency Warning, each with color-coded icons and action statements to help people understand the risk and know exactly what steps to take during bushfires, cyclones, floods, storms, and heatwaves.

#### What you need to know:

##### Three warning levels:

- Advice (Yellow) – Stay up to date in case the situation changes.
  - Watch and Act (Orange) – Conditions are changing. Start taking action now.
  - Emergency Warning (Red) – You may be in danger and need to take action immediately.
- Each warning includes an action statement to guide your response.

#### What can you do to stay safe:

- Know the warning levels and what each one means.
- Prepare your emergency kit in advance with essentials like water, food, medications, and important documents.
- Have a clear emergency plan and share it with your household.
- Stay informed by checking Emergency WA and listening to local alerts.
- Follow action statements in warnings immediately—don't wait to act.



## Fire Danger Ratings and Bushfire Warnings

The Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) levels are:

#### Moderate: Plan and prepare.

Most fires can be controlled. Stay up to date and be alert for fires in your area.

#### High: Be ready to act.

Fires can be dangerous. There's a heightened risk. Be alert for fires in your area. Leave bushfire risk areas if necessary.

#### Extreme: Take action now.

Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous. Put your bushfire plan into action. If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, plan to leave early.

#### Catastrophic: For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas.

These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire. If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost. Homes cannot withstand fires in these conditions. You may not be able to leave, and help may not be available.

The warning levels for bushfires are:

Advice	Watch and Act	Emergency Warning
A fire is active but there is no immediate threat to lives or homes. Be aware and keep up to date.	There is a possible threat to lives or homes. Take action now to protect yourself and others.	There is a threat to lives or homes. You may be in danger and need to take immediate action.

If you see smoke or flames call Triple Zero (000) and put your Bushfire Plan into action immediately

## Accessing Government Info

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

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

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

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



# TOBACCO FARMING HISTORY IN SOUTHWEST WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ARTICLE BY AJ QUINTON  
 Images found in Research

Tobacco was first cultivated in Australia in the early 1850s, with initial plantings taking place in the eastern colonies. By 1854, the idea of introducing tobacco cultivation to Western Australia was suggested. In the 1860s, the Muir family of Deeside in the state's lower southwest took on the challenge of growing tobacco. At the time, the crop was primarily used for medicinal purposes.

In 1923, the Department of Agriculture began trial plantings in Perth, which were initially successful. Encouraged by these results, further trials were carried out in the Peel Estate, Coolup, Boyanup, Bridgetown, and Manjimup. However, most of these trials failed to produce viable crops—only Manjimup showed real promise. During the 1923–24 season, J. Murphy and J. Turner successfully cultivated tobacco in Manjimup, though they encountered difficulties curing the leaf. Samples from this crop were sent to tobacco manufacturers Peter Michelides and Herbert John Limmer for evaluation.

*Below Mehelides Productions*



By 1928–29, the Australian Tobacco Organisation confirmed that Manjimup's soils were well-suited to tobacco cultivation. Throughout the 1930s and into the World War II era, tobacco farming in WA was largely centred in the Manjimup region. However, clearing the dense, heavily forested land required for cultivation came at a high cost. The tobacco crop was typically grown and harvested in the spring and summer months.

In the late 1930s, WA's tobacco industry began to grow again, partly due to rising costs in the potato industry, which led some farmers to return to tobacco. Confidence in the potential of the tobacco industry was also increasing.

## War Service Settlement Scheme and Expansion

Following World War II, plans were made to expand tobacco farming under the War Service Settlement Scheme. It was believed the crop could be grown successfully beyond the Manjimup–Pemberton area, extending into regions like Busselton, Karridale, Northcliffe, Walpole, and Denmark. Under the scheme, 50 farms were earmarked for returned servicemen to take up tobacco farming.

After completing a 12-month training program in Manjimup, the first group of 20 ex-servicemen began training in 1949, with 17 of them moving to allocated farms by 1950. Between 1950 and 1952, two more groups of ex-servicemen were trained and provided with financial support to cover both crop cultivation and living costs. The government intended to recoup this investment once the farms became self-supporting, at which point financial responsibility would transfer from the Department of Lands and Surveys to the Rural and Industries Bank.

## Rise and Fall of Tobacco Farming in Northcliffe

Tobacco farming methods and infrastructure remained largely unchanged during the post-war period. A key development came in the early 1950s when Roy and Peg Bell began farming in Northcliffe. They were the first in WA to cultivate a new tobacco variety called Virginia Gold, which would later become widely adopted across the region.

By 1950–51, including the initial group of ex-servicemen, there were 99 tobacco growers in the region. Of these, 20 were ex-servicemen—7 of whom farmed in Karridale and 9 in Northcliffe. This year marked the first official commercial tobacco harvest in Northcliffe, with 75 acres harvested. Total acreage under tobacco in WA increased from 670 acres to 930 acres.

In 1951–52, tobacco farming in Northcliffe expanded significantly, with 24 growers—including the Bells—planting a total of 199 acres. However, Northcliffe's inconsistent rainfall posed major challenges. With no irrigation systems in place, water shortages threatened both household and crop needs. Despite these difficulties, Roy Bell's skill, care, and knowledge allowed the family to continue farming successfully while many others failed. Of the 56 War Service Settlement farms in the Manjimup district, most were unsuccessful. By the mid-1950s, government support for tobacco farming was gradually withdrawn.



*Above Tobacco growing in Manjimup to Northcliffe Area*

## Decline of the Industry

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, tobacco farming in Western Australia entered a steady decline. Fewer crops were planted each year as market demand and government support waned. By 1959, only 3 of the original 56 soldier settler farms were still growing tobacco.

Eventually, the Bell family—who had been among the most resilient and innovative tobacco farmers in the region—made the difficult decision to leave their farm, marking the end of an era for tobacco farming in Northcliffe and Western Australia more broadly.

## Legacy

Though the industry ultimately failed to take root long-term, the history of tobacco farming in Southwest WA is a testament to the perseverance of early settlers, agricultural pioneers, and post-war servicemen who worked tirelessly to make it succeed. Their stories remain an important part of the region's agricultural heritage.



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# PEMBERTON TURNS 100!

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Pemberton Heritage & History Group presents a celebration of Pemberton turning 100 since the town Gazetted in WA!

Pemberton museum is proud to showcase...

Museum Exhibition -  
Book of Pemberton

Based on the decades in Pemberton

A new book on Pemberton's heritage  
& history

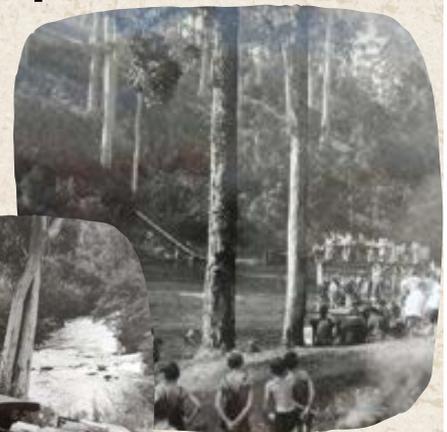
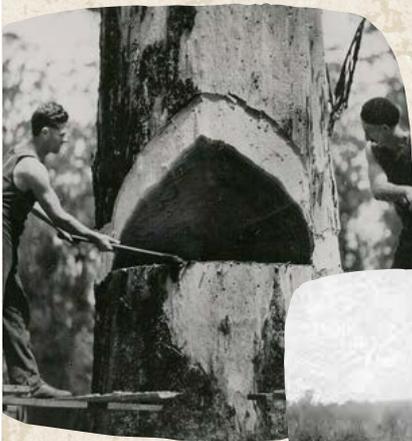
2026 Calendar

New calendar for 2026 with pictures  
from Pemberton over the decades

## An afternoon of Pemberton's Heritage & History

All presented at an afternoon tea on  
**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025** from **3pm** at the  
**Pemberton Museum**

All are welcome!



@Pemberton Heritage & History Group

# Pemberton Community Sports Club



## WHATS ON AT THE CLUB

Edition 5- October2025

### NEW OPENING HOURS SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 30/09 - 12/10

#### RESTAURANT

MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	CURRY NIGHT 5PM - 8.30PM
WEDNESDAY-SAT	LUNCH 11AM - 2.30PM DINNER 5PM - 8.30PM
SUNDAY	5PM - 8.30PM

#### BAR

MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	FROM 4PM
WEDNESDAY-SAT	10.30AM - 2.30PM 4PM - CLOSE
SUNDAY	4.30PM - CLOSE



- **Monday**- All Sorts Fitness 9am, Yoga 5:30pm
- **Tuesday**- Playgroup 9-11am
- **Wednesday**- Badminton 9am, Soccer 3:30pm, Social badminton 6pm, Snooker 6:30pm
- **Thursday**- Ladies Social Bowls 9am, Playgroup 9-11am, Corporate Bowls 6pm, Basketball 6pm
- **Saturday** - Karate 8am
- **Sunday**- Mixed Bowls 10am, Social Bowls 1pm

### 🏆 Pemberton Bowls Club 🏆 Corporate Bowls 2025

- 📅 Week 1: Thursday, 9th October
- 🕒 5:45pm for a 6:00pm start
- 👤 Any Gender Fours
- 👉 Max 1 full member per team (optional)
- 💰 Nominations: \$200 per team
- 📞 Nominations to Captain Jamie Conway - 0438 129 941
- 📅 10 Weeks + Grand Final
- 🍷 Bar open for drinks
- 🍽️ Kitchen serving hot meals

### 🌿 SOCIAL BOWLS IS BACK! 🌿

Starting  
**SUNDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER**  
→ EVERY SUNDAY FROM  
**1:00PM ONWARDS**

New members, old members, and anyone wanting to join in for a friendly roll are most welcome.

Come along, have some fun, and enjoy a great afternoon on the greens!



### 🏍️ Black Dog Ride Comes to Pemberton 🏍️

📅 Saturday 4th October

🕒 Approx. 10:00am

📍 Pemberton Sports Club

☕ Morning tea generously

provided by the Pemberton Arts

Group and local volunteers.

Come along and show your

support

Stay up-to-date at [PembertonSports.com.au](http://PembertonSports.com.au) or follow us on Facebook



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South of Northcliffe



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stalls available  
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9<sup>am</sup> Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November

## Southern Forests Trout Festival 2025

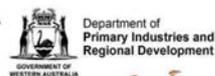
Sunday 12th October - 9am - 1pm

Big Brook Dam  
Foreshore & Picnic area  
Pemberton

10am Trout Release  
Free Family Event



Free Recfishwest's kids fishing clinic & rod hire  
Fishing clubs, Fly fishing demonstrations  
Food, Coffee & refreshments  
Colour Me Face & Body Art  
Ranger Reds Zoo  
Cooking Display - Chefingo's Restaurant





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# PEMBERTON PEDALS & PADDLES



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# Pemberton Blueprint



**Make your mark, shape our towns**

The Shire of Manjimup is embarking on an exciting new journey with the launch of the Town Blueprint project - a community-driven initiative to shape the future of our towns.

These plans will set out how we grow, support local jobs, communities, and businesses, and make each town a great place to live over the next 10 years.

## **Your Voice Matters!**

Each Blueprint will be shaped by local people, local identity and local priorities, to reflect what matters most to that community. Together, they will set a clear direction for each town for the decade ahead.

The goal in your town is to create a future for Pemberton, created by the people who know Pemberton best ... You!

## **We need your input!**

The first stage of the Town Blueprint project kicks off on **October 10** and closes on **November 9**. Locals can have their say through surveys, online activities, and workshops, with engagement happening across all five towns.

Get involved to help set the future vision and direction for your community.

## **Pemberton Community Workshop**

Pemberton Mill Hall

Tuesday October 28 from 5:00pm to 7:30pm

**Learn more:**

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