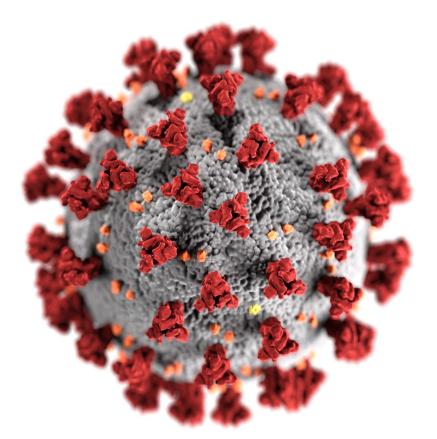


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IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT....



BUT STAY HOME ANYWAY UNLESS IT'S URGENT

Pemberton Community News

No, it isn't the end of the world as we know it, but it sure has changed. I really do like seeing everyone in town doing the right thing, standing back and adhering as much as possible to social distancing. It will work, if we let it, plus we have the technology to deal with this now more than ever.

I, like everyone else who has family somewhere out of our region, state or country, miss them so very much. Even though I now have adult and teenage grandchildren, their hugs to me are what we have always referred to as "Grandma's medicine", and boy do I need a great big dose of it now. But thank goodness for technology. We can talk and meet and have a laugh all via the different mediums available to us—Skype, Facetime, Zoom, you name it, it's available. And the musicians posting online gigs where we can have them almost as a one on one in our homes, is just brilliant. Even Foxtel have joined the party and added all packages to your subscription for the "duration" at no cost. Had to do something to keep customers now that there is no live sport. SPORT!! How will I live without my beloved Eagles playing each week, or watching live Rugby League. Sport was the only reason we subscribed to Foxtel back in 1995 when it was actual Cable TV.

Speaking with my little mum today, who you have met in this column before, let me know she was off to her local fruit and veg shop because she needs fresh stuff and cannot do without it. No amount of pleading on my end was going to change her mind. She reminded me that growing up on the farm, she had contracted mumps, measles, whooping cough, diphtheria (one of the most infectious causes of death back then), and not to mention living through the Great Depression, serving in the Air Force during World War 2, living on ration coupons—anything else? As she said, this (COVID19) is not going to kill me! And I guess she is right, if she keeps her distance, and I wonder how things will be when we "get back to normal". I have always been a hand shaker, it has been the most natural thing in the world to do, but after this, well it will be interesting to see if our way of doing the natural and normal thing differs post COVID19.

The economic fall out of this might even be the most difficult thing to get over, and our hearts go out to all those businesses, tourism providers and operators who have had this thrust on them just at a time when I believe most people were hoping for a "good" year. For all those struggling with rent, mortgage or payments of any kind, I hope that we can all find the way through this that will be the least painful possible.

It is with great respect that I look at those around Pemby and in fact all over the world, who are using this time to reach out and help somebody (lyrics to a song I think), and perhaps it is something they might not have felt comfortable with previously. To all of you thank you, stay safe, stay well, STAY HOME . Deb

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We welcome your comment and feedback, Let us know how we are doing @

pembertoncommunitynews@outlook.com

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Pemberton Community News





Pemberton Community organisation of the Year 2016. <u>www.pembertonartsgroup.org.au</u> pembertonartsgroup.facebook.com

PAG NEWS:

I expect that you will not be surprised to hear that following a Pemberton Arts Group (PAG) committee meeting on the 17th March, a decision was made to reschedule Sculpture in the Vines 2020 to 2021 and the Pemberton Art Prize 2020 to spring 2020 - all being well. This decision is in response to advice from Arts and

national and world health authorities and to decrease risk to vulnerable members of our local and wider communities. We believe that PAG has a responsibility to protect artists, sponsors, visitors and our volunteers. The recommended social distancing, travel restrictions and limitations on public gatherings will impact negatively on our event and while we are very aware of the disappointment to all, it is imperative that we act according to the best interests of the Australian public.

"GalleriesWest encourages all volunteer operated galleries to close to the public and all volunteer dependent programs in galleries with professional staff should be suspended."

So – no Unearthed Festival, no Sculpture in the Vines, no Pemberton Art Prize, no regular art sessions till further notice.

<u>Tune in:</u>

On a more positive note, this is an opportunity for everyone to connect to their own health, spirit and creativity.

Make time to look after yourself with healthy food, fresh air, moderate exercise and quality sleep. Revel in the time available to be grateful, hopeful and understanding of the challenges presented with consideration for others in the community – while maintaining your distance, of course!

Be creative – let your imagination and originality go wild, be it singing, dancing, acting, writing, painting, gardening, building or rearranging your furniture.

Sincere thanks:

Firstly, to the PAG committee who are diligent, professional, cooperative and supportive of each other regardless of the obstacles put in their way.

Our gratitude to all artists and sponsors who have pledged support for the next exhibition – possibly in spring. We are experiencing a new era which will be even more difficult for

everyone as time goes on, so this is a test for humanity and an opportunity to rethink the way we live our lives and the new possibilities.

Stay well and connect to your creativity!! Back in time: 1. – photo of street view, 31st March 2013 2. Wax resist & ink painting by Johnson, 2010

Anna Czerkasow





Monthly prayer

Dear Lord, Our Father,

Our prayer in times such as these is to keep us from that which potentially threatens our lives. We recognise that our lives are in Your Hands and You, having made us, have the right to deal with us as You choose. But we have fears in our hearts that we might succumb to that which might cause us suffering or even to confront eternity.

Father, we pray for all the people in our country that we might be kept from the ravages of the current virus experienced in other countries and that You will have mercy upon us even though we do not deserve Your favour.

We pray for those who have already lost loved ones and mourn their passing and those for whom the virus is causing immense discomfort and pain. Help the suffering ones, we pray, to weather the storm and to emerge safe and well with full recovery.

These circumstances make us realise that we are not as selfsufficient as we think we are and that, in reality, we are dependent upon Your good grace to allow us to live and prosper. Lord God, have mercy upon us, helping us to get right with You and walk in Your Ways as You would have us do.

We ask these things in Jesus' Precious Name, Amen.



Public Notice

Manjimup • Northcliffe • Pemberton • Walpole

SHIRE OF

Prohibited Burning Revised

Zone 6 (Northcliffe & Walpole) Zone 8 (Manjimup, Pemberton, Quinninup)

The Shire of Manjimup notifies all land owners and residents that the Prohibited Burning Period for Zone 6 (Northcliffe and Walpole) and Zone 8 (Manjimup, Pemberton and Quinninup) will end on 25 March 2020.

Restricted Burn Period

Zone 6 (Northcliffe & Walpole) Zone 8 (Manjimup, Pemberton, Quinninup)

The restricted burn period for both Zone 8 and Zone 6 will commence on 26 March and end on 26 April 2020.

Permits are required and conditions apply.

Please contact the Shire of Manjimup on 9771 7777 or your Local Fire Control

Andrew Campbell, Chief Executive Officer



CWA NEWS

CWA Op-shop will be closed until further notice. PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF ANY ITEMS FOR NOW



The Pemberton Heritage and History Group are excited about the Co-Location buildings project!

The Manjimup Shire have been successful in obtaining funding from Lotterywest for this project which means the Pemberton Museum will house its items in the new location in the future.

The Mosaic software data entry for cataloguing all the museum items digitally is on hold now due to the unforeseen circumstances around us. Our meetings will also be delayed.

Let us all focus on the beautiful surrounds that we live in and be thankful to our wonderful pioneers who have made Pemberton the beautiful place it is today.

May you all stay safe and wise! Ros Piper 0467 479 317 Deanne Ventris 0428 302782



A different type of egg this Easter

A There have been Easter eggs at the shops since before Christmas – is it a new record? We've got no issue with celebratory foods, but it's really worth pointing out, that

what used to be a special treat, eagerly anticipated, is becoming part of the everyday diet. If you've already had your fill of chocolate eggs, why not try something different this Easter? We're singing the praises of the humble egg and featuring some of our favourite egg recipes. Team one of these dishes with a vigorous egg hunt for a happy and healthy long weekend.

1. They're versatile

If you've got eggs in the house, you've got a meal! Eggs on toast are a quick and easy classic, just throw in a side of vegies for a balanced meal (baked beans count!). Use up left over roast vegies in an egg-ceptional frittata, get egg-cited with an Asian inspired omelette or egg-speriment with alternative quiche crusts like bread, tortillas or rice.

2. They're filling

Eggs are an egg-cellent source of protein which helps give us that feeling of fullness and satisfaction after a meal. Adding eggs to your morning toast will keep you feeling fuller for longer, and an egg and salad sandwich makes a tasty and satiating lunch that will see you through the afternoon.

3. They're cheep-cheep

Meat and fish are great sources of protein, but can be eggspensive when feeding a family. Eggs are a great way to add a serve of protein to a meal if you're on a budget. Pro-tip: look into getting a couple of chooks if you've got room in the backyard. They'll eat up some of your kitchen scraps and give you beautiful fresh eggs in return!

4. They're not meat

For our wallet, health and the environment, most Australians could do with eating a bit less meat. If you're not ready to go full herbivore, egg-sploring some egg dishes is a great way to start. Eggs are high in protein, low in fat, have good shelf-life and can replace meat in a range of dishes, including stirfries, sandwiches and pies (a quiche is pretty much an egg pie, right?)

5. They're kid-friendly

A soft-boiled egg with toast dippers is both fun and food, and scrambled eggs are an easy recipe to teach older kids to make independently. If you're (c)lucky you might even get breggfast in bed! Frittata made in a mini-muffin tin makes a nutritious finger food for toddlers and is perfect packed in lunchboxes. Peeled hardboiled eggs are also great for lunchboxes.

Have a happy and safe break everyone, and get cracking with some egg recipes at www.livelighter.com.au.

Shenae Norris, snorris@cancerwa.asn.au

South West Regional Education Officer, Cancer Council WA

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COVID-19

There is so much information, misinformation and changing information regarding COVID 19. If you have any urgent questions please contact the Coronavirus hotline on **1800 020 080.**

For all other up to date information, keep returning to these official websites:

- Official information regarding COVID-19 in Western Australia <u>www.wa.gov.au/covid19</u>
- WA Department of Health information <u>www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus</u>
- Smartraveller information regarding travel advice <u>www.smartraveller.gov.au</u>
- School queries -<u>www.education.wa.edu.au/coronavirus-school-update</u>
- Small business advice Phone 133 140 <u>www.smallbusiness.wa.gov.au/coronavirus</u>

The Nationals WA number one priority is to ensure our regional health and emergency services have the resources and support they need. We have called on the State Government to provide support to small businesses and sole traders; and to work with supermarkets, their supply chains and police to ensure we don't have 'legal looters' raid our local shops. I have asked the Federal Government to extend the visas of backpackers already in Australia so harvesting of horticultural produce can continue.

I am particularly concerned for the elderly in our region and ask people to check on family and neighbours. A simple phone call is all it takes to fill the void of isolation.

Puppy Farming legislation

I am totally against any cruelty to animals and want to see a legislated ban regarding keeping dogs in cages for breeding purposes. However the legislation put forward by the Labor Government does not define puppy farming or show how this abhorrent practice will be stopped. Instead it is suggested a state-wide register will be put in place to trace dogs and owners, with people able to sell puppies on Gumtree. I believe the proposed legislation places an undue burden on legitimate dog breeders and Local Governments, and is not currently in a form I can support.

> **Phone:** 9848 3171 or 1800 644 811 **Email:** Terry.Redman@mp.wa.gov.au **Address:** PO Box 327 DENMARK WA 6333

ENATIONALS for Regional WA

Hockey

Juniors, Men's and Women's Hockey

Pemby Weekday training and

Weekend games in Manjimup

Contact Charles Otway

on 0466633275

Mtb Social Ride

Saturday at 8am

Enquiries to Mark Hudson

0429 384 800

Sunday Tennis

At the tennis courts behind the PVC at 3pm Cost: \$2.50

Phone Bev 9776 0647

Dulcie 9776 0063

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Community Notices

Road Bike Social Ride Sundays at 7am from the Crossings Bakery carpark. Enquiries to Christine 040 777 4128

Boot scooting

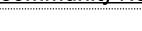
Great fun with great people Every Thursday @ 5pm In the Mill Hall For details contact: Terrie 0439 840784.

Accessing Government Information

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,

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.



Browns Road Social Group

Meet every 4th Thursday at the Lavender and Berry Farm 2pm for a chat and a cuppa (No meetings at holiday time) every one is welcome not only Browns Road. Enquiries to Bev on 9776064

Solitaire Club

Come along, play some computer card games and have a gossip over lunch and a brew. Tuesdays 11am-2pm at the CRC Cost \$18 per annum Contact the CRC on 9776 1745

medicare

Boot scooting in Middlesex

At Middlesex Hall. Tuesdays' at 6pm. All welcome. Enquiries Terrie 0439 840784



MILL HALL

The new floor has been laid in the Mill Hall! There is still a process happening with skirting, curing, polishing and surfacing.

Our fundraising is progressing well. There is still an opportunity open for you and/or your family to purchase a square metre for \$200 to contribute towards the new floor.

Obviously Bootscooting, Dances and the Markets are cancelled!

Stay safe, clean and wise in the coming months.

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President Deanne Ventris



SHIRE OF ANJIMUP

Cancellation of all Ordinary Council Meetings until 25 June 2020

The Shire of Manjimup wishes to notify the public that all Ordinary Council Meetings scheduled up to 25 June 2020 have been cancelled. This cancellation includes the following meeting dates only:

- 23 April 2020;
- 14 May 2020; and
- 4 June 2020.

Council expects to resume its Ordinary Council Meetings as scheduled from Thursday, 25 June 2020. This meeting will be held at the Shire of Manjimup Council Chambers, Rose and Brockman Streets Corner Manjimup, commencing at 5:30pm.

For further information, contact the Shire Administration Office on (08) 9771 7777.

Andrew Campbell, Chief Executive Officer

ARTS

Model Railway Club Open Saturday from 1.30pm. Fine Woodcraft Gallery, Dickinson Street. Contact Simon 0488 230 707 Pemberton Arts Group Inc. Contact Anna on 0439369702 or Jeanette on 9776 0252.

Pemberton Photography Club (PPC) 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6pm. Phone Rob Baker 0428 275 665

AT THE MILL HALL

Mill Hall Committee

President: Deanne Ventris 97761757 or pembuser@westnet.com.au VP: Warren South 9776 0647 Secretary: Bev South 9776 0647 Treasurer: Anna Starkie 9776 1219 **Community dance**

2nd Saturday of every month 7.30pm. BYO drinks & supper to share. Contact Ros 0467 479 317 **Boot scooting** every Thursday @ 6pm Contact Terrie 0439 840784.

CHILDREN/YOUTH

Playgroup

Meet Thursdays, 9.30–11.30am at the Sports Club crèche. Contact Chelsea on 0407 385 951 **Rhyme Time at the Library** Wednesdays 10am (during school terms). Contact Sherril 9776 1311 **Youth Zone**

Contact Meagan Allen at Pemberton Sports Club (9776 1066) for more information

<u>COMMUNITY</u>

Anglicare Financial Counselling Contact Tim on 9777 1945 CRC: 9am - 4pm Monday & Friday 9am-2pm Tues-Thurs (08) 9776 1745 CWA: Contact Rose on 97760309 or email PembertonCWA@outlook.com CWA Meeting: CWA rooms 2nd Tuesday of the month 9.30 am, 9.30am followed by craft at 1pm CWA Op-Shop: Open every Saturday 9am to 12pm at the CWA Rooms. Karri Singers Choir Contact Sally Rothon 9776 0993 or Deanne Ventris 9776 1757 Pap Smear Clinics Call Pemberton Hospital on 9776 4000 for an appointment. Pemberton Accommodation Association (PAA)

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month. New members welcome. Community Contacts

Contact Kathy 0438 447 795 for details.

Pemberton Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI)

Meetings held every month. Phone the Secretary on 0427 133 335 **Pemberton Heritage and History Group (PHHG)**

Contact Ros 0467 479 317 **Pemberton Waste Transfer Site** Open Wednesday 11am–5pm, Saturday and Sunday 12–5pm. **Pemberton Woodlands Estate Group** Support & conservation group for

'Tree-changers' in this area. Contact: Henk Dirks 97760171 **Ribbons of Blue**

Water quality and catchment issues. Contact Andy 9776 1559 **RSL**

2nd Wednesday of the month, 4.45pm in RSL Memorial Library. Contact Bob Hammond 9776 1256 **Solitaire**

11am-2pm every Tuesday at the CRC. Phone 9776 1745.

Vic Conte Community Garden Julian Sharp 08 9776 0206 or Deanne Ventris 08 9776 1757

Warren Environmental Group

Conservation and environmental group. Contact Andy 9776 1559

<u>RELIGION</u>

Bible Studies

Monday nights during school terms. Open to all denominations. Enquiries to Michele on 9776 0371

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Weekday mass: Wed 10am. Weekend mass: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday 8.30am, 2nd & 4th Sunday 10.30am St Hilda's Family Social Club

Fellowship evening at St Hilda's Anglican Church. Bring and share a meal 2nd Saturday of the month @6.30 pm. Contact Ros Herbert on 9776 1216. Anglican Church

Anglican Services: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays, 11.30am, St Hilda's, Ellis St. Contact Molly on 9776 0989. **Uniting Church**

Uniting Services: 2nd Sundays, 9 am, 4th Sunday, 10am Uniting Church, Brockman St. Contact Tom Backhouse 9776 1472 or Don Jackson 9776 1223.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

9am each Sunday—Bridgetown Chapel SW Highway opposite the Bridgetown Caravan Park. Servicing the Southern Forests and Valleys

EMERGENCY

Fire and Rescue

Meets 1st Saturday of every month, 2pm at the Pemberton Fire Station. Contact Craig on 9776 0091. **St John Ambulance – Pemberton** Meets 3rd Monday of every month at the Pemberton Ambulance Hall. New members welcome. Contact Christine

Trappitt on 9776 1283.

<u>SPORTS</u>

Archery 2nd & 4th Sunday 2pm at Manjimup Rifle Range, Manjimup (Near Cosy Creek Road). Contact Sonya 0427 247551 or Brendan 0428 609538 or Facebook: southernforestsarchers

Badminton

Ladies every Wednesday. Contact Evelyn 9776 0332 or Mary 0449 259 205

Boxercise

Mon/Fri 9–10am.Contact Natalie 0421 644 230 or

Daniele 0408 474545.

Gym

Mon: 10am–6pm; Tue/Thurs: 9– 11am and 4–9pm; Wed: 10am–6pm; Fri: 10am–8pm; Sat: 4–8pm; Sun & PH closed. Times subject to change. Karate

Tues 6–7pm for all, to 7.30pm advanced. Contact Bernadette on 9776 0024 or Klaus on 0427 711005.

Netball

Phone Natalie Callaghan 0467 654252.

Pemberton Cricket Club Contact David Meehan 0427 441

Contact David Meehan 0427 441 628

Pemberton Golf Club

Enquiries to Steve Fisher 9776 1455. Pemberton Lawn Bowls Club

Social bowls Sundays from 12.45pm. Corporate Bowls enquiries to Janet 9776 1066 or John 9776 1214.

Southerners Football Club

Contact David Meehan 0427 441 628

Tennis

3pm Sunday behind the PVC, phone Bev 9776 0647 or Dulcie, 9776 0063.

Yoga

General: Tues 5.30pm and Sat 9am. Power flow: Sat 8am (booking reqd). Sound Meditation Contact Gwen on 0419 774323. Pemberton Community Resource Centre Vour local connection

Hi all, just to let you know that the CRC is remaining open for the foreseeable future in a limited capacity.

Our Services Australia Access Point is available on appointment, with one person only at a time being able to access the building. For those requiring government information to be printed, if you are able to email your request or phone ahead and we will have the documents ready for you. **Please book ahead if you want to use the access point.**

Things are changing daily with new Government announcements coming out regularly. Please keep informed of what is the best way forward for you and your family.

If you require customer work to be done e.g. printing/scanning etc., please email or phone your request through and we will get that work done for you. Payment via card is preferred.

We know that this is difficult but **if you don't need** to access the building, please don't. We will do our very best to accommodate your requests but please note that our front door is closed for a reason. To keep you and us, as safe as is possible.

Pei-Chen will be here in the office each day to answer your emails and phone calls. I will be in one or two days per week as there are always reports and paperwork to attend to.

The CRC will be looking after the day to day procedures of the Visitor Centre during its shutdown period, so never fear, we are always here — until of course we get told to close completely.

All of our regular workshops and events are cancelled or postponed until further notice including **WOW Pemberton ® 2020**. Our presenters are really excited at the prospect of being with us sooner rather than later, so fingers crossed.

We will keep checking on our regulars to make sure they are doing OK along with continuing to issue the PCN.

We look forward to any contribution you may like to send in. Thank you all and keep smiling.



Pemberton

Right on cue, we just get our Garden Club and the Pemberton Community Market up and running and BAM!

Obviously both these will be put on hold until we get given the all clear that more than 2 of us can congregate together at any given time, and we look forward to that very much indeed. Both these initiatives have been great for our community and we are looking at bringing them back on line for you as quickly as we are allowed.

Thank you to all our volunteers who make everything possible.

A BIG THANKYOU TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN OPEN FOR SO LONG AND THOSE WHO REMAIN OPEN—THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU Pemberton Restaurants & Café's Takeaway and Delivery Options Alice Kitchen open for takeaway freeze meal 0498940580 Café Maz & Pemberton Pub takeaway meal from 11:30am - 1:30pm, 5:30pm - 7:30pm Monday -Sunday 9776 1017 Ma & Pa's takeaway from Thursday - Sunday 12pm - 8pm 9776 0096

Source Kitchen from Monday - Wednesday 5:30pm - 8:30pm, Thursday - Friday 11am - 2:30pm, 5:30pm - 8:30pm, Saturday - Sunday 8:30am - 8:30pm

Others:

Abundant Health Monday and Thursday 10am - 3pm Fox Bros Butcher Monday - Friday 7:00am - 5:00pm, Saturday 7:00am - 12pm Pemberton Cellars Monday - Saturday 10:00am - 7:00pm Pemberton Garage Monday - Friday 7:00am—6:00pm, Saturday 7:00 - 1:00pm Pemberton General Store Monday - Sunday 6:30am - 7:30pm Pemberton Ernie's IGA Monday - Saturday 8:00am - 6:00pm, Sunday 9:00am - 6:00pm Pemberton Pharmacy Monday—Friday 9:00am - 5:30pm, Saturday 9:00 - 12:30pm (Pharmacy side) Saturday 9:00 - 4:00pm (Gift Shop)

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¹National Association of Testing Authorities

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Ph. 0448 582 580 Email. richard@contourconsulting.net.au



Information on income support payments for people already getting a payment



You don't need to do anything

If you already get a Centrelink payment, you don't need to contact us to get additional payments. This includes the two lump sum \$750 Economic Support Payments to support households and the \$550 additional Coronavirus Supplement. This will happen as part of your usual payment. You can't nominate a particular day to get your payment.

Economic Support Payments

FIRST LUMP SUM PAYMENT

We'll pay you \$750 from 31 March 2020 if you're getting an eligible payment on any day between 12 March to 13 April 2020.

To be eligible for the first payment, you must be residing in Australia and getting one of the following payments, or hold one of the following concession cards, at any time from 12 March 2020 to 13 April 2020:

- Age Pension
- Disability Support Pension
- Carer Payment
- Parenting Payment
- Wife Pension
- Widow B Pension
- ABSTUDY (Living Allowance)
- Austudy
- Bereavement Allowance
- Newstart Allowance
- JobSeeker Payment
- Youth Allowance
- Partner Allowance
- Sickness Allowance
- Special Benefit
- Widow Allowance
- Family Tax Benefit Part A
- Family Tax Benefit Part B
- Double Orphan Pension
- Carer Allowance

- · Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holders
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders
- Veteran Service Pension
- Veteran Income Support Supplement
- Veteran Compensation payments, including lump sum payments
- · War Widow(er) Pension
- Veteran Payment
- DVA PCC holders
- DVA Education Scheme recipients
- Disability Pensioners at the temporary special rate
- DVA Income support pensioners at \$0 rate
- Veteran Gold Card holders
- Farm Household Allowance

If you're a Commonwealth Seniors Health Care Card holder, you'll need to make sure we have your bank account details. You can update your bank account details through myGov using your Centrelink online account.





Australian Government

Services Australia

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Information on income support payments for people already getting a payment

SECOND LUMP SUM PAYMENT

We'll pay the second \$750 Economic Support Payment from 13 July 2020.

If you're not eligible for the Coronavirus Supplement, you may get a second \$750 Economic Support Payment. To be eligible for the second payment, you must be residing in Australia and on 10 July 2020 you're getting one of the payments or holding one of the concession cards that were eligible for the first payment.

Eligibility for the second payment is the same as the first. However, if you're getting an income support payment and the Coronavirus Supplement, you won't be eligible for the second Economic Support Payment (see Coronavirus Supplement eligible income support payments below).

Coronavirus Supplement

From 27 April 2020, you'll be paid a temporary fortnightly \$550 Coronavirus Supplement if you're already getting an eligible payment.

You'll automatically get the \$550 supplement each fortnight on top of your normal payment rate if you're getting one of these payments:

- JobSeeker Payment
- Youth Allowance
- Parenting Payment
- Farm Household Allowance
- Special Benefit
- AUSTUDY
- ABSTUDY (living allowance)

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PEMBERT Karri Country

THE RUMOUR MILL

Well I made a rather presumptuous observation last month that things were picking up like a runaway train of late in Pemberton. Well seems I wright as its been all down hill of late, the only trouble being the rate of

may have been right as its been all down hill of late, the only trouble being the rate of change has derailed the entire string of carriages including the caboose.

Bother!!!

...and furthermore whilst walking down Brockman St the other day I was taken back in years to the 60's when bowling, of the ten pin variety, had hit Perth with the first centre being the Rosemount in Mt Lawley. This icon of bowling was manually loaded with fast

reflexed staff to the familiar sounds of balls rumbling down the lane resulting in a crash of skittles being obliterated at the end. These same sounds seemed to now be emanating from within the PVC /CRC old school house, which had me wondering if a lane had been secretly installed.

Not so it would seem!

The sounds I heard were Deb Mack and Pei Chen roller blading backward and forward between the service desks of the PVC and CRC attending to the business of both centres now their doors are closed during the Covid19 crisis. The odd sound of skittles being downed was actually the occasional crash when Deb or Pei Chen collided with the brochure racking at the PVC after a making a not so elegant landfall.



So in short - Yes! - we have closed both centres in response to the current

crisis to protect our staff which in both business centres, has open doors for travellers to walk through in the meet & greet business with face to face exchanges – probably not the best recipe for a healthy future in current times. Staff health was pivotal in this decision and the CRC now provide support to the PVC in maintaining services behind closed doors.

Service Delivery ??

Did I hear you say closed?? With the next question being - but what about???....

Bus Tickets? You probably won't need one of those for a while as the government has stated that there will be no travel. But, if you do desperately need to go somewhere legally, give the centre a ring and a smiling Pei Chen will answer the call and sort your wishes.

Parcel Deliveries ? We have moved the parcel pick up down to Fernando's at the BP Garage, which will operate the service until times are better and the centre starts trading again.

Booking & Tourism Enquiries? The doors may be closed but the lines are open. Give us a call and we will try best to help.

Park Passes? Not supposed to be going there either..

Its called essential travel folks. So the shops are for essentials or stay at home!

So whilst the centre is closed and our regular house staff will not be available at the front desk, the centre is open in a "Virtual" way with Deb Mack and Pei Chen fielding routine tourism and booking enquiries by phone and checking email traffic constantly flowing into the centre. They have done a cracking job during this time whilst also keeping the CRC business going and our thanks to them is endless.

The extent of this contagion is causing us all some degree of stress but it is hugely impressive to see the way the Pemberton community and the region have got on the front foot with taking the measures required in protecting their own health and that of their friends in the community.

In real terms the solution lies in our hands and no one else's. It is our responsibility to act according to the health advice given to minimise and halt the spread.

Ignore that advice at your own peril!

In light of the above we cancelled the Mt Bike XCO event which was to be held the last weekend of March and a modified Unearthed Festival event is no longer possible. The Mt bikes may be run later in the year and the festival will go to 2021.





Accommodation businesses have mostly closed their doors to visitors now that travel restrictions are in place to not only prevent travel into the state, but also



between the regions within it. This has left large numbers of seasonal workers stranded in the region plus grey nomads who are a long way from home. Those unfortunate folk whose home is their caravan or are stuck in transit will be required to stay put until the travel bans are lifted. Initially, this saw a mass exodus of travellers from the Southern Forests region and cancellation of forward bookings

which has severely impacted all businesses including the butcher, the baker, the candle stick maker and everyone else for that matter.

Conversely there has been an exodus from the city with an influx south of young travellers who lost jobs in the



city and headed our way to the safety of the Southern Forests. Finding them accommodation has caused some headaches as they are no longer employed and would like to sleep somewhere more comfortable than a tent during the winter in the SW of Australia. To this end the Shire now allows extended stays in accommodations normally occupied by holiday makers who are no longer visiting. This will allow operators to repurpose their business and gain some income which they otherwise would have been denied.

Amongst all this chaos we have welcomed a new Park Host to our merry band of workers in Grant Vickery. Grant is a cheerful soul with irrepressible energy, a ready wit and is a welcome addition to the team. He is accompanied with his young son Trent and will be making a nest in the park on a permanent basis.

To say we have seen better times at the park would be somewhat of an understatement I would think. The Caravan Park is now empty apart from 6 back packers who are stranded and nearly all bookings for Easter and beyond have been cancelled with monies refunded.

Normally the Caravan Park gives us the opportunity to shine a light on all the good things afoot however we have suffered a terrible misfortune at the park in recent days.

A young couple from France recently arrived at the park late on a Friday night and set up camp on a tent site in the Peppermint Grove area of the park near the camp kitchen. At approximately 5.00AM Saturday morning a mature Black Butt Gum tree failed and came down, over and on the camper's tent killing the young man, Valentin Vivier. Fellow campers were first at the scene and the Park Host attended immediately applying CPR to the fellow. The Ambulance arrived shortly after with the police and Valentin was taken to Manjimup Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Police acknowledged this as being a tragic accident having interviewed the young woman who has now travelled with some companions to Donnybrook.

The tree that failed was in all respects healthy and robust with a full canopy of foliage with no sign of decay or termite damage to the area of the break where it sheared off from its root bole. Our sincere condolences are extended to his family and friends.

Co-Location

Looks like we are finally going to get a new home as Lottery West have approved a \$1.19m grant to the Shire and its partners to forge ahead with the community hub redevelopment and expansion of the RSL building to house the PVC, CRC, Library, PCCI and the Arts. The Shire has further funds set aside for the project plus funds from the partners with initial planning in hand to hopefully get started sooner than later. This will be a fantastic social and business hub in which the community can be involved and justifiably proud.

So to all out there Stay Safe, Stay Apart and Wash your Hands.

John Gaunt

"Peter"

I hope you enjoy my childhood stories. Well, here's another!

Saturday mornings, especially on sunny days, were very special. There was always a lot of excitement. The dog got his weekly bath, the budgie could come out of his cage, we went shopping and other such activities that did not happen during week mornings because it was school! I remember, I had just had my eighth birthday. My brother was eleven and sister 16 years old. Dad said it was a good morning to bath Dinky, our dog. He enjoyed his weekly bath and especially when he was rubbed down with his own coarse towel. My brother, Frederick and I bathed Dinky and dad let Peter out of his cage to walk on the bedroom window sill in the wall enclosed backyard.

Peter never flew away. He had his one wing clipped regularly so that he could not balance to fly up high. Dad always made sure that he could still fly onto his perch and knew just how much of the blue feathers to trim off. That morning, Peter was walking on the window sill and onto an obstacle course dad had made for him - a broomstick and a tin so that he could hop onto his cage and go inside it if he wanted to nibble on his birdseed.

After Dinky's bath, we usually took him for a walk around the neighbourhood so that he could exercise and get really dry. Damp dogs have a doggy smell! Ugh! I noticed our neighbours cat on the backyard wall and shooed him away. He was not allowed to come into our yard when Peter was outside his cage. I actually liked that cat called Sylvester. "Don't worry " said dad. "I'm here and I'll keep an eye on that alley-cat". "Alright then, I'll go with Fred." We put Dinky's collar around his neck and clipped his leash onto it. "Let's go for a short cut through the back gate" suggested Fred. We did so and were soon out on the open grounds where we unleashed the excited dog. He ran around us, sniffed the ground and charged around with all his pent up energy. We ran along too and had lots of fun.

Soon it was getting hotter. "Lets go home now" I said to Fred. "No, our dog still wants to play" he

said. "Here comes Butter, his buddy". "Butter looks scraggly and may have fleas" I protested. "Lets go home now". "Oh alright", said Fred reluctantly.

As we neared our back gate to the yard, I heard the budgie—"Pretty Peter, Pretty Peter" he chanted. We listened and giggled. It was not often that he spoke, usually only when we were out of sight. Suddenly he stopped and squawked. At that point Dinky tore away from us and charged in at the back gate, sending us almost tumbling off the steps.

We saw how he attacked the uninvited guest, the cat. Sylvester, the alley cat, was just about to pounce on Peter! Peter, in shock, managed to hop into the bedroom through the open window. It was chaos! Sylvester scrambled up the wall onto the roof. Dinky barked and barked and jumped up against the wall trying to pursue the cat. Dad cam charging out of his shed. Mum ran into him with a basketful of washing. "Get him, get him!" shouted Fred. I ran into the house to find Peter. My sister, Georgie, was already in the bedroom. She managed to corner Peter on the dressing table.

"Poor Peter, Poor Peter" she repeated, crooning to the shaken bird and stroking his ruffled feathers. "Is he OK?" I asked. "I think so" she said. "We'd better watch him carefully," said Dad. "Yes, his little heart is racing" said Georgie. "Little birds can die of shock" said Dad. "I am so sorry", he added. I was watching that sneaky cat but just when I turned my back to get the pliers to fix Peter's cage, he must have jumped from the roof into the backyard."

"See, if I had stayed, it wouldn't have happened", I said guiltily. "No all worked out well", said Dad. "Look, there is our hero!" Dinky was wagging his tail and looking for approval. He got lots of praise and pats from us all. Mum fetched him a treat. Peter survived the ordeal and added a new word to his vocabulary.

"Poor Peter, Poor Peter, Pretty Peter, Pretty Peter.

Rozzi in Oz

Information on income support for Coronavirus



Have you ever received income support?

You may already have a Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN). This may be from when you got student or family payments or even from when your parents received benefits for you. CRNs don't change. You have a number for life. If you previously had a CRN, you can use that number now to go online to make a claim.

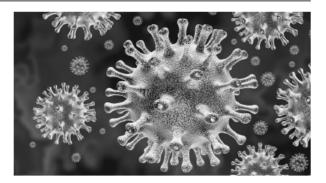
Please take the time to look for this number. It will help you claim quickly. Your CRN may be listed on old bank statements, letters or documents from your educational institution.

I've never received income support or can't find my CRN

There are three things you need to do as a priority.

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- Create a myGov account at my.gov.au it's quick and easy to do. You'll need an email address, mobile phone number and to answer some basic questions. Once you've created your account, link it to a government service, like Medicare or the Australian Taxation Office. Once you do this, you'll get a prompt to register your intention to claim a Centrelink payment.
- Register your intention to claim a Centrelink payment. This simple process will let you give basic details so we can contact you later to help you with your claim. It's important you complete this process and give correct details. This process also enables us to backdate your payment if your claim is successful.
- 3. You'll need a CRN. The easiest way to do this is to wait until we contact you after you've registered your intention to claim a payment. You can also contact 132 850 and answer some simple questions about your identity to get your CRN. You'll need to have details of your passport, driver licence or birth certificate.



Once you've completed these steps and set up your Centrelink online account, you can start your claim for an income support payment. You'll need some supporting documents (including your CRN). We're updating the online claim to reflect new Government policy and legislation that aims to support Australians affected by Coronavirus. This will take time.

Due to a large number of claims, it will take time for us to contact you. Remember, your payment will be backdated if you registered your intention to claim a payment.

You may choose to do your full claim through myGov using your Centrelink online account without registering your **intention to claim**. To do this you'll need to know your CRN.

Accessing Services Australia

In line with the current advice from the Australian Government Chief Medical Officer, there's a reduction in the number of people in service centres to maintain social distancing practices for the health and safety of customers and staff. If you choose to come to a service centre it's likely you'll experience a delay. If you're waiting in a queue you must practice social distancing.

Our job seeker line **132 850** has extended hours of operation from 8am to 8pm local time on weekdays and 9am to 5pm local time on weekends.



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SAINT JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWS

Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 students recently enjoyed a successful week in Perth, on School Camp. Basing ourselves in Leederville, we experienced a range of excursions and activities, including the Perth Mint, the Bell Tower, Scitech, the Zoo, Bounce and Fremantle Prison, to name just a few. The students had a wonderful time and



MARCH AT PDHS



SECONDARY STUDENT COUNCIL



PEMBERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Y₇/8 RESPECT & RESILIENCE CAMP



CRAZY HAIR DAY

Congratulations to the Secondary Student Councillors for 2020: •Elyssa Brown (Year 7) •Meisha Pitts (Year 7) •Killian Belton (Year 8) •Sam Pitts (Year 9) •Georgia Clifford (Year 10 – School Captain) •Jiaqi Gao (Year 10 – School Captain)

Our Year 6 students were delighted to have Lyn Robinson, Molly Scotman and Margaret Smith assist them in sewing and decorating fabric pouches for animals injured in bushfires with the support of the Northern Valley Wildlife Sanctuary. Many of the students said this was their first time sewing and spoke about how much they enjoyed the exercise and helping out animals in need. Thank you to our lovely local community volunteers who did an amazing job preparing the materials for this activity and teaching sewing skills to our students.

On Friday 13 March 2020 our amazing students took part in Crazy Hair Day for another year. Students provided a gold coin donation, collected by our Primary Student Councillors, and came to school with their most creative, bedazzled and colourful hair. All money raised went to the Leukaemia Foundation, a national charity dedicated to helping Australians with leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and related disorders survive their blood cancer and live a better quality of life. As part of 'World's Greatest Shave',

In Week 6 our Year 7/8 students ventured to Rottnest Island for our Respect and Resilience Camp. They enjoyed the amazing weather as they

explored the island's geography and history, while learning key skills in teamwork, communication and problem-solving. A big thank you to Ms Foord, Ms Lamb and Mrs Dunnet for making this camp possible.





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Message



MANJIMUP

Coronavirus

We are all acutely aware of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic sweeping the world at present, we wish to assure community members that the situation is being closely monitored by the relevant health authorities.

Updates are received regularly from the Department of Health and we are being guided by Government advice. I joined a large group of Shire employees last month and formed a committee to strategise and contingency plan for a range of scenarios that may affect our services to the community and to maintain core services to the Shire.

While it can be alarming and media coverage is constant we should maintain a sensible perspective on the situation and stay informed via the Department of Health website.

At this point in time rates of infection in Western Australia in are reasonably low and we have access to quality screening and health care.

The Shire will keep you appraised of project." developments that affect our public

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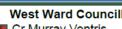
services or facilities via our normal communication channels of local print media, website, facebook and Antenno.

I encourage you all to be kind and considerate to your fellow residents during this time of heightened stress and stretched emotions. Support our local business where you can and continue to be the good spirited community we know when times are tough.

IPWEA Award

On Friday 13 March 2020 the Shire was awarded the annual Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (WA) Awards for Excellence for the category of Best Public Works Greater than \$5M (Regional), for the Town Centre Revitalisation works carried out at the Southern Entry Car Park, Ipsen Street reopening and slip lanes, Ralston Street, the new Blechynden Street/South Western Highway roundabout and the intersection (Graphite/Perup northern Road) upgrade.

The award acknowledges the best public works project that delivers the greatest benefit for the community. This is a great achievement for Manjimup given last year's winner for the same category was the Busselton Foreshore upgrade



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Council Meeting

At the time of writing the next Ordinary Meeting of the Manjimup Shire Council will be held in the Council Chambers, Cnr Rose and Brockman Streets, Manjimup.

The meeting commences at 5.30pm on Thursday, 23 April 2020.

Copies of the agenda are available the Monday prior to the meeting via Shire website. the the or Administration Office.

The Shire of Manjimup recommends attendance from members of the public only if they have essential matters to discuss.

Zone 8 - Manjimup, Pemberton, Quinninup 26 March 2020 - 26 April 2020

Restricted Burn Period Permit to burn required

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

The Shire advises members of the public to remain up to date with the current COVID-19 (Coronavirus) health issue. We recommend that the best way of keeping up to date with accurate information on the Coronavirus is through the State Government Coronavirus website.

https://www.wa.gov.au/government/coronavirus-covid-19

Shire Services and Facilities

The Shire's administration, depots and waste facilities are continuing normal operations at this stage. The Shire's public facilities such as the AquaCentre, public

libraries, recreation and tourism facilities are closed. The Shire will continue to monitor the situation and follow

advice from the Government.

Shire of Manjimup Events Information

The Shire is following the advice of the Department of Health in relation to events. This means that all events are cancelled.

It is the responsibility of the event organiser to cancel the event.

Award Winning Entry

Until next time...Paul

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South Western Highway roundabout and the northern intersection (Graphite/Perup Road) upgrade.

On Friday 13 March, Shire representatives Catherine Mills (Manager Technical Services) and Michael Leers (Director Works & Services) attended the State Conference awards ceremony, The IPWEA (WA) Awards for Excellence are for individual contributions to the growth and wellbeing of the Institute, excellence in significant engineering projects, and innovative practices in traffic safety management carried out by the public works sector and/or local government.

Members of the public are also encouraged to go to the following online resources for up to date information:

- HealthyWA website https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A E/Coronavirus
- Commonwealth Department of Health -https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-resources
- State Government Coronavirus Page -https://www.wa.gov.au/government/coronavirus-covid-19

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Shire Bulletins can be viewed on the Shire website: www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/shirebulletin

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