

# Menzies Matters

December 2023



Merry  
Christmas

A N D   H A P P Y   N E W   Y E A R

# MESSAGE FROM THE Shire President



## **President's Report – November 2023**

At the Council Meeting on 3 November, I was given the honour of becoming the President of the Shire of Menzies, a role I will be looking forward to.

Lightning sparked fires in the Goongarrie area, resulting in the closure of the road between Menzies and Kalgoorlie from Monday, 6 November, to Thursday morning, 9 November. The primary issue Menzies faced was the town water level getting very low. Water Corporation ended up sending trucks through Broad Arrow, Davyhurst, and then went to Leonora, and carted a few loads from there

On 11 November, we observed Remembrance Day. Despite the cold and scattered rain, a small crowd gathered to pay our respects to our fallen. I would like to thank the individuals who helped out to make this event happen.

I attended the Northern Goldfields Working Group (NGWG) meeting in Leonora on 17 November.

# MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



## SHIRE NOTES:

The following items were endorsed by the Council at its Special Meeting held on 23 November 2023:

- Approved the date and venue for the Annual Community Christmas Event
- Approved the professional development request for Cr Paul Warner to attend | The Role of Mayors and Presidents training
- Approved the community contribution for Menzies Aboriginal Corporation and Tjuntjuntjara Remote Community School in relation to their Christmas activities

Glenda Teede  
Chief Executive Officer



## SHIRE OF MENZIES

### NOTICE OF CHANGE IN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given that

- The November 30 Ordinary Meeting of the Council has been cancelled
- The December Ordinary Meeting of the Council will now be held on Friday, 15 December 2023 at 1pm

Glenda Teede  
Chief Executive Officer  
29 November 2023

# SHIRE Updates



## Ordinary Meetings of the Council 2024

The public is advised that pursuant to Regulation 12(1)(a) of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, the following dates, times, and locations have been approved by the Council for Ordinary Council Meetings for the period ending 31 December 2024.

Date	Time	Location
Thursday 29 February	1 pm	Menzies
Thursday 28 March	1 pm	Tjuntjuntjara
Wednesday 24 April	1 pm	Menzies
Thursday 30 May	1 pm	Menzies
Thursday 27 June	1 pm	Menzies
Thursday 25 July	1 pm	Menzies
Thursday 29 August	1 pm	Menzies
Thursday 26 September	1 pm	Tjuntjuntjara
Thursday 31 October	1 pm	Menzies
Thursday 28 November	1 pm	Menzies
Thursday 19 December	1 pm	Menzies

Published Council meetings are open to the public, except when stated, and prior notice will be given of any Special Meetings that are called,.

**Glenda Teede — Chief Executive Officer**



# SHIRE Updates




Local Government Act 1995, s4.77

Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997


Results of Election for: Shire of Menzies Date of

Election: Friday, 03 November 2023

<b>SHIRE PRESIDENT <sup>3</sup></b>		
Absolute majority: _____ <sup>4</sup>		
Candidate <sup>5</sup>	First-preference votes <sup>6</sup>	Votes at last count <sup>7</sup>
Cr Paul Warner		
Name of first candidate to backfill: _____ <sup>8</sup>		
Name of second candidate to backfill: _____ <sup>8</sup>		
Cr Paul Warner <sup>9</sup> is elected unopposed as the Shire President <sup>3</sup> of Shire of Menzies <sup>1</sup> until <u>18 October 2025</u> . <sup>10</sup>		

<b>Returning Officer</b>	Full name: Glenda Teede	
	Signature: 	Date: 3 November 2023

<b>DEPUTY SHIRE PRESIDENT <sup>3</sup></b>		
Absolute majority: _____ <sup>4</sup>		
Candidate <sup>5</sup>	First-preference votes <sup>6</sup>	Votes at last count <sup>7</sup>
Cr Sudhir Sudhir		
Name of first candidate to backfill: _____ <sup>8</sup>		
Name of second candidate to backfill: _____ <sup>8</sup>		
Cr Sudhir Sudhir <sup>9</sup> is elected unopposed as the Deputy Shire President <sup>3</sup> of Shire of Menzies <sup>1</sup> until <u>18 October 2025</u> . <sup>10</sup>		

<b>Returning Officer</b>	Full name: Glenda Teede	
	Signature: 	Date: 3 November 2023

UPCOMING  
**Events**



# DECEMBER

## **Afterschool Activities**

NGALIPAKU YOUTH CENTRE

**05/12/2023 – 12/12/2023**

**REOPEN: 06/02/2024**

## **Game Night**

TOWN HALL

**07/12/2023**

**14/12/2023**

**21/12/2023**

**REOPEN: 04/01/2024**

## **Morning Tea**

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

**08/12/2023**

## **Community Christmas Party**

NGALIPAKU YOUTH CENTRE

**15/12/2023**

UPCOMING  
**Events**



 **Menzies Aboriginal Corporation**  
**Community**  
*Christmas*  
**Tree**

**WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER**

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**Ngalipaku Building (Menzies Youth Centre)**

Water Slide & Activities: 3.00pm - 5.00pm  
Dinner & Santa's arrival: 6.30 pm - 8:30pm

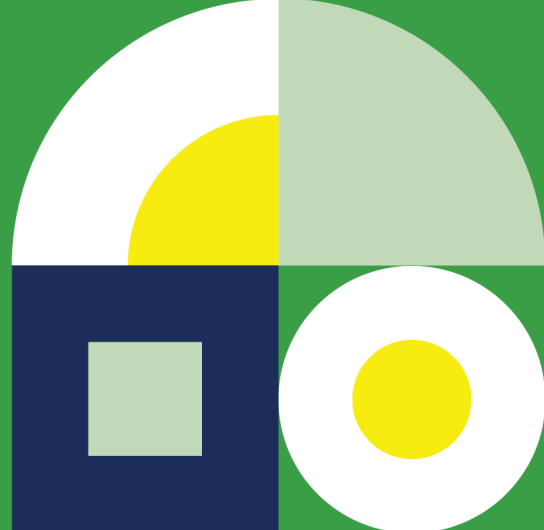
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Bring a present for your child/ren to  
the value of \$50.00 to be placed  
under the Christmas tree

**Everyone is welcome**



# UPCOMING Events



## STAR GAZING NIGHT

*at Mount Menzies*

*Geminids Meteor Shower  
&  
New Moon*

*Wednesday 13 December  
10PM - 12AM*



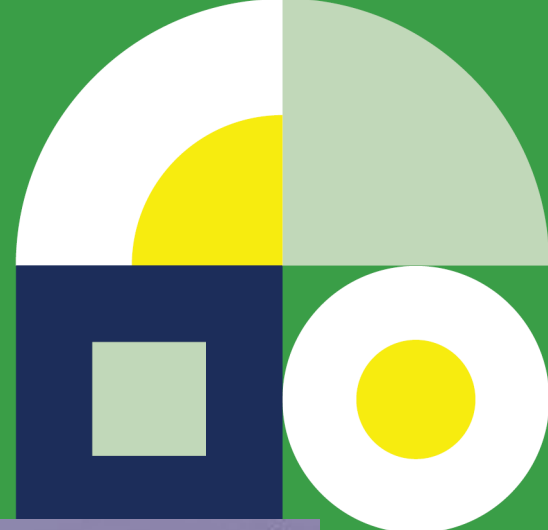
**CALL 9024 2702 TO REGISTER YOUR RESERVATION**

UPCOMING  
**Events**





# UPCOMING Events



## *Sunset Mass*



Saturday 16th December  
4:00PM



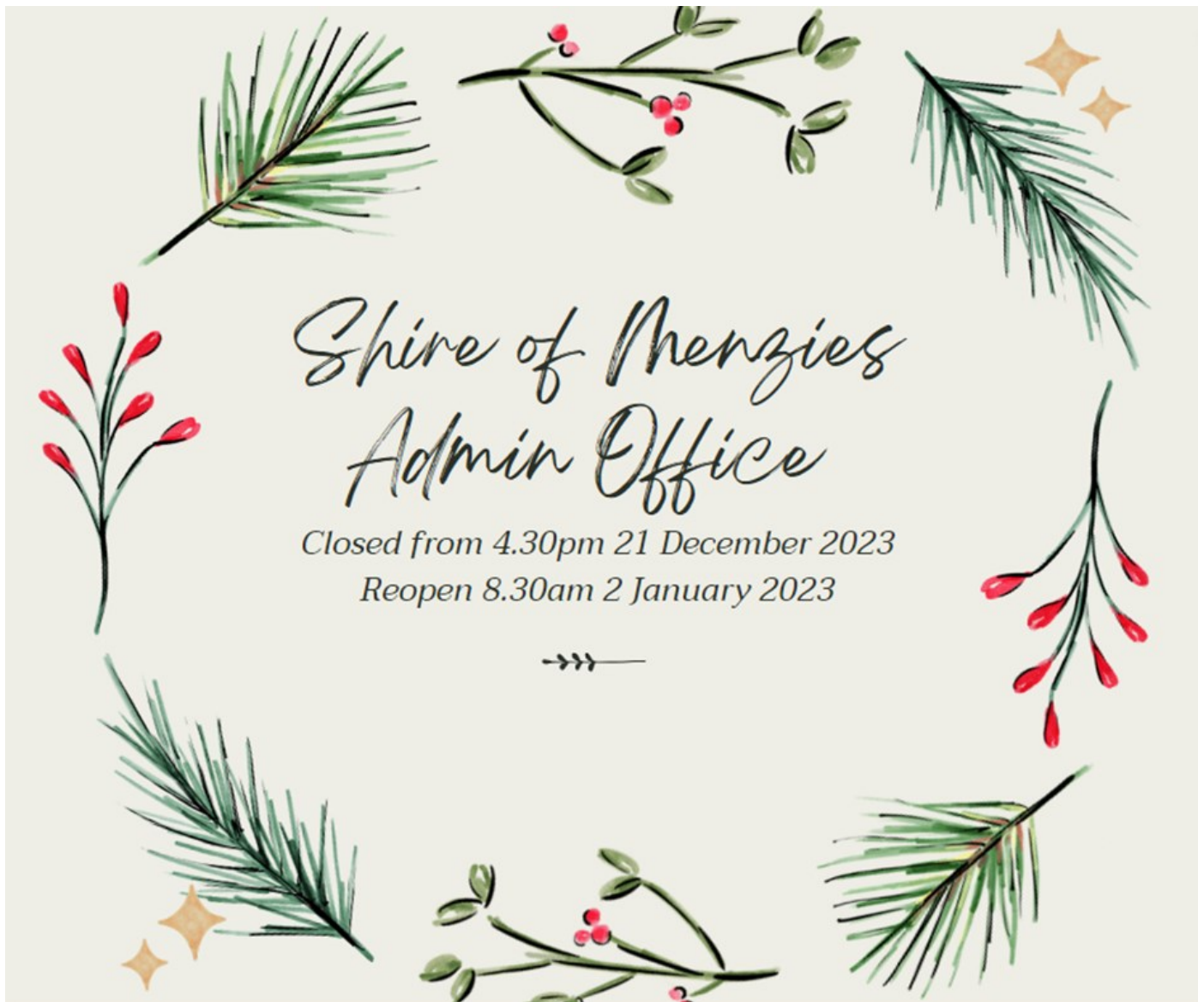
Community Building on  
Shenton Street, Menzies

Celebration to be held by the Catholic Parish of  
Kalgoorlie-Boulder

All faiths and denominations  
are welcome

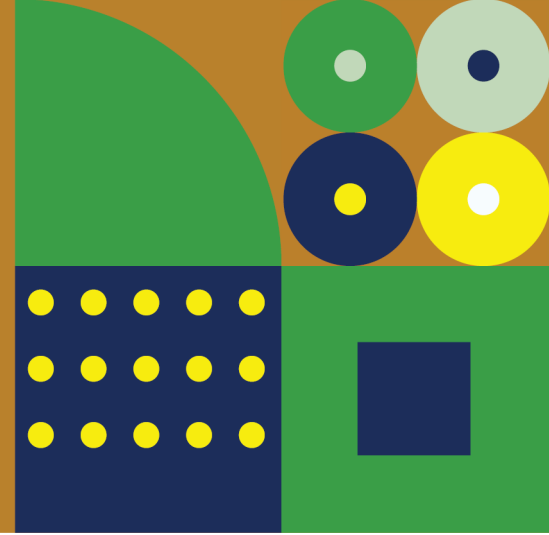
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Visitor Centre Christmas

CLOSURE

22 December - 9.00am - 2.00pm  
23 December - Closed  
24 December - Closed  
25 December - Closed  
26 December - Closed  
27 December - 9.00am - 2.00pm  
28 December - 9.00am - 2.00pm  
29 December - 9.00am - 2.00pm  
30 December - Closed  
31 December - Closed  
1 January - Closed

Re-open from 2 January 2024  
9.00am to 4.00pm

The poster features a cream-colored background with gold and green Christmas decorations. At the top, there are four gold baubles. On the left, a gold bauble is surrounded by a trail of small gold dots. At the bottom left, there is a green wreath with a gold bow and a gold tassel. On the right, there is a green wreath with gold and silver ornaments, and a gold reindeer standing next to a blue fireplace mantel. A gold reindeer is also visible on the mantel.



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## MENZIES NURSING POST CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

MONDAY 25 DEC 2023	CLOSED
TUESDAY 26 DEC 2023	CLOSED
WEDNESDAY 27 DEC 2023	8.00AM TO 3.30PM
MONDAY 1 JAN 2024	CLOSED
TUESDAY 2 JAN 2024	9.30AM TO 3.00PM
WEDNESDAY 3 JAN 2024	9.30AM TO 3.00PM
MONDAY 8 JAN 2024	CLOSED
TUESDAY 9 JAN 2024	9.30AM TO 3.00PM
WEDNESDAY 10 JAN 2024	9.30AM TO 3.00PM

MONDAY 15 JAN 2024  
BACK TO NORMAL HOURS  
MONDAY, TUESDAY AND  
WEDNESDAY

WISHING YOU ALL A  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR





## Leonora Pharmacy



### Christmas Closure

Don't leave medication collection until the last minute!

Drop by or call a week prior to our Christmas closure to order & collect your medications.

Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	<b>Closed</b>
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	<b>Closed</b>
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	<b>Closed</b>
Sunday <b>Christmas Eve</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Closed</b>
Monday <b>Christmas Day</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Closed</b>
Tuesday <b>Boxing Day</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Closed</b>
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Closed</b>
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9am – 5:30pm
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9am- 12:30pm
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Closed</b>
Sunday <b>New Year's Eve</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	<b>Closed</b>
Monday <b>New Years Day</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	<b>Closed</b>
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	9am-5:30pm

Trading hours resume as normal 02/01/2024

Leonora Pharmacy wishes everyone a safe and happy festive season



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Gold rush tours will be operating as normal over the Christmas New Year period.

Kalgoorlie to Laverton 21 December and 28 December 2023  
4 January 2024

Laverton to Kalgoorlie 22 December and 29 December 2023  
5 January 2024

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## **Menzies and Kookynie Christmas Rubbish collection**



Wednesday 27 December 2023

Tuesday 2 January 2024



# Christmas Poem

## Australian Twelve Days of Christmas Poem by Paul Warren

On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
An old FJ Holden in an rusty galvo shed.

On the second day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
Two bunyips playing in a billabong.  
An old FJ Holden in an rusty galvo shed.

On the third day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
Three galahs squawking in a gum tree.  
Two bunyips playing in a billabong.  
An old FJ Holden in an rusty galvo shed

On the fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
Four koala bears eating eucalyptus leaves.  
Three galahs squawking in a gum tree.  
Two bunyips playing in a billabong.  
An old FJ Holden in an rusty galvo shed.

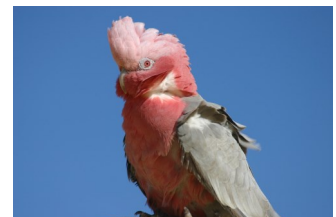
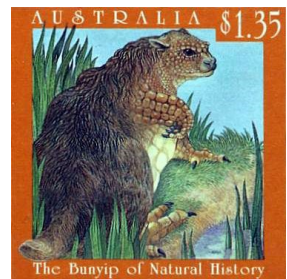
On the fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
Five mining trucks in an Iron Ore Mine.  
Four koala bears eating eucalyptus leaves.  
Three galahs squawking in a gum tree.  
Two bunyips playing in a billabong.  
An old FJ Holden in an rusty galvo shed.

On the sixth day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
Six tiger snakes a swimming in the River Murray.  
Five mining trucks in an Iron Ore Mine.  
Four koala bears eating eucalyptus leaves.  
Three galahs squawking in a gum tree.  
Two bunyips playing in a billabong.  
An old FJ Holden in an rusty galvo shed.

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
Seven wombats burrowing in the ground.  
Six tiger snakes a swimming in the River Murray.  
Five mining trucks in an Iron Ore Mine.  
Four koala bears eating eucalyptus leaves.  
Three galahs squawking in a gum tree.  
Two bunyips playing in a billabong.  
An old FJ Holden in an rusty galvo shed.

On the eight first day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
Eight opal tings from Coober Pedy.  
Seven wombats burrowing in the ground.  
Six tiger snakes a swimming in the River Murray.  
Five mining trucks in an Iron Ore Mine.  
Four koala bears eating eucalyptus leaves.  
Three galahs squawking in a gum tree.  
Two bunyips playing in a billabong.  
An old FJ Holden in an rusty galvo shed.

On the ninth day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
Nine crocodiles a snapping at a boat.  
Eight opal tings from Coober Pedy.  
Seven wombats burrowing in the ground.  
Six tiger snakes a swimming in the River Murray.  
Five mining trucks in an Iron Ore Mine.



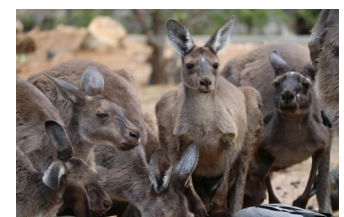
# Christmas Poem

Four koala bears eating eucalyptus leaves.  
Three galahs squawking in a gum tree.  
Two bunyips playing in a billabong.  
An old FJ Holden in an rusty galvo shed.

On the tenth day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
Ten frill necked lizards standing on a red rock.  
Nine crocodiles a snapping at a boat.  
Eight opal tings from Coober Pedy.  
Seven wombats burrowing in the ground.  
Six tiger snakes a swimming in the River Murray.  
Five mining trucks in an Iron Ore Mine.  
Four koala bears eating eucalyptus leaves.  
Three galahs squawking in a gum tree.  
Two bunyips playing in a billabong.  
An old FJ Holden in an rusty galvo shed.

On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
Eleven cricketers on the Adelaide Oval playing.  
Ten frill necked lizards standing on a red rock.  
Nine crocodiles a snapping at a boat.  
Eight opal tings from Coober Pedy.  
Seven wombats burrowing in the ground.  
Six tiger snakes a swimming in the River Murray.  
Five mining trucks in an Iron Ore Mine.  
Four koala bears eating eucalyptus leaves.  
Three galahs squawking in a gum tree.  
Two bunyips playing in a billabong.  
An old FJ Holden in an rusty galvo shed.

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
Twelve kangaroos in a big mob.  
Eleven cricketers on the Adelaide Oval playing.  
Ten frill necked lizards standing on a red rock.  
Nine crocodiles a snapping at a boat.  
Eight opal tings from Coober Pedy.  
Seven wombats burrowing in the ground.  
Six tiger snakes a swimming in the River Murray.  
Five mining trucks in an Iron Ore Mine.  
Four koala bears eating eucalyptus leaves.  
Three galahs squawking in a gum tree.  
Two bunyips playing in a billabong.  
And an old FJ Holden in an rusty galvo shed.





## What is the true meaning of Christmas



In today's day and time,  
It's easy to lose sight,  
Of the true meaning of Christmas  
and one special night.

When we go shopping,  
We say "How much will it cost?"  
Then the true meaning of Christmas,  
Somehow becomes lost

Amidst the tinsel, glitter  
And ribbons of gold,  
We forget about the child,  
born on a night so cold.

The Children look for Santa  
In his big, red sleigh  
Never thinking of the child  
Whose bed was made of hay.

In reality,  
When we look into the night sky,  
We don't see a sleigh  
But a star, burning bright and high.

A faithful reminder,  
Of that night so long ago,  
And of the child we call Jesus,  
Whose love, the world would know.



# Christmas



## The true story behind Rudolph the Red- Nosed Reindeer

He's the most famous reindeer of all and is Santa's guiding light as he delivers presents to homes around the world every year. But did you know the true story behind how it came about?

The heartbreaking story about how Rudolph came to life in book form, explaining it was all an idea from author Robert May, who needed to spread a little comfort and joy after some family troubles.

"As the holiday season of 1938 came to Chicago, Bob May wasn't feeling much comfort or joy. A 34-year-old ad writer for Montgomery Ward, May was exhausted and nearly broke. His wife, Evelyn, was bedridden, on the losing end of a two-year battle with cancer. This left Bob to look after their four-year-old daughter, Barbara," the post explains.

Barbara would often comment about how her mum was different and the idea of Rudolph came about after a confronting conversation between father and daughter.

"One night, Barbara asked her father, 'Why isn't my mummy like everybody else's mummy?' As he struggled to answer his daughter's question, Bob remembered the pain of his own childhood. A small, sickly boy, he was constantly picked on and called names. But he wanted to give his daughter hope and show her that being different was nothing to be ashamed of. More than that, he wanted her to know that he loved her and would always take care of her."

So, Bob began to spin a tale about a reindeer with a bright red nose who was not only accepted by Santa but found a special place on his team.

"Barbara loved the story so much that she made her father tell it every night before bedtime. As he did, it grew more elaborate. Because he couldn't afford to buy his daughter a gift for Christmas, Bob decided to turn the story into a home-made picture book," the post continues to explain.

"In early December, Bob's wife died. Though he was heartbroken, he kept working on the book for his daughter. A few days before Christmas, he reluctantly attended a company party at Montgomery Ward. His co-workers encouraged him to share the story he'd written. After he read it, there was a standing ovation.

"Everyone wanted copies of their own. Montgomery Ward bought the rights to the book from their debt-ridden employee. Over the next six years, at Christmas, they gave away six million copies of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer to shoppers. Every major publishing house in the country was making offers to obtain the book. In an incredible display of good will, the head of the department store returned all rights to Bob May. Four years later, Rudolph had made him into a millionaire."

## From a beautiful book to a Christmas carol we all love

Feeling blessed with his good fortune, May decided that the story of Rudolph needed another platform. He approached his brother-in-law, a successful songwriter named Johnny Marks, with the idea of making the story of Rudolph into a song.

The song was pitched to well-known artists at the time like Bing Crosby, but no one was interested in taking on a new carol - until Gene Autry came along.

"The cowboy star had scored a holiday hit with 'Here Comes Santa Claus' a few years before. Like the others, Autry wasn't impressed with the song about the misfit reindeer. Marks begged him to give it a second listen. Autry played it for his wife, Ina. She was so touched by the line 'They wouldn't let poor Rudolph play in any reindeer games' that she insisted her husband record the tune," the post explained.

The song promised that Rudolph would go down in history and he sure did! Within a few years, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer had become the second best-selling Christmas song ever, right behind the popular 'White Christmas.'

## **Snakes are out and about please take care.**

### **FIRST AID FOR SNAKE BITES**

**Please note that snakes are protected killing. Killing or harming them is illegal and isn't necessary for anti-venom Identification purpose.**

#### **Signs and Symptoms**

- Visible in an hour or more after the person has been bitten, in children may appear within minutes.
- Puncture marks, scratch, single mark or swelling maybe present. Mark or scratch may bleed.
- Blurry or double vision, drooping eyelids.
- Headaches, drowsiness, giddiness or faintness.
- Sweating
- Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, respiratory weakness or arrest.
- Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.
- Voice changes, trouble speaking or swallowing, pain or tightness in the throat, chest, or abdomen.

#### **Avoiding snakes and Bites**

- Bites mainly occur when the snakes are disturbed or otherwise provoked. The safest way of preventing being bitten is by avoiding snakes altogether. Be careful where you put your hands and feet.
- Snakes like to hide so they can't be seen, which includes holes, rock crevices, fallen logs, long grass, or tin.
- Use a torch if walking at night as many snakes are active after dark.

#### **Wear Protective Clothing**

- Thick clothing like jeans and boots offer a extra layer of protection against bites.

#### **Don't Pick them upon Interfere with them.**

- Almost in 5 snakes bites happen when people provoke the snake. If you see a snake, give it space to move away, or go around it.

#### **Let them know you're there.**

- Snakes can't hear very well but can sense vibrations on the ground. When walking in the bush, make noise and stomp your feet to scare off any nearby snakes.

#### **What to do:**

1. Urgent medical aid in need.
2. Call 000 as soon as possible.
3. Have the patient to sit or lay down and stay calm and does not move. rest and reassure.
4. If the bite is on the limb (armor leg). Apply a broad pressure bandage over the bite site as soon as possible. Apply a further elasticised or firm bandage – start at the fingers or toes and move up the limb to armpit, or groin. Apply tightly but without stopping blood flow.
5. Splint the limb including the joint on either side of bite.
6. Mark the sight of bite with a pen on the bandage. Write down the time patient was bitten and when the bandage was applied.
7. If patient becomes unconscious and not breathing normally. Commence CPR and Defibrillation.
8. Monitor Symptoms

#### **Do not:**

- **Do not wash the venom off the skin (It may help in identification)**
- **Don not cut the bitten area and try to suck the venom out of the wound.**
- **Do not use a tourniquet.**
- **Do not try and catch the snake.**



## Getting Bitten in a Remote Area

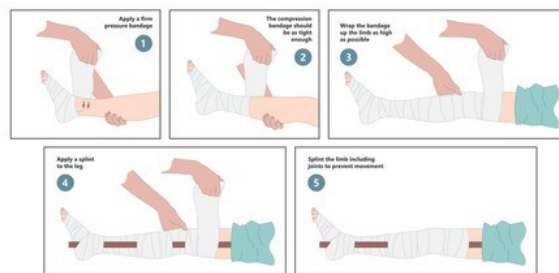
- Find a safe place to sit down asap. The venom can rapidly diffuse into your system, this can drop your blood pressure too low to pump all the way to your head while standing. Sitting down reduces your chance of fainting within the first few minutes. If you faint, it shouldn't be more than a few minutes.
- Remove any rings, watches, tight clothing, and anything else from the bitten limb, because the swelling will make it a lot bigger soon.
- Take 5 minutes to calm down and plan your evacuation. The only effective treatment for a snake envenomation is the right anti-venom to neutralize it.
- Do not wait for symptoms to appear if bitten. It's important to get in touch with emergency personnel as soon as possible to get you to a hospital. If you have a cell phone and service, great call))). If there is no service think about the last time you had phone service.
- A sharpie can be a great help for emergency personnel to assess the severity of your snakebite. Circle the location of your snake bite and write down the time next to it. Draw a circle around the border of the swelling and write down the time. Write down all the things you're experiencing that are not normal, with the time next to it. Examples are metallic taste in your mouth, changes to sense of smell, sudden loss of vision, double vision, visual disturbances, tingling in the ears, headache, nausea and vomiting, bleeding from anywhere, dizziness, shortness of breath, etc. The most common signs and symptoms are pain and swelling.
- Update this info every 15 or 30 minutes as the swelling moves up the limb and your symptoms develop.
- Make contact via cell phone. If this is not possible, walk slowly to get help. Drink some water and take some calories if you have any. Some snake bite victim walk several Kilometers after serious snake bites to their legs. They make it out fine because they made it out to medical care. This is much better than waiting for help if you can't reach anyone. Don't let fear of "raising your heart rate and increasing the speed of venom circulation" prevent you from moving to get to care. Be very cautious about driving yourself to a hospital since some bites have serious side effects that could suddenly limit your ability to drive.

### How to bandage a snake bite

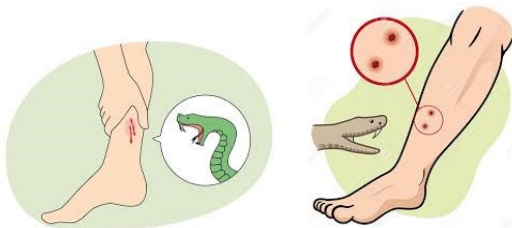
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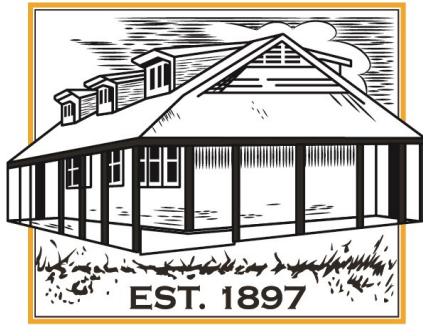


### What a snake bite can look like



# Menzies Community School

## Newsletter



## MENZIES COMMUNITY SCHOOL

*Pukulpa Nintirrinkula*  
Happy Learning

[menziescs@wa.edu.au](mailto:menziescs@wa.edu.au)

Menzies Newsletter  
Term 4

From the principal:

As this will be the last newsletter of the year, I would like to acknowledge the dedication of the staff at Menzies Community School. This year we have achieved so much, here are some of the highlights.

- We had our first school camp in over four years. The staff and students went to Brisbane.
- We were successful in funding and as a result, were able to build a sensory room for the students.
- We were successful in additional funding and our long awaited sensory and nature play areas are being built early next year.

Next year there will be two camps to Perth. One at the start of the year for the students attending SIDE (School of Isolated and Distance education), and one in Term Four for students who have attended at least 80% of the school year.

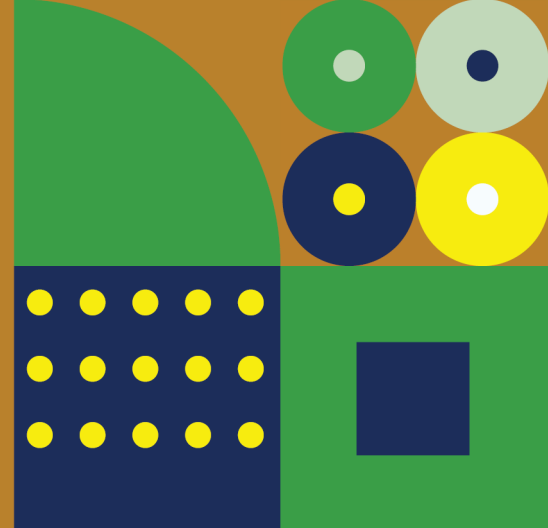
While we have many things to look forward to, it is also a very sad time as we say goodbye and good luck to miss Liyana Anthony. Miss Anthony will be visiting her family before moving back to Perth. We are also saying good luck to Mr and Mrs Doble on the birth of the first child. Mrs Doble will be taking maternity leave next year and if we are lucky, will be bringing her bundle of joy to school for many cuddles.

I would like to finish with a heartfelt thanks to the shire of Menzies and the Menzies Aboriginal Corporation for their continued help and support.

Have a lovely Christmas and I look forward to seeing our families next year.

# Menzies Community School

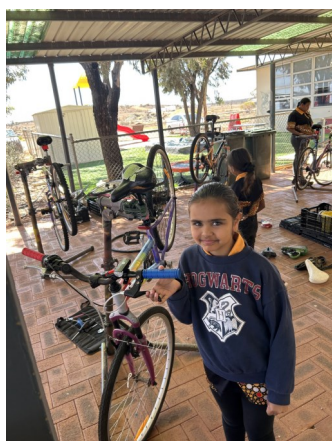
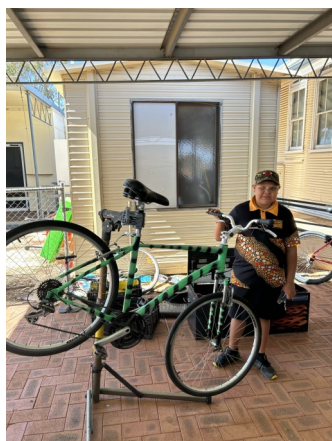
## Newsletter



### From the Wanampi Classrooms:

The last couple of weeks have been very busy in the Wanampi classrooms. Students have been regularly rehearsing and performing for the end of year Christmas item. This project has also involved many students working in the background to design and create the large backdrops for the scenes as well as various props.

The Dismantle Bike Rescue Program arrived in Menzies Community School during Week 7. This a program that is structed by an outside organisation. It is aimed towards High School and Upper Primary students to build patience, resilience and perseverance where they 'dismantle' or strip down an old, non-functioning bicycle completely. Students then had to sand down the bike frames and were given the opportunity to customise it by spray painting their own design. Patience, perseverance and teamwork were put to the test in the next part of the program where students had to reassemble their bikes with all the fiddly gear and brake wires. The last day of the program involved the students putting on brand new handlebar grips and reflectors. Then the most exciting part of the program was when the students got to test ride their new bikes with Zach and Julian. The program was a huge success and students consistently displayed the Menzies Community School values towards the facilitators, Zach and Julian. So a huge shout out them both.





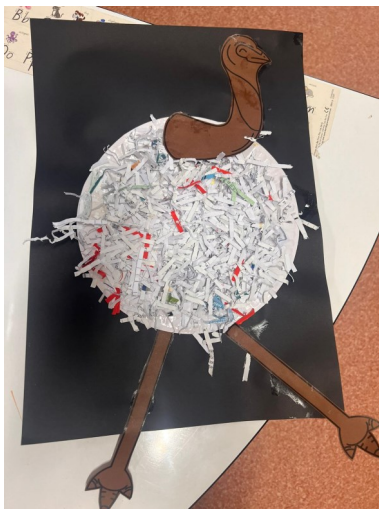
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### From the Yilpa Classroom:

In Maths, students in Yilpa classroom have been learning about patterns. Students have been sorting items according to different colour and discussing about their properties before categorising them into their respective groups. Students have also been practicing their pattern making skills with ABAB patterns, and extensions to ABBABB patterns. They can now copy the patterns provided, and continuing the patterns.

This term in Science, students have been learning about birds. Students have been making arts and craft about birds they have seen before and labelling body parts of the birds. Students also learned about life cycle of a mallee fowl, and what living things, especially birds need to survive.



### From the Marlu classroom:

We love celebrating students' success in the Marlu Class. Recently, we had cause to pause in recognition of Faith completing of Year 11.

Faith Tambis joined the Marlu Class at the start of Semester Two. She quickly adapted to being a SIDE (School of Isolated and Distance Education) student. Being a SIDE student is like no other. SIDE students are taught online by teachers in Perth. She was keen to master her online classes. After a brief period of adjustment, Faith showed that she could succeed in this environment. She remembered to log on to her classes on time – without being reminded by her teacher; she completed and handed in her tasks (some even before they were due)! She set a really good example to her peers. Always smiling, Faith proved to be a delight. Her warm and friendly attitude, she formed positive relationships with her classmates.

In Term Four, Faith started work placement working with the Youth Development Officer for Menzies, she spent some time in the Post Office and soon became the customer's favourite.

We are very proud of the success Faith experienced this year and wish her a fabulous holiday.



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On behalf of every here at Menzies Community School, Merry Christmas and we will see you next year.





# In the Garden



## In the Garden December

How wonderful was the rain event in the early part of November, long have we waited for the pitter patter on the tin roof. The total of 10.5 MLS fell over town (thanks to Gaye our shire weather station) a most welcome addition to the rainwater tanks and the garden itself. The new gutters on the verandas made all the difference to the capture and transfer of the rainwater to storage tanks. Just waiting on a few more IBC to be delivered to finalise the job.

Big shout out to Steve the builder and his crew.

With the low rain fall this year we all need to be thinking of ways to recycle this precious resource. I do use the laundry rinse water in my non vegetable gardens, a little bit of Work but good rewards. Another friend has a bucket in the shower recess while they wait for the hot water to come through the pipes. A jug by the kitchen sink is another option while waiting on the hot water for dishes. Every drop saved counts over Summer in keeping things outside green and growing. The fires also bought home to us the fact that the truck that brings our water has some limitations when the road is closed, and we have no way to fight a fire with our town supply.

So, let's make 2024 a year to try new ways of recycling water.

As promised this month the feature is indoor plants.

I am no expert on the names and most that adorn my house are from Facebook Marketplace and friends who gave me cuttings, so the tags are long gone to help with identification but that doesn't bother me if they grow, they can stay unnamed. Indoor plants are so easy to take care of with the general rule they have to be thirsty before I water them and then I only water in small amounts unless spraying them outside to reduce the dust in the leaves.

Some will say that you should wipe down the leaves with a damp cloth, but hey I have enough housework with the red dust as it is therefore the spray under the laundry trough or with the hose is a short cut.

# In the Garden

One plant of mine that does have a tag is my first plant The Dragon Tail (*Epipremnum pinnatum*) yes let's just stick with Dragon Tail. A low maintenance attractive trailing plant with stems carrying large, shiny lobed leaves. Ideal for hanging baskets and trained on a trellis in a warm spot indoors or sheltered spot outdoors. Mine is creeping along a ledge and about to take over the top of the fridge, might have to find a new spot!



I guess most of you will have noticed the native 'Christmas Tree' with its fabulous floral blossom swaying in the breeze on your way to Kalgoorlie. Stop the car and take a walk and reward yourself with the heady fragrance and perhaps a twig or two for the house over the festive season.

May the joy of Christmas touch you all in some way and remember be kind not just to the plants but also the humans over this hot, busy month ahead.



# Letter to the Editor



Letters will be published as space permits and may have to be edited. So if you have something on your mind, write a letter to the Editor and we will do our best to publish it. If the letter is about the Council, we will do our best to respond in the same edition if time allows.



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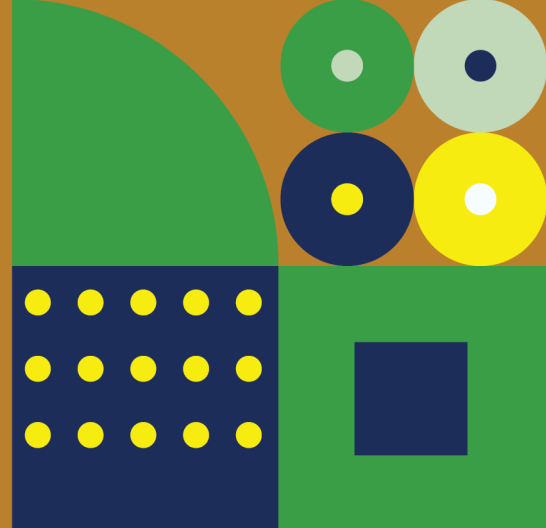
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There is a black water dump point within the park and pets are welcome but must be on a lead at all times.

**For bookings and enquiries call 08 9024 2702 Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm. All other hours, call our caretaker on 0473 633 149 or email [bookings@menzies.wa.gov.au](mailto:bookings@menzies.wa.gov.au) Bookings can now be done online via the shire website or scan:**



Free camping sites are provided by the shire of Menzies at Lake Ballard (51kms West of Menzies) and Niagara Dam (65kms North East of Menzies) Facilities at these sites include toilets, BBQs and rubbish bins. Non potable water is provided at Lake Ballard.

Please respect these facilities and put rubbish in the bins provided, and use facilities for the purpose they are intended.

### TRAVELLING WITH PETS

Please be aware that there are regular aerial drops of 1080 poison baits in the Goldfields area in attempt to combat feral animals. Please use caution and take care when in these areas.

### AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

Located on Shenton Street outside of the Community Resource Centre .





## Menzies Community Resource Centre (CRC)

Located at the corner of Shenton and Brown Streets Menzies is your local access point offering a range of services.

Opening hours Monday to Friday  
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**Call us today on (08) 9024 2702**  
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## 1080 BAITING in this area is a risk to domestic pets

Using 1080 poison are carried out across Western Australian, including this area, and are aimed at controlling wild dogs, feral cats, feral pigs, foxes and rabbits. The poison baits remain toxic for many months. You need to exercise caution. Domestic pets should be kept close and under control at all times. Owners may consider the use of leads and muzzles for their domestic pets.

**DO NOT RELY ON WARNING SIGNS**  
**WARNING SIGNS ARE PLACED WHERE**  
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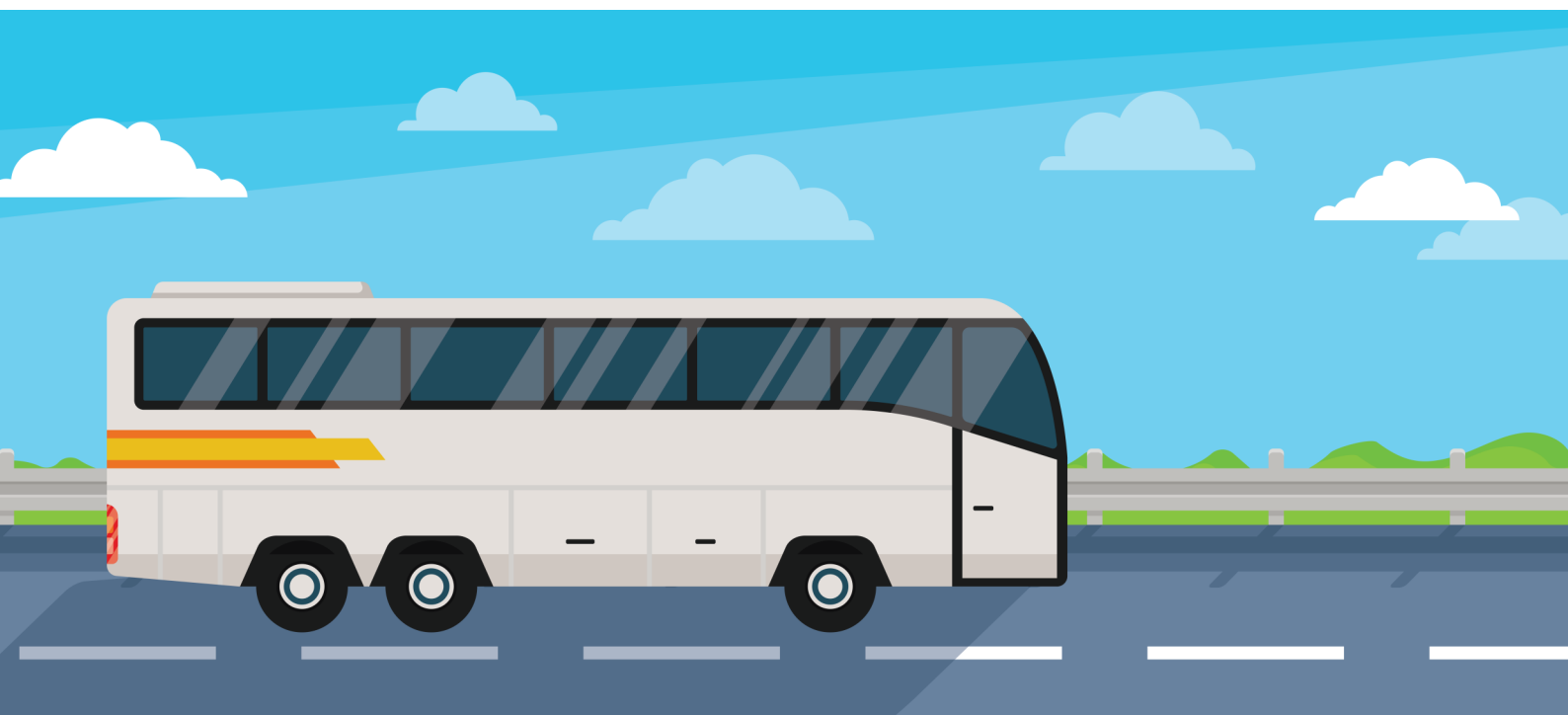
### Kalgoorlie to Laverton

Express	Time
Kalgoorlie Railway Station	10am
Kalgoorlie Visitor Centre	10:15 am
Menzies	11:40 am
Kookynie Turnoff	12:05 pm
Leonora - arrive	12:45pm
Leonora - depart	1:00 pm
Murrin Murrin Turnoff	1:45 pm
Mt Morgan Turnoff	1:55 pm
Laverton	2:30 pm

### Laverton to Kalgoorlie

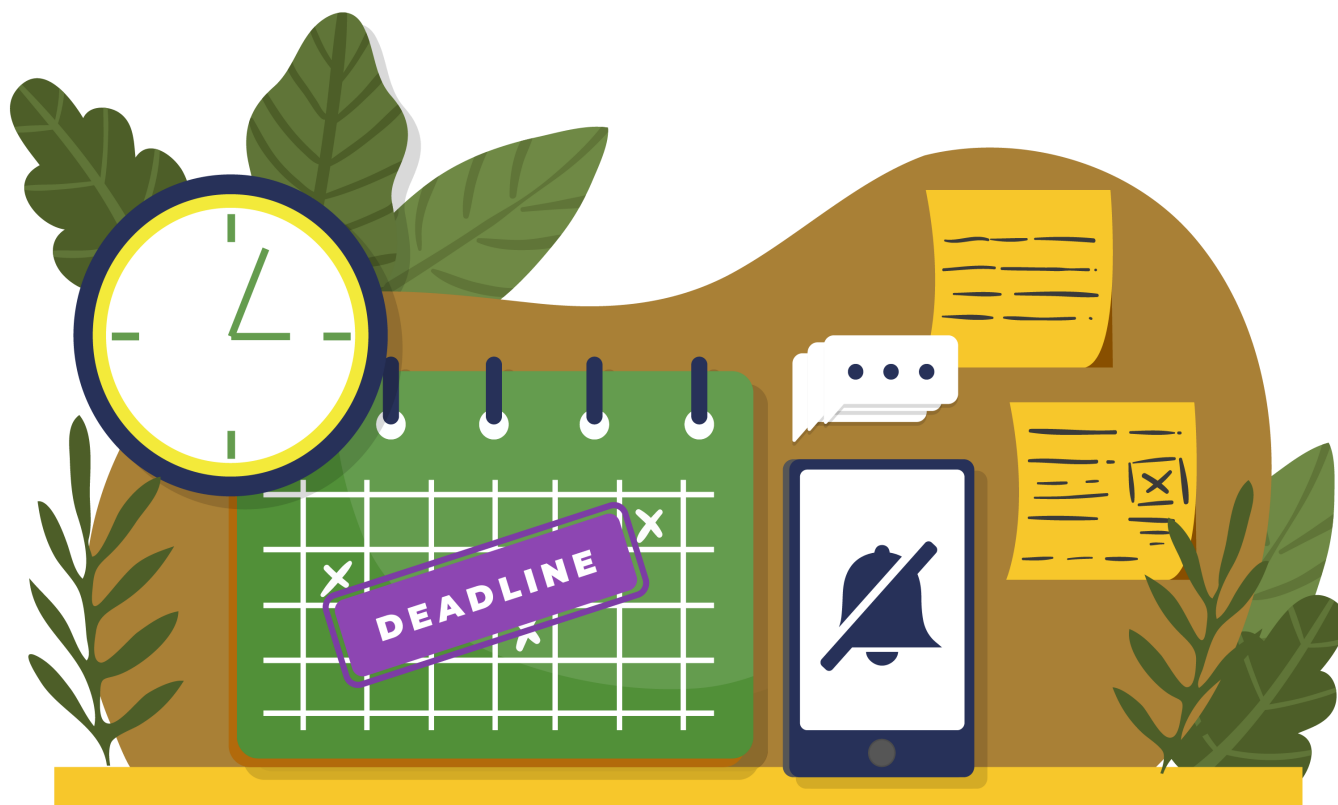
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## MENZIES MATTERS deadlines for publication

If you have anything you would like to have included in the *Menzies Matters* please contact Debbie Pianto at the Menzies Visitor Centre on 9024 2702 or email to [cso@menzies.wa.gov.au](mailto:cso@menzies.wa.gov.au)

The deadline for each month is the last Friday of the month.

General Information notices are welcome, as are notification of upcoming local events.

If you have recipes, gardening tips or ideas for any other pages, all ideas are welcome.

The Menzies Matters is available online through the Shire's website.

Hardcopies are distributed at the Admin Office reception, CRC reception, Grand Hotel Kookynie, Menzies Hotel, and in every private mail box at the Post Office.

The Shire also sends an electronic copy to community members who request to their personal email. If you would like to receive an electronic copy please email [cso@menzies.wa.gov.au](mailto:cso@menzies.wa.gov.au).



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## Happy Birthday

If someone in your family or someone you care for is celebrating a birthday, we would love to share your special birthday message.

Please send to [cso2@menzies.wa.gov.au](mailto:cso2@menzies.wa.gov.au) or come and see us at the CRC and we'll do our best to publish them and help make their day!

## Community Catch up



As a result of a query at the recent General Meeting of Electors, it is the intention of the Acting CEO to resurrect the practice of Community Catch Up Meetings once per month.

The format will be a little different from what was held in the past but will still present an opportunity for ratepayers and residents to have a 15-minute meeting with the Acting CEO. A meeting with the Acting CEO could be about anything for which the council has influence over. Maybe

it's an idea that has been churning around for a while and which hasn't quite had an outlet. It might be a message to the council as to how to better influence economic development. It might be about the new changes to the Local Government Act which will soon come into force. A person may even want to come in to tell the Acting CEO how better to do his job.

The meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of every month between 9am and 12 noon in 15-minute blocks. They will be held initially in the Town Hall but will possibly move to the Lady Shenton Building when refurbishments are completed. Bookings are essential by email to Maureen ([ea@menzies.wa.gov.au](mailto:ea@menzies.wa.gov.au)).



# Community Birthdays



## December Birthdays

5	Shelly Wirth
10	Linda Harbrow
10	Graham Markham
12	Shauna Rose
15	Ninnie
22	Sherrylee Anderson
25	Tramaine Tucker
27	Nadine Tucker
30	Yvette Tressidder

## January Birthdays

13	Pacman
17	Marilyn Burton
21	Fenton Matthews

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# Events Calendar

## December 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Afterschool Activity	RFDS MAC Christmas Party	Games Night	Morning Tea		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	After school Activity Childrens Christmas Party IT Help	Stargazing Night	Games Night	Ordinary Council Meeting Community Christmas Party	Sunset Mass	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Last Games Night for 2023			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Day	Boxing Day	Rubbish Collection Day				New Years Eve



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