



Menzies Matters

Issue 10

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Welcome to the New Year Edition of Menzies



Celebrating Australia Day in the Shire of Menzies

Come along and join in....

Australia Day Celebrations

Presentation of Australia day awards and a Aussie Breakfast....

Where: Menzies Town Hall/ Supper room

When: 9am - 11am, Monday 26th January 2009

This event is for everyone so bring yourselves and families along to the breakfast and join in the celebrations.

The Shire of Menzies is to acknowledge the outstanding contribution to the local community in three award categories.

Premiers' Australia Day Citizenship Awards...

a local citizen 25 years of age or over

a local citizen under 25 years

a local community group

Brief History of Australia Day

The tradition of having Australia Day as a national holiday on 26 January is a recent one. Not until 1935 did all the Australian states and territories use that name to mark that date. Not until 1994 did they begin to celebrate Australia Day consistently as a public holiday on that date.

Indigenous Australia Day

Australia Day means different things to different people and this is especially true for the First Australians. For many Indigenous Australians 26 January is an occasion to reflect on past loss and suffering. There are also those in the wider community who share these mixed emotions about our national day, and they appreciate the efforts of event organisers to acknowledge that Australia Day evokes a variety of emotions.

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- Golden Quest Drive Trail
- Kookynie
- Niagara Dam

District Medical News

Important Medical Info for 2009

MENZIES HEALTH CENTRE

CLINIC ATTENDED by Chris

MONDAY pm to FRIDAY am 19 - 24 Jan

CLINIC ATTENDED by Sam

MONDAY - FRIDAY from 27 Jan

for five weeks from that date.

**FOR IMMEDIATE HEALTH
ADVICE CALL HEALTH DIRECT**

1800 022 222

**ANYTIME DAY OR NIGHT
POISONS INFO AVAILABLE**

24Hrs 13 11 26

**IF URGENT CONTACT 000 or
SHIRE : 90242041 / A.H. 90242051**

POITIER MEDICAL PRACTICE

APOINTMENTS - Ph: 90376238

EMERGENCIES - - Ph: 90804300

Needle & Syringe Program (NSP)

Information Sessions

Find out.....

What's happening with drug use in our region? the role of the Needle & Syringe Program what it is achieving and how you too can make a real difference

FREE TRAINING PRESENTED BY: Susan Gatti
Regional Alcohol and Other Drugs Coordinator

WHERE: Kalgoorlie Hospital Conference Room

WHEN: Tuesday 3rd Feb, 1pm to 4pm

Wednesday 4th Feb, 8.30am - 11.30am

For Registrations please contact

Anne Williams on Ph: 9080 5701

Or email: Anne.Williams@health.wa.gov.au

**ALL WELCOME! Recommended for
Health staff, Service providers eg Police, Justice,
Local Council Workers and Community Members.**

Menzies RFDS Clinic and Leonora Visiting Specialists

RFDS CLINIC MENZIES

Next Clinic will be on

TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY '09

For appointments or more info

Ph: 90242044

VISITING SPECIALISTS- LEONORA

PODIATRIST - David Whitelaw

Leonora Hospital Thurs 5th Feb 2009

Community Health Leonora - Fri 6th Feb 2009

Appointments Leonora Hospital Ph: 90804300

& Community Health Leonora - Ph: 90376083

FEMALE GP - Dr Elena Ghergori

Next scheduled visit Mon 23rd Feb 2009

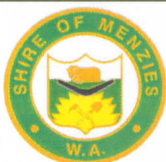
Appointments Ph: 90376238

GYNAECOLOGIST & COLPOSCOPIST

Dr Robyn Leake

Next scheduled visit Mon 16th March 2009

Appointments Ph: 90376238



Matters arising from the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Thurs 18th Dec 08 Brian W. Seale J.P. Chief Executive Officer Shire of Menzies W.A.

Some exciting and invigorating decisions of council were resolved at the December 2008 meeting of council and the following is a summary of these. It is also advised that a copy of the Council minutes is also available on the web-site and a hard copy is available to read at the Administration Offices and the Lady Shenton offices during office hours.

KOOKYNIE INTERPRETATION PLAN.

Council has progressed this proposal with the approval for the "Kookynie Walk Trail" and the "Information Bay with Ablutions" to be located at Lot 79 Cumberland Street and for the historic and iconic "Altona Headframe" to be located on the "Kookynie Volunteer Association " property at Lot 80 Cumberland Street. Accordingly this is great news and very pleasing to see this progress.

INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Council is very pleased to also welcome "Tralina Tucker" to the ranks of the Shire and confirm acceptance of the Scholarship for this engagement. It is hoped that this pattern will continue with other indigenous employees.

INDIGENOUS SCHOOL-BASED TRAINEE

A further innovative concept is the appointment of Kaylene Tucker as the approved Trainee with the Shire as arranged by the School to commence first semester of 2009. Accordingly we welcome Kaylene and look forward to working with her in the hope that she finds the work experience stimulating and enjoyable.

ANNUAL ART COMPETITION / EXHIBITION.

Council was delighted to receive advices from the School Principal regarding the opportunity to hold an annual Art Competition and Exhibition in the Town and this concept was unanimously supported with Prize monies to be made available and where the administration of this wonderful concept rests with the School. Accordingly we all look forward to seeing the inaugural event planned for the later half of 2009 occur and for the communities to observe the extent of talent we have in our Shire in the artistic areas.

WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW.

The administration of the Ward Boundary Review continues and opportunity to comment on the options available to the community remains available and interested persons are encouraged to visit the Shire administration for an update.

POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION.

Council has supported "In Principal Only" the consideration for a number of innovative projects with the following representing a few ideas for consideration by Council in the future.

- 1 Indigenous Radio Transmission – Tjuma Pulka
- 2 Information Bay with ablutions in the main Street of Menzies.
- 3 Photographic display.
- 4 Pioneer Park.
- 5 Airstrip Upgrade
- 6 Community Bus

CAPACITY BUILDING OFFICER.

Council has approved in principle the engagement of a "Capacity Building Officer" to support the locations of Tjuntjuntjara, Kookynie and Menzies in Grant applications and philosophic support and where it is planned to commence the officer by February 2009. Accordingly, this is a very exciting time for this shire.

TRUCK BAY ASSEMBLY AREA.

Council has acquired land North of Town for the purposes of developing a "Truck Bay Assembly Area" to include ablutions, approved access and egress roads, Shelter, rubbish bin `enclave , garden beds and delineating pine logs (e.t.c.) Accordingly, this will be a great enhancement to the Town and this project is progressing splendidly with the Shire's Consulting Engineer presently planning the design for this location.

CARAVAN PARK UPGRADE PROJECT.

This project is also progressing well with the recent resolution to approve of the supply and installation of the "Bio-Max" waste water system to be installed by February 2009 and where the consulting engineer currently also plans the electrical design, plumbing, and power facilities in order that council can consider these aspects shortly with the object of the development concluding by June 30th, 2009.



Community Needs Survey Results

By completing this survey, the Shire of Menzies will have a better understanding of what our community sees as priorities and what you would like to see improved. Please complete the survey by circling the appropriate number &/or by adding comments...

	Excellent	Good	Not Sure	Poor	Very Poor
a) How would you rate how our town looks?	2	13	9	2	0
<i>Suggestions for improvement...</i>					
Need more community activities, more trees, plants and flowers.					
Paths, benches, lights and happy faces					
Complete town planning project and upgrade the main street					
Tennis courts, badly resurfaced					
b) What you think of our community's	1	7	7	8	3
sporting & recreation facilities? <i>What other recreational facilities would you like to see? e.g. recreation centre, swimming pool, gym</i>					
Swimming pool x 19					
Recreation centre x 13					
Go cart centre x 8					
Water park x 7					
Adult recreation centre/gym x 3					
Game shop/centre/computer x 3					
Motor Cross track x 3					
Other responses: Dance studio, indoor basketball, lawn bowls, lines on the basketball courts, bike track, horse club, cinema, Quaza Zone, Blue light discos, other youth needs					
c) How do you rate our community's	1	9	8	8	0
employment & business opportunities? <i>Suggestions for improvement...</i>					
More business to get employment from					
Need a supermarket with fresh and cheap produce i.e. fruit, bread, vegetables, meat etc					
Encourage small business into town to create employment opportunities					
Lolly Shop x 3					
Internet Café x 6					
Kids Café/Kids Club x 5					
d) How do you rate the following services	11	12	2	1	0
offered from the Lady Shenton? (Library, Post Office, Tourist Info. Art Gallery) <i>What additional services could be offered?</i>					
<i>e.g. eftpos, atm, licensing, bill paying</i>					
ATM x 8					
Licensing x 3					
Eftpos x 3					
Bill paying x 4					
e) Primary & High School students already have	7	5	6	5	2
access to a quality education through the Menzies Remote Community School. How would you rate the educational opportunities for school leavers and others? <i>Suggestions for what courses could be offered...</i>					
Place to study, phone and internet access					
More traineeships should be made available x 2 & funding support for study purposes.					
Shop/Canteen					



Community Needs Survey Results (cont)

	Excellent	Good	Not Sure	Poor	Very Poor
f) Our community is already served well	11	9	5	1	0
by the Health Centre (Nursing Post). How would you rate our community's access to health services?					
<i>What additional health services could be offered? e.g. dental, optical, podiatry etc</i>					
Dental x 5					
Optical x 2					
Podiatry x 3					
Specialists x 5					
Mammogram unit/breast screening x 2					
Specialist Doctors for the elders of the community to get check ups					
All go to Leonora & Laverton what about Menzies.					
g) What you think of the range of services	6	6	3	9	2
offered in our community? <i>What additional services could be offered? e.g. car & tyre repairs, gas refills & delivery, supermarket (General Store), policing</i>					
General Store/Supermarket x 16					
Two buck shop (truck) x 6					
CD shop x 3					
Icecream shop (truck) x 3					
Car and tyre repairs x 3					
Gas refill and delivery service x 2					
Policing x 2					
Hairdressers, Shoe shop, Clothes shop x 2					
Mini café, Larger Telecentre, Water park, Art shop, ATM/Banking facilities, Roadhouse very					
costly, Red Dot, Kids club, Sweet shop, Game shop					
h) How would you rate the quality of life in our	7	10	4	4	0
Community? <i>Suggestions for improvement...</i> More things and events to get involved in, More adult activities i.e. exercise equipment and arts and crafts					
Very good					
i) How would rate community safety in our	5	6	7	6	2
Community? <i>Suggestions for improvement...</i>					
Less road activity needed by Trucks					
Maintenance of street lights x 2					
Police presence required x 5					
J) What do you like about living in our Community?					
Bush/open spaces/bush culture x 7					
Good education x 7					
Family x 4					
Friendliness x 3					
Peaceful/Quiet x 3					
Small Community/town x 2					
Know everyone x 2					
Good/excellent x 2					
Happy and communicating people, Lots of Sports, Friends, Park, A nice place to live in, There are a lot of people know and love, People, Camping					



Community Needs Survey Results (cont)

k) What don't you like about living in our Community?

Not much to do/people x 7

No swimming pool x 3

No supermarket/general store x 2

Telecentre with not enough computers, Not so friendly people, Small town syndrome, No TAB, No recreation centre, No game shop, Fresh food supply limited, No talk of recreation centre for adults, People drink driving, Nothing

l) What community events would you like to see in our Community?

e.g. Band, Community festival, Christmas parade & concert

Christmas parade & concert x 5

Community festival x 3

Fair, mini fair x 9

Bands, concert, disco, dancing x 6

Circus x 3

Menzies day (markets, parade, event)

Other schools mix in with events (i.e. basketball comp, disco and bands) x 2

Easter Hide out, Anything would be great, Games night, Movies, NAIDOC march, Circus

m) What age group are you in?

Under 13(11), 13-19(3), 20-29(3), 30-39(2), 40-49(5), 50-59(2), 60-69(1), 70+(0)

n) Are you....Male(5) Female(22)

o) Are you involved with a community group? Yes(9) No(15)

If not, would you like to be? Yes(12) No(7)

p) Your name & phone no. (if you wish) *Some names & contact details were provided*

POSITION VACANT



Capacity Building Officer, Tjuntjuntjara

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced applicants to fill the fulltime position of Capacity Building Officer for the Shire of Menzies. The incumbent will implement various programs and activities within the Tjuntjuntjara Community, a remote indigenous community approximately 670kms north west of Kalgoorlie. Further information including; position description, selection criteria and salary package is available from Justin Lee, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Ph. 9024 2702 Email: dceo@menzies.wa.gov.au

Applications close at 12noon on Wednesday 28th January, 2009

Address all applications as confidential.

Brian Seale J.P.

Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Menzies

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SHIRE OF MENZIES



Council Meetings are usually held in the Council Chambers at the Menzies Town Hall

Next 3 Ordinary Meeting of Council will be -

February - Thursday 26 2009 at 9:00am

March - Thursday 26 2009 at 9:00am

April - Thursday 23rd 2009 at 9:00am

Please note that for 2009 all Council Meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of each Month. The general public are welcome for question time at the start of each months Council Meeting.



A New Regional History Book Release

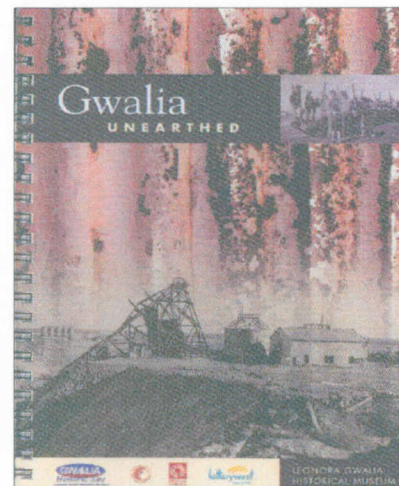
The long awaited comprehensive booklet on the Gwalia Historic site, its Buildings, its Machinery, its History and its Legacy.

64 glossy pages, fold-out maps and over 200 photographs,
all spiral bound in a handy A5 size.

**Special Introductory
Price \$13.95**

(\$16 RRP) + \$5 postage anywhere in Australia.

Available at the Gwalia Museum



GWALIA UNEARTHED

A Sample of new Internet Booking conditions for the Tele Centre

Internet Booking Sheet

'Former' Lady Shenton Hotel

Name:	Date:
Time session started:	Time session completed:

Conditions of use

- Please note: Internet use is only allocated in blocks of 20minute intervals. If addition time is required, please confirm with the Customer Service Officer
- No downloading of content that infringes copyright is allowed
- No downloading to MP3 players or Ipods.

Fee is required to be paid where applicable.

School Age students please note:

- Access to the facilities of the Lady Shenton is restricted to after school hours only
- No access to the Lady Shenton , if the student has not attended school that day

Students who engage in disruptive behaviour must be at first warned and then if further disruptive behaviour follows the student is asked to leave the premises

Please hand back this form to the Centre Co-ordinator at the completion of your session.

Signed: _____

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Monday to Friday

8.30am to 4.30pm

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January 2009 - February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26 Australia Day Public	27 RFDS CLINIC	28	29	30	31
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Podiatrist at Leonora See pg.2	6 Podiatrist at Leonora See pg.2	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Visiting female GP - Leonora See pp. 2	24	25	26 Shire Council Meeting	27	28