

Menzies Matters

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Brian Seale is the new CEO for the Shire of Menzies

Congratulations to our newly appointed Chief Executive Officer: Brian Seale. Brian has been acting in the position since Peter Crawford moved on to Laverton a number of weeks ago. Several candidates for the position were interviewed on Saturday 28th June and Council decided the same day to offer Brian the appointment of CEO. The Shire Council and staff are looking forward to working with Brian in the years ahead.



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea @ Kookynie



The 10th year of a very successful Australia's Biggest Morning Tea in Kookynie was held on Saturday 14th June 2008. The Old Miner's Cottage again hosted this years event and while an array of cakes, savouries and soup were served up and washed down with copious tea & coffee we were all entertained with strumming and vocals by Menzies resident Les Taylor - AKA Slim McCloud.

Thanks to you who couldn't attend but sent in donations and those who cooked, attended, sang and supported the Cancer Council of WA with their attendance and generous donations again this year. With all your support we managed to raise \$414.65 which will go towards much needed Cancer Research.

This event was a particularly poignant occasion with a much loved Kookynie district local, Peter Lloyd missing from the faces at the cottage this year. Peter has been a regular ABMT attendee for many years and has been living with cancer for nearly all of the 10 years the Kookynie ABMT has been held. Recently, again cancer has affected Peter and he was unable to attend this year's event. Our thoughts are with you Peter.

Another regular attendee who was due to be with us on Saturday was another well known Menzies local, Grader Contractor Gary Miller who was involved in a vehicle accident on his way to Menzies. Gary is a tough

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'MENZIES MATTERS'

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Police assistance <i>(non emergency & general enquiries)</i>	13 1444 (all hours)
Menzies Health Centre	9024 2044
Health Direct <i>(24hr advice line)</i>	1800 022 222
Royal Flying Doctor Service	1800 625 800
Poisons Information <i>(24hr advice line)</i>	13 11 26

Antony Gormley, a fascinating artist

Antony Gormley was born in London in 1950, the youngest of seven children, to a German mother and devout Irish Catholic father who happened to be an art lover.

In 1968, he went to Trinity College, Cambridge, to read archaeology, anthropology and the history of art.

Not long after graduating in 1971 he travelled to India to study meditation and Buddhism. He returned to the UK and studied at the Central School of Art and Goldsmiths College, before completing his studies in 1979 with a postgraduate course in sculpture at the Slade School of Fine Art.

Antony's breakthrough came with *Field* which has toured America, Europe and Asia. In 1993, Tate Liverpool showed *Field for the British Isles* made with the help of people aged from 7 to 70 in St Helens, Merseyside. This amazing work comprises 40,000 miniature terracotta figures.

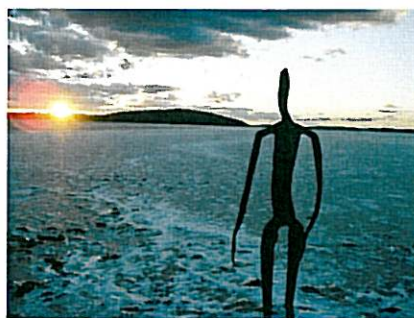
He adopted this collaborative approach in other works; *Allotment* in Malmo in 1996, *Domain Field* at the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, *Gateshead* in 2003 and *Inside Australia at Menzies*, Western Australia, also in 2003.

Many residents of Menzies including myself had their bodies scanned in Menzies and these scans were used as the basis for making forms which allow attitudes and emotion embedded in posture to be revealed.

They are very interesting because all the bodies have different shapes and sizes and their texture is fantastic to feel.

I would recommend you go and have a look at them as they are really worth the drive.

By Jeanette Dobbie



Menzies Remote Community School News

The secondary students have been cooking recipes from around the world. Their most recent recipes are included.



REMPAH

Rempahs are a kind of Eastern hamburger with Indian spices. They may be eaten as a snack or served with rice.

Ingredients

250g mince
100 g desiccated coconut
1 clove garlic crushed
half teaspoon ground coriander
good pinch ground cumin
1 beaten egg
25g cornflour
Oil for frying

- 1) Soak the coconut in 4 tablespoons boiling water
- 2) Mix the meat, squeezed coconut and spices with beaten egg until the mixture sticks together
- 3) Divide into 12 and shape into small burgers
- 4) Dip each burger in cornflour, shake off the excess, then either fry or grill for 5 minutes each side. Serve hot.

Serves 2-4

Old Photographs of Menzies...

We are collecting photos of Menzies that depict its past. If you have something at home that you are willing to allow us to copy. Please drop in to see me...

Thanks... Justin Lee (Community Development Officer)

character and I am sure that despite his injuries he will recover to attend another ABMT in Kookynie. We hope your recovery is a speedy one Gary.

As many of our locals, past and present have been effected by cancer in one form or other and amongst us a few still living with the disease, this years ABMT takes on a more personal note for me than it did 10 years ago. Time to reflect on the importance of a cancer support system for community members dealing with a cancer diagnosis, facing sometimes radical treatment and an uncertain future.

Seven years on, time to be grateful for our own support group of friends who unwittingly came to play an important role in how we eventually coped with John's cancer diagnosis and helped to overcome potentially destructive emotional times afterwards.

Like the people who stepped in and looked after our house and furry friends without hesitation while we had to be away for John's treatment and the people who drove John to medical appointments and sat with him when I could not. Those who made sure our vehicle was in Kalgoorlie when we finally did come home. The ones who had been through it themselves and understood and supported John emotionally. To each and everyone - thank you.

As a way to commemorate all the support for ABMT over the past ten years I will be asking community members in the near future for a favourite recipe whether it be a main dish, desert, cake, slice or warming soup. These will go into a recipe collection that I will endeavour to have printed before 2009 ABMT and it will go on sale in our regional community to raise further funds towards cancer research.

Kind regards,

Robyn & John McCarthy



Ceramics @ Menzies Remote Community School

Last week Mrs Marie Foster visited the school to run a four day ceramics course for the students. She primarily worked with the secondary students who had to build a sculpture for their latest unit of visual art.

The secondary students visited Lake Ballard earlier in the term to look at Antony Gormleys statues, then they researched some of his other works. The students then drew some designs for their own sculptures and Marie came up to teach them how to form clay, methods of slab work, draping, throwing clay and how to build using clay pinch and coil methods.

The students also were taught about some of the kilns features and how a kiln works. Each of the students sculptures look quite impressive and after they have been fired, the pieces will be glazed or have iron oxide on them.



The primary students learnt how to make pinch pots, how to join clay, roll it, form it and coil methods. They each enjoyed making a variety of animals, some of which they will be able to take home and some will be kept for sale at our school market day which will be held in term 4.



During term 3 Marie will be returning and will run two afternoon workshops with adults who are interested.

Menzies 2009 Calendar

What do you value or love about Menzies?

This is the theme for the Menzies 2009 Calendar.

Prizes will be awarded for photographs that are included in the calendar.

Now is the time to start thinking about Menzies and what makes this place so special.

Is it the people, the historic buildings, the bush....???

Entrants will need to submit one or more photographs & include with each photograph, in approximately 25 words or less why this photograph is so important to you.

Entry details will be made available in August.

SHIRE OF MENZIES



**Council Meetings are held in the
Council Chambers, Menzies**

Thursday, 17th July 2008 9.00 am
Thursday, 21st August 2008 9.00am

Tidy Towns

We now have official registration as a Tidy Towns committee and will be meeting at the 'Former' Lady Shenton Hotel on Thursday 24th July @ 4pm.

For more details contact:

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Market Stall at the Leonora Golden Gift

The members of the Kookynie Volunteer Association Inc. wish to thank all the people who supported us through our Tea & Coffee stall on the Leonora Golden Gift weekend. Our three raffles held on Sunday 1st June 2008 were also extremely well received and the following raffle results are listed below.

Raffle No.1 - a framed photo collage was won by Sally Pocock from Leinster with lucky number 18.

Raffle No.2 - a 2.5 gram Gold Nugget Pendant was won by Bill Mason with lucky number 58.

Raffle No.3 - a 1.3 gram Gold Nugget Pendant was won by Robbie & Sue Johnson from Leonora with lucky number 98. (Note the sequence of numbers there!)



A big thanks to Gary & Sandy Burrell from Studio Print in Perth for supplying the Kookynie Volunteer Association Banner and getting it printed on time for the occasion.

Onya Gaz.

Many thanks go to Gavin & Cherie at Leonora Stores for their support & sponsorship towards our stall supplies. We would also like to thank Graham Dawes for the use of the power and Rusty for opening the RSL Shop for us on call and the loan of the Bingo Balls for the Raffle draws.

Raffle thanks to Lynn & Sharon Webb from Goldfields Image Works in Wilson Street, Kalgoorlie for their generous donation of the framed photo collage and local prospector Milton Hanks for generously discounting the gold nugget jewellery.

Last but not least thanks heaps to our volunteers who manned the stall for the weekend and sold raffles and contributed towards making it an enjoyable and successful fundraiser towards our proposed Kookynie Community Hall Project.





Matters arising from the Ordinary Meeting of Council, held Thursday, 19th June 2008.

1. Annual Budget Deliberations.

Council has conducted its annual budget preparation meeting in readiness for adoption scheduled for 17/7/08 and a range of exciting plans are mooted for the 2008/09 year. A listing of the major issues planned is as follows:

a) Capacity Building Officer Tjuntjuntjara	\$146,000
b) Water Harvesting Programme	\$137,000
c) Various Local Road restorations	\$2,212,676
d) Preparation for the Main St. Upgrade	\$20,000
e) Plant Purchases	\$335,500
f) Lake Ballard Development	\$210,000
g) Niagara Dam Project	\$40,000
h) Lady Shenton Upgrade	\$150,000
i) Tea rooms/ Butcher Shop Restoration	\$130,000
j) Caravan Park Upgrade	\$1,100,000
k) Public Toilet at the Truck bay	\$100,000
l) Information Bay at Kookynie	\$50,000
m) Kookynie Walk Trail	\$60,000
Sub total	<u>\$4,691,176</u>

2. Current Projects.

Furthermore a range of projects are in various stages of completion and these were not completed by 30/6/08 as hoped due to largely the difficulties co-ordinating the trades people and contractors being pressured with other contracts.

a. Playing Courts re-surfacing.

The town playing courts were re-surfaced as planned and Grant funding from the Department of Sport and Recreation was a significant contributor to this project.

b. Shire Residence.

This significant project also remains partially completed at 30/6/08 and it is expected that conclusion in readiness for the Works Manager and will occur promptly into the new financial year.

c. Caravan Park Upgrade.

Whilst this major development has commenced, this is an enormous project and one which has consumed a deal of council time and energy, but will be a significant improvement to the town infrastructure upon completion. The majority of this work will be carried out in the 2008/09 year where council budgets \$1,100,000.

d. Accommodation Units.

Staff accommodation units are being progressively developed and this will also be a great asset for the town and the Shire to see completed and utilized.

e. Kookynie Walk Trail.

This project is in the design stage and it is expected that the work will be underway shortly and will further enhance the development concept and quality of life for the Kookynie community.

3. Lake Ballard Project.

This project with huge potential for the growth and development for Menzies progresses along nicely with the Management plan to be drawn to a conclusion by 31/7/08 and this will be the catalyst for future development issues and we can look to great aspects of this project aiding and abetting business development well into the future.

4. "Special Series Menzies Motor Vehicle Plates"

Advices received from the Department of Planning and Infrastructure confirm the price of the Menzies special series plates will increase on July 1st, 2008 to \$135 each set and enquires to order these plates may be made at the administration centre.

5. Post Office

Council for the Shire of Menzies assumed control of the Postal Service from July 1st, 2008 and operates this service from the Lady Shenton premises and this was an innovative move by Council to ensure the service remained in town.

6. Appointment of C.E.O.

Mr. B.W. Seale was appointed to the role of Chief Executive Officer for the Shire on 28/6/08 with effective ratification to take place on 17/7/08. Accordingly this is an exciting time of change and for growth for Menzies and we look for a term of united efforts working co-operatively with council towards achievement of the corporate goals and planning well into the future the projects that will sustain and enhance the Quality of Life for the community of Menzies

7. Motor Vehicle Accident – Gary Miller.

An unfortunate accident in June dampened spirits in Menzies for a time with the motor vehicle accident involving Gary Miller who rolled his truck and was seriously injured in this process. We are given to understand that Gary is on the mend and likely to be released from hospital shortly.

July

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<div> National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Week www.naidoc.org.au </div>						
	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	Council Meeting, Shire of Menzies – 9am Council Chambers	School Holidays	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Student Free Day (School Development Day)			Tidy Towns Meeting – 4pm 'Former' Lady Shenton Hotel		
		Start of Term 3				
27	28	29	30	31		

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