



Menzies Matters

ISSUE 169, JANUARY 2023

FREE

We pay our respects to the traditional owners and elders of the lands on which we live and work.

COMING EVENTS

RFDS

18 JANUARY

AUSTRALIA DAY

BREAKFAST

26 JANUARY

*Here's wishing you all the joy of the season.
Have a Happy New Year!*



*Photo: Annual Community Christmas Gathering
15 December 2022*



THE SHIRE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



DECEMBER 2022

Prior to the Regional Road Group Meeting on Friday 25th November ACEO, Bruce Lorimer (Engineering Consultant) and myself met with Shane Powell, Main Roads, for a discussion on water and gravel availability in relation to the Cut Line Project.

On 29th November ACEO and I attended, via bus from Coolgardie, a site visit at Intractable Waste Facility 90km north of the Great Eastern Highway. We viewed the completed, fenced and rehabilitated waste site and an inspection of the camp facilities. Following the site visit we attended a meeting of the Community Liaison Committee.

The annual Community Christmas Party was held at the Youth Centre on 15th December. Approx. 90 people attended a very enjoyable evening.

ACEO, Cr Dwyer J, Mr Rob Stewart (Acting CEO elect) and myself attended a meeting of the Golden Quest Discovery Trail held in Leonora on 16th December. Discussions centred around the Membership of Shire of Coolgardie and City of Kalgoorlie Boulder as to whether they are going to join the association. In regard to the trail itself, it is now noticeable that the intent of showing to the public the old townsites and surrounds is now changing due to the development of mining activities, in particular the utilisation of bypass roads around these townsites that were built originally close to the mine sites.

Following the GQDTA Meeting, Northern Goldfields Working Group held their meeting at 1.00pm. The group in attendance had discussions on all ongoing issues from the action sheet.

I wish you all Happy New Year.

Greg Dwyer
Shire President

SHIRE NOTES

1. Workforce Accommodation

Council has received a preliminary application regarding the establishment of workforce accommodation in Webb Street, Menzies.

The proposal is for 12 transportable accommodation buildings, each of the 12 buildings would contain 4 accommodation rooms, making for a 48 person work camp.

Under the Shire of Menzies Town Planning Scheme the proposal must be advertised for public comment prior to Council making a decision on the application.

At the Council Meeting held on 20 December 2022 Council resolved as follows:

"That the applicant be advised that "Workforce Accommodation" is a land use that must be advertised upon 56-58 (Lots 1100 & 403) Webb Street, Menzies prior to determination.

That the Acting CEO arrange advertising of the proposal following receipt of a formal application."

2. Communication Mast

Council has previously granted approval for the siting of a communication mast on Lot 100 Suiter Street, Menzies for the provision of internet service to the Mt Ida mine site.

Following a further application Council has supported a second site, that being 50 (Lot 1095) Archibald Street, Menzies. This site contains the St John Ambulance Sub Centre and is Crown Reserve 41269 with a management order issued to St John Ambulance WA.

In supporting a second site Council resolved as follows:

"That Council supports the siting of a communications mast at 50 (Lot 1095) Archibald Street, Menzies.

That the Acting CEO be delegated authority to approve the necessary planning and building approvals subject to the following conditions:

- The applicant must obtain all necessary consent/tenure agreement of the landowner relevant to the site and the access to the site.*
- The applicant must submit all necessary information to enable the assessment of the planning and building permit applications.*
- That the structure comply with civil aviation requirements in respect to the Menzies airstrip.*

Advice Notes:

- In regards to condition 1 the Western Australian Planning Commission have prepared State Planning Policy 5.2 'Telecommunications Infrastructure' and Section 6.3.1 outlines the information to be submitted when lodging a development application.*

- Separate approvals to undertake certain activities may be required from other government agencies under separate legislation of which it is the applicant's responsibility to investigate and address.*
- All operations must be carried out in accordance with any separate requirements from other government agencies under separate legislation which may include the Australian Communications and Media Authority, and Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency pertaining (but not limited) to electromagnetic energy.*
- In the event that the Shire CEO is not satisfied with the level of information provided by the applicant this matter is to be returned to a meeting of Council for further consideration."*

3. Appointment of Chief Financial Officer

Congratulations to Kristy Van Kuyt on her appointment to the position of Chief Financial Officer with the Shire of Menzies. Kristy has filled the role in an acting capacity for the past five months following the resignation of Antonio Giometti.

4. Road Construction

Work is continuing on the Menzies Evanston Road for the sealing of a further 5km section. Roadtech Civil & Construction (Roadtech) was awarded the contract for this work together with the resealing of a 10km section on the Menzies North West Road and the construction and sealing of the final 6kms of the Menzies North West Road to Lake Ballard.

In addition to the above, reconstruction and sealing works will be undertaken on the Kookynie-Malcolm Road between SLK 0.00 and SLK 3.74.

5. Appointment of Acting CEO

My tenure as Acting CEO concludes on Friday 13 January, 2023. I would like to thank Council for giving me the opportunity to once again serve the Shire of Menzies. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the wonderful staff of the Shire that have assisted me over the past six months.

Mr Robert Stewart will fill the role, commencing 16 January 2023. Rob is an experienced CEO having served as CEO in a number of Metropolitan and Regional local governments.

Pascoe Durtanovich

Acting Chief Executive Officer



SHIRE OF MENZIES

ORDINARY MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

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 appointed as Ordinary Council Meeting dates for the period ending Thursday 22 December 2022.

2023

Thursday 23 February	1pm	Menzies
Thursday 30 March	1pm	Menzies
Thursday 27 April	1pm	Tjunjuntjarra

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

Pascoe Durtanovich
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Menzies
PO Box 4, Menzies WA 6436



ORDINARY MEETINGS OF COUNCIL 2023

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 Council for Ordinary Council Meetings for the period ending 31 December 2023.

Thursday, 23 February	1pm	Menzies
Thursday, 30 March	1pm	Menzies
Thursday, 27 April	1pm	Tjuntjuntjara
Thursday, 25 May	1pm	Menzies
Thursday, 29 June	1pm	Menzies
Thursday, 27 July	1pm	Menzies
Thursday, 31 August	1pm	Menzies
Thursday, 28 September	1pm	Tjuntjuntjara
Thursday, 26 October	1pm	Menzies
Thursday, 30 November	1pm	Menzies
Thursday, 21 December	1pm	Menzies

The following dates and locations have been approved by Council for Audit & Risk Committee Meetings for the period ending 31 December 2023.

Thursday, 23 March	11am	Menzies
Thursday, 22 June	11am	Menzies
Thursday, 21 September	11am	Menzies
Thursday, 14 December	11am	Menzies

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


 Pascoe Durtanovich
 Acting Chief Executive Officer



Royal Flying Doctor Service

MENZIES NURSING POST RFDS DATES

18 JANUARY 2023 (DR ANTHONY)

15 FEBRUARY 2023

15 MARCH 2023

12 APRIL 2023

TIME: 9:30AM-2:00PM

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Modern amenities including twenty nine powered sites, and a two bedroom chalet, six unpowered sites, two ablution blocks, a disabled access ablution and a Camper's Kitchen. There is a black water dump point within the park and dogs are welcome but must be on leads at all times. For bookings and enquiries call **(08) 9024 2702** or

Email cso@menzies.wa.gov.au

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 only use facilities for the purposes 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 in the Shire of Menzies office, Shenton Street across from the Community Resource Centre and Caravan Park.



Budgie smugglers help deliver men's mental health message at Lake Ballard

Kalgoorlie Miner | Carwyn Monck | 23 December 2022

A Perth-based health promotion charity visited the Goldfields last week to help foster positive mental health among regional residents and launch an unusual line of swimwear.

Men's Talk delivered its newly developed Blue Mind Roadshow in Menzies to provide information and techniques for residents to nurture their mental health.

During their three-day visit to the Goldfields, the Men's Talk team also held a promotional photoshoot at Lake Ballard to launch their "*budgies for a cause*" mental health promotional swimwear.

Men's Talk chief executive Paul Litwin told the Kalgoorlie Miner the budgie smugglers were designed by South Australian Aboriginal artist Bianka Carson and depicted a yarning circle demonstrating "*how Aboriginal men have come together for thousands of years to talk and communicate*".

All funds raised from sale of the swimwear will be donated to national Aboriginal men's crisis hotline Brother to Brother.

"Brother to Brother is a wonderful organisation which is set up specifically for Aboriginal men to speak to other Aboriginal men when they are in crisis," Mr Litwin said.

"We took these beautiful photos; it was an amazing location."

Mr Litwin said the Blue Mind Roadshow was developed to "*put boots on the ground*" in regional WA to promote awareness, information and education around mental health wellbeing.

"It isn't just a talk show, it's actually providing the important information and the skills for communities in the regions to be able to understand what mental wellbeing is and how to actually practice good mental wellbeing on a daily basis," he said.

"We're going around to these centres and providing them with mind exercises and mind knowledge to be able to cope ... and build resilience in (their) daily lives."

"Mental health in the regions is a significant issue. It's important to address that and to empower those communities with the tools to understand what they need to operate at an optimum level with their mental health and their physical health."

Mr Litwin said the first Blue Mind Roadshow was delivered in Esperance in October and was well received.

He said the Men's Talk team was invited by the Shire of Menzies to bring the concept to the Goldfields to assist their staff and community members.

The Blue Mind Roadshows were funded by the WA Primary Health Alliance through the Australian Suicide Prevention Network.

Mr Litwin said a mind and body balance workshop was held at Lake Ballard with physiotherapist and movement and breath specialist Cam Watkins to promote how *“mental wellbeing and physical wellbeing are interconnected”*.

He said the organisation facilitated mental health first aid courses in metropolitan and regional WA with Beyond All Bounds founder Ben Broadbridge.

The charity's Blue Mind Project also delivers an Armed For Life Youth Resilience program with Adam Przytula.

Mr Litwin said Men's Talk's programs aimed to spark discussions about men's mental health and break down negative stigmas surrounding the topic.

He said the charity organisation was established in February last year in response to the high suicide rate among the Australian male population and operated off their *“promotion, prevention and early intervention”* philosophy.

“A lot of men will wait until the very last minute to either go and see a doctor or psychologist ... because of the typical stereotype ‘I’ll man up, I’ll toughen up, I’ll be fine’,” he said.

“What we need to be doing, particularly for men in the community and men living in the regions, is to build capacity to actually understand what your own wellness is and what you should be doing with that wellness right at the very beginning before it becomes quite something quite serious.”

Mr Litwin said while they primarily focused on men's mental health, the charity was able to help anyone in the community through their programs.

The organisation hoped to deliver the Blue Mind Roadshow in Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Geraldton next year.

Mr Litwin said the organisation was planning on developing *“blue mind hubs”* across regional WA, with the first centre scheduled to open in Esperance in about October.

“The concept of the blue mind hub is to have men's counselling, mentoring, resources all for men and it would be run by the communities themselves but we would help resource it,” he said.

“Everything from financial counselling, parenting, relationships, wellbeing ... so that men in the community would be able to access that information through these blue mind hubs.”

“We want to build blue mind hubs in the major regional centres around from Esperance all the way to Kununurra.”

Men's Talk can be contacted for information about its programs or budgie smugglers at info@mtalk.com.au



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If you plan to stay and defend your property during a bushfire, you must have your own independent water supply and pumping capability. You cannot rely on mains water.

Details and resources about how to prepare for bushfire season can be found at mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au. For warnings and advice visit emergency.wa.gov.au.

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MENZIES MATTERS DEADLINE 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

The deadline for each month is the **LAST DAY OF THE MONTH**.

General Information notices are welcome, as are notification of upcoming local events or if you have recipes, gardening tips or ideas for any other page. All suggestions are welcome.

GRT EXPRESS TIMETABLE

Kalgoorlie to Laverton THURSDAY

EXPRESS	TIME
KALGOORLIE RAILWAY STATION	10.00AM
KALGOORLIE VISITOR CENTRE	10.15AM
MENZIES	11.40AM
KOOKYNIE TURNOFF	12.05PM
LEONORA ARRIVE	12.45PM
DEPART	1.00PM
MURRIN MURRIN TURNOFF	1.45PM
MT MORGAN TURNOFF	1.55PM
LAVERTON	2.30PM

Laverton to Kalgoorlie FRIDAY

EXPRESS	TIME
LAVERTON	10.00AM
MT MORGAN TURNOFF	10.30AM
MURRIN MURRIN TURNOFF	10.40AM
LEONORA ARRIVE	11.15AM
DEPART	11.30AM
KOOKYNIE TURNOFF	12.00PM
MENZIES	12.30PM
KALGOORLIE	2.00PM

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SHIRE OF MENZIES ANNUAL ELECTORS' MEETING

Ratepayers and residents are invited to attend the Annual Electors' Meeting in the Menzies Town Hall, Shenton Street, Menzies, on Tuesday 14 February, 2023, commencing 5pm to discuss the contents of the 2021/22 Annual Report and any other general business.

The Annual Report is available on the Shire website
www.menzies.wa.gov.au

Pascoe Durtanovich
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Menzies



Happy Australia Day



Thursday, 26 January 2023

Come join us on the **Menzies Oval** to celebrate **Australia Day** starting from **9:30am** for the **Community Breakfast**.

And then the fun begins pick your teams and enjoy a game of friendly Cricket, or just have a splash at the water park or on the waterslide

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PROBLEM SNAKES

Warning: Snakes are becoming more active now that the weather is warming up.

Take precautions around your accommodation and if you are out bush.

Remove rubbish from around the house where snakes and lizards could hide.

We have two persons in town working for the Shire who have completed a snake handling course.

Call Debbie Pianto: 0410 766 076

Call John Warner: 0418 901 926

Paul Warner (when he is in town) is also available: 0428 376 154





Menzie's Community Resource Centre located at the corner of Shenton and Brown Streets in Menzie's, is your local access point offering a range of services in Menzie's.



Services include:

- Visitor Information and Public Library
- Community Postal Agency
- Caravan Park Bookings
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- Free Government Access Point
- Internet Access Point
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HOW TO PROTECT AGAINST MOSQUITO BITES

★ FIGHT the BITE ★

Prevent mosquito bites

★ COVER UP. REPEL. CLEAN UP. ★



COVER UP

Wear long, loose-fitting, light coloured clothing, covering as much of the body as you can. Mosquitoes can bite through tight clothes like jeans. Make sure children are also covered up.



REPEL

Use insect repellent containing DEET (diethyltoluamide) or picaridin and always follow instructions on the label.



CLEAN UP

Stop mosquitoes breeding in water pooling around your home or holiday accommodation by emptying water from



SEVEN GOLDEN RULES FOR PROSPECTING

1.

Put safety first

- Make sure you have enough water, fuel, maps and first aid supplies.
- Give serious consideration to taking some form of telecommunications and a global positioning system to fix locations, and a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) – it may turn out to be your most important safety device.

2.

Obtain a Miner's Right permit

when prospecting on vacant Crown land (\$25 from any Mining Registrar's office).

3.

Obtain a 40E permit

prior to prospecting within an exploration tenement (if you don't have written permission from the tenement holder).

4.

Get written permission

from the tenement holder when prospecting on:

- a mining lease
- an exploration licence (if you don't have a 40E permit)
- a prospecting licence

5.

Comply with all legal requirements

when prospecting on a pastoral lease. You cannot prospect within 100 metres of any occupied building or within 400 metres of any livestock watering point without the consent of the pastoralist.

6.

Show respect when on Crown land

because it is used by other people or set aside for many purposes.

7.

Fill any holes

that you dug and repair ground that has been disturbed.

1080 BAITING IN THIS AREA IS A RISK TO DOMESTIC PETS

Please be advised that baiting programs using 1080 poison are carried out across Western Australia, 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 APPLICABLE, HOWEVER THEY MAY BE DAMAGED, REMOVED, VANDALISED OR DESTROYED

1080 baiting is part of an integrated pest management program protecting livestock from death and injury; reducing the impact on pastoral and agricultural production; and helping to preserve the unique flora and fauna of WA. Baits are not intentionally laid in public areas such as road reserves, parking bays, rest stops or roadhouses however can be inadvertently moved into these areas by animals and birds.

1080 is an S7 Poison



Services
Australia



The Cashless Debit Card (CDC) program is ending

How to end CDC using your Centrelink online account through myGov

To submit a request to end CDC online you need a myGov account linked to Centrelink.

If you don't have a myGov account or a Centrelink online account you'll need to set them up first. To do this, go to my.gov.au and select **Create account**.

1 Sign in to myGov

Go to my.gov.au and sign in.

2 Submit your request to end participation

On the home page of your Online Services account, select the **Payments and Claims** menu option.

From the **Manage Payments** list, select **Cashless Debit Card participation**.

This page only appears if you are eligible to end your participation.

3 Stop your participation in the CDC program

On the **Stop your participation in the Cashless Debit Card (CDC) program** page, select **Next**.

Stop your participation in the Cashless Debit Card (CDC) program

The Australian Government is ending the CDC program.

By submitting a request to End CDC below, you are asking Services Australia to end your participation in the program.

Voluntary Income Management (VIM) may help you manage your payments for food, rent and bills. If you are interested in volunteering, please call us on **1800 252 604** to discuss how to do this. Do not continue with this request to end CDC if you would like to volunteer for VIM.

If the Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC) in Queensland placed you on the CDC program, you will need to contact them directly to discuss your participation.

Next

HOW TO END CDC USING YOUR CENTRELINK ONLINE ACCOUNT THROUGH MYGOV

4 Read about what this means for you

If you understand and agree to end your participation, select **I understand and agree**.

Select **Next**.

What this means for me

By taking the following steps, you're asking Services Australia to end your participation in the CDC program.

To show you understand, please read and acknowledge the following statements. You will need to make a declaration on the final page. If you do not confirm your understanding and make the declaration, you cannot end your participation in the CDC program.

I understand:

- Services Australia will no longer pay into my CDC account
- Services Australia will pay my future payments into my personal bank account
- I need to set up new arrangements to pay my regular bills and payments as these will stop being paid from my CDC account
- I need to set up new arrangements for any Buy Now, Pay Later Services. This includes services such as AfterPay or Zip Pay etc. as these will stop being paid
- Current Centrelink and Rent Deduction Scheme deductions will continue

Confirmation:

☐ I understand and agree

Next

5 Read about the support that is available

To continue to end your participation online, select **Next**.

Services Australia Support

Compulsory Income Management (IM)

Compulsory IM continues to operate.

You may become eligible if you move to a place that has IM. This includes the Northern Territory or other locations around Australia.

We will write to you if you're eligible for IM and tell you what you need to do.

You can read more about [Income Management](#) or call us on 1800 532 594 (call charges may apply).

Centrelink

You can use Centrelink® to make regular payments. Centrelink is a free and voluntary service.

It may help you manage bills, such as electricity or rent, directly from your Centrelink payments.

You can read more about [Centrelink](#).

Other help

You can find information about other government and community services. To find out more, go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/servicefinder](#)

We also have information about managing your money and can refer you for financial management support services if you would like assistance with budgeting, saving for something you need, or managing a debt. These services are free and confidential and it is your choice to use these services. To find out more, go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/managingmoney](#)

If you would like more support or help with this change you can contact us on the Cashless Debit Card Hotline on 1800 252 604

Next

6 Accept the declaration

If you would like Services Australia to end your CDC participation, select **I accept the declaration**.

Select **Submit**.

When your CDC participation ends 2 things will happen:

- all of your payment will go into the bank account details we have for you
- your CDC account will close within 14 days.

Declaration

I would like Services Australia to end my CDC participation.

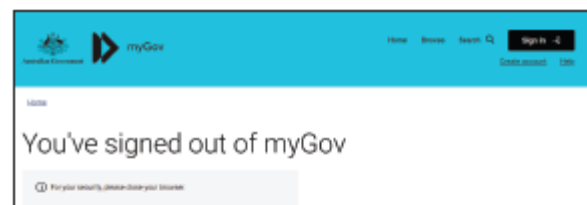
☐ I accept the declaration

Submit

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7 Don't forget to sign out of your myGov account

For your privacy and security, select **My account**, then **Sign out** when you've finished using your myGov account.



Other ways to end your participation

If you want to end your participation another way you can:

- call the Cashless Debit Card hotline on 1800 252 604
- visit a Services Australia service centre.

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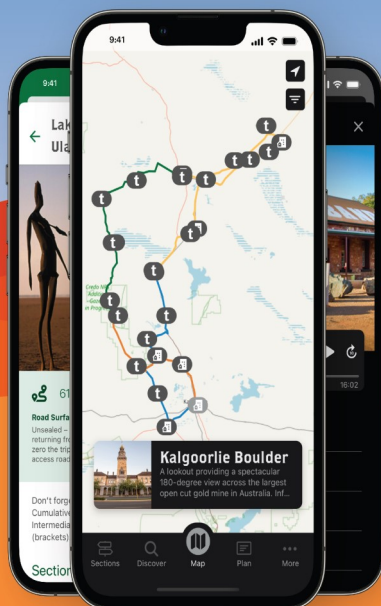
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come and see us at the CRC and we'll do our best to publish them and help make their day even more special.



Golden Quest Discovery Trail

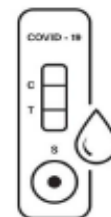
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4 January 2023

With Senior Regional Officer for Goldfields Esperance Bouyden McKenzie

Post-Christmas gift returns and gift card rules

With the season of giving now over, many consumers will be considering returning their unwanted Christmas gifts or putting their new gift card in a drawer to spend later.

Under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL), consumers have certain rights when it comes to gifts that are faulty, unsafe, not as described or were not delivered in time.

If a gift is faulty, unsafe or not as described, Australian retailers must offer a remedy such as a refund, replacement or repair, even if it was on sale.

Generally though, proof of purchase is required, such as a receipt or credit card statement from the gift giver. Some retailers may offer a refund or credit without proof of purchase as a gesture of goodwill, but this not a requirement by law.

If you plan to return unwanted gifts such as a toy your child may already have or a shirt that doesn't fit properly, this is considered to be a "change of mind", which falls outside of the ACL. In this situation, retailers are under no obligation to offer a refund, store credit or exchange, so it is best to check their return policy.

If returning a gift, the original packaging should be included where possible unless the gift was faulty or breaks after use.

If you received a gift card for Christmas, make sure to check the expiry date. By law, a minimum expiry period of three years is required on most gift cards. Three years is a long time though, so consider using it before you put it in a drawer and forget about it. You also can't be certain the retailer will still be around in three years' time.











Finally, if a gift failed to turn up in time for Christmas, you may be entitled to a remedy but it is best to contact the retailer to resolve the issue first before lodging a complaint with Consumer Protection.

If post-Christmas consumer issues can't be resolved with the retailer, you can lodge a formal complaint on the Consumer Protection website. Enquiries can be made by email consumer@dmir.wa.gov.au or by calling 1300 30 40 54.

<ENDS>

COVID-19: IDENTIFYING THE SYMPTOMS

Coronavirus
(COVID-19)

SYMPTOMS		COVID-19	COLD	FLU
		Symptoms range from mild to severe	Gradual onset of symptoms	Abrupt onset of symptoms
Fever		Common	Rare	Common
Cough		Common	Common	Common
Sore Throat		Sometimes	Common	Common
Shortness of Breath		Sometimes	No	No
Fatigue		Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Aches & Pains		Sometimes	No	Common
Headaches		Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or Stuffy Nose		Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhea		Rare	No	Sometimes, especially for children
Sneezing		No	Common	No

Adapted from material produced by WHO, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



**TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP
THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.**

For more information about
Coronavirus (COVID-19) visit health.gov.au



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The Outback Vision Van

The Lions Outback Vision Van is a specialist mobile eye health clinic, visiting regional and remote communities in Western Australia. It contains state-of-the-art equipment for the diagnosis and treatment of most major eye diseases.

Come and see us in Menzies

27 - 28 February 2023

Menzies Shire Administration
Building - Shenton St

For more information, please contact:
Lions Outback Vision (08) 9381 0802



SHIRE OF MENZIES ANNUAL REPORT, 2022

The Shire of Menzies Annual Report for financial year 2021/2022 was accepted by Council on 20 December 2022. The Report can be viewed online at www.menzies.wa.gov.au. Copies are also available at the Shire Office, Shenton Street, Menzies.

Pascoe Durtanovich
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Menzies

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SPEED
and limit the damage.”



Goldfields-Esperance Region working together for road safety

JANUARY

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 RFDS Dr Anthony	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 OZ Day Breakfast	27	28	29
30	31					

FEBRUARY

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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