



MENZIES MATTERS

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SHIRE Updates



New Acting CEO

The Shire welcomed a new Acting CEO on 16 January 2023.

Like many rural and remote Shires around the state, Menzies has experienced difficulty in attracting and retaining permanent CEOs.

Previous Acting CEO Pascoe Durtanovich has left to spend more time with his family and new Acting CEO Rob Stewart noted that he would have big shoes to fill as Pascoe had obviously been working diligently on the many projects the Shire has in progress or planned.

Rob has worked in local government for most of his career and in 2020 retired after twenty years as CEO at the Shire of Plantagenet in the Great Southern. Since retirement he has acted as CEO at a number of rural Shires including Katanning, Capel, Kent and Broomehill-Tambellup.

‘The passion for local government and serving the community hasn’t left me’ Rob said ‘and while that passion is there I welcome the opportunities to give back to the industry and continue to learn.



SHIRE

Meeting Dates



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.

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

Audit & Risk Committee Meetings 2023

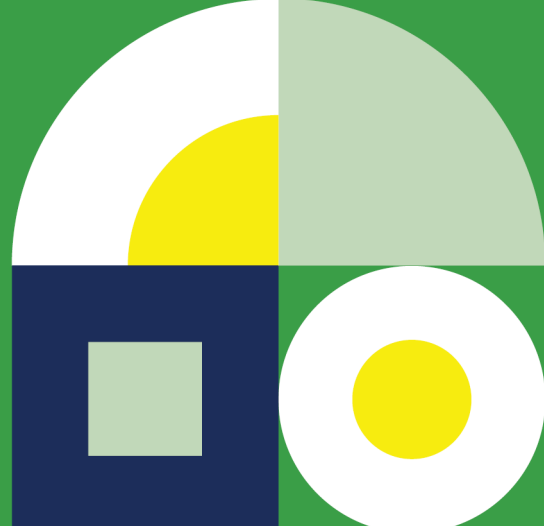
The following dates and locations have been approved by Council for Audit & Risk Committee Meetings for the period ending 31 December 2023.

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, 23 March	11 am	Menzies
Thursday, 22 June	11 am	Menzies
Thursday, 21 September	11 am	Menzies
Thursday, 14 December	11 am	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.

Robert Stewart — Acting Chief Executive Officer

UPCOMING Events



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

Robert Stewart — Acting Chief Executive Officer

UPCOMING Events



The Outback Vision Van

What is it?

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

Venue

Menzies Shire Administration Building—Shenton St

For more information

Please contact

Lions Outback Vision (08) 9381 0802

The Shire of Menzies in association with the Menzies Aboriginal Corporation (MAC) is pleased to offer community members the opportunity to attend the Accredited Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health First Aid



BECOME A MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AIDER

to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

In any one year, approximately 1 in 5 Australians aged 16-85 have a common mental illness. Evidence suggests that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experience this at a higher rate.

Mental Health First Aid training will teach you practical skills to support a person with a mental health problem. Make a real difference to the people in your community.

MHFA TRAINING BENEFITS

KNOWLEDGE

Improves knowledge of mental illnesses, treatments and first aid actions.

CONFIDENCE

Increases confidence in providing first aid.

DE-STIGMATISING

Decreases stigmatising attitudes.

SUPPORT

Increases the support provided to others.

DATE: Tuesday, 7 and Wednesday, 8 February 2023

**Address: Menzies Aboriginal Corporation
43 Walsh Street, Menzies WA 6436**

Time: 9.30am – 4.30pm

Lunch and Morning Tea provided

PLACES ARE LIMITED & TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT BY 1 February 2023:

Almetra Bethlehem/Debbie Pianto | cs@menzies.wa.gov.au | 08 9024 2702

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News & Updates



Help fight COVID



Thanks for staying strong. Let's keep it up by:

- Staying up-to-date with your free COVID vaccinations
- Washing hands with soap and water, cleaning surfaces, and wearing a mask indoors and in crowded places
- Staying home and getting tested if you or your family feel sick.

Find out more at WA.gov.au/staystrongWA

We're all in this together.




Ask about COVID medications




- Some people may be eligible for special COVID medication
- COVID medication works best in the first few days so tell your doctor or healthcare worker early if you get COVID
- Have a chat with your doctor or healthcare worker at your next check-up to see if you're eligible.

Find out more at WA.gov.au/staystrongWA

We're all in this together.



Stay home when you're sick



If you or your family feel sick, stay home until you're better.

If you test positive to COVID:

- Stay home for 7 days
- Keep away from other people at home to keep them safe
- Tell your doctor or healthcare worker. You might be eligible for special COVID medication.

Find out more at WA.gov.au/staystrongWA

We're all in this together.



Wash hands to stop germs



To fight COVID:

- Wash hands with soap and water, or use hand sanitiser
- Clean shared surfaces often
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or tissue.

Thanks for staying strong, to keep you and your family safe.

Find out more at WA.gov.au/staystrongWA

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11 January 2023

With Senior Regional Officer for Goldfields Bouyden McKenzie

Dramatic increase in used motor vehicles complaints in WA

Consumer complaints for defective used motor vehicles in Western Australia (WA) skyrocketed over the last five years, increasing 730% and peaking in 2022.

With 777 complaints lodged to Consumer Protection in 2021 and 2022 compared to a total of 287 complaints in 2018 to 2020, the surge in demand for used vehicles was primarily due to long delivery delays on new vehicles during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other contributing factors to the rise in complaints is believed to be flood-affected written-off vehicles from the eastern states being sold in WA, as well as a strong demand for used four wheel drive vehicles due to travel restrictions keeping families grounded in WA.

Many of the complaints over the last five years were for used vehicles that broke down within days of being purchased, some shortly after being driven out of the car yard.

This rise in demand for used vehicles in WA means some sellers may be enticed to off-load vehicles that may be defective.

Consumers should be vigilant when shopping around in this over-heated used vehicle market and make sure to get the vehicle inspected to check it is mechanically sound.

It is also recommended before purchasing, to check the used vehicle's history on the Personal Property Securities Register (PPSR) website to see if it has been written-off or has money still owing on it.

Specific warranties may not apply or may have expired on some used vehicles, however consumer guarantees under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL) may still apply.

Consumers should not take no for an answer when asking a seller for a refund, repair or replacement if defects are discovered.

Unfortunately private sales are not covered under the ACL, so buyers should be extra vigilant and do the same checks before making a purchase, as you could be out of pocket if something goes wrong.

The dramatic increase in complaints over the last two years in particular, has seen a total of \$6.1 million being successfully returned to consumers who lodged complaints with Consumer Protection.

Complaints relating to vehicle sales can be lodged via the [Consumer Protection website](https://www.consumer.wa.gov.au) or enquiries can be made by email consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au or by calling 1300 30 40 54.



Government of Western Australia
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety



Community Column

Consumer Protection 140 William Street Perth Western Australia 6000
Email: cpmedia@dmirs.wa.gov.au | www.dmirs.wa.gov.au | www.wa.gov.au

25 January 2023

With Commissioner for Consumer Protection Trish Blake

Watch out for Kimberley flood scams

People in flood-affected communities in the Kimberley and generous West Australians wanting to help with donations, are being warned to be on the lookout for opportunistic scammers trying to steal money in the wake of this disaster.

Scammers are posing as legitimate registered charity - Leedal Foundation Limited - in Fitzroy Crossing, using a fake Instagram account in their name, asking donors to buy Amazon ecards.

The real Leedal Foundation Limited does not have an Instagram account but have been raising funds through their Facebook page for people who have lost their homes in Fitzroy Crossing.

Scammers are targeting people who have already donated on Leedal Foundation Limited's Facebook page, sending them a private message through the fake Instagram page, and thanking them for their donation.

When donors reply, scammers then lure potential victims in by asking if they would like to further assist by purchasing Amazon ecards to go directly to flood-affected victims.

To avoid being scammed ensure your donation goes to the intended cause, only donate to licensed charities or official fundraisers like the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund.

Scammers are also targeting people in the Kimberley, posing as their real friends by sending a Facebook message, asking if they have received their \$20,000 flood relief money yet.

On reply, the scammers send a link to a fake Facebook page using images of a Serbian politician, telling people to add him as a friend and send a message asking for the \$20,000.

If people make contact with the fake agent, this will likely result in scammers asking for personal information - such as bank account details - to steal money.

The real friend who originally messaged was likely hacked by scammers, or a new Facebook account was created in their name.

Consumers should be on the lookout for new friend requests and language used by friends and if unsure, call or text the friend to check if the message is truly from them.

If you receive a text, email, phone call or social media message from someone you don't know, it is important to practice the pause... and think, could this be a scam?

If you have lost money to a scam or become aware of one, report it to [WA ScamNet](http://WA_ScamNet) online or call 1300 30 40 54. Further information and downloadable Kimberley flood scam resources can be found on the WA ScamNet website: <https://scamnet.wa.gov.au/Kimberleyscams>



Educator Careers Locally in Goldfields, WA



What is Thriving Futures?

Thriving Futures (TF) is a workforce development program in the remote towns of the Pilbara and Goldfields.

The program is available to qualified and unqualified Educators with and without experience and people who are looking to start their career in Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC).

The program offers **FREE:**

- Career Development Pathways
- Mentoring
- Scholarships
- Professional Development

KICKSTART YOUR CAREER in Early Childhood Education & Care!

**We are on the hunt for Early Childhood
Educators and Teachers!**

Our centres in Goldfields have multiple roles available!

- 📍 Goodstart Somersville
- 📍 Leinster Community Day Care Centre

Are you an Early Learning Educator or Teacher?

- Working towards your ECEC Qualification
- Certificate III
- Diploma in ECEC
- Bachelor of ECE



What Centres offer you:

An ECEC career right here in Goldfields with so many
extra perks!

- Visa Support Opportunities
- Above Awards Rates
- Permanent Position
- TF Professional Development



Speak to our team today

P: 1300 66 11 64

E: recruitment@thrivingfutures.org.au

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FREE DELIVERY

service to Menzies.

Phone, fax or email your scripts / order to Leonora Pharmacy direct or ask at the Visitor Information Centre to fax your scripts / order through to the pharmacy.

(This includes non prescription items)

Collect and pay for your order at the Menzies Visitor Information Centre after 2pm the following day.

LEONORA PHARMACY RESPECTS YOUR RIGHTS TO PRIVACY

Please be assured that all prescription and non-prescription items will be sent in a sealed bag.

Leonora Pharmacy Phone: (08) 9037 6820

Email: leonorapharmacy@jintet.net.au



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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

CALL 08 9080 4370 FOR COMMUNITY NURSE

**EMERGENCY
24 HOURS - CALL 000**

**POISON INFORMATION
24 HOURS - CALL 13 11 26**

**IF CENTRE UNATTENDED & IN NEED
OF IMMEDIATE HEALTH ADVICE
24 HOURS HOTLINE
CALL 1800 022 222**



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STRONG AS ITS PEOPLE.**



**HELP YOURS BY BECOMING A ST JOHN
AMBULANCE WA VOLUNTEER TODAY.**

Volunteers are important people who donate their time to help others. Your community relies on local volunteers to keep this vital service running.

To find out more about making a real difference in your community visit www.stjohnchangelives.com.au or call **1800 069 393**.

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CARAVAN AND CAMPING

The Menzies Caravan Park is conveniently located next to the Visitor Centre which is also the booking agent Entry via Brown Street Menzies.



Modern amenities including twenty six powered sites, 6

unpowered sites , two self contained cabins one being disabled access, two ablution blocks, disabled access ablution and Camp Kitchen . There is a black water dump point within the park and pet s are welcome but must be on a lead at all times. For bookings and en-

quiries call **08 9024 2702** Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm all other hours call our caretaker **0473 633 149** or Email **cso@menzies.wa.gov.au / bookings@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 provide, 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 .



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Menzies Community Resource Centre located at the corner of Shenton & Brown Streets. Menzies is your local access point offering a range of services.



Services include

- Visitor Information
- Public Library
- Community Postal Agency
- StarTrack Courier
- Toll Freight Lines Agency
- Free Government Access Point
- Internet Access Point
- Conference & Meeting Room Hire

Opening hours Monday to Friday

8.30am to 4.30pm

Call us today on

(08) 9024 2702

or Email :-cs@menzies.wa.gov.au



1080 BAITING IN THIS AREA IS A RISK TO DOMESTIC PETS

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



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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

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

1800 620 440

OR (08) 9092 6000

PURCHASE TICKET ONLINE

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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

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

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

If you have recipes, gardening tips or ideas for any other page are all welcomed.

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Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Mines and Petroleum**

The 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 Location 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

when prospecting within an exploration tenement (if you do not 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 do not have a 40E permit)

a prospecting licence

5. Comply with all legal requirements

when prospecting on a pastoral lease, this includes gaining permission from the pastoralist for access to certain areas.

6. Show respect when on Crown land

because it is used or set aside for many purposes, including:

pastoral and grazing activities

parks and forests

the use and benefit of Aboriginal people

mining activities

7. Fill any holes

that you dug and repair ground that has been disturbed.

★ FIGHT *the* BITE ★



PROTECT YOURSELF



DISEASE-CARRYING MOSQUITOES



against

★ COVER UP. REPEL. CLEAN UP. ★



WEAR LONG,
LOOSE-FITTING,
CLOTHING.



USE INSECT
REPELLENT.



REMOVE THE
WATER THEY
BREED IN.

Mosquitoes can spread serious and potentially deadly diseases.
For more information contact the Department of Health or visit:

www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/ **FIGHTTHEBITE**



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Department of Health

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Happy Birthday

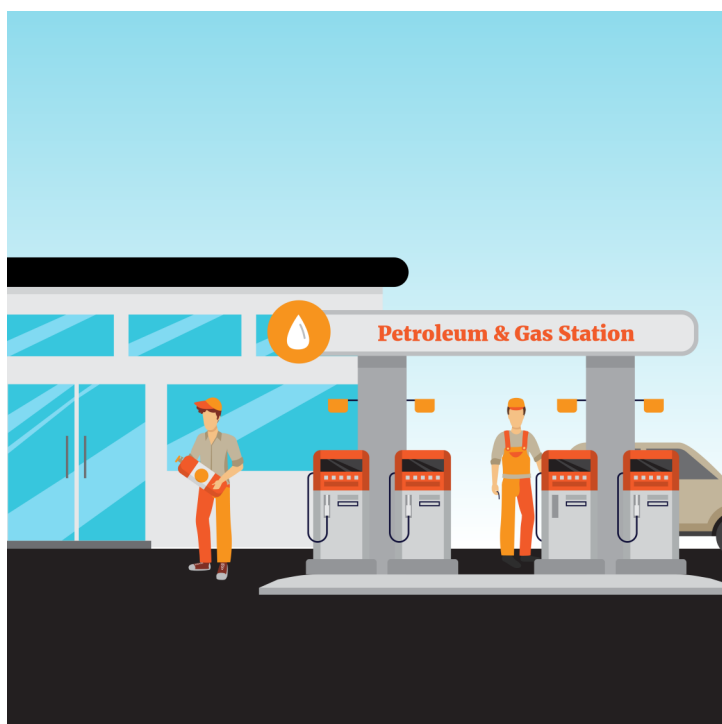
If someone in your family or someone you care for is celebrating a birthday, we would love to share your special birthday message.

Please send to cso@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!



**UNLEADED & DIESEL FUEL
are now available in the
Menzies Town Centre**

SELF-SERVE via pre-paid debit / credit card



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FREE RAT TEST KIT QUANTITY LIMITED



WHERE TO COLLECT: MENZIES CRC

WHEN: MONDAY - FRIDAY

TIME: 8:30AM-4:30PM

PHONE: 08 9024 2702

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Kalgoorlie Boulder
A hidden treasure is hidden here.
The original mine where the original
gold was found in Australia. Tell

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PHOTOS OF THE Month



*Bruce, Nadine and Janet ready to enjoy breakfast
Tim Ayam and Ray Cooking up a big breakfast
Debbie flipping the egg
Gary, Audrey and Lorraine filling their plates with breakfast.*

PHOTOS OF THE Month



*Tony, Kristy, Shane , Maureen, Debbie & Ray
Tim Ayam Maureen and Ray
Tony Woolmer and Dave McKenna
John Mertyn, John Warner & Shane Hearn*

An abstract geometric composition featuring large, overlapping curved shapes in a vibrant green, a bright yellow, and a deep navy blue. The shapes are arranged in a way that creates a sense of movement and depth, with some areas appearing to be in the foreground and others receding into the background. The overall effect is a modern, minimalist aesthetic.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Mental Health First Aid Training (MAC Centre) 9:30am-4:30pm	Mental Health First Aid Training (MAC Centre) 9:30am-4:30pm				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Annual Elector’s Meeting Town Hall 5:00pm					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Ordinary Council Meeting Council Chambers 1:00pm			
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
The Outback Vision Van Admin Carpark	The Outback Vision Van Admin Carpark					