



Menzies Matters

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CEO's Message



Council Meeting Notes

The following items were endorsed by the Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on 29 February 2024:

- Adopted the Mid-year Budget Review of Financial Year 2023/2024
- Adopted the Compliance Audit Return 2023
- Adopted the CEO Delegations Register
- Endorsed the March Ordinary Meeting of the Council be held at the Council Chambers, 124 Shenton Street Menzies

Glenda Teede
Chief Executive Officer

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I am pleased to present the President's Report for the month of February 2024, highlighting key events and engagements undertaken during this period.

On 1 February, we held the General Electors Meeting, which saw a commendable turnout of community members. The session was marked by fruitful exchange of ideas and a substantial number of questions, reflecting the active engagement of our community members.

Following this, on 2 February, I participated in the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) meeting held in Kalgoorlie. Addressing pertinent issues concerning our region. Discussed items included endorsing the Safer Goldfields Regional Action Plan (SGRAP), reviewing the Goldfields Esperance Regional Road update, Native Title impacts for regional development, reliable and sustainable power supply for the region, cost of living impacts for regional and remote communities, and mitigation plans/programs for local governments in the event of mining or other industry sector closures.

On 6 February, I engaged in a productive meeting with Brightstar Resources, exploring avenues for collaboration and discussing matters of mutual interest and benefit to our community.

Later in the month, on 15 February, I joined the Town Hall Meeting focused on the Menzies Hotel, witnessing a strong turnout from the community. Community members raised their concerns about the future of Menzies Hotel, and constructive dialogues happened. Responses from Dave Hadden, Sudhir, Dave, and Sue were duly noted.

Continuing our community engagements, on 20 February, I participated in discussions with Cyclclassic organisers regarding this year's Cyclclassic Event.

Moreover, on the same day, I conducted an online session with Rick Wilson, Member for O'Connor and Neil Thompson, Shadow Minister for Planning, Environment, Lands and Heritage and Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region, addressing concerns raised by local governments affected by the downturn in the nickel industry.

Lastly, on 23 February, I attended the GVROC State Council meeting via Zoom, leveraging technology to actively participate in regional governance initiatives despite logistical challenges.

Paul Warner

Shire President

Heavy rain in the Kookynie area late in January resulted in severe damage to Malcolm Road and Mt Remarkable Road and damage to Kookynie Yarri Road. Our own staff and a contractor spent more than two weeks repairing the damage. This took away from usual maintenance grading, but this has since been re-commenced.

Damage from strong winds late last year resulted in damage to the water park/children's playground area. The sail over the playground is being replaced, but we have decided to erect a solid roof over the water park. This is currently being ordered and will be erected as soon as possible.

In mid-February the water park suffered an electrical fault which resulted in the park being out of action for a few days. This has since been rectified. It has been disappointing to see the amount of rubbish left at the water park, especially when several bins are located very close to the park.

The surface of the airstrip at Kookynie has been levelled and rolled, removing the cattle tracks crossing it. An aerial survey team will shortly be utilizing the strip. The Menzies airstrip continues to suffer damage from vehicles using it as a drag strip. This results in our crew having to level and roll surface

Recent rain has resulted in grass and weed growth and this is being controlled by the works crew,

Garbage collection has been affected by a worn hydraulic pump on the waste collection truck which only functions when oil is fairly cool. The crew have been doing their best to collect during early morning, but this has forced us to spread the work over several days. A new pump has been purchased and we are awaiting delivery.

The crew have been attempting to keep as many trees as possible alive by hand watering , where irrigation is not available, through the hot months and have succeeded with most. If any resident is interested in planting footpath trees, and being responsible for their maintenance, they should contact me to discuss the suitability of location and species.

Wilson Street, Onslow Street and Sandstone Road are currently being used heavily by mining trucks and drivers should take extra care on these roads.

Garth Marland

Works Manager

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 28 March	1 pm	Menzies
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



Community Bus

The Community Bus will be leaving from the Shire of Menzies office every Thursday at 7am.

Stops will include Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital, Coles and Woolworths. Departing from Kalgoorlie at 12pm.

The cost is \$5 one-way or \$10 return. Please reserve your tickets at the Menzies CRC or by phone: 9024 2702



COMMUNITY BATTERY RECYCLING



**DROP-OFF AT COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE /
VISITOR CENTRE**





This month features a new and enthusiastic pair that have in just 5 short months created something from nothing.

You will guess, when you see the photo of the sunflowers, that I am of course talking about Sam and Lucy. I remember that just weeks after arriving back to his family home, Sam was dashing about the garden like Johnny Appleseed, sowing Sunflower seeds into any old pot or old garden bed he could find. The result is a real show of different sized and coloured sunflowers produced over the Summer season.

What I did not realise was how devoted Sam and Lucy both are to plants. This is most obvious when you see the huge variety of potted plants that have been transported here from Lucy's old home in Perth. There are so many types that the photo I took does not do them justice but if you are keen why not ask them for a tour.

Sam has been working hard at getting the ground broken up enough to plant in. Their block seems to sit on hard quartz in places. Sam's solution is to dig a hole and fill it with new soil. The quartz rock inside the hole holds the water like a reservoir for these harsh conditions. Look at the growth of the passion fruit with just 4 weeks in the ground!

The other stand out in their garden is the converted shade house over what was an old chook run. The tomatoes and basil, rosemary, leafy greens, mint, parsley, cucumbers to name a few all powering on under the watchful eye of these avid green thumbs.

- Cheryl Poole





What could best be said that reflects gardening in Menzies over the last few months, except to gaze at the cloudless sky, exhale and curse the hot dry earth, not to mention the vile wind and always remember the words never bank on summer rain.

But it is perhaps through this act of “trying to grow flowers in the desert” that the resilience of those that chose to live in this outback outpost is best reflected and for the romantic also the optimism that went into the founding of our little town and that perhaps that optimism is still part of our DNA.

Flowery words aside pun intended, Lucy and I have recently made our home in Menzies and we both wanted to make a garden to spend our time, enjoy in leisure and perhaps to supplement the pantry.

One of the conditions of Lucy moving to Menzies was that her plants come with her, although warned by many that this would result in their demise. She quickly found a home for them under the shade of the back veranda and with water they have flourished, the choice of succulent being ideal for the situation.

I also had my conditions and they were that I would be able to grow sunflowers aplenty and with water they too seemed to have flourished during the cursed months.

Making use of the infrastructure available to us we quickly put to use the shade house, while our initial crop of tomatoes was bountiful, they have since withered and the hard summer months belong to the basil, chillies and the apple cucumber which my father recommended based on his recollections of his childhood in Gwalia.

As we head into Autumn, we hope to plant more tomatoes and we hope the vines we planted reward us with fruit after keeping them alive through the trying months.

After the months of tribulation perhaps the exhalation now is of relief as we look forward to more favourable conditions in the garden and more pleasant days to be spent in them.

– Sam Mazza





March Birthdays

11 SHONY TAMBIS	17 DONNA CAVAZZI
13 JUSTIN LEE	24 JOSIE WILLIAMS
14 GREG WHITEHEAD	26 ADELE BONNY
14 SOPHIE TAYLOR	31 DARIEN TUCKER



Date (Wednesdays)	Time
March 13	9.30am
April 3	9.30am
May 8	9.30am
June 5	9.30am
July 3	9.30am
July 31	9.30am
August 28	9.30am
September 25	9.30am
October 23	9.30am
November 20	9.30am
December 18	9.30am

Call 08 9080 4370 for Community Nurse

EMERGENCY

24 HOURS – CALL 000

**If Centre unattended in need of
immediate health advice**

24 HOURS HOTLINE – CALL 1800 022 222

POISON INFORMATION

24 HOURS—CALL 13 11 261



Royal Flying Doctor Service



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@iinet.net.au



A COMMUNITY IS ONLY AS 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**.

Local Advertisements

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 having disabled facilities, two ablution blocks, disabled access ablution and Camp Kitchen.

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

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
9am to 4pm

Call us today on (08) 9024 2702

Or email: cso@menzies.wa.gov.au

Services Include:

- Visitor Information
- Public Library
- Community Postal Agency
- StarTrack Courier

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
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.





GRT EXPRESS TIMETABLE

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

Express	Time
Laverton	10am
Mt Morgan Turnoff	10:30 am
Murrin Murrin Turnoff	10:40 am
Leonora - arrive	11:15 am
Leonora - depart	11:30 am
Kooyne Turnoff	12:00 pm
Menzies	12:30 pm
Kalgoorlie	2:00 pm

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES 1800 620 440 or (08) 8982 6000

PURCHASE TICKET ONLINE www.goldrushtours.com.au



MENZIES MATTERS deadlines for publication

If you have anything you would like to have included in the *Menzies Matters* please contact us at the Menzies Visitor Centre on **9024 2702** or email to **community@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.

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 a electronic copy please email **community@menzies.wa.gov.au**.



COOLGARDIE MAKERS MARKET

Our talented Goldfields artisans have been busy creating their fabulous new products! Come and join us for the morning and support our local makers. Browse & catch up with friends while enjoying fresh scones in the garden.



Warden Finnerty's Residence
2 McKenzie St, Coolgardie

Sunday 14th April 2024
9am - 12pm



For info contact Coolgardie Visitors
Centre 9026 6090 or
visitors.centre@coolgardie.wa.gov.au

Warden Finnerty's

Devonshire Tea

\$8 per serve



Saturday to Wednesday

11 am - 4 pm

Closed Thursdays &
Fridays

Warden Finnerty's
Residence, Coolgardie

Contact the
Coolgardie Visitors
Centre

on 9026 6090 for further
information

Heritage Festival

18th April - 19th May

Coolgardie Events



FREE Entry to Warden Finnerty Residence

Take a wonder through the Historical Warden Finnerty's Residence and learn about the pioneer days with Warden John Finnerty and his family. Sit out on the wide sweeping verandah's and enjoy a fresh scone and a hot beverage while taking in the serene views of the town. Let's see if you can find all the items in Mr Finnerty's treasure hunt? FREE entry to Warden Finnerty's Residence is offered to all visitors.



Coolgardie Visitors Centre and Goldfields Exhibition

Explore the vast history in Coolgardie's vibrant Visitors Centre & Goldfields Exhibition Museum. Walk through the doors of the historic Warden Courts, pharmaceutical collection, gold room, WA largest bottle collection and more to discover a by gone era while you take part in Varischetti's treasure hunt!

Glory Days Boom to Bust Trail

Coolgardie Glory Days Heritage Trail is an interactive self-guided tour guide. Coolgardie Boom to Bust Heritage Trail is a self-drive/walk which has over 70 markers placed at significant sites around the Coolgardie Community, each with detailed descriptions and old photographs highlighting the historical sites. The markers provide a snapshot of what the town was like in the 1890s.



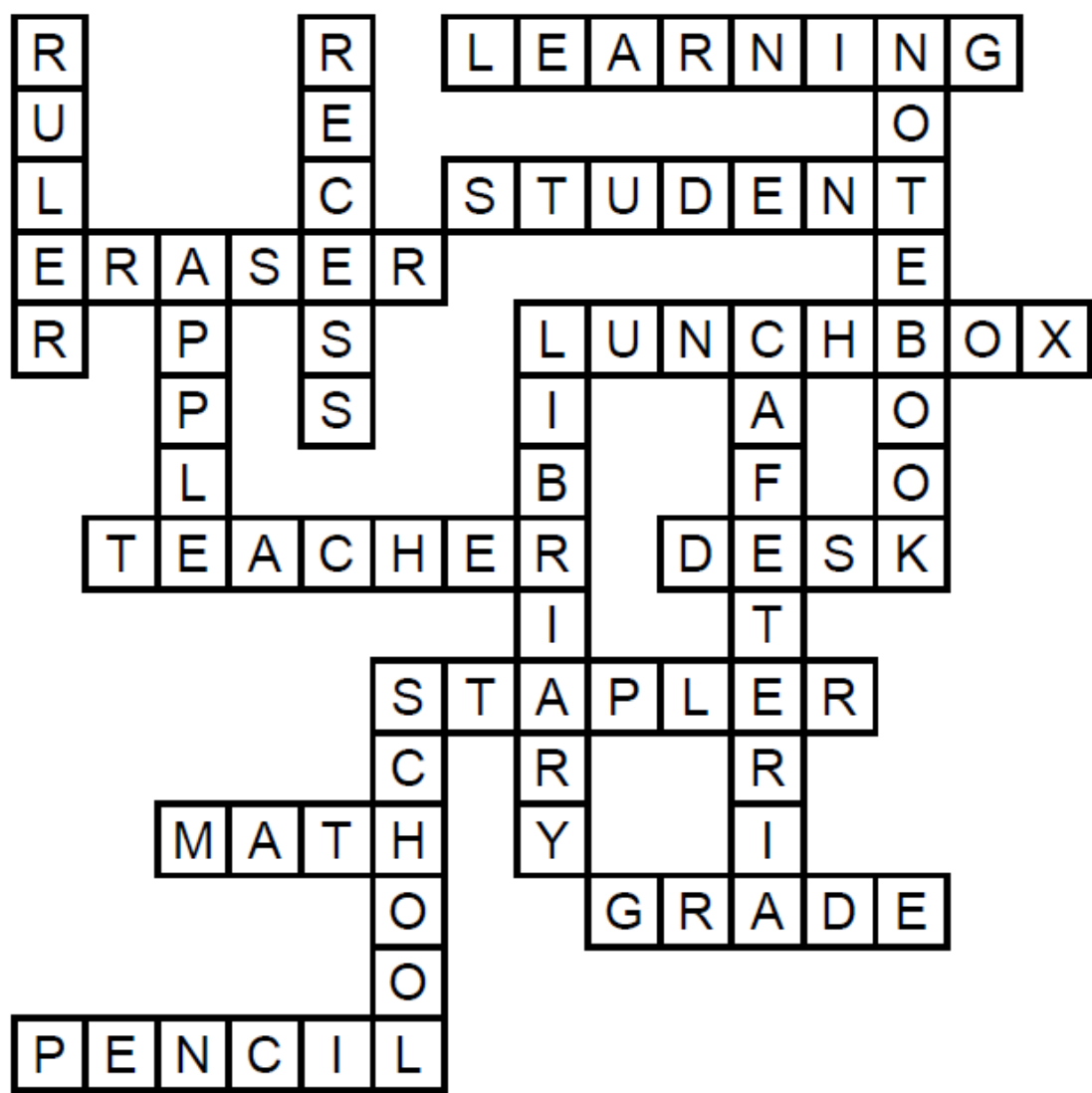
For more information, please contact
Coolgardie Visitors Centre
08 9026 6090
visitors.centre@coolgardie.wa.gov.au

1. Rug, Woolly mat
2. Mums, & Dads
3. Samurai, Japanese warrior
4. Gold, A yellow precious metal
5. Diner, Eater or cafe
6. Lake Ballard, the place of 51 sculptures locates
7. Engineers, Bridge & road building professionals
8. Macho, Exaggeratedly masculine
9. Fiesta, Spanish holiday
10. Incur, Bring upon one-self
11. Daisy, Donald Duck's sweet heart
12. Twelfth, Shakepeare's ... Night
13. Altar, Church table
14. Ripe, Mature
15. Heritage, A special or individual possession
16. Onerous, Very demanding (task)
17. Byes, Cricketing extra
18. Nourishment, Food or sustenance
19. Satisfies, Meets (requirements)
20. Guideline, Suggested procedure
21. Ngalipaku, The original name of Youth Centre
22. Lady Shenton, the central road in Menzies
23. Receipts, Proof of payment
24. Majesty, King' title, Your

Back to School

Crossword

SOLUTION



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Puzzle answers will be revealed in the next issue of the
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Event Calendar — March 2024

	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Week 1	26	27	28	29	1	2	3
Week 2	4 Labour Day	5 Youth Activities	6	7 Community Bus	8	9	10
Week 3	11 ITea Time	12 Youth Activities	13	14 Community Bus	15	16	17
Week 4	18 ITea Time	19 Youth Activities	20	21 Community Bus	22	23	24
Week 5	25 ITea Time	26 Youth Activities	27	28 Community Bus ----- Ordinary Council Meeting	29 Good Friday	30	31

	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Week 1	1 Easter Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
Week 2	8	9 Youth Activities	10	11 Community Bus	12	13	14
Week 3	15	16 Youth Activities	17	18 Community Bus	19	20	21
Week 4	22 ITea Time	23 Youth Activities	24 Ordinary Council Meeting	25 Community Bus	26	27	28
Week 5	29 ITea Time	30 Youth Activities	1	2 Community Bus	3	4	5