



# Menzies Matters

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Acting CEO’s Message

Menzies has been quiet over the Christmas period and on behalf of all of us at the Shire, we hope you had a great start to 2025.

We will also be upgrading some items of plant as per our budget, take delivery of two new housing units in February/March (GROH teachers housing project) and from around that time we will start concentrating on our 2025/2026 budget.

Looking forward, we will be busy with budget review, our annual compliance return, and re-assessing a number of projects and commitments for the rest of the financial year. We will also undertake major reviews of our Community Strategic Plan/Council Plan, our Corporate Business Plan and our Workforce Plan. These are legislated plans and the Council will be seeking public input into those plans as the year progresses.

The Council will present the Annual Report and the Annual Financial Statement at the Electors’ General Meeting on February 27 at 5.00pm to be held at the Shire Hall. All residents are welcome.

Peter Bentley


COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

Menzies Nursing Post

Weekly Visits from the Community Nurse, available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday  
Monthly visits from the Flying Doctor. Call 08 9080 4370 for more information

If the Nursing Post is unattended and in need of immediate health advice call 24 HOURS HOTLINE – 1800 022 222 POISON INFORMATION 24 HOURS—CALL 13 11 261

ALWAYS CALL 000 FOR EMERGENCYS

2025 Upcoming Date’s (Wednesdays)	 Royal Flying Doctor Service
January 15 2025 From 9.30am	
February 12, from 9.30am	
March 12, from 9.30am	
April 9, from 9.30am	

## CHANGE OF DATE: ELECTORS' GENERAL MEETING

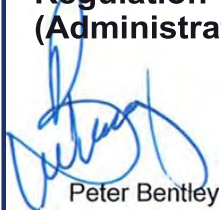
In accordance with Section 5.29(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, notice is hereby given that the Electors' General Meeting for the Shire of Menzies, originally scheduled for Thursday, 16 January 2025, has been rescheduled. The meeting will now be held as follows:

**Date:** Thursday, 27 February 2025

**Time:** 5:00 PM

**Venue:** Menzies Town Hall

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Shire of Menzies Annual Report for the previous financial year and any other general business in accordance with Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.



Peter Bentley  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

## Ordinary Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 27, February at 1:00pm in Menzies.

This meeting will be held at the Shire Admin Building, members of the public are welcome to attend. With 15 minutes at the start of every open for Public Question Time.

The Agenda will be available to view on the Shire of Menzies website. Public questions should be submitted by 12 noon the business day prior to the meeting by completing the form on the Shire website.

Visit [menzies.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/](https://menzies.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/) for more information

YOU'RE INVITED TO  
**MENZIES CRC**  
OPEN DAY

JOIN US FOR OUR  
GRAND REOPENING  
CELEBRATION

Celebrate the new and  
improved venue!

Browse the library, tour the  
museum or get online  
in the IT Room!

**Tuesday, February 11, 12:30pm**  
light lunch provided

## Bush Fire Control

**Restricted Burning Period 1**  
18 September to 31 October (inclusive)

**Prohibited Burning Period**  
1 November to 30 April (inclusive)

**Restricted Burning Period 2**  
1 May to 31 May (inclusive)

**Unrestricted Season**  
1 June to 17 September

For information regarding restricted and prohibited burning periods, fire permits or other detailed fire control information, please contact the

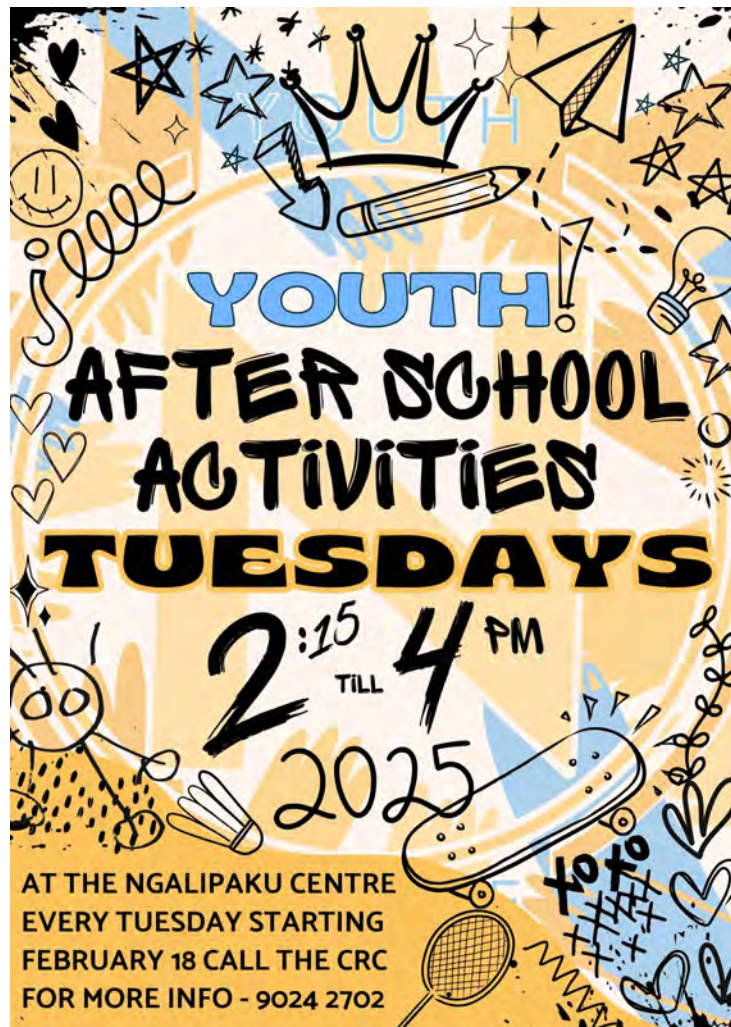
**Shire of Menzies on 08 9024 2041; or**  
**Work Manager: Garth Marland 0408 494 925**

Dates may change according to seasonal conditions, which will be advertised on the Shire of Menzies website.

**All burning is prohibited on days where:**

- the Fire Danger Rating is Extreme or above,
- a Total Fire Ban is declared, or
- a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban is declared.







## A usually peaceful town....

Recently the Shire of Menzies was contacted by the Perth Zoo's archives team, inquiring about their first ever elephant.

Shire staff member, Sam Mazza, found the following article in the Menzies Newspaper, The North Coolgardie Herald dated Friday, December 22, 1899, over 125 years ago.

The usually peaceful town of Menzies looked last night; as if given over to the tender mercies of an investing army when the Flying Jordans made their appearance. The troupe is an army in itself, and last night the hotelkeepers of Menzies were sorely beset to find accommodation for the visitors. After much anxious running about the majority of the troupe managed to secure some sort of a refuge from the hot winds and willie-willies of the night after their long and arduous day, and the prospect of the long and arduous day today, the members of the company were considerably wearied, the masculine contingent being afflicted moreover with a painful and apparently limitless thirst. The thirstiest member of the whole company was, we are given to understand, the big elephant, Bob Sing, who fairly excelled himself in the immensity of his portion! "Reliable Authority" affirms that the elephant walked into the Carbine Hotel, and pulling the spigot out of a barrel, quaffed and quaffed and quaffed until ten to twelve gallons of the amber fluid had saturated his capacious gullet. And he did it without drawing breath. He and all the rest of the troupe will perform this evening on the vacant ground between the Council Chambers and the railway station. They are a wonderful combination of marvels-human, equine, and elephantine-and we solemnly admonish everyone to be present tonight or tomorrow.

Bob Sing pictured at Perth Zoo taking a drink, he arrived at the zoo in 1900 from the Flying Jordans circus.

If you have any stories from Menzies past and would like to feature in the Menzies Matter please contact Lucy at the CRC, phone 9024 2702 or email [community@menzies.wa.gov.au](mailto:community@menzies.wa.gov.au)

They  
Are  
Here

# The Flying Jordans

Biggest Circus in  
Southern Hemisphere

The Entire Show  
will be Presented

The Immense Tent will be Erected near  
the COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

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**GRAND  
OPENING  
NIGHT**

**Friday, Dec. 22**

**GRAND  
MATINEE**

**Saturday Afternoon**

AT 3 P.M.

**Saturday Evening**

AT 8 P.M.

TWO NIGHTS ONLY.

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**PRICES :**

Front Seats :	Back Seats :
<b>6s</b>	<b>AND 4s</b>

For the Grand Matinee, prices for  
Children to all parts of Circus, 2s.



THE ELEPHANT PREPARING TO IMBIBE.



## The Figures on the Lake

What are these ghostly figures?

Stark, angular and bright  
against the salt lakes crystal surface  
they disturb its blinding light  
with questions we can't answer  
though the hidden meaning might  
lie in the metals of their making  
some dark, some shining bright.

Born in the fiery furnace,  
where the molten metal, bright  
with the minerals of this landscape  
shaped in the fearsome firelight,  
gives light to hidden secrets  
and an eerie, strange delight  
in the contrast of their darkness  
on this sea of shining white.

But these stark and lonely figures  
strange creatures of the night  
may soon rust and turn to rubble  
and then disappear from sight  
as the desert claims its tribute  
leaving nothing here that might  
disturb the windswept, timeless, surface  
of this endless sea of white.

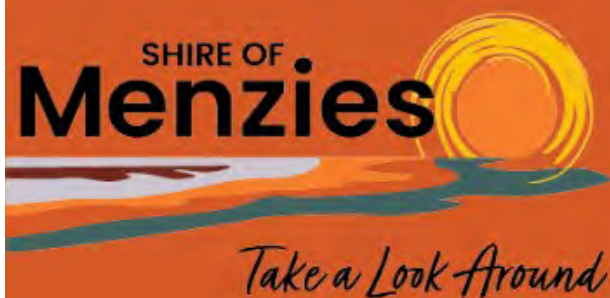
Peter O'Shaughnessy.





# Local

## Advertisements

An illustration of a food truck with a canopy, parked in front of the Menzies Hotel. The truck is white with black outlines. The hotel is a two-story building with arched windows and a balcony.

**Menzies Hotel  
Food Truck  
& Catering**

**JOIN US IN THE BEER GARDEN  
TUESDAY TO SATURDAY  
12PM TO 7PM**

An illustration of two hands holding beer glasses, one with a light-colored beer and the other with a dark beer. The background is a blue sky with pink flowers.

**Mr Greens Bar  
Menzies Hotel**

**JOIN US IN THE BEER GARDEN  
EVERYDAY FROM 12 TO LATE**

An illustration of the Laurie's Café building, a single-story structure with a striped awning. In front of the building are three vintage cars: a yellow one, a blue one, and a black one.

**LAURIE'S  
CAFÉ  
MENZIES WA  
CALL AHEAD  
UHF CHANNEL 38  
OR CALL 0482 686 876**



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# Leonora Pharmacy



## 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.

Phone: (08) 9037 6820

Email: leonorapharmacy@iinet.net.au

## PIONEER STORE ART GALLERY



## LOCAL ABORIGINAL ART EXHIBITION // ART GALLERY

OPEN  
1PM - 4PM  
TUESDAY & THURSDAY

MENZIES  
ABORIGINAL  
CORPORATION



## GOLDFIELDS INTEGRATED PRIMARY MENTAL HEALTH CARE (IPMHC) SCHEDULE

CENTRECARE WILL BE IN

**MENZIES**

ON THE FOLLOWING DATES

February 2025 Thursday 13 & 27  
March 2025 Thursday 13 & 27  
April 2025 Thursday 10 & 24



The IPMHC program is a fee free service that provides counselling and clinical care coordination to individuals experiencing and at risk of developing mental health issues or distress.

GP referrals, Provisional, self-referrals accepted.  
Ages 6 years old and above.

FEEL FREE TO DROP BY FOR A YARN.

**WHERE: NGALIPALU BUILDING YOUTH CENTRE, MENZIES**

**TIME: 12.30 - 2.30PM**

For children, youth, parents and/or carers, please feel free to drop by at the Community School Library for a chat with Caseworker Bhadrani between 11.00am - 12.15pm.



WA Primary Health Alliance

phn  
COUNTRY WA

Centrecare acknowledges WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) for providing funding in its role as the operator of the Country WA PHN.



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Community Resource Centre  
your local connection

For more information please contact Bhadrani on  
9080 0333 or email [kalgoorlie@centrecare.com.au](mailto:kalgoorlie@centrecare.com.au)

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[www.centrecare.com.au](http://www.centrecare.com.au)





DOING  
WHAT'S  
RIGHT  
FOR WA

WA  
Labor



## The Cook Labor Government has delivered real cost of living relief, including:

- ✓ Slashed **\$700 off power bills** this year for Kalgoorlie families – and **\$2,100 since 2020**
- ✓ **Delivered the WA Student Assistance Payment**, \$150 for every primary school kid and \$250 for every secondary school kid in Kalgoorlie
- ✓ Made 130 priority TAFE courses **fee free**
- ✓ **More than doubled the KidSport vouchers program**, helping parents cover the cost of kids in sport
- ✓ **Capped the cost of airfares** to and from Perth through the **Regional Airfare Zone Cap Scheme**
- ✓ Reintroduced the **WA Seniors Card** and **Security Rebate**, a program cut by the Liberals

**Ali Kent**  
Member for **Kalgoorlie**


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Scan the QR  
code to complete  
my community  
survey



# Letter to the Editor

Letters will be published as space permits and may have to be edited. So if you have something on your mind, write a letter to the Editor and we will do our best to publish it. If the letter is about the Council, we will do our best to respond in the same edition if time allows.

In my efforts to do something good for our town I have contacted a number of authorities with no effect.  
I always receive a curtesy email without conviction.  
How does society expect to pay head to authorities when they don't do their job.  
As a ratepayer we can do very little for the benefit of our town. We can't enforce any pressure onto the council to do what is right for the town.  
That is why many projects are in limbo because many are not doing their job and there is no force to ensure a positive future for our town. What the future holds is anyone's guess. Even the Electors meeting has it's conditions.  
The diner is a success, there could be many more successes, It just needs imagination and commitment. Until that happens Menzies will remain to be a dilapidated town with broken down cars. It would be an achievement to win the Tidy Towns award.  
Roy Parfitt

## GRT EXPRESS TIMETABLE

### Kalgoorlie to Laverton THURSDAYS

Kalgoorlie (Railway Station)	10am
<b>Menzies</b>	11:40 am
Kookynie Turnoff	12:05 pm
Leonora - arrive	12:45pm
Laverton	2:30 pm

#### BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

1800 620 440 or (08) 8982 6000

### Laverton to Kalgoorlie FRIDAYS

Laverton	10am
Leonora - arrive	11:15 am
Kooynie Turnoff	12:00 pm
<b>Menzies</b>	12:30 pm
Kalgoorlie	2:00 pm

#### PURCHASE TICKET ONLINE

[www.goldrushtours.com.au](http://www.goldrushtours.com.au)



# Events Calendar — January / February 2025

	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Week 1	30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Week 2	6	7	8	9 Community Bus	10	11 	12
Week 3	13	14	15 Doctor @ Nursing Post	16 Community Bus	17	18	19
Week 4	20	21	22	23 Community Bus	24	25	26 
Week 5	27	28	29	30 Community Bus	31	1	2
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Week 2	10	11	12 Doctor @ Nursing Post	13 Community Bus	14	15	16
Week 3	17 	18	19	20 Community Bus	21	22	23
Week 4	24	25 	26 Seniors Lunch	27 Community Bus	28	1	2

 Ordinary Council Meeting / Electors' General Meeting

 Doctor at Nursing Post

 Menzies CRC Open Day