

# **Menzies Matters** February 2025 | Issue 192

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## **Shire Updates**



### **Shire President's Report**

The year started with high temperatures, and while I missed out on the early part of the summer due to being overseas, I returned just in

time for Australia Day celebrations. The celebration started with breakfast, followed by a friendly hit of cricket, and then on to the waterpark. It was a fantastic way to celebrate Australia Day! Attendance was high, with people coming from Menzies, Kookynie, and a few travellers passing through. It was great to see such a strong turnout and community spirit.

On 31 January, I attended the Goldfields Regional

Organisation of Councils (GVROC) meeting at the City of Kalgoorlie with Acting CEO Peter Bentley. Key discussions included ways in which shared initiatives can be leveraged to benefit the local communities, ensuring that the priorities of all member councils are aligned with the regional goals.

Looking ahead, we have several exciting events coming up. I would like to extend an invitation to all community members to join us for the opening of the CRC/Lady Shenton Building on 27 February at 3:30 pm. Additionally, the first Council Meeting of the year will take place on 27 February at 1:00 pm, where we will begin audio recording in compliance with the Local Government Act.



## **Shire President's Report** continued

This will be followed by the Electors' General Meeting at 5:00 pm on the same day. Later in the evening, there

will be an Information/Feedback Session regarding the Strategic Community Plan. This session is open to all community members and stakeholders and is crucial as it will help shape the future of Paul Warner



### Acting CEO's Message

We are all back from the festive season holidays and things have been moving forward at quite a pace. Some of the things we are progressing include the

completion of the shade structures at the southern entrance to Menzies, re-engaging with the skate park contractor and the installation of new TV transmission equipment which was considerably past its use by date.

The Lady Shenton/CRC building is nearing completion and there will be an official opening on the 27th February so keep the date free. On the same day we will be holding the annual electors meeting following the February Council meeting.

It won't be long now and the GROH housing units will be delivered to town with work to commence shortly after in final fitout.

At a regional level there has been some good news!

**GVROC Grant Funding for trees** 

Supported by a grant of \$573,000 from Lotterywest, the Nine Local Governments in the Goldfields Esperance region will undertake the planting of more than 30,000 trees and seedlings with the aim of enhancing the urban canopy and increasing biodiversity in the region. This initiative seeks to bolster economic, environmental, and social resilience, while also improving community health.

The reduction in canopy cover and biodiversity adversely affects public amenity and health. This

Menzies. Your input will be highly valued. Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Maureen, one of our Shire staff, who will be becoming an Australian Citizen on 7 February. We are proud to welcome her as a fellow Australian.

As the high temperatures are still around, please stay cool and hydrated.

ambitious project will focus on socially vulnerable and heat-exposed areas within the Shires of Wiluna, Leonora, Laverton, Dundas, Esperance, Menzies, Coolgardie, and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

The Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) Chair and Shire of Coolgardie President, Malcolm Cullen highlighted the importance of the Lotterywest grant in addressing the growing impacts and costs associated with climate change. "This collaborative project assists our Local Governments in tackling rising temperatures and climate impacts, while providing shaded recreational spaces, cleaner air, and dust suppression," Mr. Cullen stated.

National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) 24-27 June 2025: Submission of Motions regarding mobile phone coverage.

A request to all GVROC local governments was put forward to participate in this process and submit motions.

In particular a potential motion to be put forward to raise awareness of the issues for mobile telephone reception with the phase out of 3G telecommunications to 4G and 5G and its impact on emergency services and communities unable to be contacted in the case of an emergency.

State of the road infrastructure in the region and a need to increase regional road funding allocations was also flagged as an important subject to bring up at a national level.

Peter Bentley

# **COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION**



## **Ordinary Meetings of the Council 2025**

The public is advised that, pursuant to *Regulation 12(1)(a)* of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, the Council has approved the following dates, times, and locations for Ordinary Council Meetings for the period ending 31 December 2025.

Thursday, 27 February 2025	1 PM	Menzies
Thursday, 27 March 2025	9 AM	Tjuntjuntjara
Thursday, 24 April 2025	1 PM	Menzies
Thursday, 29 May 2025	1 PM	Menzies
Thursday, 26 June 2025	1 PM	Menzies
Thursday, 31 July 2025	1 PM	Menzies
Thursday, 28 August 2025	1 PM	Menzies
Thursday, 25 September 2025	9 AM	Tjuntjuntjara
Thursday, 30 October 2025	1 PM	Menzies
Thursday, 27 November 2025	1 PM	Menzies
Wednesday, 17 December 2025	1 PM	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.

### **Recording of Meetings**

- All Council Meetings are digitally recorded, for audio only, except for Confidential Agenda Items (in accordance with Section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995) during which time recording ceases.
- Following publication and distribution of the meeting minutes to Council Members the digital audio recording will be available on the Shire's website.

### Defamation - cl 14K Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

(1) A local government is not liable to an action for defamation in relation to any of the following done by the local government as required or authorised under this Part —

- (a) publicly broadcasting a meeting;
- (b) making a recording of a meeting;
- (c) making a recording of a meeting publicly available;
- (d) retaining a recording of a meeting or a copy of a recording;
  - providing a copy of a recording of a meeting to the Departmental CEO.

Peter Bentley Acting Chief Executive Officer

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## **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/councilmeetings/ for more information

### 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.



# **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** 

## MENZIES NURSING POST HOURS FOR FEBRUARY 2025

Monday 3/2/25 - 09:30am - 4: 00pm Tuesday 4/2/25 - 08:30am - 4: 00pm Wednesday 5/2/25 - 08:30am - 2: 30pm

Monday 10/2/25 - 09:30am - 4: 00pm Tuesday 11/2/25 - 08:30am - 4: 00pm Wednesday 12/2/25 - 08:30am - 2: 30pm

Monday 17/2/25 - 09:30am - 4: 00pm Tuesday 18/2/25 - 08:30am - 4: 00pm Wednesday 19/2/25 - 08:30am - 2: 30pm

Monday 24/2/25 - 09:30am - 4: 00pm Tuesday 25/2/25 - 08:30am - 4: 00pm Wednesday 26/2/25 - 08:30am - 2: 30pm



Community Bus

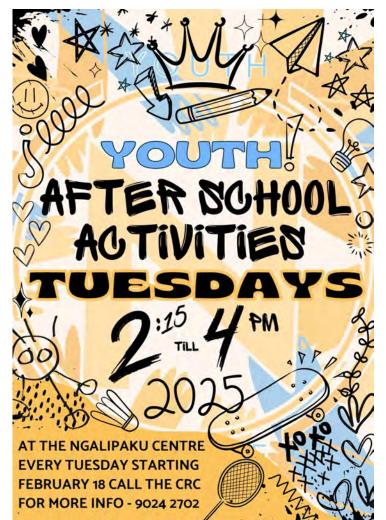
We are seeking several volunteer bus drivers who can dedicate one Thursday or more each month to transporting community members to and from Kalgoorlie.

The bus runs Thursday mornings for shopping, appointments and errands.

Minimum automatic licence required







Menzies Midweek Morning Social Fortnightly get together on Wednesday's at 9am starting March 5th at the Ngalipaku Centre Saturday Morning Tea and Mass

Join us for a cuppa and morning tea, where faith, friendship, and fellowship come together

10am Saturday 8th of March 2025

Community Building on Shenton Street Menzies

Celebration to be held by the Catholic Parish of Kalgoorlie-Boulder All faiths and denominations



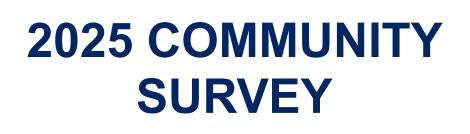


Baturday 15 March from 4:30pm Ngalipaku Centre Stargazing Nights Telescope Class for Beginners Thursday I May, Menzies CRC Stargazing Gold Friday 2 May Mt Owen, Menzies

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The Shire is inviting community members to contribute to a review of its **Strategic Community Plan** This is a great opportunity for residents to have input into the future direction of the Shire







Get online and have your say www.menzies.wa.gov.au/have-a-say or



A paper survey form is included—fill it out and drop it off at the Shire Administration Office and have your say!



Survey open until 4pm Friday 28 February 2025



For Assistance Phone: 08 9024 2041 Email: admin@menzies.wa.gov.au

Shire of Menzies 124 Shenton Street | PO Box 4 Menzies WA 6436

# **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.



- Remember warmer weather means snakes are becoming more active!
- Keep your backyard tidy, remove likely hiding places like long grass and rubbish
- Leave the snake alone! Snakes are

protected and most bites happen when people try to kill or capture them. Back slowly and gently away to a safe distance and let it move away.

Snake relocation assistance: Call John Warner - 0418 901 926



# MENZIES COMMUNITY SCHOOL Pukulpa Nintirrinkula Happy Learning

## Welcome back to the 2025 School Year.

School commences **Wednesday 5 February 2025 at 8am**. All students are expected to attend school every day. We are looking forward to exciting and adventure filled learning experiences in 2025, including Two-Way science, high school camp, Perth Zoo habitat project, community involvement and assemblies twice a term to name a few.

Breakfast Club will be open from 7:30am daily supported by MCS and Foodbank.



Our new teachers arrive in town this weekend, Sarah and Chris. Please introduce yourselves and have a chat if you see them around Menzies. Pride in our school and ourselves can be represented by how we 'show up' each day attending school and wearing full school uniform. To assist and reward attendance in Week 1, we will be giving each student **a new school shirt and hat** to start the school year. Attendance matters! Everyday counts at school.

School Council nominations are now open for Community Representatives and Parent Representative. Meetings are held once a term . If you are interested please contact Carolyn Gribble on 90275700.

We are seeking relief staff for 2025. We are creating a register of relief staff for the following positions- bus driver, gardener, cleaner, education assistants, teachers. These are often short notice positions for example when a staff member is unwell or needs to take leave. You will need a Department of Education police clearance and a Working With Children Card to be eligible. Please contact school office if you are interested.





ForPark playground crew have been busy during January installing The Menzies Community School Sensory Playground and soft fall surrounds.

**We will be hosting a Community Breakfast** to showcase our new playground and welcome our students, families, community and staff to Menzies CS for the 2025 school year. The date is to be confirmed and will be advertised.

Carolyn Gribble Principal Menzies Community School

### **Eastern Goldfields Historical Society**



HERBERT RICHARD EDMANDS.

### **Herbert Richard Edmands**

Herbert Richard Edmands who is prominently identified with the Menzies district, has a widespread experience with mining in different parts of the world; and having in his youth studied chemistry, he has found the knowledge he then acquired of vast value in after life.

A native of London, he studied gold-mining in South Wales, in one of the mines opened up by Mr Pritchard Morgan.

In 1885, he crossed the Atlantic to America and in California, Arizona and other parts of the United States he prosecuted mining pursuits. In 1895 Mr Edmands arrived in Western Australia and was engaged by the Menzies Mining and Exploration Syndicate.

At the present time he has the management in connection with that appointment of nine or ten leases, embracing an aggregate of 150 acres, including such properties as: The Lady Shenton Extended, Leonidas, Aspasia, Shenton East and other mines.

Taken from 20<sup>th</sup> Century Impressions, published in 1901.

Above article and image supplied by the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society.

Since its formation in 1946, the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society has been recording, preserving, researching and promoting the history of this region with one goal – ensuring that our shared heritage and ghost town memories live on. Come and view the displays and explore the extensive collection of historical photographs, reference materials, books and significant objects.



**Where we are:** Old Boulder Municipal Power Station Building, 49 Hamilton Street, Boulder (next to Loopline Park) **Opening times:** Weekdays: 9.00am to 2.00pm

For more information please contact the Society at eghs@kalgroliehistory.org.au or phone 9093 3360.



# MENZIES REVIVAL RAILWAY HOTEL KEEPS AHEAD OF THE TIMES

### Mr. Gordon Hack's Enterprise

Time was when Menzies was a roaring mining town with 13 hotels, Mayor, Town Hall, library, billiard saloons, restaurants galore, fire brigade, town band, hospital and all the adjuncts which go to make up a community.

The mines dwindled and Menzies faded. One hotel after another went out of business and the streets were deserted, houses fell into disrepair, and many tumbled down till it was a dismal, deserted place. Only one hotel (the Railway [now known as the Menzies Hotel]) remained and it was a solitary sort of place. Callers were scarce and the proprietor would often have a nap between sales. Last year, however, the Lady Shenton gold mine was restarted; mining and prospecting once more livened up, and Menzies began to boom. The hotel was in disrepair and became far too small to meet the new requirements of the place and the visitors. Last September, Mr. Gordon Hack, who had just disposed for £6000 of the Widgiemooltha Hotel, which some two years before he had purchased for £3000, was told of the Menzies Hotel, and having seen for himself, he purchased the business, taking possession at once. No sooner in than he started to improve the hotel, adding 20 bedrooms, additional bathrooms and conveniences. The public bar was enlarged, the billiard room turned into a saloon bar, septic- tanks provided, and a big refrigerating plant installed, with bars dining room, kitchens, cellars, storerooms and an electric light plant. These cost some £4,000. The old furniture was discarded and Messrs. Boans. Ltd. given a free hand to refurnish the place completely till it is now one of the best furnished and equipped outside of Perth, the lounges being especially elaborate. A staff was especially selected for all departments, Mr. Alan Shepherd, the well-known footballer being appointed deputy manager.

business. His experience was gained with the late Mr. W. H. Jones, at the Royal Hotel, and on that gentleman's death, he was appointed manager, before he was 21. Since then many successes have come his way. Pessimists said he was a fool when he took over the Widgiemooltha Hotel, but he got the laugh on them and sold out as recorded.

The Railway Hotel Menzies is a good place to stay.

Article taken from Mirror (Perth, WA : 1921 -1956), Saturday 9 February 1935, page 8



Above advertisement taken from the Sunday Times (Perth, WA : 1902 - 1954), Sunday 17 May 1936, page 19

Mr. Gordon Hack has achieved success in the hotel

# REGIONAL COLUMN



Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety



### With Senior Regional Officer for <u>Goldfields</u> <u>Esperance, Kelly O'Donnell</u>

### Sounding the alarm on the dangers of lithiumion batteries

Lithium-ion batteries have become the fastest growing home fire risk in Western Australia according to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

In 2024, there was a fire caused by one of these batteries almost every second day, making it the worst year on record. These 166 fires caused injuries, destroyed homes and possessions, damaged rubbish trucks and ignited large bushfires.

This figure is extremely concerning to Consumer Protection's Product Safety team, who are urging people to only buy products containing lithiumion batteries from reputable suppliers and to be cautious when purchasing these items from overseas or on second-hand marketplaces.

Consumers should look for a regulatory compliance mark, such as a tick inside a triangle, or go to eess.gov.au to check whether the charger is approved for use in Australia.

Reputable manufacturers have matched battery/charger combinations which includes a system to detect the state of charge and switch off when nearing full. Overcharged lithium-ion batteries have the potential to heat up and ignite so it's important to remove your device from the charger once fully charged.

Consumers should also avoid mixing and matching chargers, and only charge batteries on a hard surface in a cool, dry place and away from flammable materials like beds, lounges or carpet.

Worryingly, these batteries don't even need to be charging to catch fire if they are badly damaged, poorly manufactured or exposed to direct sunlight or excessive heat for long periods of time. A recent housefire in Perth's east was started by a remote-control toy car that wasn't on charge.

To check if an item in your house contains a lithi-

um-ion battery, look for labels such as lithium ion, li-ion, li-po and lithium-polymer. E-rideables, power tools, laptops, toys, smartphones, electric vehicles and even electric toothbrushes and vapes are powered by these batteries. They are everywhere in your lives.

When it comes to e-rideables (scooters), charge them outside of the home and never leave them to charge overnight. Installing a smoke or heat alarm where these devices are charged could save your life.

Never put lithium-ion batteries in your household waste or recycling bin. Throwing batteries in the bin can cause rubbish and recycling trucks to catch fire and waste facilities to burn. This endangers the lives of workers and costs the ratepayers.

Instead take the batteries to the nearest battery drop-off point, which can be found at Recycle Right - recycleright.wa.gov.au.

If you see a battery ignite, call 000 immediately as these fires are extremely difficult to extinguish with water and battery contents may reignite or explode several days later. The toxic gases that are released from these batteries are also incredibly dangerous, so stay well away.

For more information on lithium-ion battery safety around the home visit productsafety.gov.au.

### MENZIES CRC BATTERY RECYCLE POINT



# Local

# Advertisements









# Rowena 3 LIBERAL FOR KALGOORLIE



# **BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE** FOR KALGOORLIE





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Authorised by S. Morgan, Liberal Party, 2/12 Parliament Place, West Perth WA 6005.





# **CONNECT. LEARN. BELONG**

**Volunteering for St John WA,** St. John's Ambulance is in the process of forming a dedicated committee to support its volunteers in the Menzies area. This initiative is being launched with the collaboration of the community paramedic in Leonora, highlighting a strong community-driven approach to healthcare. The formation of this committee is expected to provide much-needed backing to the volunteers, ensuring they have the resources and support required to effectively serve the community.

Visit <u>stjohnwa.com.au</u> to learn more about becoming a volunteer or come into the Menzies CRC Monday to Friday between 9 & 4 to speak to R John Warner if your interested in volunteering and would like to know more.

Contact volunteersourcing@stjohnwa.com.au or Call:1800069393

# Heatwaves can kill



Stay up to date with weather forecasts in your area



Always have a plan to stay cool



Stay hydrated



For more information visit healthywa.wa.gov.au/heatwaves

#### LIFELINE - 13 11 14 Support available 24/7 to help you through your tin

LIFELINE TXT - 0477 13 11 14 Available 12pm to 2am (AEST)

#### LIFELINE CRISIS CHAT

Scan QR Code (Available 12pm to 2am (AEST)) Please note: Due to the demand of this service, there may be times when Lifeline Crisis Support cannot connect you even during operating ti



SUICIDE CALL BACK SERVICE - 1300 659 467 24/7 telephone and online counselling service for people affected by suicide.

#### RURAL LINK - 1800 55 2002

Support from qualified mental health clinicians who offer care and support as well as assistance with advice, information, assessment, and referrals to other services.

#### STANDBY AFTER SUICIDE SUPPORT - 1300 727 247

Support delivered face to face, by telephone or online to anyone bereaved or impacted by suicide including Individuals, family, friends witnesses, schools, workplaces, community groups, first responders and service providers



#### THIRILLI - 1800 805 801

The Indigenous Suicide Postvention Services supports individuals, families, and communities affected by suicide or other significant trauma

#### 13 YARN - 13 92 76

Offer a confidential one-on-one yarning opportunity with a Lifeline trained Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporter who can provide crisis support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week



### Bereavement SUPPORT INFORMATION REMEMBER CALL 000 IF YOUR LIFE IS IN DANGER

## **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	

ES COLDFIELDS INTEGRATED

HEALTH CARE

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.



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



For more information please contact Bhadrani on 9080 0333 or email kalgoorlie@centrecare.com.au Follow us on Facebook. Linkedin, Instagram and YouTube





## 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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■ ali.kent@walabor.org.au
■ alikent.com.au



Scan the QR code to complete my community survey

Authorised by E. Whiteaker, WA Labor, 85-87 Havelock Street, West Perth 6005

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## **Menzies Caravan Park**

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 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 prison 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.

## **GRT EXPRESS TIMETABLE**

### Kalgoorlie to Laverton THURSDAYS

Kalgoorlie (Railway Station)	10am	
Menzies	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
Menzies	12:30 pm
Kalgoorlie	2:00 pm

### **PURCHASE TICKET ONLINE**

www.goldrushtours.com.au

# **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.

After the passing of Bruce Henderson my thoughts go to our little town's population.

Our population will dwindle by natural attrition if we don't make an effort to encourage people to live in Menzies. If we don't then it will become a ghost town. People have already left.

However, Menzies has one asset and that is our town is located on the Goldfields Highway unlike all the other satellite towns that have died around us.

The other thought I have with the passing of Bruce is all his knowledge. It is a pity that our youth did not learn what Bruce had to give. Menzies could do with a Mechanic and Bruce provided that service.

It seems that we are all too busy to give our town a thought and the authority do very little to encourage people to live here. There is not much advantage to live in Menzies except that the land is affordable. We should market ourselves naming the advantages of living in Menzies. Marketing flyers included with the rate notices could be a start.

The small community school, expecting 22–25 students for the start of 2025, provides a wonderful opportunity to have meaningful teacher-pupil contact. Not like it was for me to share the teacher with 59 other children. Our small school can provide the extra support that would provide a full education to prepare the students for university.

A small community where everyone knows each other, to help reduce the social isolation for those who live alone. For many residents, Menzies is the end of the line, so with an effort we can make it a good place to end our lives. The community needs a Community Hall even if it just provides a place to meet. Activities will follow. The Rec Centre could be used, or the caravan park camp kitchen could be used. It would be a start if the railway station could be renovated to become a Community Hall

I hope that I have planted a seed for those who make the decisions for our little town.

Roy Parfitt



## Events Calendar – February / March / April 2025

	MON	TUES	WED	тни	FRI	SAT	SUN
Week 1	3	4	5	6 Community Bus	7	8	9
Week 2	10	11	12 Doctor @ Nursing Post	13 Community Bus	14	15	16
Week 3	17	18 YOUTH AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	19	20 Community Bus	21	22	23
Week 4	24	25 YOUTH AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	26 Seniors Lunch	27 MENZIES CRC OPEN DAY	28	1	2
Week 5	3	4 YOUTH AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	5 Morning Social	6 Community Bus	7	8 Morning Mass	9
Week 1	10	AFTER SCHOOL AGTIVITIES		13 Community Bus	14	15 Menzies Sundowner	16
Week 2	17	18 YOUTH AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	Morning	20 Community Bus	21	22	23
Week 3	24	25 YOUTH AFTER SCHOOL AGTIVITIES	26	27 Community Bus	28	29	30
Week 4	31	AFTER SCHOOL AGTIVITIES	2 Morning Social	3 Community Bus	4	5	6

Ordinary Council Meeting / Electors' General Meeting / Feedback Session Strategic Plan

## Ordinary Council Meeting at Tjuntjuntjara