

Menzies Matters

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Shire President's Report

I would like to extend my appreciation to all the community members who attended the Electors' General Meet-

ing, the Community Workshop, and the CRC Opening on 27 February.

Your participation and support are invaluable. A special thank you and well done to the staff, particularly the CRC team, for their hard work in making the CRC Opening such a success. The CRC now boasts a museum, IT room, conference room, library, post office, caravan park reception, tourist assistance and a selection of souvenir items for sale.

I also want to thank everyone who took part in the recent Community Survey, which closed on 28 February. Your feedback will play a vital role in guiding our next steps.

Following this review, the Shire of Menzies will develop the Council Plan 2025–2035.

As part of this process, the Shire is adopting an integrated approach to planning by combining the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan into a single, comprehensive document.



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Shire President's Report continued

In addition, I am pleased to announce that both of the Government Regional Officers' Housing (GROH)

houses for school teachers have now arrived. In another exciting development, the shade structure at the waterpark will be installed in the next few days.

Finally, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the passing of a valued community member, Mr. Christopher 'Gov' Deavin, on 16 February. His funeral was held on 10 March at the Menzies Cemetery, where close friends and loved ones gathered to celebrate his life. His contributions and presence in our community will be dearly missed.

Our thoughts are with his friends and loved ones during this difficult time.

Stay cool and hydrated as the warm weather continues.

Paul Warner



Acting CEO's Message

Welcome to the March edition of Menzies Matters.

The GROH Housing project took a big step forward with the delivery of the

two new housing units from Modular last week. The houses are now on site with the septic systems installed and the power connection in the pipeline. That connection may be a little slower in completion but the project should be complete within the financial year.

The Skate Park project is progressing with design work continuing and a likely construction timeframe of April/May.

It was good to see a number of residents turn up for the Strategic Community Planning workshop hosted by Jess from Moore Australia. There were some great suggestions that came from the workshop and from here on the process will be for the Council to have a workshop which will help to identify what resources are available to undertake some of the items and projects put forward.

There was also a good turnout for the Annual Electors Meeting and while there were a few items brought up in General business (see minutes) no motions were put forward for consideration by Council.

Council approved the sale of 56 Ballard Street and 106 and 108 Suiter Street in Menzies. The Council is required to advertise the proposed disposals and there is an ad in the MM this month regarding the two sales. Please feel free to make comment if you have any issues with these sales.

The Council completed its midyear budget review at the February meeting, it also reviewed its annual compliance return, reviewed its Delegations Register and updated its risk register. Several policies were also reviewed as is normally the case.

Finally my term as Acting CEO has been extended to June during which time I am hopeful that the recruitment process can begin for a full time replacement.

Peter Bentley



SHIRE OF MENZIES

Proposed Sale of Lots in Menzies Townsite

The Shire of Menzies is proposing to sell three lots within the Menzies townsite by private treaty as follows;

106 and 108 Suiter Street (Lots 666 & 667) MENZIES.

Prponent: Dave and Susanne Wessley

Valuations: The Council has determined that the value of the lots will be

\$5,000.00 Each

Consideration: \$5,000 each

56 Ballard Street (Lot 653) MENZIES.

Propnent: Mr John Warner

Valuation: The Council determined that the value of the lot will be \$5,000.00

Consideration: \$5,000.00.

The Shire must advertise the sale of these lots pursuant to S3.58 of the Local Government Act providing the above detail. The lots concerned are surplus to the Councils requirements and were advertised for expressions of interest. Public comment or submissions regarding the proposed sales can be made via post to the address below or via email to ceo@menzies.wa.gov.au by close of business Wednesday 26 March 2025.

PETER BENTLEY

ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Shire of Menzies, PO Box 4, Menzies, WA 6436

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

Ordinary Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 27, March at 9:00am in Menzies.

This meeting will be held at the Shire Council Chambers, 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, menzies.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/for more information.

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.

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, 24 April 2025	1 PM	Menzies
Thursday, 29 May 2025	1 PM	Menzies
Thursday, 26 June 2025	1PM	Menzies
Thursday, 31 July 2025	1 PM	Menzies
Thursday, 28 August 2025	1 PM	Menzies
Thursday, 25 September 2025	9АМ	Tjuntjuntjara
Thursday, 30 October 2025	1PM	Menzies
Thursday, 27 November 2025	1 PM	Menzies
Wednesday, 17 December 2025	1 PM	Menzies

Peter Bentley

Acting Chief Executive Officer

Senior Lunch

Wednesday 26 March at 12 noon meeting at Laurie's Café

pop in the CRC and chat to Lucy or call 9024 2702

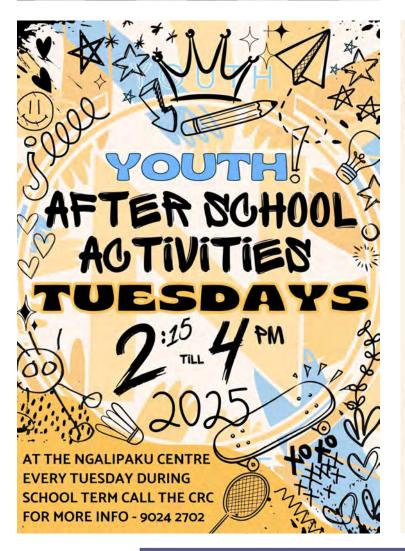
Saturday Morning Tea and Mass

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

10am Saturday 12th of April 2025

Community Building on Shenton Street Menzies

> All Faiths Welcome



MENZIES Community Resource Centre Your local connection



Enjoy a free meal and connect with friends, family and neighbours. Wednesday 9th April 12pm - 1pm Ngalipaku Rec Centre

Menzies Nursing Post

Weekly Visits from the Community
Nurse, available Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesday

Monthly visits from the 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

DOCTORS CLINIC 2025

Tuesday 18th March
Tuesday 15th April
Tuesday 13th May
Tuesday 10th June
All Clinics to be confirmed closer to
date.

If you need more information:

Please Call the Nursing post on

90242044 Or 0409107016

Monday to Wednesday 8:30 am - 4:00pm



Friday 25 April 2025

The Dawn Service will be held at 6am at the Menzies Town Hall War Memorial

110 years since the Gallipoli Campaign





MENZIES CRC & VISITOR CENTRE







THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT JOINED US FOR OUR GRAND REOPENING CELEBRATION. IF YOU DIDN'T MAKE IT. PLEASE POP IN TO EXPLORE ALL THE NEW FACILITIES. OPEN 9AM - 4PM









MENZIES COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Pukulpa Nintirrinkula Happy Learning

Class News

Menzies Community School has kicked off the year with excitement!

Our students have been exploring the brand-new sensory playground installed over the summer break.

The highlight?

A giant slide that has delivered endless thrills and excitement, making it an instant favourite among the students. Scan the QR code and experience the excitement for yourself!



Wanampi This week in Math in Wanampi students explored place value. We used money and had a race to see who could get to \$10 first! Students rolled the dice and collected the same amount of 10c coins as shown on the dice. When they had 100c they traded all ten 10c coins in for a \$1 coin. Zeakieal made it to \$10 first!



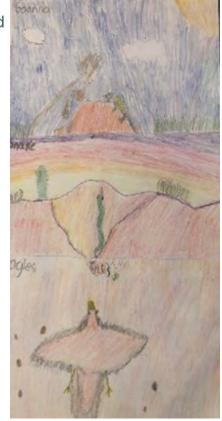




Marlu In Year 8 English, we have exploring our biggest influences and how this helps us shape our personal identities. Michael is interested in watching superheroes, learning from top sports people such as Michael Jordan and Lebron James and riding his four-wheeler.







We have been very busy in Two Way Science using our own knowledge of country and our online research skills to explore and

learn about the plants and animals in our local area. We have also researched the habita and behaviour of animals on country in relation to the changing seasons.

Science resources have arrived ready for us to start getting into the world of experiments and learning how to use the Science equipment.

Principal News;

Working together

Welcome back for the 2025 school year! There is wonderful energy and collaboration happening between Menzies Community School, the Menzies Aboriginal Corporation and the Shire of Menzies to work together on projects and initiatives this year. The first being the opening of the new sensory playground at school and the commencement of Tuesday afternoon Youth Group at the Ngalipaku Rec Centre and upcoming Harmony Day celebrations.

Our local businesses and mining companies are also keen to be involved in community events and support school activities.

Working together brings benefits beyond the practicalities of an event or a sponsorship, so get involved, come along and join in the Menzies Community fun in 2025.

School SIDE Camp & SIDE visit to Menzies

We have had to reschedule our upcoming SIDE camp until term 2 which was disappointing, however there is great news- not only do we get to go on camp in term 2 our SIDE teachers are all coming to Menzies for 3-4 days very soon. If you see them around town please say hello.

Attendance and Two Way Learning

Attendance is everything when it comes to learning to read. Everyday is important to practise new sounds and consolidate learning. Parents are welcome to come into classes and see all our new MultiLit books and resources, and read with our students.

Attending school is also about building curiosity and exploring ideas. This year we are part of the Ngaparrtji Ngaparrtji Two-way Science action-learning program which supports schools to build partnerships with local Aboriginal communities to develop integrated culturally responsive teaching and learning programs that connect the Western Australian Science Curriculum to Aboriginal knowledges. This is an exciting opportunity for teachers, students and families to learn from each other and build understandings. We look forward to sharing more from Two-way science in the coming months.

Rewarding school attendance

We like to celebrate attendance at school. We do this by our attendance meat raffle each week, attendance certificates at our assemblies and by our class dojo reward system. Our students are currently selecting their preferred rewards and emailing the Principal with their list of prizes, I'm excited to see what they choose and will do my best to meet their requests. Students taking control of their learning, using their voice, and expressing themselves is empowering and motivating.

Carolyn Gribble, Principal
Menzies Community School











Harmony Day Celebrations

WED MARCH

9am to 1pm Join us for some

- Art & Crafts activites
- A game of cricket
- BBQ lunch at the Ngalipaku Centre

Everyone is welcome

For more information contact the Menzies CRC or School

Eastern Goldfields Historical Society

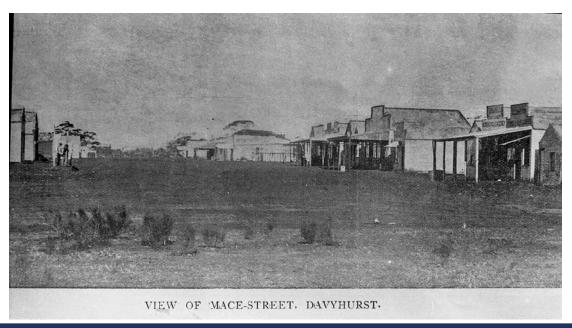
Davyhurst

Davyhurst, now a ghost town located southwest of Menzies, was officially gazetted in 1901. The proposed town site was initially named Davyston in 1890. However, Warden Owen of Menzies informed the Department that the town site was better known as Davyhurst, named after Watty Davys. The main street was named Mace, after two of his partners.

In 1899, Watty Davys and his companions travelled from Broad Arrow and discovered the Welcome Mine. However, due to the small size of the quartz leader, Davys began prospecting in the surrounding bush. After exploring several promising locations, he found three reefs on a hillside feature known as the Waihi (with Davys being a New Zea-

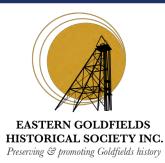
lander). The lease was registered in Menzies on November 18, 1899. The team quickly began work on the lease and sent the ore to a battery at Callion for testing. While there were other mines in the area, it soon became apparent that the Waihi was especially valuable. The government subsequently declared Davyhurst a town, and it quickly developed into a thriving community with various amenities, including stores, three hotels, a school, a church, a bakehouse, and a government mining office. At one point, the school had an attendance of sixty children, and a reliable dam provided an adequate water supply.

Davyhurst was an important gold-mining town for many years, with records indicating it produced 180,000 tons of ore, yielding 130,000 ounces of gold.



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.

KOOKYNIE.

Oct. 8. Last night an adjourned meeting of the council was held in the Council Chamber. -There were present: The Mayor, Crs. Natt, Nielsen, Manton, O'Connor, Walker, and Ebsary. A resolution was passed regarding a letter from the Kookynie Athletic Club that the council take over the recreation reserve, and the finance committee was requested to report on the matter. In answer to an application from W. Patterson to erect swimming baths, the council decided to grant the application, provided plans and specifications were submitted and approved.

Kalgoorlie Western Argus, Tuesday 14 October 1902

A general meeting of the municipal council was held last night. Plans and specifications were submitted by Mr. W. Patterson for the erection of baths. It was agreed to grant the application, provided a small alteration was made in the structure.

Kalgoorlie Miner, Saturday 25 October 1902

KOOKYNIE.

On Wednesday last the formal opening of the baths owned by the Kookynie Baths Company took place, the event being celebrated by an aquatic carnival. The programme consisted) of handicaps, sweepstakes, boys3 racesy and other events. The mayor (Mr. T. Campbell) presented two gold medals, one for the 100yds. championship and one for the Mayoral Sweeps stake, 200 yards. Mr. Thomas Britton also presented a gold medal for the 50yds. Handicap. The. baths are proving a success to the enterprising; proprietors, Patterson and Co. They; are supplied by a continuous stream of clean water from the Cosmopolitan mine.

Kalgoorlie Miner, Thursday 5 February 1903

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Kookynie Advocate and Northern Goldfields News, Wednesday 9 September 1903

REGIONAL COLUMN



Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety



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

Beware of this sneaky tactic when booking your next holiday

One way to get over post-holiday blues is to book another holiday. It'll give you something exciting to look forward to when the daily grind is getting you down. However, as you start searching for a great deal on your next getaway be on high alert for a sneaky practice that could blow your budget.

Drip pricing is a tactic used by websites or apps to trick or manipulate you into spending more money than you'd planned. It happens when an attractive price is advertised at the beginning of an online purchase, but then extra fees and charges (such as booking and service fees, insurances) are gradually added during the purchase process. It can also include pre-selected extras you may not want, and add-ons presented in a way that makes you feel you must buy them.

This type of pricing tactic is commonly seen when purchasing flights, event tickets, accommodation or rental cars. All the things you're likely to need for that exciting holiday.

When you have to manually un-tick and opt -out of the pre-selected extras before you get to the final price, you're more likely to get caught out by drip pricing. And when you end up paying more than intended or you felt misled about the price – then you've experienced consumer harm.

To prevent being stung extra through sneaky drip pricing, remind yourself about the deal you saw on the flashy ad that drew you in.

Stick to your holiday budget. When you start the online booking process, prepare to back out if the final price is not what you were expecting and shop around for a better final price.

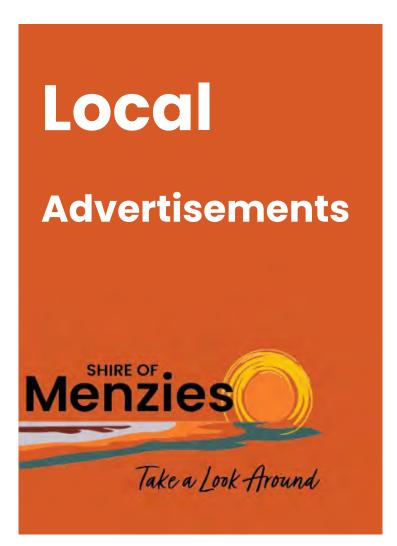
As you move through each screen during the booking process, keep your eyes peeled for any pre-selections. Deselect anything you don't want and double check again before you hit that final pay button.

Under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL), businesses are only allowed to add preselected charges and fees if the additional prices are disclosed at the beginning of the purchasing process. Otherwise, their advertising could be considered misleading.

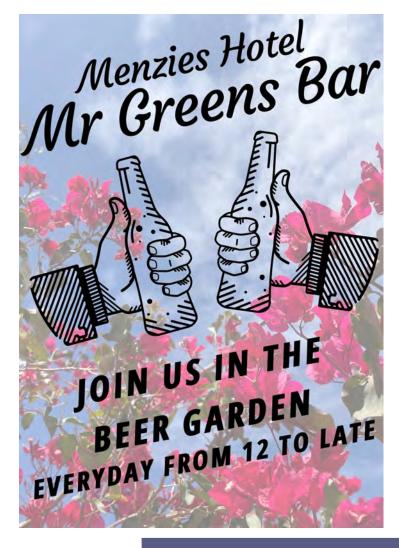
If you are misled into paying an optional charge, then raise this with the business and request a pro-rata refund to the value of that added charge.

If you believe a business is breaching the rules on pre-selected fees and charges contact Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54, or consumer@demirs.wa.gov.au for advice.

Looking to book a holiday house? Make sure the short-term rental accommodation (STRA) registration number is displayed on the ad. This lets you know that the host has complied with new rules for operating STRA in WA. You can also check that a STRA registration number is valid, and the postcode of the STRA matches the location that you are booking for. This may help to identify illegitimate ads. Check if a STRA is registered via wa.gov.au









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

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:

be on a lead at all times.



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

(08) 9092 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





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

Congratulations to Joe Stevens on successful completion of recent EMR - Emergency Medical Responder training, well done Joe!

Leonora Pharmacy



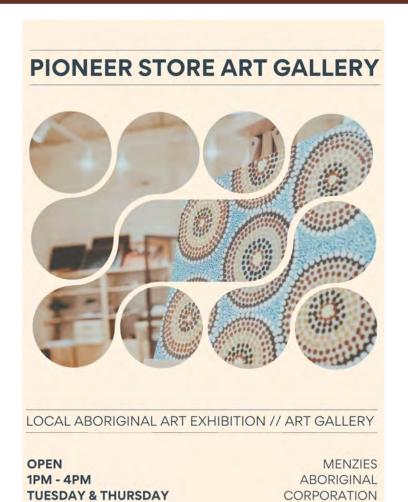
FREE DELIVERY SERVICE TO MENZIES

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



Avoid the Flu

The following groups are eligible for Government funded influenza vaccines in WA:

- children aged 6 months to 5 years
- primary school-aged children
- pregnant people (at any stage of pregnancy)
- Aboriginal people aged 6 months and over
- people aged 65 years and over, and
- people aged 6 months and over with certain medical conditions

WA health department contact number: 08 9321 1312





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.

I recently read the results of the visit to Canberra by our council.

Money was allocated to many regional areas. Port Hedland, Roeborne and a few others regional arears, I think Esperance was another town from memory. But what I recall is that Menzies did not receive a cent. I can only imagine that the reason is because of the size of our population. Now if I'm wrong then perhaps our authority needs to expose the secret.

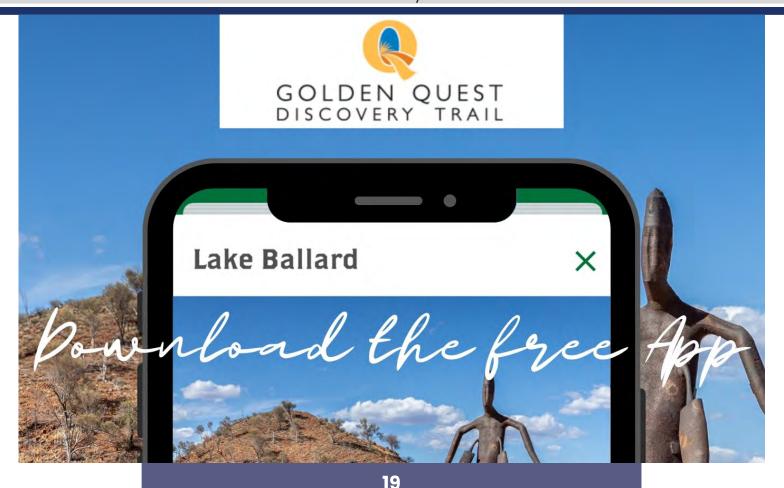
Another piece of news is the proposed tree planting project that was announced by the state government. I understand that Menzies is included. Tree planting has many benefits. Settling dust is one of them. I'm told that the Kalgoorlie Shire planted many trees years ago for that same reason.

I'm aware that our shire has been active in tree planting in the past but to maintain the necessary watering has been a challenge. Perhaps we can all help by planting a street tree in front of our house and care for it, if there isn't one. There is a dead tree in Kensington street that used to flower. Unfortunately, it was not watered during last summer and the eucalyptus has died.

Recently there was a Facebook note advertising buildings from sea containers. Many were interested. I should have typed a note but didn't so I hope our Menzies Matters will inform some of those who were interested. The particular drawing indicated a number of containers placed above each other. This particular configuration is very expensive due to the cost of cranage, especially in a remote town. One person wanted a "cheap block" of land. Menzies has that advantage. Visit the town and ask the administration. While in town visit a few sites where container have been used as houses. I might add that containers are forbidden on domestic blocks in Kalgoorlie.

All my news for this month.

Roy Parfitt



Events Calendar — March / April / May 2025

	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Week 1	3	YOUTH AFTER BUHOOL ACTIVITIES	5	6 Community Bus	7	Morning Mass	9
Week 2	10	YOUTH! AFTER BUHOOL ACTIVITIES	12	Community Bus	14	15	16
Week 3	17	YOUTH! AFTER BUHOOL ACTIVITIES	Harmony Day	Community Bus	21	22	23
Week 4	24	YOUTH AFTER BUHOOL AUTIVITIES	Seniors Lunch	Community Bus	28	29	30
Week1	31	YOUTH! AFTER BUHOOL ACTIVITIES	2	Community Bus	4	5	6
Week 2	7	YOUTH! AFTER BOHOOL ACTIVITIES	Community Eats	Community Bus	11	Morning Mass	13
Week3	14	15	16	Community Bus	Good Friday	19	Easter Sunday
Week4	Easter Monday	22	23	Community Bus	ANZAC ANZAC	26	27
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Ordinary Council Meeting at Menzies

School Holidays