

# Menzies Matters April 2025 | Issue 194



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### **Shire Updates**



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

One of the standout events in March was the Harmony Day celebration, which was a resounding success. Thanks to the collaborative

efforts of the Menzies Aboriginal Corporation,
Menzies Community School, Menzies CRC, and
the works crew, we were able to come together
as a community to celebrate the rich diversity
that makes Menzies such a vibrant place.

On 11 March, the Acting CEO, several Councillors, and I had a productive meeting with Brightstar, an important partnership that I believe will foster future growth and collaboration for Menzies.

Another important meeting was with the Friends of the Outback Way, an organisation that supports and promotes the Outback Way and its surrounding communities. We discussed several initiatives that could help strengthen the connection and support for Menzies, and I'm looking forward to the opportunities this partnership may bring. Additionally, at the Ordinary Council meeting on 27 March, the Council endorsed a donation of \$10,000 to support this partnership.

On 18 March, the Acting CEO, Works Manager, and I participated in the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) meeting, where we connected with the Shire of Leonora and other agencies involved in emergency response. This ongoing collaboration is essential as we work together to improve emergency management and response systems between Menzies and Leonora.

On 25 March, I joined the Acting CEO for a meeting with the Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission, where we focused on drought resilience. Addressing the challenges of climate change and water sustainability is a priority, and this conversation will help ensure our community is better prepared for the future.

Finally, on 28 March, the Acting CEO and I, attended two key meetings: the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) meeting and the Northern Goldfields Working Group meeting. Both meetings provided valuable opportunities to discuss regional development, share insights, and strengthen our collective efforts toward improving the services and infrastructure that are so vital to our communities.

I am also pleased to announce the opening of submissions for the Community Financial Assistance Grants for the 2025/2026 Financial Year. This program is designed to support initiatives that contribute to the well-being and development of our community in Menzies.

Applications will be accepted starting Tuesday, 1 April 2025, with the deadline set for Monday, 28 April 2025. For more information and to submit your application, please visit the Shire website.

I am proud of all the progress we are making, and I look forward to the continued collaboration and dedication that will shape a stronger future for Menzies.

**Paul Warner** 



**Acting CEO's Message** 

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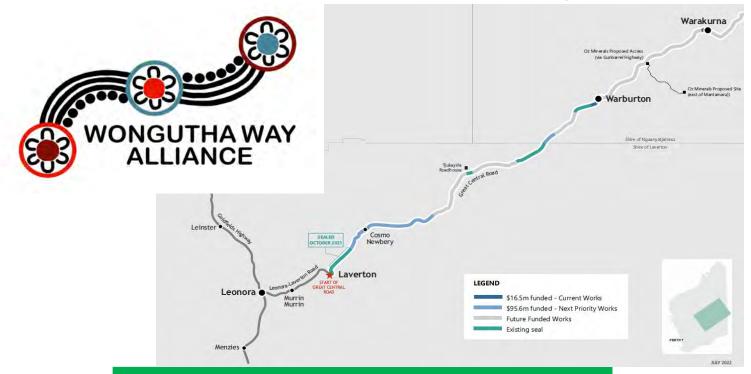
Purchasing Accounts and Pre-employment Requirements for new staff vision for the future and answered various and Equal Employment Opportunity policy.

The Council also agreed to membership of the Friends of the Outback Way which is a The day was a great opportunity to discuss body continuing to lobby and source funding matters shared across the Goldfields and to for the sealing of the entire route across Aus- further cement working relationships within tralia to Queensland. This will be an im- both groups. We also heard updates on the portant step with regard to positioning Men- drought resilience project, climate adaption zies within the potential tourism benefits project and the town greening project stemming from the project. The Federal gov- through GVROC. The results of the projects ernment has approved a significant sum for will soon be hitting the ground with planning the project and lobbying continues with the documents and trees becoming available. WA State Government.

Group meetings in Esperance on Friday March Council 28/3/2025 which was also attended by Meeting reviewed several Stephen Dawson, Minister for Regional Develpolicy documents relating opment; Ports; Science and Innovation; Medito financial management cal Research; Kimberley in his capacity as of Minister for Regional Development. limits, He provided a snapshot of the government's questions within his portfolio related to our

The Shire President and I attended the Peter Bentley GVROC and the Northern Goldfields Working

For more information on the Outback Way visit www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/outback-way



### **COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION**

### **Ordinary Meeting**

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 24, April at 1pm 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.

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, 29 May 2025	1 PM	Menzies
Thursday, 26 June 2025	1PM	Menzies
Thursday, 31 July 2025	1PM	Menzies

**Peter Bentley** 

**Acting Chief Executive Officer** 



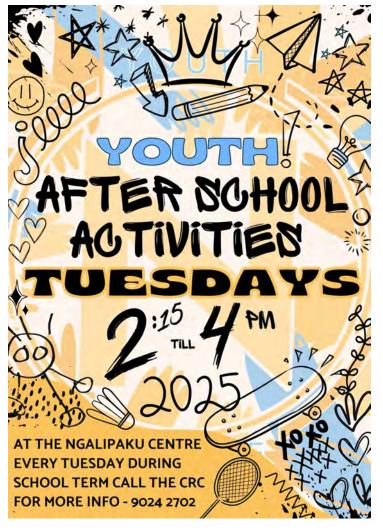


# Saturday Morning Tea and Mass

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

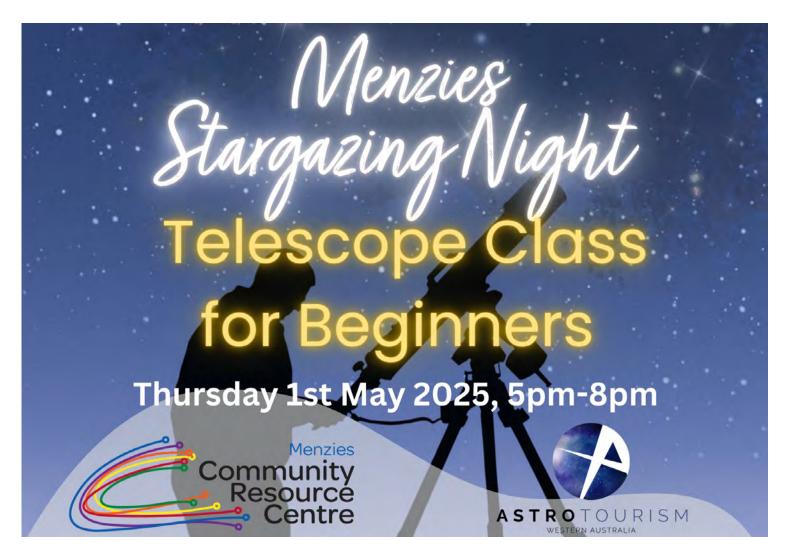


# enzes **Senior Lunch**

Wednesday 30 April

We'll be taking the bus to the Broad Arrow Tavern pick up available from 11am or meet at the Town Hall

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





### **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

Menzies Nursing Post
Tuesday 29th April

Tuesday 27th May
Tuesday 24th 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

# ANZAC DAY

Friday 25 April 2025

The Dawn Service will be held at 6am at the Menzies Town Hall War Memorial Followed by a gunfire breakfast

110 years since the Gallipoli Campaign



# 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 COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

### Pukulpa Nintirrinkula Happy Learning

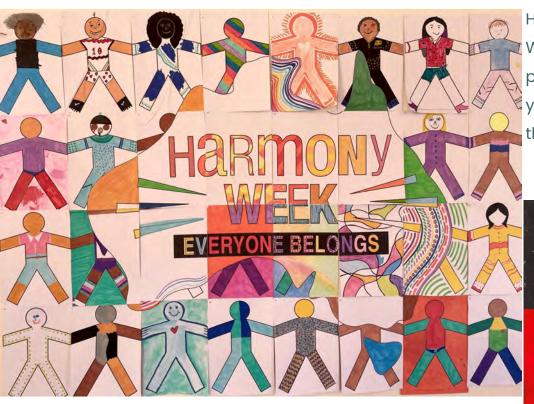
#### **Class News**

**Wanampi** We've been working hard on our guided daily writing and daily reading with an adult.

Recently, our school introduced InitiaLit - an evidencebased literacy program designed to help us become confident readers and writers. With engaging activities and exciting lessons, we're building the skills we need for success!

Let's keep up the great work and enjoy this journey of reading and writing together!





Harmony Day celebration on Wednesday 19th, lots of painting and colouring, thank you to everyone that joined in the fun!



### Menzies is the Best Place in the World

Menzies is, without a doubt, the best place on this planet and these are the reasons why. The reasons are **my family lives here**, it is a small town, and we have the best Youth Centre in Menzies. Let me explain.

Firstly, my family live in Menzies. Family is the most important thing in my life. My family give me a home, they feed me, they love, support, they encourage me to be my best and they are raising me to be a good person. If I didn't have my family, I would be lost. I would be like a leaf floating in the wind – with no place to belong. I love my family, and because they are all in Menzies, being here is the best place for me to be.

Secondly, Menzies is a small town. Because everyone knows everyone else, I feel very safe in Menzies. I grew up around my neighbours, I know them very well. In fact, I am related to a lot of people who live here. They are my family. Not many people live here, so we do not have a problem with lots of cars driving through the town. We don't have a problem with traffic jams. During community events like the Christmas Tree, I am surrounded by friends and family. I am safe to have heaps of fun with my small-town friends.

Lastly, we have a fabulous Youth Centre in Menzies. At the Youth Centre, young people can do different craft activities like lantern-making, play board games, play electronic games on their consoles like Nintendo Switch and X-Box. Sometimes the Youth Officer organises sporting contests like badminton and tennis games for the community to play around the Youth Centre. And, best of all, is that all of this is available to us for free. We do not have to pay a cent! Wow, how good is that?

You have to agree with me that Menzies is the best place to be. Who wants to be away from family? Not me. I do not want to live around strangers and there is no better Youth Centre than ours. When are you moving to Menzies?

Marlu class

### **Eastern Goldfields Historical Society**

DAMAGE NEARLY £4,000.

MENZIES, March 21, 12.58 a.m.

Another disastrous fire has occurred, resulting in the absolute destruction of the Maori Hotel and the Maori Hall buildings at the extreme western end of the town, together with the block of buildings, owned by the Western Australian Bank, and formerly tenanted by W. W. Riley, builder. The fire was completely under weigh before the discovery was made and the alarm given, and the brigade was absolutely

FIRE AT MENZIES. THE MAORI HOTEL DESTROVED. able direction and the fire was confined to the block in which it originated.

> The Maori Hotel and Hall, which were owned by Messrs Walker and Wild, were worth £3000 and were insured for only £500. The insurance on the premises owned by Riley is unknown. A large quantity of timber was destroyed.

The Menzies Miner premises narrowly escaped destruction.

The fire is still burning, but no further danger is anticipated. The origin of the fire is a complete mystery.



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.

### ANZAC DAY

### Observance at Menzies

Under the chairmanship of Mr. R. T. Pugh, president of the subbranch of the R.S.L., the citizens of Menzies observed Anzac Day in the local hall. A large gathering took part. The returned nurses and men, with the boy scouts, marched to the hall, where the citizens had assembled.

Mr. Pugh opened the services with a short address to the girls and boys— "Why We Keep the Day." He was followed by the chairman of the roads board, Mr. Quinlan, who told of his personal remembrances of the outbreak of war, the call to arms, and the gallantry of the men who coined for Australia and New Zealand the glorious name of Anzac.

The head teacher of the State school, Mr. Lake, then gave a brief account of the events which gave to of the events which gave to us the day we celebrate.

Major James, president of the Kalgoorlie sub-branch of the R.S.L., spoke of the need to-day to be prepared and to deter aggression and preserve peace. Anzac Day brought to the people of Australia a sense peace. Anzac Day brought to the people of Australia a sense of national responsibility. The observance of the day was essentially and primarily a religious ceremony. The Rev. A. R. Broadbent conducted the religious observance. The impressive two minutes' silence in remembrance of the fallen was concluded by the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille by Bugler C. Kerr.

The Rev. Broadbent stressed the need of perpetuating the spirit of Anzac in daily life. The men of Anzac were men of courage and sacrifice, having inherited these inherited these qualities from a brave pioneering ancestry. The sacrifice and courage of those noble men and women "who had the grit to face the new" was found in the sons of 1914-18. And to-day we could only adequately commemorate the meaning of Anzac by taking up their standards of courage and absolute sacrifice.

Hymns sung were Kipling's "Recessional," "Lead Kindly Light," "O Valiant Hearts," "O God, Our Hope in Ages Past," and "Land of Hope and Glory." The service closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

The ex-service men and their wives were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pugh at supper, where the happy spirit of reminiscence prevailed. The diggers expressed their thanks to Major James, the padre and Bugler Kerr with fitting words, and the host and hostess received the warmest thanks for their hospitality.

Kalgoorlie Miner, Thursday 27 April 1939,

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# ANZAC DAY 110 years since the Gallipoli Campaign

On 25 April 1915, Australian, New Zealand and British forces landed on the Gallipoli peninsula while French troops launched a feint on the opposite shore at Kum Kale. This started an 8-month-long campaign to seize control of the Dardanelles strait and capture the Ottoman capital of Constantinople.

At dawn, the Australians and New Zealanders landed at a place that has since become known as Anzac Cove. It was named after the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) who served there. Dashing across the beach and towards the cliffs above, the Anzacs fought to seize the high ground. Instead, they were forced to dig in and establish a fragile position on the slopes of the peninsula. Turkish forces fired on them from above, pinning them down and preventing them from reaching their objectives. The Anzacs sustained heavy casualties as they tried to gain ground in the face of dense scrub, steep ridges, narrow gullies and heavy Turkish resistance.

Gallipoli was one of the most significant campaigns in Australia's military history. It was the first campaign for the newly formed Australian Imperial Force (AIF). The AIF recorded over 26,000 casualties and almost 9,000 deaths. These huge losses, coupled with the exploits and bravery of those who served and died there, had a profound effect on Australian society. From 1916, Australians began to gather on the anniversary of the Gallipoli landing to commemorate those who served and those who lost their lives. This day became known as Anzac Day. Every year since, for over 100 years, Australians have paused on this anniversary to reflect and remember the service and sacrifice of all those who have served our nation in wars and on operations.





Anzac Portal anzacportal.dva.gov.au

### REGIONAL COLUMN



### Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety



### With Senior Regional Officer for

### **Goldfields Esperance, Kelly O'Donnell**

## Paying extra? What to know about surcharges

Have you found yourself paying \$17.45 for two flat whites on a public holiday? No, the price of your morning coffee hasn't gone up, you were most likely hit with a surcharge.

Hospitality businesses often charge a surcharge on public holidays to cover higher wage costs. Staff must be paid penalty rates on weekends and public holidays, so your favourite café, restaurant or pub may pass on these extra costs to you.

Paying a surcharge should never come as a surprise. You should be made aware of any weekend or public holiday surcharges before you decide to order or buy from a restaurant, pub or cafe.

The menu or price board must include the wording 'a surcharge of [percentage] applies on [the specified day or days]'. This statement must be easy to see and noticeable, so you know the price displayed won't be the final price charged on those specified days.

Alternatively, if the menu does not list prices, the information about the surcharge must be displayed in some other obvious way so you're aware **before** you order. This could be a large sign at the door or at the cash register.

So, if your local pub fails to let you know your pint of beer is going to cost a little more on a public holiday, this may be a breach of the Australian Consumer Law.

Another type of common surcharge is credit card surcharges. The good news is there are rules about this too. Card surcharges are permitted under the Australian Consumer Law, however the fee must only reflect what it actually costs the business to process the payment, such as bank fees or terminal costs. If a business charges a payment surcharge, it must be able to prove the costs it is based on.

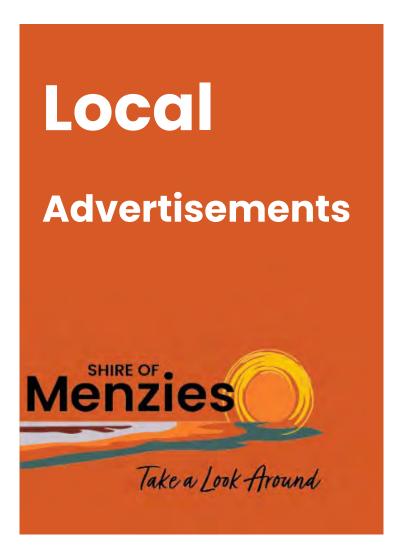
If there is no other way for you to pay without incurring a surcharge, then the business must include the fee in the total cost.

For example, your local café charges \$5 for a coffee, but they do not accept cash, and all card payments are surcharged. Then it is not possible for you to buy that coffee at \$5. If the surcharge is 1% then the price displayed must clearly be \$5.05 so you can easily tell how much your coffee really costs.

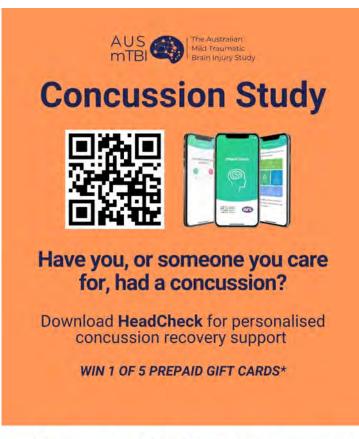
In the same way a hospitality business must let you know about surcharges; they must also let you know if they don't accept cash.

Remember, purchasing goods or services is entering into an agreement with a seller. You do not have to agree to make the purchase if the payment methods or final price aren't acceptable to you.

If you feel you have been misled by a business about surcharges, have a chat with them first about it and see if they can help rectify it. Otherwise, report it to Consumer Protection – 1300 30 40 54 or consumer@demirs.wa.gov.au











LAURIES CAFÉ
NEW HOURS @ 07.04.2025

MONDAY 6AM - 2.30PM

TUESDAY 6AM - 3.00PM

WEDNESDAY 6AM-7.00PM

THURSDAY 6AM – 7.00PM

FRIDAY 6AM – 7.00PM

SATRUDAY 7AM – 2.00PM

SUNDAY - CLOSED

PHONE AHEAD: 0482 686 876

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### **Menzies Caravan Park**

The Menzies Caravan Park is conveniently located next to the Visitor Centre which is also the booking centre and go-to point for information about the region.

Self-contained modern cabins | Caravan and camping sites | Dedicated disabled amenity with wheelchair access | Camp kitchen | Dump point | Dogs on leads welcome.

Prepaid diesel and unleaded fuel (24/7) available in Menzies town centre.

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.

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:



### **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

# **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











# PIONEER STORE ART GALLERY



LOCAL ABORIGINAL ART EXHIBITION // ART GALLERY

OPEN 1PM - 4PM TUESDAY & THURSDAY MENZIES ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

### **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.

Just to share with you all.

While on holiday I have had the privilege of viewing Nextflix. Watching TV without the adverts.

My wife subscribes to Netflix that provides many different films to watch. I guess you all know that.

One such series, identified as Virgin River. A Girls World film of love emotion and untruths. The series was recommended by my wife's youngest daughter.

What is worth mentioning is that the story is

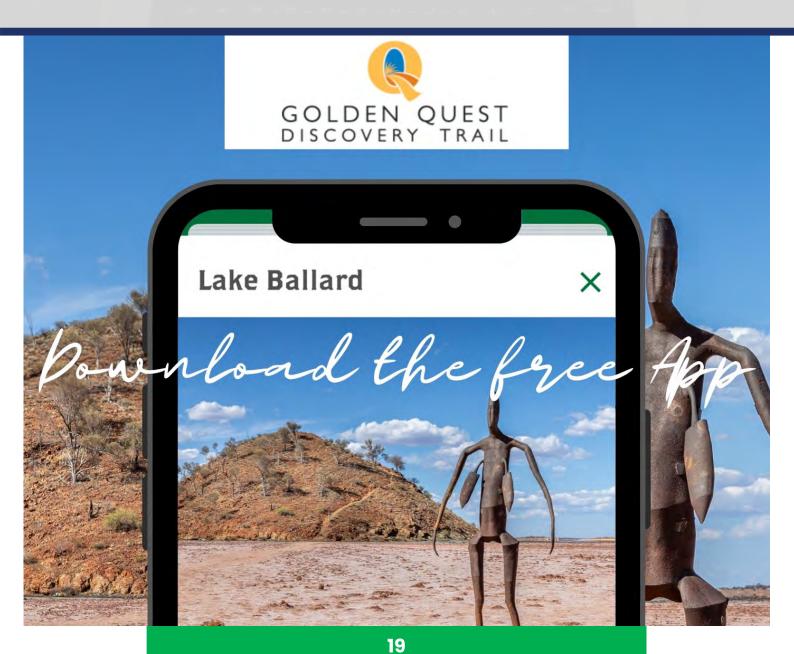
based on a small town where everyone knows each other. Just like Menzies.

What is remarkable was the activities that were created by the residents. An effort was made by the people of the town. Led by an active Mayor, Shire President type person.

We can all take a leaf from the story and apply parts to our little town in an attempt to raise the standard of Menzies.

All for now. See you soon.

**Roy Parfitt** 



### Events Calendar — April / May 2025

	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Week 1		AFTER BUHOOL ACTIVITIES		Community Bus			
Week 2	7	YOUTH! AFTER BUHOOL ACTIVITIES	Community Eats	Community Bus	11	Morning Mass	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Week 3				Community Bus	Good Friday		Easter Sunday
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Week 4	Easter Monday		200	Community Bus	ANZAC		
Week 1	28	YOUTH!  AFTER BUHOOL  ACTIVITIES	Seniors Lunch	Me Stargazin	nzies g Nights	3	4
Week 2	5	AFTER BOHOOL ACTIVITIES	, , ,	Community Bus	9	10	Mother's Day
Week 3	12	AFTER BOHOOL ACTIVITIES	Community Eats	Community Bus	16	17	18
Week 4	19	AFTER BOHOOL ACTIVITIES	21	Community Bus	23	24	25
Week 5	26	YOUTH AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	Seniors Lunch	Community Bus	30	31	

Ordinary Council Meeting at Menzies

**School Holidays**