

# Menzies Matters

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## **Shire Updates**



## **Shire President's Report**

From 23 to 25 May, I had the opportunity of joining Patrick Hill (President, Shire of Laverton), Peter Craig (President, Shire of Leono-

ra), Ty Matson (CEO, Shire of Leonora), Ross Norrie (Deputy

President, Shire of Leonora), and Eric Hill on a visit to Kookynie, where we aimed to locate Presidents' Corner—where the boundaries of three shires meet. Along the way, we stopped to explore the rich history of Menzies.

On Saturday, 24 May, we successfully found the location of Presidents' Corner and placed a peg to mark the spot. A key outcome of this gathering was the idea of creating a collaborative Presidents' Corner, both a physical site and a broader initiative, aimed at highlighting each other's shires, celebrating our distinct histories, and sharing ideas for future growth. Patrick and Peter both agreed that Menzies, with its rich history and beauty, would be hard to beat.

Additionally, on 21 May, the Acting CEO and I attended a meeting with two representatives from Road Trains Australia. We discussed the potential of a site in the townsite or surrounding area to operate a fleet of trucks and workshop. The central location of Menzies makes it an ideal spot for their operations.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank
Peter Bentley for his leadership, time and
dedication as Acting CEO of the Shire of
Menzies from November 2024 to May 2025.
We look forward to welcoming him back in
September 2025. In the meantime, please join
me in welcoming Rob Stewart, who will be
stepping in as Acting CEO from June to
August 2025. Rob is no stranger to the role,
having previously served as Acting CEO in
Menzies. His leadership and dedication have
consistently shown that he brings a strong
and capable presence to the position, and we
look forward to his continued contributions to
the community.

**Paul Warner** 



## **Acting CEO's Message**

When the opportunity to come back to Menzies as Acting CEO presented itself, I grasped it with both hands. My first

appointment of 11 months in 2023 was, in a professional sense,

thoroughly enjoyable. Everybody in Menzies was welcoming and friendly. I did not hesitate to return and my first few days have again been welcoming and friendly.

Since leaving Menzies I have worked in both Mt Magnet and Wiluna as Acting CEO, again very rewarding in a professional sense.

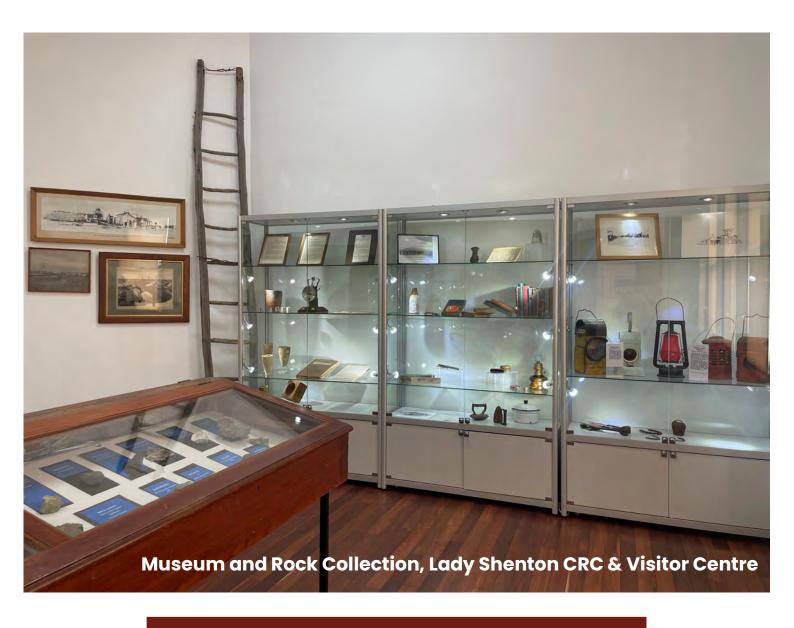
Upon my return to Menzies it has been gratifying to see some projects now

complete, especially the Lady Shenton building and the parking area south of the Menzies townsite.

There are some new challenges that have developed that will need to be addressed, but there are also a number of opportunities presenting themselves that will be of great benefit to the citizens of the Shire and for the Shire's growth.

Early days yet, but in the three months of my contract as Acting CEO, I will use all my efforts to continue the good work of my predecessors.

**Rob Stewart** 



## SHIRE OF MENZIES

## Proposed Sale of Land in Kookynie Townsite

The Shire of Menzies is proposing the sale of land within the Kookynie townsite by private treaty as follows:

#### 54 Britannia Street KOOKYNIE.

Proponent:

Jacob and Tima Dimer

Valuations:

The Council has determined that the value of the lot is \$4,000.00.

Consideration:

\$4,000.00

The Shire must advertise the sale of this lot pursuant to S3.58 of the Local Government Act providing the above detail. The lot concerned is surplus to the Council requirements and were advertised for expressions of interest. Public comment or submissions regarding the proposed sale can be made via post to the address below or via email to ceo@menzies.wa.gov.au by close of business Wednesday 21 June 2025.

**ROB STEWART** 

**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** 

Shire of Menzies, PO Box 4, Menzies WA 6436

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The Shire of Menzies is proposing the sale of land within the Kookynie townsite by private treaty as follows:

### 50 Britannia Street KOOKYNIE.

Proponent:

Mr Ross Dixon

Valuations:

The Council has determined that the value of the lot is \$4,000.00.

Consideration:

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# **COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION**

## **Ordinary Meeting**

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 26 June at 1pm in Menzies.

This meeting will be held at the Shire Council Chambers, and members of the public are welcome to attend. At the start of each open meeting, 15 minutes is allocated 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 on 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, 26 June 2025	1PM	Menzies
Thursday, 31 July 2025	1PM	Menzies
Thursday, 28August 2025	1PM	Menzies

**Rob Stewart** 

**Acting Chief Executive Officer** 

# 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 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

The Shire's new rubbish truck represents a significant step forward in our ongoing efforts to maintain a clean and welcoming community.

This addition enhances the reliability of waste collection, ensuring that our streets remain tidy and pleasant for everyone.

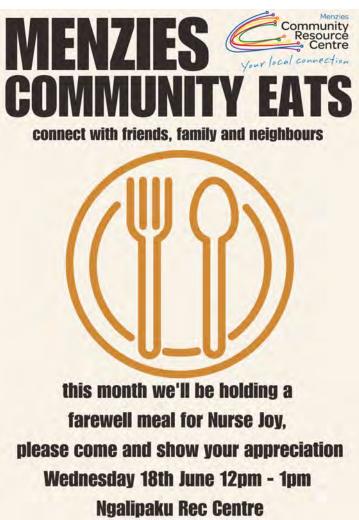
Rubbish collections will occur every Monday, covering areas from Lake Ballard to Kookynie, while Thursday/Friday's are reserved for servicing commercial properties, including the Caravan Park.

We truly appreciate your cooperation in placing bins on the verge for easy access. This small action plays a big role in helping us keep our town pristine.

# Thank you







Saturday Morning Tea and Mass

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

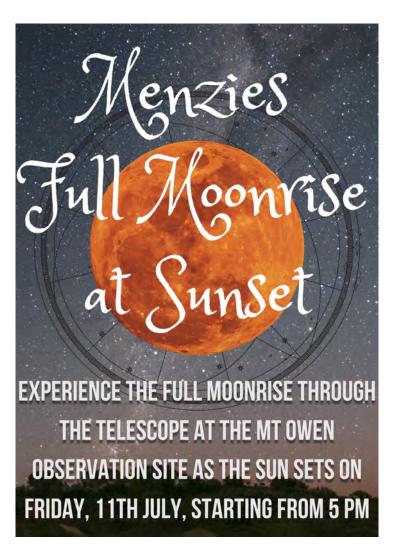
10am Saturday 28th of June 2025

Community Building on Shenton Street Menzies

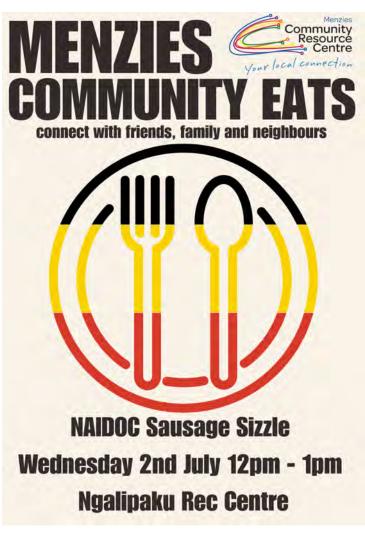
> All Faiths Welcome



to Lucy or call 9024 2702











## **MENZIES COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

## Pukulpa Nintirrinkula Happy Learning

## Message from Menzies Community School Principal, Liz Owers.

Hello everyone. I have been appointed as principal of your school for the next six months; with the possibility of extension should Mrs Irving continue in her current role in Kambalda. I have been teaching for 21 years, mainly in primary schools, around the Perth metro area. I did, however, start my teaching career in Kalgoorlie in 2004, staying there for two years. I have taught Indonesian, Computing, Science, Humanities (the old social studies



subject) and Health as a primary specialist teacher. As a classroom teacher, I have taught from Year 3 through to Year 10. I have had several fixed term appointments as a deputy principal and this is my first principalship.

The community of Menzies is blessed to have a highly dedicated and hard-working permanent staff at the school. They have built strong relationships with all students and really want to help them all, become the best possible versions of themselves. I am loving living, for the first time, in a small rural community. Everyone around town has been extremely welcoming.



The school is a lovely mix of old and new and is steeped in history. Our school has had some upgrades recently with new playgrounds and a refurbished basketball court. In the next few months, we will be demolishing an old demountable and replacing it with a new early

childhood classroom. After that, we will be getting another demountable for upper primary. All three classrooms will face our beautiful new playgrounds. Further to this, our basketball court is getting a roof towards the end of the year so that students can play there all year round.

#### **Class News**

## Descriptive Writing and Sentence Building in Wanampi and Yilpa



Wanampi has been exploring how to use descriptive language in their writing. We went on a sensory walk around the school, using our five senses to notice the world around us. Students chose strong, expressive words to make their poetry vivid and powerful.

Finally, we published our poems on the computer and added our own illustrations to bring them to life!

Meanwhile, Yilpa is working through the InitiaLit program. They are practising how to create and write simple sentences, building their skills step by step.

#### Marlu class

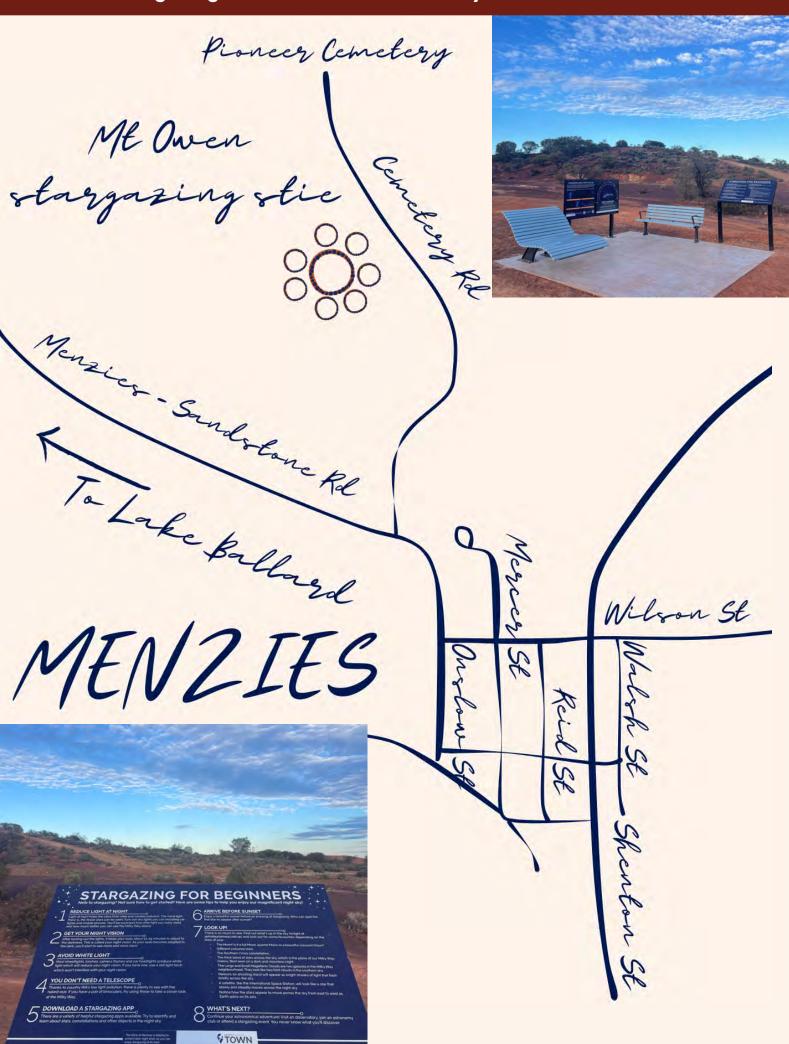
This term the high school students have participated in several engaging topics and excursions at school. We had a visit from some of the students' teachers who came from Perth. Rhani and Jameelah enjoyed having their online teacher from SIDE (School of Isolated and Distance Education) with them in the classroom supporting them with their Visual Art studies. The two Year 12 students also gained their Nail Technician certificate on a day out to

Leonora. This was a fun day.

The lower high school students have been working on reading clocks and timetables in Maths and in Science lessons learning about plants and plant cells. In HASS they have been discussing what an economy is and the basics of business and in English how advertisements can influence what people buy.

They have also enjoyed their Fridays cooking their own lunch and having physical education with our weekly visits from Bevan.







# **Outback Graves Markers**



Time flies and the intrepid volunteers of Outback Grave Markers are out and about in the Goldfields again to install more plaques.

This trip will include 6 areas in the Shire of Menzies, including Comet Vale, Goongarie, Kookynie, Menzies, Mulline and Siberia. Shire staff met with the self-funded, voluntary organisation dedicated to the preservation of our fast disappearing outback history.

There have been some challenges along the way with plaque production, but with the efforts of the committee and others all has been overcome and there will be 315 plaques installed on this Goldfields trip.

The trip will be about 16 days, subject to conditions, and a lot of work with a little bit of R&R along the way.



## **Eastern Goldfields Historical Society**

### **Cranky Jack**

This excerpt taken from No Sign of the Time compiled by P & B Rodgers.

A character who lived on Menangina Station for many years was one Alfred Henry Davey, who lived a secluded lifestyle and pulled Sandalwood for a living. He was affectionately known as Cranky Jack because of his eccentric ways. Cranky Jack often went to Menangina for stores, and John Tonkin remembers as a small boy sitting up in Jack's dray listening to many of Jack's hair raising stories. His old Dray had one wheel much larger, larger than the other, so it travelled along at about 45 degrees. Old Jack never had a dog, but always had a cat that wore a collar and chain attached to the axle of the dray, so the cat trotted along under the dray for the 16 miles from his camp to the Menangina Homestead for stores.



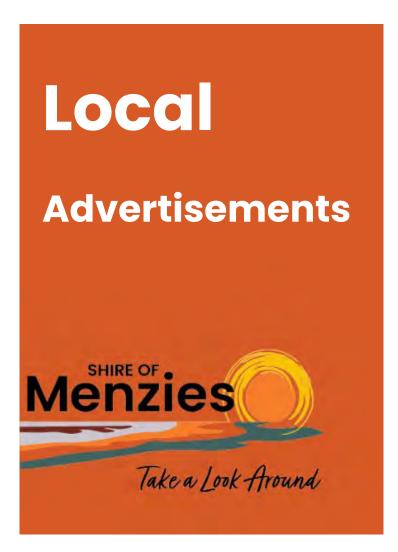
Above article and image supplied by the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society.

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 <a href="mailto:eghs@kalgroliehistory.org.au">eghs@kalgroliehistory.org.au</a> or phone 9093 3360.



# **LAURIE'S CAFÉ**



## **Winter Opening Hours**

MONDAY 6:00AM – 2:30PM

TUESDAY 6:00AM – 3:00PM

WEDNESDAY 6:00AM – 7:00PM

THURSDAY 6:00AM – 7:00PM

FRIDAY 6:00AM – 7:00PM

SATURDAY 7:00AM – 2:00PM

SUNDAY 8:00AM – 2:00PM

Last orders for evening meal 6.30pm.

Phone Orders: 0482 686 876







#### Community Information on Cyanide Use at Tropicana Mine Site

#### **Responsible Cyanide Management**

At AngloGold Ashanti's **Tropicana** mine, we are dedicated to ensuring the safe use and management of all chemicals, including cyanide, which is critical to our gold extraction process. We recognise our responsibility to protect the environment and community through best practices and safety measures.

#### What is Cyanide?

Cyanide refers to a group of chemicals containing carbon and nitrogen, with **sodium cyanide** being the most common form used in gold mining. At Tropicana mine, sodium cyanide is either transported in a solid form (dissolved on-site) or as a liquid for immediate use.

#### Why We Use Cyanide

Gold cannot dissolve in water due to its properties as a noble metal. Therefore, cyanide is essential for extracting gold from ore through a process called **cyanidation**. The gold is then captured on activated carbon in large leach tanks, processed, and refined.

#### Transportation of Cyanide to Tropicana Mine

Cyanide is transported to the Tropicana mine in specially designed **isotainers** to ensure safe delivery. These containers are built to withstand severe damage. The transportation follows the highest safety standards and regulations under the **Dangerous Goods Act**. All drivers are trained in cyanide management and accredited to transport dangerous goods.

#### **Environmental Breakdown**

Cyanide is broken down in sunlight into harmless byproducts like carbon dioxide and nitrogen. It does not accumulate in living organisms, and in the unlikely event of a spill, cyanide quickly evaporates or breaks down, Minimising its environmental impact.

#### Tropicana Mine's Actions to Minimise Cyanide Risks

At Tropicana mine, we adopt a series of proactive measures to reduce risks associated with cyanide use:

- Regular maintenance of equipment used in cyanide handling.
- Compliance with the International Cyanide Management Code, ensuring the highest safety and
- environmental standards.
- Fauna protection, excluding animals from areas with cyanide-containing water.
- Optimising cyanide usage through constant process improvement.
- Minimising worker exposure through exclusion zones, alarms, and high alkalinity levels to prevent the formation of hydrogen cyanide gas.
- Regular training of staff and contractors on the safe use of cyanide.
- Continuous monitoring of cyanide throughout the cyanide facilities.

#### **Emergency Preparedness**

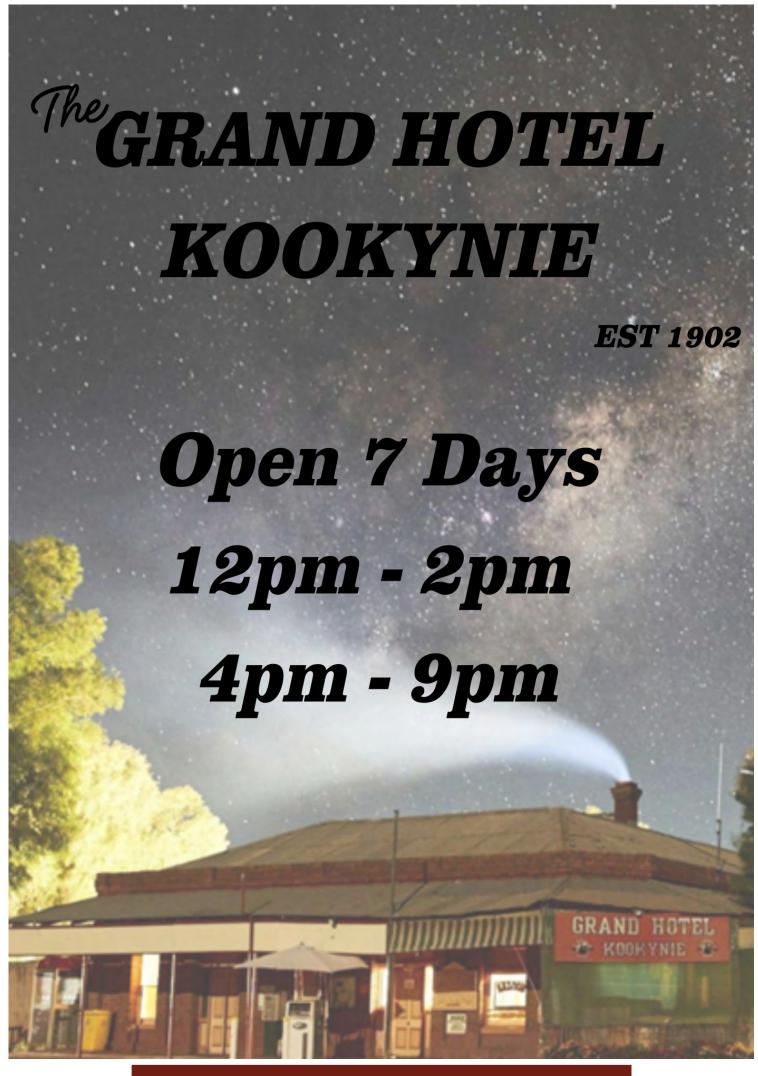
In the event of a cyanide emergency at Tropicana mine, we have implemented:

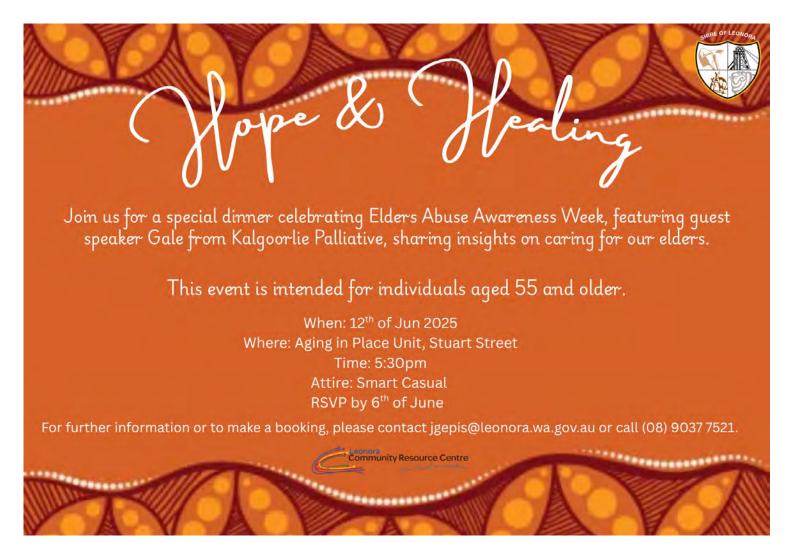
- A robust **Emergency Management Plan**, including regular drills.
- Accredited Hazmat response teams for immediate intervention.
- Collaboration with external agencies such as FESA and WA Police for emergency assistance

If you need to report an emergency, call CSBP's 24-hour emergency number: 1800 093 333 or dial 000 for immediate help.

#### **Contact Us**

For more information or to express concerns about cyanide use at Tropicana mine, please email us at communitylandaccess@anglogoldashanti.com











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: 🔳



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, Inside Australia (51kms West of Menzies) and Niagara Dam (65kms North East of Menzies) both roads are fully sealed

Menzies, Gateway to the Northern Goldfields, Home to Inside Australia

## **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**

10am

2:00 pm

Menzies	12:30 pm
Kooynie Turnoff	12:00 pm
Leonora - arrive	11:15 am
Laverton	10am

#### PURCHASE TICKET ONLINE

Kalgoorlie

www.goldrushtours.com.gu





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



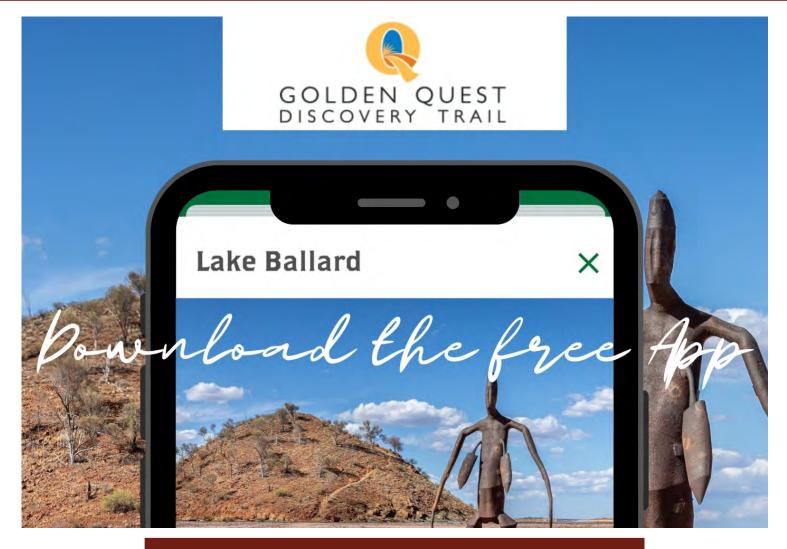
## FREE DELIVERY SERVICE TO MENZIES

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 like the rest of you I live my life minding my own business and miss the major issues, such as the early polling on the Saturday before the election. No one in this town thought to tell me, consequently I was forced to travel to Leonora on the day of the federal election. I guess that you are all laughing that you all played a trick on me. Fine, you are all forgiven.

It has taken me some time to notice that other good work has been done in Menzies while I was away. Two new houses in Brown Street are being built and I noticed the new sun cover at the water park. Work is continuing at the Goongarie buildings. All good, but what about the Town of Menzies? There are still dilapidated buildings and broken-down cars within the town. No wonder we never won the tidy town contest.

Another issue I have is with Gold Rush Tours bus service. The last time I left Menzies I was left standing for seven hours waiting for a bus that had Gold Rush Tours bus service are contractors to broken down. This event caused me to miss the train to Perth. Fortunately, I was able to use the train the next day after I was forced to use a hotel for an overnight stay.

The bus story becomes worse. The day before we left Noumea we were advised by GRT that the timetable had changed. We had booked tickets on a particular Thursday and that the particular bus will depart Kalgoorlie on Wednesday. We had booked hotels in Perth and Kalgoorlie. Losing a day in Perth compromised us. We did the most important and, in the end, we had to pay the full fare for the train.

We had to ask for the hotel in Kalgoorlie to change our dates but they could not, so we had to cancel, which is difficult if using Bookings.com. We had to use another hotel at an extra expense. We had the intention to be at the Kalgoorlie railway station Wednesday morning to board the bus for Menzies. Once again at the last moment we were advised that the bus scheduled for Wednesday would not function because a driver could not be obtained to drive the bus.

Once again, we were stranded but saved by a Samaritan.

As you can imagine I was not pleased and sent an email demanding compensation due to the calamity. Because there was no answer, I visited the office and asked to see the manager.

The manager told me that all users of the bus company use it at their own risk, and he is not responsible and that I should contact Perth Transport Authority to make my complaint about his incompetence.

Perth Transport Authority to provide the bus service to Laverton.

I sent an email to Peth Transport Authority who acknowledged receipt.

Next time I'm in Perth I will seek to meet the manager of the transport authority but I don't expect reimbursement of the extra expense that was incurred.

I trust my drama has been good reading. Roy John Parfitt.

# Events Calendar — June / July 2025

	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Week1	2	YOUTH AFTER BUHOOL ACTIVITIES	4	Community Bus	6	7	8
Week 2	9	AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	11	MENZIES MES N/G/ MES N/G/ PIZZERIA-	13	14	15
Week 3	16	YOUTH AFTER BUHOOL ACTIVITIES	Community Eats	Community Bus	20	21	22
Week 4	23	YOUTH!  AFTER BUHOOL  ACTIVITIES	Seniors Lunch	Community Bus	27	Morning Mass	29
Week1	30	YOUTH!  AFTER BUHOOL  ACTIVITIES	MENZIES NAIDOC CELEBRATION	Community Bus	4	5	6
Week 2	7	8	9	Community Bus	Menzies Full Moonrise at Sunset	12	13
Week 3	14	15	16	Community Bus	18	19	20
Week 4	21	YOUTH!  AFTER SCHOOL  ACTIVITIES	23	Community Bus	25	26	27
Week 5	28	YOUTH AFTER BUHOOL ACTIVITIES	Seniors Lunch	Community Bus		2	3

Ordinary Council Meeting at Menzies

School Holidays