

Menzies Matters

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Shire President's Report

On 18 June, I attended Nurse Joy's sendoff. We are sorry to see Joy leave and thank her for her contributions to our

community, as well as her work on the school board. The event was well-attended, highlighting how much she will be missed. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Linda and Nicole, who have filled the nursing roles.

On 10 June, the Acting CEO, other available Councillors, Shire staff, and I attended a meeting with Brightstar for an update on their ongoing plans and operations within Menzies.

Regarding the Skate Park project, there has been a delay due to some supply chain and contractor scheduling issues. Shire staff continue to work through these challenges to move the project forward.

As winter has arrived, I hope everyone stays warm and comfortable during the colder months.

Paul Warner





Acting CEO's Message

During my first month back in Menzies, I have caught up with many residents and business owners. This has been a

distinct pleasure. I have also attended the June Ordinary Meeting of the Council and am happy to report that the Shire is in good hands, with each of your elected representatives displaying the knowledge and professionalism that is so necessary in today's complicated world of local government.

At that meeting the Council adopted a revised Strategic Plan and Corporate Plan and I have been busy familiarising myself with those documents. These Plans guide the future path of the Shire and I can see from the input from members of the public, that there are some issues that the Council has been asked to bring more focus to.

NAIDOC week has also been enjoyable, with a number of activities organised in conjunction with other bodies, especially the School. These activities have been well-attended.

I was also very pleased to see that the Lady Shenton building is now completely refurbished, except possibly for a box gutter that needs attention. It is a credit to the contractors that this intense project is now finished, giving the structure a new lease of life. The structure has not only been preserved for future generations but now provides a safe and pleasant place to work or visit. As a library goer, I was especially pleased to see how the library has turned out, along with the computer room and conference room.

Most of the projects secured under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program have now been finished with the exception of the proposed skatepark. There was a lot of community consultation for the skatepark and we are very engaged in finishing this aspect of the program so that another facility for our younger generations can be provided.

We have also successfully applied for funding to seal the Railway Dam so that it once again can hold water for civil infrastructure such as the oval and street trees. The grant was received through the Urban Greening Program and was successful due to some extraordinary efforts through the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) and especially Niki Curtis. It will be extremely beneficial to have this piece of infrastructure repaired to again provide water in such a harsh environment that we often experience in the Northern Goldfields.

Rob Stewart

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

Ordinary Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 31 July 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, 31 July 2025	1PM	Menzies
Thursday, 28 August 2025	1PM	Menzies
Thursday, 25 September 2025	9AM	Tjuntjuntjara

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 EMERGENCIES

Community Bus

FREE bus service running each Thursday transporting community members to and from Kalgoorlie, for shopping, appointments and errands.

For more information contact the CRC 9024 2702







SHIRE OF MENZIES

SCHEDULE FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2025/2026

In accordance with section 6.19 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, notice was given at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 26 June 2025, of the Council's intention to adopt the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2025/2026 Financial Year to apply as of 1 July 2025.

A copy of the 2025/2026 Schedule Fees and Charges is available at the Shire office, Shenton Street, Menzies, 6436 and the Shire's website at www.menzies.wa.gov.au

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Robert Stewart Acting Chief Executive Officer Shire of Menzies

SHIRE OF MENZIES

Proposed Sale of Land in Menzies Townsite

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

Lot 576 (95) Suiter Street MENZIES.

Proponent: Nick Ciombras

Valuations: The Council has determined that the value of the lot is \$5,000.00.

Consideration: \$5,000.00.

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 Council requirement and was 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 Tuesday 15 July 2025.

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ROB STEWART
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Shire of Menzies, PO Box 4, Menzies WA 6436





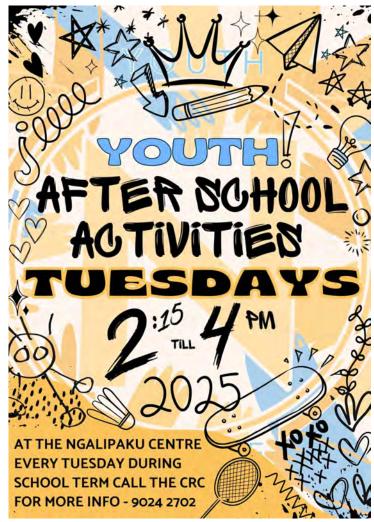
Morning Tea
and Mass

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

10 am Saturday 26 July
Community Building on
Shenton Street Menzies

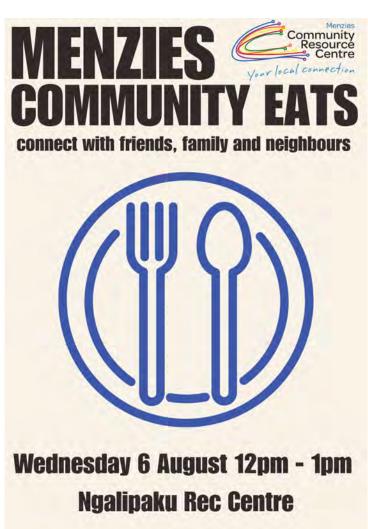
All Faiths
Welcome

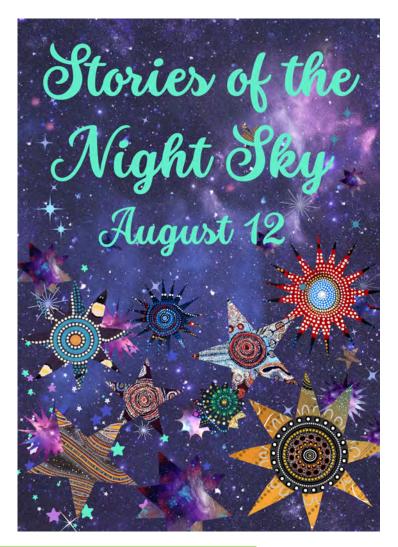
Saturday











NAIDOC Celebration



REGIONAL COLUMN



Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety



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

Extended Warranties: worth it or worth-less?

Scored a bargain on a new TV, washing machine or fridge lately? But with the purchase often comes the question, 'would you like to add an extended warranty?'

It might sound like a smart move for extra peace of mind in case something goes wrong. But before you hand over more money, it's worth taking a closer look at what you're really getting. Because in many cases, the Australian Consumer Law (ACL) may already cover you.

The ACL entitles you to have a faulty product repaired or replaced, or you can even get a refund or compensation (depending on whether the fault is a 'major' or 'minor' failure). You have these ACL entitlements, regardless of any extended warranty, and even if the manufacturer's warranty has expired. Be wary of any retailer that tells you otherwise.

Effectively, an extended warranty could mean you're paying for cover you're already getting.

So, before you sign up and pay up for an extended warranty, understand what you're buying.

Ask the salesperson to explain the actual benefits beyond your automatic, and free, ACL rights to a refund, product replace-

ment, or repair. It is illegal for a retailer to mislead you into buying an extended warranty for rights you already have under the ACL.

Ask if call-out fees are extra under the extended warranty. Are labour and installation costs extra? Are you limited to the repairer you can use if something goes wrong with your item? Compare the cost of the warranty against the cost of your item. Remember that you already have rights under Australia's consumer laws, whether or not you buy an extended warranty.

Always check the rules, as some claims during the manufacturer's warranty could cancel the extended warranty that you paid extra for.

Stay alert to high pressure sales tactics sometimes used to convince to you to pay extra for an extended warranty and take note that retailers may also rebrand them as 'product care'.

An extended warranty might offer you extra peace of mind but it might not always deliver the coverage and protection you're expecting. And if you feel you're being pressured to purchase an extended warranty, you can contact Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54 to report the incident.

WATER SUPPLY ON THE FIELDS

A MENZIES CONDENSE!

Smith's condenser, about two and a half miles from Menzies, is one of the sights of the locality. It draws its water from a well about two hundred feet deep, water being found throughout the district at about that depth. The water in this well is less brackish than elsewhere, and camels and stock can drink it in its natural state.

It is of course, condensed for human consumption, about 2,000 gallons a day being produced and sold at 16s. the hundred gallons. At Menzies it costs £1 per hundred gallons. The condenser is so built as to save labour, the water travelling by gravitation from one stage to another, while the steam is carried to as to heat the water gradually and at a minimum of cost.

The three men grouped round the bicycle in the view are the partners in the concern. We are indebted to Mr. Wearne for the use of the photo-

SUPPLIES FOR MENZIES

So acute is the water position at Menzies that it has become necessary to send a special train conveying nearly 9000 gallons of water to this centre to-day. The water, which will be used mainly for domestic purposes, is being sent at the request of the Goldfields Water Supply Department. shortage Until the present Department eased the Railway will be railing the town's weekly requirements of about 7000 The two Water Supply De-Menzies partment dams at practically the only dams on the North Country line that did not get any water over the winter months.

Kalgoorlie Miner (WA : 1895 - 1954), Friday 17 November 1950



SMITH'S CONDENSER, MENZIES.

Western Mail (Perth, WA: 1885 - 1954),

Friday 22 April 1898

Eastern Goldfields Historical Society

The Route to Menzies: A Railway Controversy

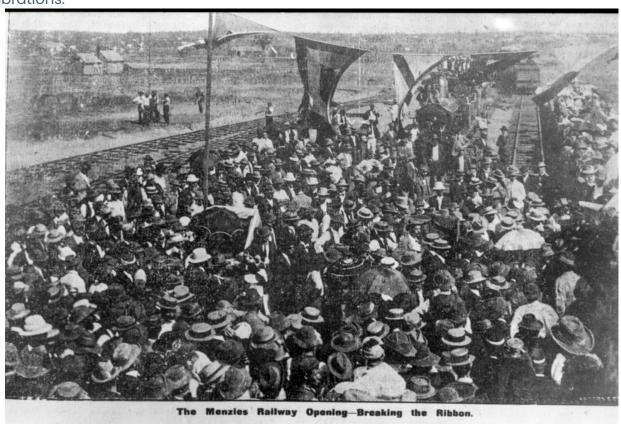
From the writings of G. Spencer Crompton and newspaper cuttings.

The route of the railway to Menzies sparked considerable debate—should it begin from Coolgardie, following the established coach road, or from the rapidly growing Kalgoorlie? In October 1896, it was officially announced that Kalgoorlie would be the starting point.

Track work commenced in September 1897, and the railway was officially opened on February 22, 1898. Between 2,500 and 3,000 people attended the celebrations.

At the Menzies terminus, a large goods shed had been planned. However, just days before the opening—on Friday, March 18—it remained incomplete, lacking both walls and a roof.

Remarkably, by the following Tuesday, the structure had been hastily finished and decorated, ready to host the grand opening banquet, though the floor was still bare earth. This rushed effort was prompted by the unexpected loss of the original banquet venue—the Maori Hotel—which was destroyed by fire shortly before the event. All that remained of it were smoking ashes and twisted metal.



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.

The Eastern Goldfields Historical Society presents:

The Story of John Aspinall and His Lonely Grave.

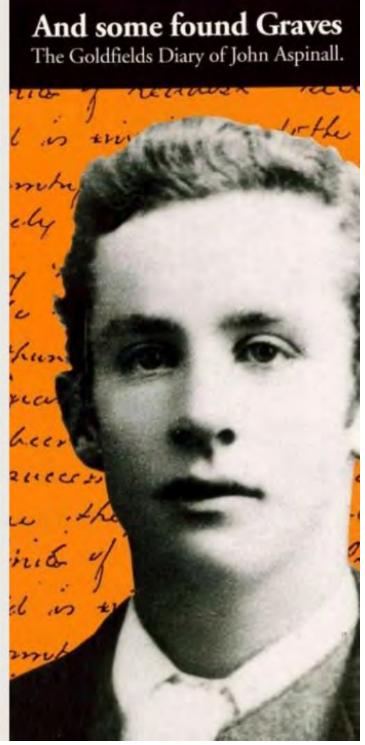
16th July 2025 7pm The Museum of the Goldfields (Hannan St, Kalgoorlie)

For more information, please call the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society 9093 3360.

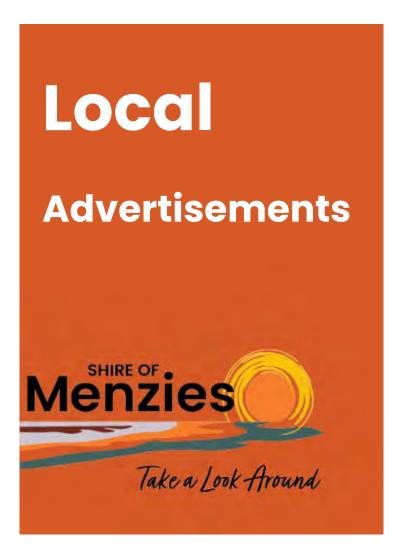




www.kalgoorliehistory.org.au







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



2x 375mL Soft Drink Cans 2x Kids Fruit Box / Flav Milk Box

"Limited Time Only"



Phone 0482 686 876 **UHF 38**

Not available with any other offers OR items substitute



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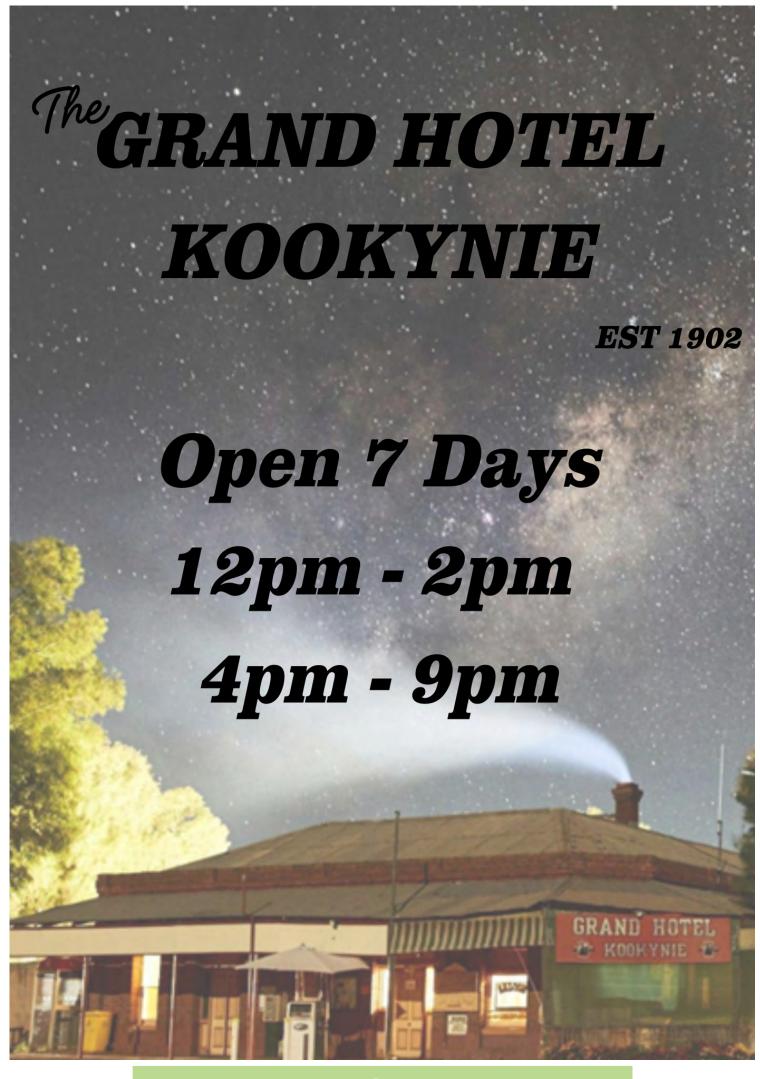
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Phone 0482 686 876 **UHF 38**









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

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 to the Menzies CRC Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm, to speak to John Warner for more information.

Contact volunteersourcing@stjohnwa.com.au or Call:1800 069 393

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





Leonora

Info Centre & Library, Cnr Tower Street & Trump Street 23/07/2025 - 24/07/2025

Dates may be subject to change

For an appointment book online or phone 13 20 50



www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.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











Subject: Public Consultation on Apollo Hill Project

Details of the Public Consultation:

Date: Tuesday, 29 July 2025

Time: 5:30 PM

Venue: Town Hall, Lot 124 Shenton Street,

Menzies, WA 6436

Agenda: Company and Project Overview

Introduction to the Apollo Hill Project

Question and Answer Session

Alexandra Pasitoa

Land Environment Strategy Manager

Saturn Metals

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

Continuing on with my bad experience from Goldrush Tour Bus Service.

As you may remember the manager in Kalgoorlie blamed the Perth Transport Authority for his stupidity.

Recently I had a reason to be in Perth, so I had the opportunity to visit the Perth Transport Authority who as I expected passed the issue back to the manager in Kalgoorlie.

This is like the Wild West, where we can do anything we want without any consequences from any authority.

I will see what happens when I inform the Heritage Council that I intend to demolish every heritage building in Menzies. There could be a threatening email but nothing else. There certainly will be no personnel visiting me.

Some good news. Over the eastern hill there has been some activity where blocks of land are being developed by owners who have the ability to build structures. These guys have been helpful for me, providing assistance when needed.

The recent Community Eats and Senior Lunches have been provided by the Shire represented by Lucy Bates. She deserves recognition for a new job well done.

I would like to thank all of those who live and work in Menzies who have helped me during my project. I want all of you to know that I am grateful.

All for this month.

Roy John Parfitt.



Events Calendar — July / August 2025

	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Week 1	30	1	2	Community Bus	4	5	6
Week 2	7	8	9	Chess with ROLAND	11	12	13
Week 3	14	STOCKS & ROCKS	16	Community Bus	18	19	20
Week 4	21	AFTER SUHOOL ACTIVITIES 2 4 4 11	23	Community Bus	25	Morning Mass	27
Week1	28	AFTER SUHOOL ACTIVITIES 2"4"	Seniors Lunch	Community Bus	1	2	ω
Week 2	4	AFTER SUHOOL ACTIVITIES 2"4"	6	Community Bus	8	9	10
Week 3	11	12 Stories of the Night Sky	13	Community Bus	15	16	17
Week 4	18	AFTER NOHOOL ACTIVITIES 2"4"	20	Community Bus	22	23	24
Week 5	25	AFTER SUHOOL ACTIVITIES 2"4"	Seniors Lunch	Community Bus	29	30	31

Ordinary Council Meeting

School Holidays