

Menzies Matters

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Shire President's Report

It is exciting to see the arrival of our new trees, which will enhance the beauty of our community. Alongside this, I'm pleased

to report that the Town Dam project, through the Community Water Supplies Partnership Program, has officially been approved by Hon. Don Punch, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs; Water; Climate Resilience; South West.

On 25 July, I attended the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) meeting online. The session provided valuable updates and insights, including discussions on:

- Regional Climate Alliance Program
- Regional Drought Resilience Plan
- Proposal for the Appointment of a Shared Regional Independent Chair for Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committees (ARICs) Across GVROC Member Councils

At its Ordinary Meeting on 31 July, the Council:

- Adopted the 2025/2026 Annual Budget
- Approved an updated Organisational Chart
- Introduced restricted hours for general access to the Menzies Waste Facility
- Resolved to invite tenders for the leasing of the Goongarrie Stationmaster's house
- Expressed its support for the GVROC proposal relating to the appointment of a shared regional independent presiding member for member councils' Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committees (AuRIC)

On 31 July, Cr Greg Dwyer formally tendered his resignation from his position as Councillor of the Shire of Menzies.

I had a meeting with the Acting CEO, Rob Stewart, to discuss the progress of current projects. It was a productive discussion, and I am confident that we are on track with our key initiatives.

In terms of weather, we've seen consistent rainfall throughout the month. Fortunately, it has not led to any issues.

Paul Warner

We extend our heartfelt thanks to
Lotterywest for their generous
support of the Goldfields Esperance
Urban Greening Program

This significant initiative, involving nine local governments, including the Shire of Menzies, is set to enhance environmental sustainability and community well-being. With a \$573,000 grant from Lotterywest, the program aims to plant over 30,000 trees and seedlings with the aim of enhancing the urban canopy and increasing biodiversity.

The Shire of Menzies is excited to be part of

this collaborative effort led by the Goldfields Esperance Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) in creating a greener, more resilient urban environment.





Acting CEO's Message

One of the most noticeable differences from my appointment as Acting CEO in 2023 to my present appointment is the

number of heavy vehicles going through the Menzies townsite. Of course this traffic is almost entirely related to the mining industry. Anybody witnessing this 24 hours progression, must be very aware of just great the investment in mining is.

Of course, we also witness the number of visitors to our Shire. In recent times the Caravan Park has been completely booked out. This of course can create 'unintended consequences' of visitors 'free camping' in odd locations which is not encouraged.

Getting back to mining for a moment, I have been privileged to visit a number of mining sites. The investment in equipment, machinery and personnel is staggering before any ore is taken from the ground. There is a great amount of faith in the strength of our district to warrant such investment.

Ratepayers and residents may have heard recently of a Supreme Court action seeking to ensure that Miscellaneous Licences issued to mining bodies were rateable. Miscellaneous Licences are generally issued over land that is not used for active mining, but rather other infrastructure necessary to carry out mining activities, such as effluent ponds or dams or pipes. Initially the State Administrative Tribunal held that the accepted practice

that such licences weren't rateable, should remain. On appeal to the Supreme Court, a single judge said this interpretation was incorrect and the licences should indeed be rateable.

For Councils with many Miscellaneous Licences issued (such as Menzies) this would create significant additional income. We understand now though, that the State Government is considering changing the legislation to recognise the perceived original intent of the legislation to ensure that the licences remain non-rateable.

Local government elections are coming up. In Menzies this will be an 'in person' election.

The date is Saturday 18 October. Electoral rolls close on 22 August. Our website will have more information as the election comes closer about candidates, how to vote on the day and how to vote early or by postal vote or in this edition of Menzies Matters if you're thinking about being a candidate.

This will be my last contribution to Menzies Matters, with my contract expiring on 29 August. Peter Bentley will then return and hopefully the search for a permanent CEO can commence soon after.

May I say thanks to all of our wonderful residents, ratepayers and businesses who have made my time at Menzies both enjoyable and rewarding.

Rob Stewart

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

DOGS AT LARGE IN MENZIES

Recently a number of dogs have been observed at large in Menzies and not under proper control. A dog that is not under proper control is liable to be seized by an authorised person such as a ranger or other person authorised by the CEO. If the authorised person is unable to identify the owner of the dog, that dog is liable to be seized, impounded and may be destroyed.

A complaint was recently received by Council officers about a dog attack.

Fortunately, the attack wasn't serious even though the dog bit the person involved. Any dog that is in a public place must be securely tethered or otherwise controlled. If a dog isn't controlled, the Dog Act provides for a fine of up to \$5,000.00. If a dog injures a person the minimum fine is \$1,000.00 to a maximum of \$10,000.00.

A responsible dog owner should ensure that the dog they are controlling is properly restrained when in a public place, for the safety and well-being of both your pet and the people around you. The Council's Ranger has been advised of the situation in Menzies and is being vigilant relating to dog offences.

If a dog is impounded, the costs to retrieve that dog are substantial.

Please do the right thing by your dog

Ordinary Meeting

and to the residents and ratepayers of Menzies.

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 28 August 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, time 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, 28 August 2025	1PM	Menzies
Thursday, 25 September 2025	9AM	Tjuntjuntjara
Thursday, 30 October 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 9024 2044 Or 0409107016 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

MENZIES NURSING POST

August Hours

Monday 4/8/25 - 09:30 - 4:00pm Tuesday 5/8/25 - 09:30am - 4: 00 pm Wednesday 6/8/25 - 08:30am - 3: 00 pm

Monday 11/8/25 - 09:30am - 4: 00 pm Tuesday 12/8/25 - 08:30am - 4: 00 pm Wednesday 13/8/25 - 08:30am - 3: 00 pm

Monday 18/8/25 - 09:30am - 4: 00 pm Tuesday 19/8/25 - 08:30am - 4: 00 pm Wednesday 20/8/25 - 08:30am - 3: 00 pm

Monday 25/8/25 - 09:30am - 4: 00 pm Tuesday 26/8/25 - Closed in the AM - 14:00 - 4: 00 pm

Wednesday 27/8/25 - 08:30am - 3: 00 pm

Monday 01/9/25 - 09:30am - 4: 00 pm Tuesday 02/9/25 - 08:30am - 4: 00 pm (Dr Visit) Wednesday 03/9/25 - 08:30am - 3: 00 pm

DOCTORS CLINIC 2025

Menzies Nursing Pos

Tuesday 2 September
Tuesday 30 September
Tuesday 14 October
Tuesday 11 November
Tuesday 9 December

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

Menzies Skatepark coming soon!

Skate Sculpture has shared with
us the final design mock up.
Community consultation for the
final painting will occur in
September alongside
construction of the skatepark at
the Ngalipaku Recreation Centre









Saturday Morning Tea and Mass

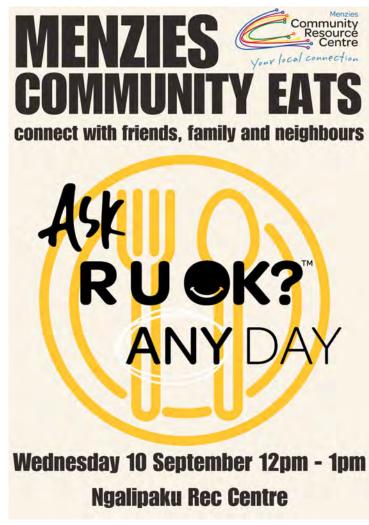
Join us for a cuppa and morning tea, where faith, friendship, and fellowship come together

10am Saturday 30 August

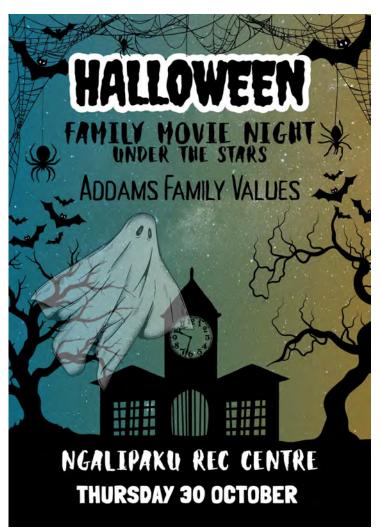
Community Building on Shenton Street Menzies

> All Faiths Welcome









EVELYN CULL

Evelyn Cull was born in Wales. She came to Australia in 1924 with her family. They settled in Karlgarin and she married an Australian. As she had a sister in Kalgoorlie and other relatives in Kookynie she visited them often. The beautiful old pepper trees and the sad deserted towns inspired her to write these poems. She says of herself: "Welsh by birth and a bard by heart, I've loved Australia from the start."

THE OLD PEPPER TREE

Old and grey she's returned and found The town she saw born, bare, barren ground.

Except for a tree, she planted it there
A tiny green sprig she'd watered with care.

For water was precious, not much could she spare,

Just look at it now, so cool and serene In that dry brown land, A dainty green queen.

Her thoughts go back to the days of old When she followed her man in his hunt for gold;

How they lived in rough camps and comfortless places,

The hardships and loneliness, prospectors' faces.

The gold was discovered; the town quickly grew

From the few tattered tents and the peace that she knew

She saw it all grow with its vice and sin, The sound of the crushers, the clamour and din.

It thrived and it grew with her love and her care

And somehow the place didn't seem quite so bare.

Then tragedy struck and she lost her man; The town she must leave now for a new life to plan. Now many years later the gold has run out, The town's just vanished; not a soul is about, The houses all moved to a township ahead Leaving it barren, so lonely and dead.

So back to this place she has come to see What had become of her little green tree. Her heart fills with pleasure when her eyes behold

The tree that to her was more precious than gold.

There in its shadow she kneels down to pray While over her head the green branches sway.

"Please God, bless our land, this wonderful place,

Endow us with tenderness, mercy and grace."

The tree whispers softly a tender goodbye And the old lady leaves with a tear in her eye, She's so glad she's come once more to see Her treasure of treasures, the old pepper tree.

October 1967, taken from Verse from the Goldfields

2025 Local Government Elections: Candidate Information Webinar

Are you considering nominating as a candidate in the 2025 Local Government Elections? To help you navigate the process, WALGA, in partnership with the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (LGIRS) and the WA Electoral Commission (WAEC), is hosting a Candidate Information Webinar.

Date: Monday, 18 August 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Venue: Council Chambers, 124 Shenton Street, Menzies

This informative session is designed to support individuals considering a nomination, offering an overview of key election processes and the responsibilities of Local Government and Council Members. You will also gain insight into the regulatory role of LGIRS.

Topics covered in the webinar will include:

- Election processes and timelines
- Responsibilities of Local Government and Council Members Regulatory oversight from LGIRS

Meet the Presenters:

A panel of expert presenters will share their knowledge to ensure potential candidates are well-prepared for both the electoral process and, if elected, the responsibilities of life as a Council Member:

- Hon. Hannah Beazley MLA Minister for Local Government; Disability Services; Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne.
- Karen Chappel AM JP President, WALGA
- Dennis O'Reilly Acting WA Electoral Commissioner and Phillip Richards Manager of Election Events, WAEC
- Erin Gauntlett Deputy Director General, LGIRS
- Tony Brown Executive Director, Member Services, WALGA

Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions during the session, ensuring you get the answers you need before making your decision.

To register for the webinar, please email Maureen at <u>ea@menzies.wa.gov.au</u> or call the Shire Administration at 08 9024 2041 no later than Thursday, 14 August 2025.

Rob Stewart

Acting Chief Executive Officer

Eastern Goldfields Historical Society

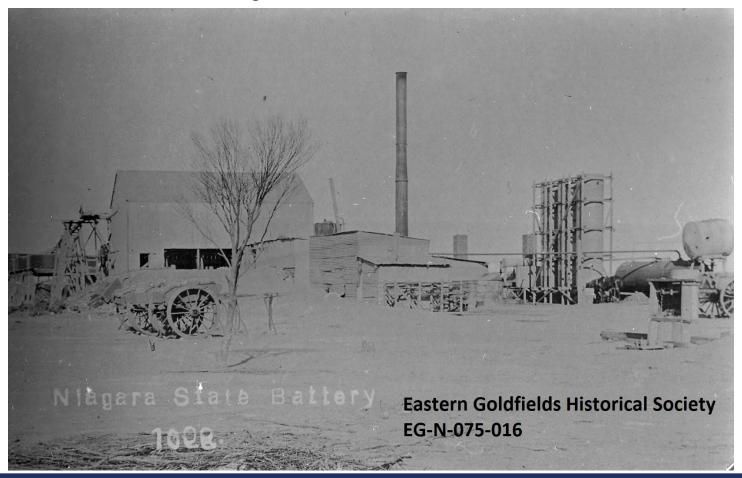
VISIT TO NIAGARA BATTERY.

After lunch the Ministers, accompanied by the Mayor and Messrs H. Harvey, P. Watts, W. H. Ackland, and J. Walker, drove to the State battery at Niagara, where Mr Gregory found everything to be satisfactory.

Regarding the slimes at the battery, it has previously been the practice to assay them and pay customers the value, less cost of treatment. As there is a large quantity of valuable slimes accumulated, and the Government have a suitable plant idle, the Minister decided to install same, the cost of which the manager

Mr J. Leipold, estimates to be under £100. The plant is to be erected as soon as possible, and the treatment of slimes to proceed straight away. The manner of treatment will be done by mixing a proportionate quantity of residues with the slimes. It is hoped that within three months owners of slimes will have had some repayment. Customers will now be paid the value of the slimes. Slimes collected previously will be the properly of the Crown.

Taken from the Kookynie Press. 13 March 1907.



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 visit www.kalgoorliehistory.org.au

Goldfields History - Wildflowers



Solin, P.O (1900). Group with wild flowers collected from the bush at Goongarrie, Western Australia.

Items of News

The local railway authorities are making extensive preparations to afford the public every opportunity of visiting the floral regions of the goldfields whilst the wild flowers are blooming. Reference to tour advertising, columns will show that on Sunday next specials will run from Kalgoorlie to Menzies, trains from the former station connecting with Boulder, Coolgardie, and Kanowna trains. The cheap fares prove an attraction in themselves. The flower trains on last Sunday carried over 1600 people, and had the day been fine, this number would probably have been doubled. The picnickers, returned loaded with flowers, and were loud in their praises of Goongarrie as a flower bed. Given fine weather on next Sunday there should be a record passenger traffic from all the goldfields centres. Water for picnic parties can be had in the railway tanks in Goongarrie yard.

Kalgoorlie Miner, Friday 27 July 1900

FLOWER TRAIN

So successful have the flower trains been that the Department has decided to run another—the fourth this season to Goongarrie on Sunday. A stop will be made at Cane grass—both going and returning and an opportunity afforded of gathering the fine pink flowers which grow there. The train will leave Kalgoorlie at 9.15a.m. Fares will be as usual.

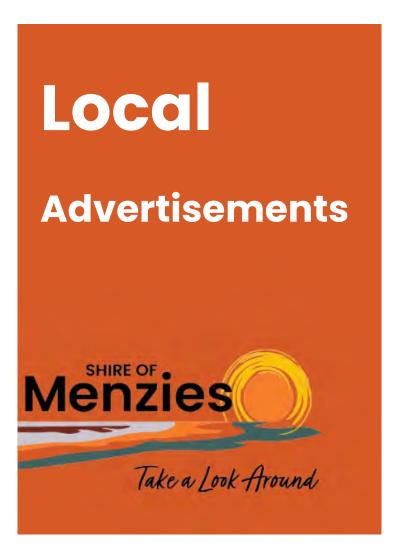
Evening Star (Boulder, WA: 1898 - 1921),

Thursday 9 August 1900,

A large number of excursionists travelled to Goongarrie by the flower train last Sunday and returned loaded with flowers. The stoppage of the train two miles from Goongarrie was much appreciated. The flowers are growing very thickly in this spot, and in places between there and Goongarrie the ground is literally carpeted with them. The sight on the Kalgoorlie platform when the passengers' detrained was an exceedingly novel and pretty picture, upwards of 1000 people carrying great bunches of flowers making the station look almost like a moving field of flowers.

Kalgoorlie Miner, Thursday 16 August 1900

It's now illegal to pick wildflowers in WA



LAURIE'S CAFÉ



New Opening Hours

MONDAY 6:00AM - 3:00PM

TUESDAY 6:00AM – 3:00PM

WEDNESDAY 6:00AM - 3:00PM

THURSDAY 6:00AM - 3:00PM

FRIDAY 6:00AM – 3:00PM

SATURDAY 7:00AM - 2:00PM

Phone Orders: 0482 686 876











WA'S WACKIEST AND HAPPIEST OUTBACK MOTORING ADVENTURE.

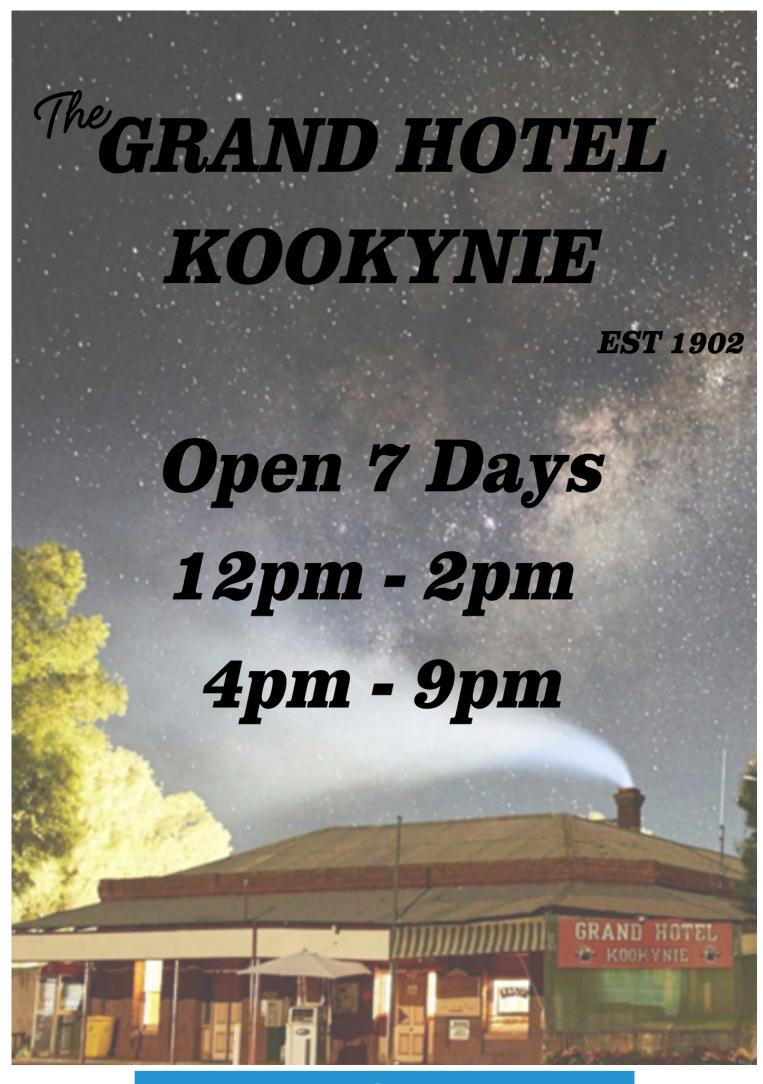
Camp Quality wesCarpade is coming to a town near you! Come down, visit our wacky themed cars and help raise funds for children and families impacted by cancer. For more information visit www.wescarpade.org.au



SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE!



VISITING MENZIES 15 SEPTEMBER 2025





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



coming soon to

Kalgoorlie

Women aged 40 years and over, make your appointment now for a FREE screening mammogram.

07/08/2025 - 21/11/2025

(Dates may be subject to change)

Bookings open now! phone 13 20 50





Book your free screening mammogram online www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au or phone 13 20 50





Goldfields Integrated Primary Mental Health Care (IPMHC) Schedule



Centrecare will be in

MENZIES

on the following dates in 2025

August 14 & 28
September 11 & 25
October 9 & 23
November 6 & 20

The IPMHC program is a fee free service that provides counselling and clinical care coordination to individuals experiencing and at risk of developing mental health issues or distress.

GP referrals, Provisional, self-referrals accepted. Ages 6 years old and above.

Feel free to drop by for a yarn.

Where: Ngalipaku Recreation Centre, Menzies Time: 11.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30 - 3.00pm

For children, youth, parents and/or carers, please feel free to drop by at the Community School Library for a chat between 12.30 - 1.30pm.



For more information contact:



kalgoorlie@centrecare.com.au

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www.centreccare.com.au

PIONEER STORE ART GALLERY



LOCAL ABORIGINAL ART EXHIBITION // ART GALLERY

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

Letter to the Editor

Just to share with all of you some of the issues that fate deals to me.

My water pressure pump failed and that became an inconvenience. Fortunately, I kept the box and on it was printed a three-year guarantee.

Because I'm a person who keeps receipts I went to the Bunnings file and found the receipt and managed to have the pump replaced on warranty. That was the good news. The disappointment came when the particular pump was out of stock although Bunnings stock control indicated that there should be 2 available. I had to wait three weeks for a new pump.

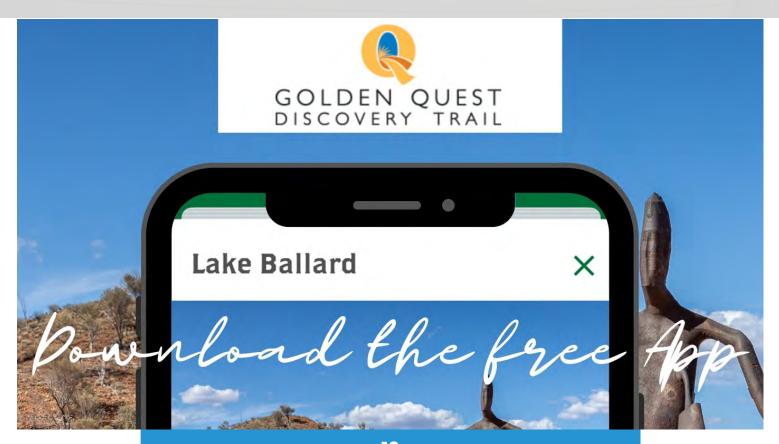
During this time, I was forced to use the hot shower at the truck stop. Driving into the shower and toilet area I noticed that the fence had been damaged and there was a considerable amount of litter. I'm pleased to say that the fence is now repaired thanks to our works manager. The litter has been reduced but it is still a problem. I don't know what is wrong with people, the bins are just there adjacent to the shower building. Perhaps the security camera can identify the culprits.

My other issue that you all know is the unsatisfactory result from Gold Rush Tours Bus Service. However, I have managed to make a complaint to the Consumer Protection Authority. They have acknowledged and will commence arbitration with the use of volunteers. I was so surprised that this department has to use volunteers. I don't expect that the resolution will be soon. However, I do have the option to take this claim to a magistrate.

I have to say that these days one cannot deal with a person. All business is online and one size fits all. Provided one can type the correct answer to a question all is well but one question I expect everyone in Menzies would fail. What is your ground line phone number? Apart from the shire I only know of one private ground line phone number in Menzies. The only way I could answer the question is to use my son's phone number.

Should any of you find yourselves in this same predicament and need some help I will make myself available.

Roy John Parfitt.



Events Calendar — July / August / September / October 2025

	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Week 1	28	AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2 4	30	Community Bus	1	2	3
Week 2	4	AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2.4	MOMENTS MATTER	Chess with ROLAND	8	9	10
Week 3	11	12 Stories of the Night Sky	13	Community Bus	15	16	17
Week 4	18	AFTER SOCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2-4"	20	Community Bus	GRAPHIC DESIGN WORKSHOP Caiwa	23	24
Week 5	25	AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	Seniors Lunch	Community Bus Centrecare	29	Morning Mass	31
Week 1	1	AFTER SOHOOL ACTIVITIES	3	MENZIES MES NIG	5	6	7
Week 2	8	AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	ASK OK?	Chess with ROLAND	12	13	14
Week 3	15	AFTER SUHOOL ACTIVITIES	THINK DEFORE YOU GLICK	Community Bus	19	20	21
Week 4	22	AFTER SUHOOL ACTIVITIES 2 4 4 1	Seniors Lunch	Community Bus	26	27	28
Week 1	Public Holiday	30	1	Community Bus	3	4	5

Ordinary Council Meeting

School Holidays