



# Menzies Matters

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**Willie, Kookynie – Photo by CJ Maddock**

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## Shire President's Report

It has been a relatively quiet month, with consistent rainfall bringing a welcome freshness to the town and surrounds.

I would like to extend my thanks to Rob Stewart for his valuable contribution during his time as Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO). His leadership has been much appreciated, and I wish him all the best as he transitions out of this role.

I am also pleased to welcome back Peter Bentley, who will be assuming the role of Acting CEO for the next three months, beginning 1 September 2025. Peter, having served in this role previously, brings a wealth of experience and we look forward to his leadership during this interim period.

At the August Ordinary Meeting, the Council received a petition objecting to the opening hours of the Menzies Waste Facility. In response, the Council has referred the matter to the Acting CEO for a further report to be presented at the September Ordinary Meeting.

I am also pleased to note the positive feedback received regarding the new parking facilities to the south of town. It's great to see these improvements making a difference for the community.

As always, I look forward to the continued progress of our town and will keep you all updated on any further developments.

Paul Warner

**The Pom Pom Everlasting Daisy can be found west of the Northern Truck Bay.**





## **Shire of Menzies Acknowledges the Service of Former Councillor Greg Dwyer**

The Shire of Menzies has acknowledged the service of former councillor Greg Dwyer, whose resignation from the Shire Council surprised many as it is just before local government elections, to be held in October.

Mr Dwyer was first elected to the Council in 1995 and served until 2003. He was again elected in 2009 and served until 2015, before being elected again in 2017, where he remained a councillor until his resignation in July 2025. As a councillor and as Shire President he led the Council fearlessly and was respected across the Goldfields-Esperance region for his knowledge of the region, his love for the Menzies District and the Northern Goldfields as well as his dry wit.

Greg championed the history of Menzies, Kookynie and Niagara and always lobbied for the retention of historical structures, including the Lady Shenton building in Menzies (now CRC and post office) and the former post office in Menzies. The heritage-listed Niagara Dam also featured on his list of things that needed 'fixing'.

A further passion was the Kalgoorlie, Menzies and Leonora annual bicycle event, the Goldfields Cyclclassic, which was always supported by the Shire of Menzies. Mr Dwyer hoped that the event would keep going until its centenary.

My Dwyer's knowledge of local government, his quiet but assertive leadership and passion for the District will be sorely missed by other Councillors and indeed the whole community. Councillors will hold a special event for the former councillor in the near future.





## 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**

## DOCTORS CLINIC 2025

Menzies Nursing Post

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

## Ordinary Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 25 September at 9am in Tjuntjuntjara. 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/](https://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, 30 October 2025	1 PM	Menzies
Thursday, 27 November 2025	1 PM	Menzies
Thursday, 17 December 2025	1 PM	Menzies

Peter Bentley  
Acting Chief Executive Officer



**SURVEY**

# MENZIES

## BRAND IDENTITY



Our brand identity is much more than a logo, or a tagline - it's the values that drive us, the actions that define us, the stories we tell.

The Shire of Menzies is inviting the community of the Shire to provide their feedback on a proposed new brand identity. Feedback will be in the form of a survey - details on how to access the survey and brand identity & concepts documents are provided below.

Preview:

1



2



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1

Wander through  
our Wonders

2

Stories Within  
Every Step

Printed copies of the full, proposed Brand Identity & Concepts will be available for viewing at the Menzies Community Resource Centre and Shire Administration building. They are also available online on the Shire website at <https://www.menzies.wa.gov.au/brand-identity.aspx>

1. Open The  
Camera  
App.



2. Point your  
camera at the  
QR Code to  
scan it.



Paper copies of the survey are available to be filled out at the Menzies Community Resource Centre and Shire Administration building.

Survey closes on Tuesday, 30 September

CRC - (08) 9024 2702



# MENZIES COMMUNITY EATS

connect with friends, family and neighbours

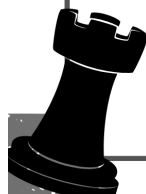


**Wednesday 10 September 12pm - 1pm**  
**Ngalipaku Rec Centre**

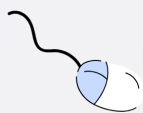
## Chess with **ROLAND**

Come and learn  
how to play  
chess or  
challenge Roland  
for a chance to  
win a prize!

**Thursday 11 September 5PM**  
**Ngalipaku Rec Centre**



## THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK



The internet can be an unpredictable place, so equip yourself with the knowledge and skills to stay safe while exploring the online world

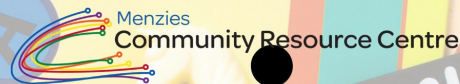
**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17**  
**CRC CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**10:30AM - 12PM**



# Menzies Senior Lunch

**Golden Games event for seniors and friends in our community. Come on down to test your luck, enjoy a friendly game over a satisfying lunch.**

**Wednesday 24 September**  
**Ngalipaku Rec Centre**  
**meet there 12pm**







# Saturday Morning Tea and Mass

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

10am Saturday 11 October

Community Building on Shenton Street Menzies

All Faiths Welcome



# MENZIES COMMUNITY EATS

connect with friends, family and neighbours



Wednesday 15 October 12pm - 1pm

Ngalipaku Rec Centre

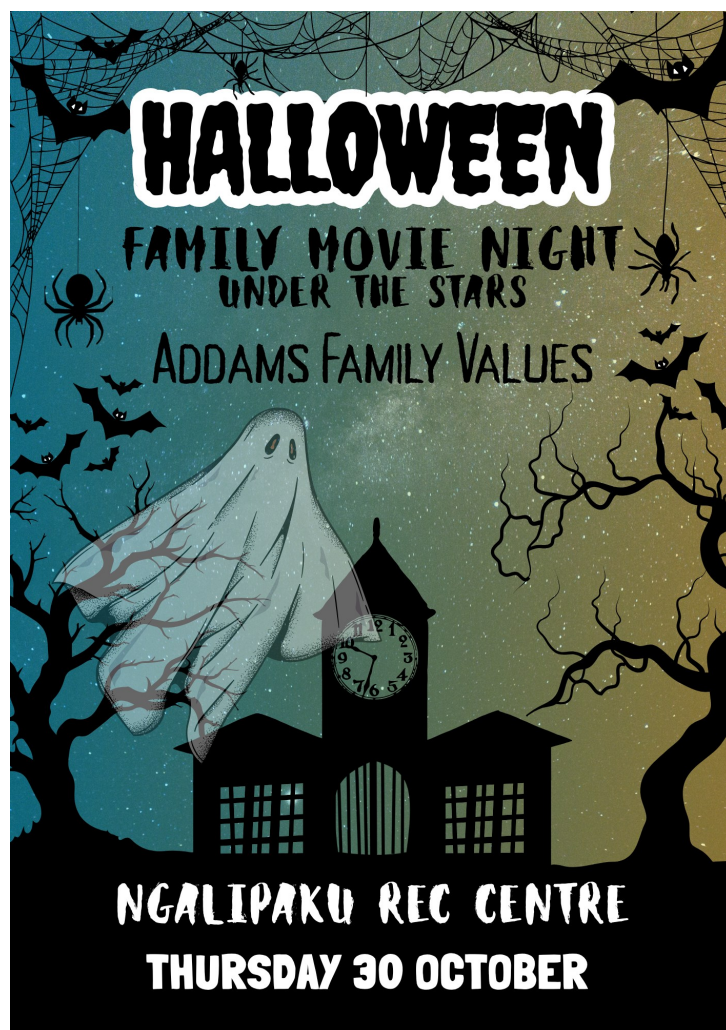
12pm Wednesday 22 October

# HEALTH IS WEALTH

Join our nutrition webinar in Menzies to explore healthier lifestyles! Learn more about balanced nutrition, local foods and budget friendly meal planning. Let's inspire positive change together!




CRC CONFERENCE ROOM (08) 9024 2702



# HALLOWEEN

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT  
UNDER THE STARS

ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES

NGALIPAKU REC CENTRE

THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER





# MENZIES COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## *Pukulpa Nintirrinkula*

### Happy Learning

**Menzies Community School certainly has had a couple of busy months since we last appeared in Menzies Matters.**

#### Infrastructure Update

The new transportables have been placed on grounds and now provide us with a new, purpose built early childhood (K-2) room and a middle primary (Y3-6) classroom. We are currently in the process of purchasing furniture and resources for both rooms and expect them to be up and running towards the end of the year. We will then plan to turn the previous early childhood room (Yilpa) into a playgroup room and the old middle primary rooms (Wanampi) into a teacher resource room and an art room. Exciting times ahead!



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#### Staff Movements

Our gardener, Ms Sue, has taken a leave of absence from the school for a while to enjoy a well-earned rest from battling the never ending leaf litter, weeds and vagaries of nature to keep our grounds neat and tidy. Thank you for all the incredibly hard work and the initiative you took to maintain our buildings and gardens, Sue, enjoy your break.

We welcome back Ms Crystelle and Mr Barry who have returned to our school community. Ms Crystelle has been employed as our permanent high school teacher and Mr Barry is taking over from Ms Sue while she is on leave.

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#### Community Eats

We continue to take part in Menzies Community Eats and last month, Ms Lucy cooked up the best chilli con carne. The children always enjoy these outings because the food is delicious and it gets them out of the classroom!





### Hairdressers for a day

Our high school students have been busy not only with their studies but have also been to Leonora to do a mini hair dressing course.

### NAIDOC with Mt Margaret Remote Community School

The whole school camped at Mt Margaret to join them for their NAIDOC celebrations where kangaroo tail and damper were on the menu. It was wet and soooo cold, but the students and staff still managed to have a blast seeing their old mates and making new ones.



### Celebrating science and books

We have had Science Week and Book Week activities also this term. A big thank you to Ms Lucy from the Shire who organised some amazing things for our students to do with the broader community. I thoroughly enjoyed the visit to Mt Owen, in the dark of night, to gaze at the stupendous Milky Way and be educated about the stars. I was fascinated to learn about the emu in the sky that, for 70 000 years has informed our first Australians about upcoming seasons and what tucker to collect/hunt for. Another highlight was looking through the telescope to see the twin stars of Alpha Centauri, which I learnt are a binary pair and the closest star system to our sun. I also got a peek at Mars!





## **Cobb & Co. Coaches**

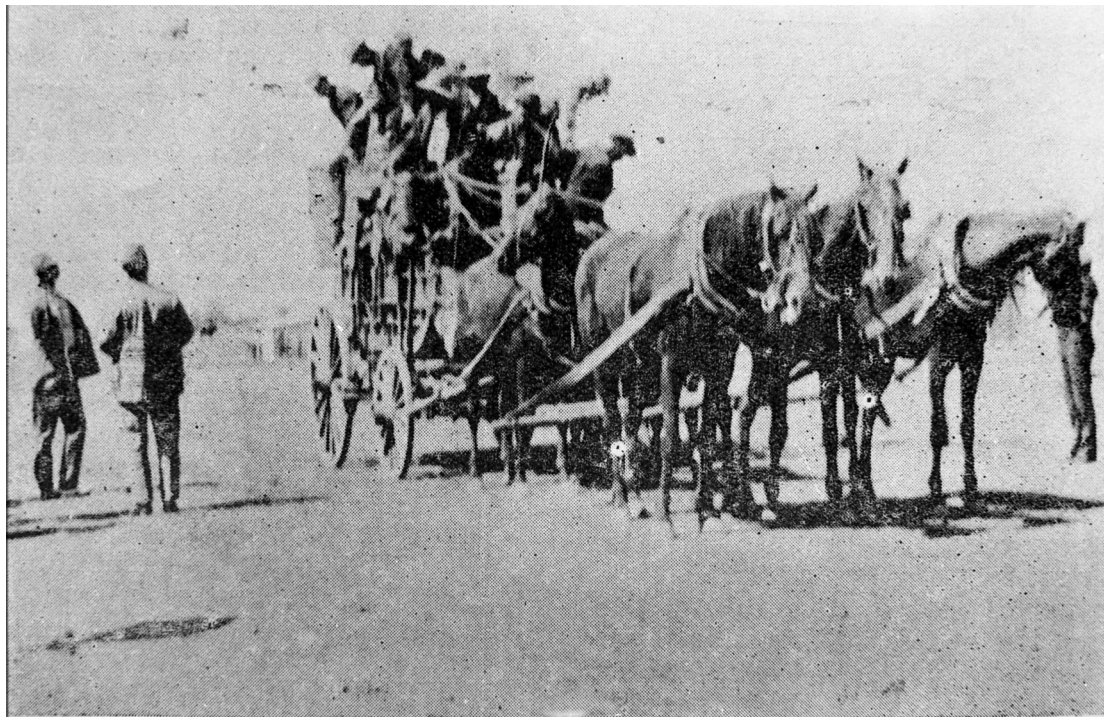
Cobb & Co., originally owned by I.J. Cohn, arrived in Western Australia in 1880 and secured the Royal Mail contract for the Perth–Albany route. In 1894, the business was sold to Marwick and Wilkinson, but just two years later it was purchased by Nicholas and Kidman (later Sir Sidney) for £10,000. They retained the Cobb & Co. name and expanded services to the booming Goldfields. The investment quickly paid off, as transport during the gold rush was in high demand. Coaches ran regular routes between Coolgardie, Kalgoorlie, Bulong, Edjudina, Broad Arrow, Paddington, Menzies, Niagara, Mount Malcolm, Laverton, Leonora, Lawlers, Wiluna, Black Range, and Mount Magnet.

In March 1896, following heavy rains near Cane Grass and Goongarrie, the Menzies coach encountered a torrent of floodwater near the Cane Grass Swamp Hotel. Other teamsters waited for the waters to subside, but the coach—lightly loaded with mail and four passengers, and drawn by a strong team—pressed on under driver Mr. McCannon. At 4:30 p.m. they attempted the crossing. After 60 yards, the current swept the lead horses off their

feet. Despite McCannon's efforts, the frightened team turned back toward land. The pole horses and coach lurched, nearly overturning. One passenger, Mr. Kennedy, leapt from the coach door and swam to nearby saplings, while the others climbed onto the roof for safety. Another passenger, Mr. Welford, cut at the harness to free the team. After a desperate struggle, he managed to release the leaders, but the pole horses, thrashing wildly, could not be freed and were drowned in the torrent.

Fortunately, the driver, passengers, and mail all survived.

*(Adapted from newspaper clippings and Mr. Duke Stewart's written account of the event.)*



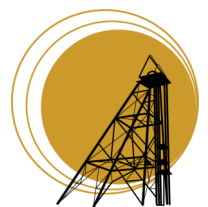
ARRIVAL OF COBB & CO.'S COACH AT LAWLERS.

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](http://www.kalgoorliehistory.org.au)



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HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.**  
*Preserving & promoting Goldfields history*



### Menzies

(From a correspondent)

I have just arrived in Menzies from Southern Cross, and must confess I am considerably surprised at the size and apparent importance of this little mining centre. I had conjured in my head the aspect of a few tumble-down tenements all huddled together in a hopeless state of confusion, some purporting to be abodes of a private nature, and the others public. Three or four one-man mines at the most in the immediate vicinity of the township, and the whole place enveloped in clouds of dust at regular intervals during the day. But, on the contrary, instead of tumble-down residences, confusion were confounded, claims without men, and dust storms prevalent. I find tasty and substantial structures, erected with every regard for uniformity, the mines, though not too well manned, will, so I am informed, employ about 500 in the course of a very a short time; say six months. Mining machinery of every description is on its way to Menzies and soon the hum and excitement of a thickly populated township, combined with the soulful music of numberless batteries will make life bearable, and I might say, enjoyable to us poor mortals. For those who are as yet in ignorance as to the dimensions of Menzies. I would refer to page 1469 in this week's "Government Gazette." The number of business places are as follow :- Stores, 12; chemist, 1; doctors, 2; solicitors, 1; public houses, 3, and a fourth in the course of construction, bakers, 3 and numerus other business places of minor importance, also several buildings in course of erection.

*Southern Cross Herald (WA : 1894 - 1896), Friday 20 September 1895*

### FLOWERTRAIN

The special flower excursion train, run to Goongarrie on Sunday last, was well patronised, some 400 persons making the trip. The Railway authorities have decided to hold another excursion next Sunday, September 19, when, given fine weather, a large crowd may be expected to journey into the bush for a good day's outing. Next Sunday's train will travel right through to Menzies, so those desirous of seeing the northern centre may do so. The journey, however, may be broken at any stage. and those in search of flowers may alight wheresoever the train stops. The fares will be the same as heretofore, while the train will leave Kalgoorlie about 8.30, calling at all stations on the Brown Hill and Boulder lines. *Evening Star (Boulder, WA : 1898 - 1921), Saturday 18 September 1909*

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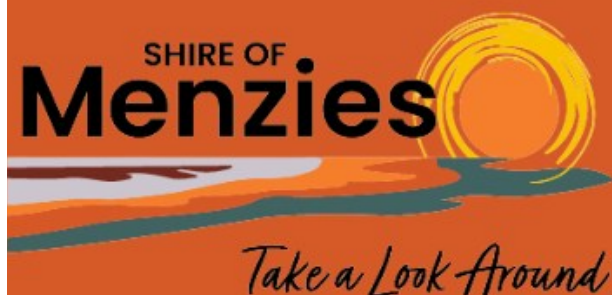
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# Local

## Advertisements



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TUESDAY	6:00AM – 3:00PM
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VISITING MENZIES 15 SEPTEMBER 2025



# Learn to photograph the amazing dark skies of the Goldfields

with world renowned dark sky photographer Michael Goh

Photography Course Cost : \$50.00pp via Kalgoorlie Visitor Centre - Max 20 people total.  
Camp for free overnight at Niagara Dam and enjoy a fantastic experience  
When: 13 September 2025 from 6.00PM - Where: Niagara Dam or meet at Menzies  
Visitor Centre at 3PM and drive out together - Bring: Tournch (preferably red light to  
preserve night vision), camera/phone, tripod, binoculars/telescope, mozzie repellent.

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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](mailto: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
<b>Menzies</b>	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
Kooyne Turnoff	12:00 pm
<b>Menzies</b>	12:30 pm
Kalgoorlie	2:00 pm

#### PURCHASE TICKET ONLINE

[www.goldrushtours.com.au](http://www.goldrushtours.com.au)



# 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

# BreastScreen WA

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)

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BreastScreen WA's mobile will be located at:

**Ray Finlayson Sporting Complex, Marshall Street**



Book your free screening mammogram online  
**[www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au)**  
or phone **13 20 50**





# Menzies Hotel Food Truck & Catering

**JOIN US IN THE BEER GARDEN**  
**TUESDAY TO FRIDAY**  
**3PM TO 7PM**  
**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**  
**12PM TO 7PM**



# Menzies Hotel Mr Greens Bar



**JOIN US IN THE  
BEER GARDEN**  
**EVERYDAY FROM 12 TO LATE**

## Goldfields Integrated Primary Mental Health Care (IPMHC) Schedule



Centrecare will be in

### **MENZIES**

on the following dates in 2025

<b>August</b>	<b>14 &amp; 28</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>11 &amp; 25</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>9 &amp; 23</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>6 &amp; 20</b>

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:** Ngaliaku 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.



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# 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.

As you all know, I have stated the no one cares in Menzies. Well, I'm wrong. During my rounds I noticed a new facade in front of a private house and the curbing has been repaired in front of the Roadhouse.

I take this opportunity to remind all of you that local government elections are due next October. Should you not be able to be here during that time then there is an option to arrange a postal vote by completing form 12 available from the executive officer. Be active and take an interest in our town. If we don't, no one else will. There is enough evidence to

indicate that many mistakes have happened in the past and we have to tolerate that legacy. I don't know any candidates, but I hope that the new council will be active and not just attend meetings for the money.

Roy John Parfitt.



**GOLDEN QUEST  
DISCOVERY TRAIL**

**Lake Ballard** X

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	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Week 1	1	2 AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2:20 TILL 4 PM	3	4 MENZIES Community GAMES NIGHT -PIZZERIA-	5	6	7
Week 2	8	9 AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2:20 TILL 4 PM	10 Ask R U OK? ANY DAY	11 Chess with ROLAND	12	13	14
Week 3	15	16 AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2:20 TILL 4 PM	17 THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK	18 Community Bus	19	20	21
Week 4	22	23 AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2:20 TILL 4 PM	24 Seniors Lunch	25 Community Bus	26	27	28
Week 1	29 Public Holiday	30	1	2 Community Bus	3	4	5
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