



Menzies Matters

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Latarnie at the Skate Sculpture workshop

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Shire President's Report

On 4 September, I attended the Regional State Council meeting in Norseman alongside Acting CEO Peter Bentley, where I had

the opportunity to proudly showcase the Shire of Menzies, highlighting our stunning dark skies, the iconic Lake Ballard, and the beautiful Niagara Dam.

It was a pleasure to share just how special it is to live and work in our Shire, and to connect with representatives from other Goldfields Shires. Great to hear about their visions for the future and the challenges they are facing—valuable conversations that help strengthen our region.

From 15 to 17 September, I participated in the Annual General Meeting of the Outback Way

project, which highlighted just how significant this initiative will be for the Goldfields region. It was great to see the strong support behind the project and the many benefits it will bring to towns like Laverton, Leonora, Menzies, Kalgoorlie and surrounding communities. During this event, I also had the opportunity to meet with Rick Wilson MP, Senator Matt O'Sullivan and Senator James McGrath—valuable conversations about the future of our region and the importance of continued investment in regional infrastructure.

The Outback Way is more than just a road—it's a vital connection that will open up economic, tourism and social opportunities across the heart of Australia.

Paul Warner





Acting CEO's Message

In September I attended Local Government Week with some of our Councilors and this was a great opportunity to catch up

with our neighbouring Councils discussing the many issues we share due to the remote locations in which we live. There were a number of presentations focusing on issues such as energy transition, economic development, climate change, shared services and an interesting discussion with Dr Richard Hames about the failure of State and Federal government and the success and potential of local government.

Work is progressing on the skate park and this will likely complete during October, The Community Water project will also commence shortly with upgrade to the town dam and the provision of tanks for water supply for the oval and new "forest" at the southern parking area.

Local Government elections will be held on Saturday 18th October with voting available at the Town Hall. Early voting is currently in place and I will be travelling to Tjuntjunjara on 14/10/2025 with the returning officer to conduct early voting there. Good luck to all candidates.

Council has agreed to lease the Goongarrie Stationmasters house to Kalgoorlie Nickel for use as an office for staff to use while visiting the district. It will be good to see the facility used in a productive way again.

Work is almost complete on the Menzies Northwest road with the sealing to the Mt Ida

Road intersection. This completes the seal program on this road.

The Shire is in negotiations with NRMA's representative to install and EV charging station in Menzies. It is likely to be at no cost to the Shire and will likely be situated somewhere close to the caravan park/Lady Shenton building. More to come on this project.

The GROH housing project is almost complete, with Horizon Power to connect the power this week. The houses will then be available for teachers in Menzies and will help to attract teachers to our community.

Finally, my thanks to Rob Stewart for holding down the fort over the past three months. He has taken off to far flung places for some well deserved R & R after the tribulations of the last few months. My time will end here in November or December and I will advise of the next steps closer to that time.

Peter Bentley



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2025 Local
Government Elections



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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 7 October
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

Ordinary Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 30 October 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/ 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	9 AM	Tjuntjuntjara
Thursday, 27 November 2025	1 PM	Menzies
Thursday, 17 December 2025	1 PM	Menzies

Peter Bentley
Acting Chief Executive Officer

WASTE MANAGEMENT PETITION

At the August Ordinary Council Meeting a petition was presented to the Council requesting of the Council that:

“...the rubbish tip remain open 24 hours, 7 days a week, for the benefit of residents and businesses. That CCTV be installed at the entrance to monitor and prevent indiscriminate dumping of rubbish.”

The current proposal for the closure and manning of the Menzies waste site is solely driven by the Councils desire to maintain a low cost waste facility for residents and to prolong the life of the site as in its current form and usage, the site will need to be closed within two years. The existing fenced site is the total space that the Council has available for the waste facility.

The proposal is that the Menzies waste facility operate on restricted hours and that when open to the public, the site be staffed. Unrestricted access to the waste facility results in indiscriminate dumping of rubbish, which means that the Shire is unable to control what is dumped, including asbestos and e-waste. This results in difficulties for Shire staff in ensuring the council's legal responsibilities relating to asbestos and e-waste, in particular, are complied with. It also results in inefficient use of the air space into which rubbish is dumped. Wind-blown rubbish is also an issue.

End of Useful Life – Menzies

The waste management site has a limited life span in its current form. That life span is nearing its end as indiscriminate dumping, commercial and industrial waste and the lack of proper recycling contribute to the inefficient use of the facility.

Over the years the management of the site has revolved around making the facility available to residents on a 24/7 basis without any ability to manage the use or control the waste that is brought to the facility. This means that all manner of waste, some of which the site is not registered to receive, has been dumped and this has had the effect of shortening the potential life span of the facility.

Council staff at one stage, initiated enquiries regarding the extension of the facility to the north and west of the existing boundaries, however this seems to have stalled following Department of Planning Lands and Heritage advice that an ILUA was required. I have been unable to ascertain whether the responsible corporation was contacted at the time. Enquiries continue and I will report once further information is received.

It is estimated that with careful restriction of waste entering the facility that there may be a further four year life at the Menzies waste facility in its current form. If the suggested actions are not taken, the site is likely to last a further two years at best and be closed. Once closure occurs the Shire will have some significant costs associated with the rehabilitation of the site. The restricting of the access gives Council the time needed to negotiate agreement with regard to the site extension and if unsuccessful, time to negotiate contracts for the construction of a waste transfer station and waste contracts with other shires. The cost of construction could be as much as \$1m for a transfer station and the rehabilitation of the site post closure is likely to be in excess of \$1M as well.

Staffing of the waste site will be completed using existing staff on a roster basis. Therefore, there will be no additional staff costs except for staff costs incurred on Saturdays.

Kookynie Site

The Kookynie waste site is not as far through its life as the Menzies facility. The issue with this site is that more and more waste is being dumped from within the mining industry and this is becoming a problem in terms of site management and will also continue to shorten the lifespan for residents.

In its current form, without adding mining waste to the site, there is more than a 20 year lifespan for the Kookynie community. Adding mining waste to the equation at its current levels will reduce this to perhaps 5 years.

GENERAL COMMENT:

The move to restrict access to the waste site was brought about by a number of issues;

- Nearing end of useful life of the waste site
- High cost of extending the site
- Long timeframe for extension of site (ILU, environmental assessment, etc)
- Environmental conditions likely to be enforced
- Likely requirement to move to recycling
- Indiscriminate dumping (asbestos, dangerous goods etc)
- Commercial waste being dumped without fees being paid.
- High cost of waste transferred to regional site (Coolgardie)

Legislative Framework

The Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007 requires that the Shire eliminates the disposal of e-waste to landfill sites and reduces the overall amount of waste to landfill through recycling and any other contemporary methodology within scope of the act.

Without the restrictions of manning and restricting the access to the site, the Shire is unable to meet its obligations under the Act as it has no control over what waste enters the facility.

CCTV

The petition suggested that the Installation of CCTV at the entry be undertaken however this will not stop indiscriminate dumping. While it may identify who enters the waste site it will not necessarily identify what they have dumped at the site and it will not necessarily be sufficient proof of an offence unless there is conclusive footage of any actions undertaken by attendees. This would mean that there would need to be a significant number of cameras with extremely high resolution and capability.

There is no power to the waste site and this would mean that cameras would need to be solar/battery powered to capture consistent footage. This could likely identify locations of cameras and as such provide an opportunity for those dumping indiscriminately to either disable or destroy the cameras adding further cost to the equation. Running power to the site would cost several hundreds of thousands of dollars, given that recent costs to deliver power to a site in the townsite was approximately \$100,000.00. It would need to be delivered underground which could total \$0.5 million or more.

CCTV is not an easy option to either install or maintain over the long term and is cost prohibitive.

It is proposed that the Menzies Waste Facility be open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9am to 12noon (public holidays excepted) and be staffed so that those wanting to place waste in the facility can be directed as to placement and waste sorted if necessary. This will prevent indiscriminate dumping and allow charging for the placement of waste.

Proposed Fee Structure

The original proposed fee structure is appended to this item however I would suggest several changes to the proposal.

- The Shire of Menzies does not accept tyres of any description.
- That non-commercial/non-industrial residents and ratepayers are exempted from the per cubic metre charge for normal garden and residential waste up to a 6 x 4 trailer load.
- Subsequent trailer loads within the same week and larger loads than a 6 x 4 trailer are also to be charged by the cubic metre regardless.

In addition to the fee structure I propose that the following procedure to be adopted as practice at the Kookynie Waste site.

- The Kookynie tip to be locked with a high quality combination lock and that the Kookynie non-commercial/non-industrial residents be given the code to unlock.

With the implementation of a charging regime, especially for commercial waste, any marginal expenditure will be covered with increased revenue.

The below table shows the revenue and costs of the waste site and it is clear that the cost of maintaining waste sites and collecting household refuse is high. With a move to exporting waste to another shire, these costs would escalate significantly.

The changes to the proposed fee structure foreshadowed above should help to ease any financial burden on local residents, the closure of the waste site will help to prolong the life of the site, and the extended life of the Menzies site will allow time for the Shire to negotiate for the extension of the site with the Native Title holders.

If we do not take the proposed actions, the site will close permanently within two years and the cost for waste services to residents will increase sharply.

Operating Revenue	22/23	23/24	24/25	Total
Domestic Collections	11,673	15,027	11,429	40,638
Sewerage Income	923	1,588	794	3,304
TOTAL REVENUE	12,595	16,614	11,429	40,638
Operating Expenditure				
Waste Collection				
Rubbish Collection Kookynie	14,091	16,520	23,019	53,629
Rubbish Collection Lake Ballard	14,221	13,995	20,209	48,425
Rubbish Collection Menzies	35,554	59,907	75,272	170,733
Rubbish Collection Niagara	12,533	12,363	19,410	44,306
General Tip Maintenance				
Kookynie Tip Maintenance	779	7,456	6,756	14,991
Menzies Tip Maintenance	53,565	41,919	68,982	164,486
Purchase of Bins	0	1,875	1,575	3,450
Menzies Sewerage Effluent Ponds	408	1,046	0	1,455
Consultants & Landfill Closure	22,450	0	3,549	25,999
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	153,600	155,081	218,773	527,454

Proposed resolution for October Council Meeting;

1. The Council acknowledge and endorse the reasoning provided by the Acting CEO regarding the restricted opening hours for the waste facilities;
2. Direct the CEO to provide a public response to that petition outlining the above information and the underlying obligations behind the proposal;
3. The Works Manager be directed to provide a combination lock to the Kookynie waste site and that local residents (excluding large mining or commercial interests) be provided the combination to unlock;
4. Restricted hours be introduced for general access to the Menzies Waste Facility from 31 October 2025.
5. Hours of opening at the Menzies Waste Facility be:
6. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday between the hours of 9am and 12noon, excluding public holidays
7. An appropriate charging regime be introduced at the Menzies Waste Facility including the proposed amendments above;
8. The Menzies Waste Facility be appropriately staffed
9. All payments for placing waste in the Menzies Waste Facility be facilitated from the Menzies Town Hall as a pre-payment system and no payments be accepted at the Menzies Waste Facility
10. A review of the operations of the Menzies Waste Facility be presented to the Council at its meeting scheduled for 17 December 2025, such report to include impacts on revenue and expenditure, staff impacts, impacts on members of the public and commercial operators.

I am happy to discuss the proposal or answer any questions you may have so please feel free to come into the office or give me a call. The proposal will be dealt with at the October Ordinary Meeting.

PETER BENTLEY

ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

If you love Menzies





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!



- Boost Immunity
- Support Digestive Health
- Enhance Heart Health
- Weight Management



CRC CONFERENCE ROOM (08) 9024 2702



Menzies Senior Lunch

Wednesday 29 October

We'll be keeping it local at

Laurie's Café

meet there 12pm

HALLOWEEN

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
UNDER THE STARS

ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES

NGALIPAKU REC CENTRE

GET READY FOR A FRIGHTFULLY GOOD TIME, FROM 5:30PM, THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER

HALLOWEEN

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

KMART GIFT CARDS FOR THE BEST DRESSED

1ST \$75, 2ND \$50, AND 3RD \$25

FOR BOTH KIDS AND ADULTS

MURDOCH UNIVERSITY STERILISATION PROGRAM

Coming to Menzies in November to perform sterilisations, pet checks and microchipping for registered dogs and cats in the Shire of Menzies.



**Monday 10, November from 7am at
Menzies Town Hall
Sterilisation and pet checks – Free
(to Shire of Menzies Residents)**

Vaccinations free for pets being sterilised

Please contact the Shire on (08) 9024 2041 for bookings as limited number for sterilisations are available. Pet Registrations to be paid for by the owner prior to surgery, or on the day, a pet registration tag will be issued. CASH or EFTPOS accepted at the venue on the day.



Remembrance Day

Tuesday 11 November, 10:50am

Menzies Town Hall War Memorial

Everyone Welcome

STOCKS & ROCKS

*Join us for a friendly and
informative discussion on how to
follow and make sense of
exploration and mining action in
relatively close proximity to the
townsite along with activities across
the broader Menzies Shire*

THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER 5PM

CRC CONFERENCE ROOM



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: Catering

The Shire of Menzies is seeking EOI's from local caterers to provide food for the upcoming Community Christmas Party.

This event will cater for approximately 100 people.

If you wish to be considered for this opportunity, please provide a proposal outlining your menu options and pricing.

All expressions of interest must be submitted by 7 November.

For more information and submissions,
please email Sean
cdm@menzies.wa.gov.au



MENZIES COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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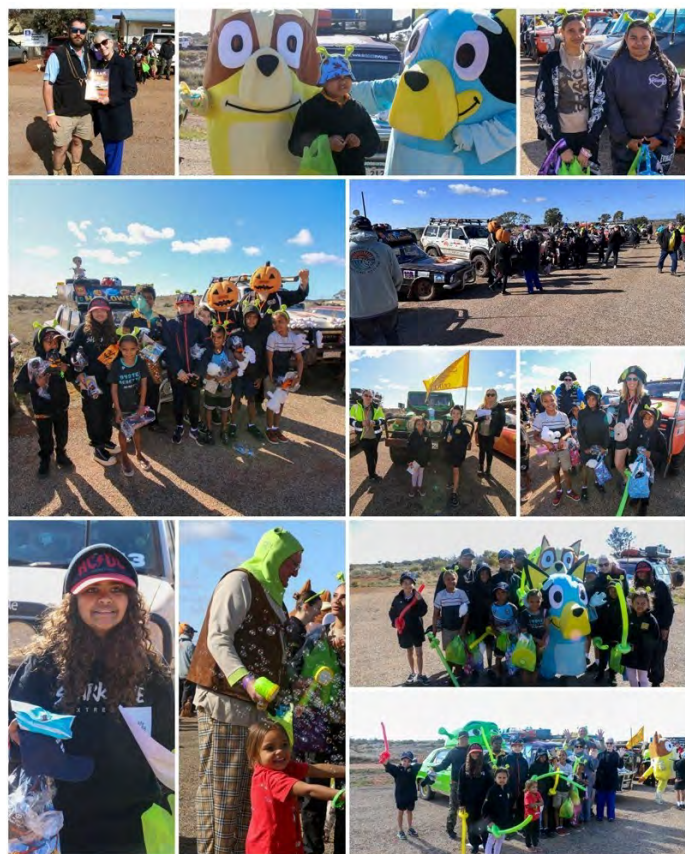
Happy Learning

Staff Movements

Ms Megan Irving will be returning to her role as Principal of Menzies Community School in Term 4. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made me feel welcome and a part of this marvellous little town. I have really enjoyed my time here getting to know all the locals and leading a team of hard-working, dedicated teaching professionals. I shall really miss the school, staff and community of Menzies.

Interschool

Menzies Mount Margaret Athletic Team – winners of the small school's trophy! On 18 September, we loaded up the school bus and headed off to Leinster to partake of the North Country Interschool Athletics Carnival. Our students, combined with those of Mount Margaret Remote Community School, ran in races, relays and played team games throughout the day. The students tried their very best and this resulted in a few close calls, but in the end, everyone enjoyed themselves. It was great to see so many of our parents and families make the long journey to support their children and the school. It was a great day.



Camp Quality Wescarpade

Camp Quality came out to the school with their wonderfully wacky cars that have been driving about the Goldfields raising money for Camp Quality. The children got to see Shrek and Bluey up close and personal and visit with The Croc Hunter, Thomas the Tank Engine, Pirates of the Caribbean, firefighters and a lot of other interesting cars and people. There were gifts and freebies galore from the visitors and our students were loaded up. Our students enjoyed meeting and interacting with the wacky cars and their owners. When the cars left to continue on their rally, we were given a puppet show about issues relating to family members with cancer/serious illness and how to deal with the problems that may arise.

Years 6–12 School Camp

From September 8–12, our Year 6–12 students stayed at Fairbridge School for their annual camp. The 5 days were chock full of activities with visits to museums, art galleries, school of mines, TAFE, roller skating, two-up, and panning for gold. Some of their School of Isolated and Distance Education (SIDE) teachers came down for the day to run activities and get to know the Year 6 students who would be entering high school next year. We also had two members of the Stephen Michael Foundation visit and run team building activities with the students.



Celebrating Ms Maybelle Wood

Ms Maybelle has been working at Menzies Community School for several years now. She is an extremely hard working education assistant who has taken on more and more responsibility due to our difficulties in attracting teaching staff. She has happily attended teaching workshops to increase her skills. In July Maybelle submitted an application for a Limited Authority to Teach with the full support and encouragement of all staff. As of 25 September, Ms Maybelle now has the authority to teach at Menzies Community School for the next 3 years. This is a testament to all the hard work she has put to her job and her professional learning. Although she doesn't have a teaching degree, the Teacher's Registration Board of WA has recognised her skills and learnings and deemed her suitable to teach our children. Huge congratulations Ms Maybelle, an accolade well deserved.

Graduating Year 12 Students

Rhani Green and Jameelah Williams have graduated from Year 12. Normally we would not be seeing them again, but the Regional Director of Education has approved our request to run a Year 13 program next year for the girls to provide them with the opportunity to undertake school-based traineeships and a complete their Certificate in Hair and Beauty, work experience hours and possible enrol in a Certificate II in Business or Workplace Skills. Both girls have worked extremely hard this year and we are very proud of their achievements.

THE VISIT OF THE PREMIER.

The hon. the Premier, Sir John Forrest, arrived here at midday on the 27th ult., and was met by Mr. C. E. Dealy, managing director of the Menzies Gold Mines Co. and the Menzies waterworks scheme, now being pushed ahead, to secure water for battery purposes and the use of the townspeople. During the afternoon Mr. Dealy drove Sir John to Lake Barlee, distant by survey line from Menzies about 4½ miles, but by track (a circuitous one) 8 miles. Sir John was impressed with the work done, and the probability of the batteries now being erected getting a supply of water in the near future. In the evening Sir John received a deputation of mine managers and townspeople, consisting of Messrs. Dealy, Beaumont, Jewett, Wilson, Causer, Dunbridge, Suiter, Devas, Maxwell, Jersoe, Webb, Speight, Morrison, and Dr. Corlis. The Warden (Mr. F. Gill) introduced the deputation.

Mr. Dealey acted as spokesman, and first pointed out that a large revenue had been derived by the Government from Menzies, and in consequence he had no hesitation in asking that a fair proportion of it should be set apart for the various and urgent requirements of the district. With such a revenue, and extensive works being carried out by private enterprise, he (Mr. Dealy) had no hesitation in asking for immediate and extensive assistance. There was a capital catchment area about miles east of Menzies, where a dam could be easily sunk as there was a clay bottom. Indeed, steps should be taken to have water all over the field, as the hardships prospectors and miners had to endure through scarcity of water were very great.

Without great precautions, and an immediate expense, fever would undoubtedly break out. The ground being flat, everything percolated into the dust, which the frequent winds carried about, and in which the microbes abounded, and if rain fell the germs would breed. He thought at least £5000 should be set apart for this purpose. He knew £500 was already given, but that would go no distance owing to the excessive cost of getting work done. He hoped the Government would erect a substantial hospital, carrying a male ward to contain 20 beds, and a female ward with 5, to-

gether with suitable staff accommodation, and if the Government gave £1 for £1 subscribed by the residents of the district towards maintenance, he thought it would be a good step. The increasing population would necessitate increased accommodation, the present tent being only 12ft x 8ft. He thought, taking into consideration the fast and probable increase in population, together with the country a railway would open up and the



great advantages both Government and public would gain, that the Government should not lose a single day in taking the initiatory steps towards the construction of a railway. He (Mr. Dealy) felt the want of one so keenly that if the Government were not prepared to go on with it at once, his company would undertake the construction and management of it, and give a guarantee that the money sufficient for the purpose—would be in any bank the Government liked to name in 14 days.

A site having been already set apart by the Warden for a Miners' Institute, he asked for a grant of £750 towards the building, and if the Government set apart this sum, his company would give £50, and no doubt others would act in a similar spirit. The want of a building was much felt by miners, who had no place to spend an hour in except in the various hotels. He thought the extension of the telegraph line to this place would be a great convenience to both Menzies and Niagara people, and would be a highly paying line owing to the distance away from the seaport. He thought that extra exemption should be given to the out districts.

The Coolgardie people could get to Perth in two days, but it took the northern people two weeks, in fact four weeks going and returning, and he (Mr, Dealy) thought from 12th December to 1st February, both days inclusive, a fair time. He did not think the companies wanted any time, but those holding leases, who wanted a holiday, did. Messrs. Beaumont, manager of the Florence, and Jewett, manager of Menzies Gold Mines Consolidated Co. urged upon Sir John the desirability of pushing on the railway. They were paying enormous sums for the "cartage of machinery. From £25 to £75 per ton had been paid, the former being now the charge. Another advantage to the mines would be that timber would then be pro-



curable. At present there was none within forty miles. A large revenue would accrue from this source of freight alone, and mines could not be worked advantageously without good timber. It took six or seven weeks to get up an order now of any kind of goods; in consequence, great inconveniences often arose.

Sir John Forrest rose amidst applause and expressed his great pleasure at being able to meet them, and at the very great progress that had been made in such a short time. There was no man, who had not visited these fields, could form any opinion as to their extent, the amount of workings being carried on, and the vast progress of the different centres. The more so when they took into consideration the great difficulties that had to be encountered for want of water and communication in the northern districts. Nor could any idea be formed of the hardships and disadvantages the pioneers of the different plac-

es must endure. He saw a great future for Menzies, and in regard to water conservation he would see that the water supply department should have that matter attended to at once. He had given the water question a great amount of thought and had come to the conclusion that the present system was not satisfactory. When we trusted the condensers they were often found wanting. When the dams ran dry the owners of condensers were scattered broadcast, and when found dictated their own terms. A case in point cropped up in Hannan's not long since. Divided responsibility in the matter of water supply would end in failure. The Government will give the whole question consideration and act upon it, but in the meantime he would try and have all catchments surveyed, and see that either the Government or the public should undertake the work.

There was a difficulty in the way of making a larger grant to the corporation: but for immediate wants he could give sufficient. The Legislature very wisely held that it was not their duty to vote large sums, and that the Government of the day should not do so. He would however give immediate relief, and ask the House for the sum sought for, as he thought the large revenue derived from the district would justify the members in agreeing with him that Menzies had a good case, and was entitled to every consideration. He would be pleased to place a sum on the estimates for the erection of a hospital, but he disagreed with the scheme put forth, viz., that the Government should grant £1 for £1. Such a plan would suit the Government admirably, but would end in failure. His past experiences showed that at present the Government provided tents and furniture, paid £100 per annum to a doctor, and £2 10s. per week towards maintenance of indigent patients. The committee worked the hospital and charged those who were able to pay. The Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie Hospital committees had asked the Government to take them over. Indeed he had to promise Kalgoorlie a sum of money to extricate themselves out of difficulties. However, so far as Menzies was concerned, he would be pleased to fall in with any scheme the committee might submit.

He thought the churches were the proper authorities to look after the cemeteries, but as the population of Menzies was a floating one, and no churches were in existence, he would cause a sum of money to be forwarded for the purpose of fencing them in. In a general way, the Government desired to give every facility for travelling, and saw no reason why in a short time every centre should not have a railway. It was necessary that the farmers on the sea coast should be able to exchange their commodities for the gold of the interior. If an iron hand bound the two together the development of the mines, and the country generally, would take place a great deal quicker. The Government, however, were strongly opposed to private railways. Mixed ownership often led to confusion and ultimate loss to the colony. Parliament had laid it down that all railways should be built by the Government, and he himself thought it undesirable that any more should be built by private enterprise. He would do all in his power to further railway extension. At present they were extending to Kalgoorlie, and he thought that in the near future the whistle of the engine would be heard not far from where they were sitting. He thanked Mr. Dealy for his liberal offer.

In regard to the investments of English capitalists, he hoped they would all prove sound, as bogus affairs had a tendency to shake confidence, more especially in foreign parts, and the ultimate loss to the colony would be very great. He was pleased that the people of Menzies were so moderate in their demands, that they had been so progressive in their ideas, that they had relied upon their own resources, and persevered so much in making the town one of great importance. He would do all in his power to assist them in every way possible, and requested the different bodies to lay their wants before him, and he would see the different Ministers regarding them. He would consult with the Warden, Mr. Gill, in regard to the exemption, and would telegraph to the Minister of Mines next day. He thought with Mr. Dealy that the out districts required a longer term than either Coolgardie, Kalgoorlie or Southern Cross, owing to want of communication. Mr Dealy thanked the Premier for his courteous reception of the deputation, and the broad view he took of the various matters placed before him, and the deputation then withdrew.

Taken from the Coolgardie Pioneer Wednesday 4 December 1895, page 13

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

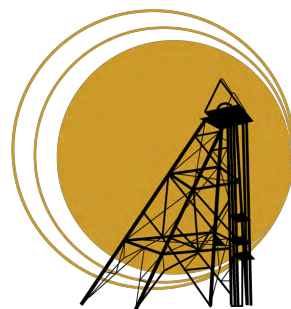
Since its formation in 1946, the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society has been recording, preserving, researching and promoting the history of this region with one goal – ensuring that our shared heritage and ghost town memories live on.

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



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The Initial Show A Fine Exhibition

COMPLETE SUCCESS ATTAINED

The inaugural show of the Menzies Agricultural and Horticultural Society was held in the Town Hall yesterday, and upon the complete success which attended the exhibition in every respect the promoters cannot be too warmly congratulated. The most optimistic expectations of success were far exceeded, not only in regard to the number of exhibits, but also in the important matter of quality, and had the attendance of the public been only half as large the society would have had no cause to complain of the patronage accorded. Exclusive or members and the ladies admitted with members' ladies' tickets, fully 800 persons paid for admission during the afternoon and evening (a sum of £38 14s. being taken at the door); and it is safe to assume that there was not one of these who did not experience a feeling of astonishment and gratification upon viewing the many interesting exhibits. In the yard at the rear of the hall stood a large drayload of hay from Mr. Rayfield's farm, and a bench extending along one side of the interior of the building was laden with cereals and vegetables, all locally grown. The pot plants, decorated tables and cut flowers were displayed up and down the centre of the hall, and all the space available along the wall on the right was crowded with all manner of fancy work, paintings, and children's exhibits in mapping, exercise books, etc. The large avenue at the side of the hall was severely taxed to accommodate the poultry, pigf.ms, dogs, birds and other pets; and in all departments of the show the visitors found much to interest them.

North Coolgardie Herald and Miners Daily News (Menzies, WA : 1899 - 1904), Thursday 15 October 1903



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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.

This contribution to Menzies matters will be my last from Menzies for a while. I'm travelling back to Noumea where my wife lives. I intend to return to Menzies next April. Being my age, I have to apply for my driver's license every year and April is the month that I have to re-apply.

Our monthly newsletter Menzies Matters is supposed to keep us informed of what is happening in our little town. However, the news of importance comes from contacts that I have established over the time that I have lived in Menzies and some of the information will not be printed. There is always a report from the Shire President that informs us of where he has been to represent Menzies. This activity has been going on for years. As always there are many questions with no answers. Such as who is the real owner of Menzies Hotel and when is the owner going to repair the building? Same situation for the roadhouse. Who is the owner and when is the

building going to be repaired and reopen for business. Menzies has many tourists every day, but we don't have enough proprietors who can receive the tourist dollar.

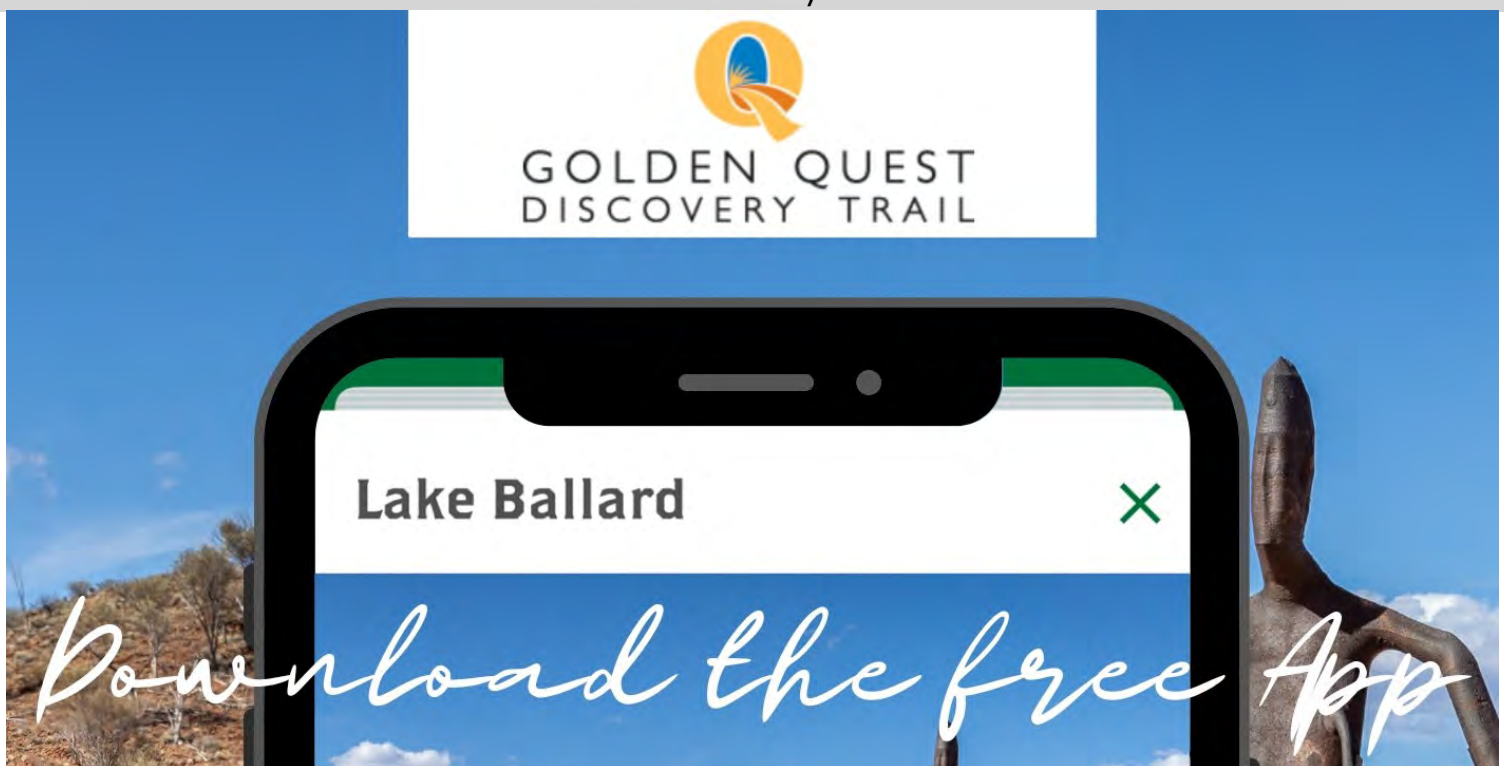
The next important event is the forthcoming local government elections. Our one vote doesn't mean much but collectively voting can make a change. Just see the results here in Australia where a governing political party has been nearly voted out of existence.


Summer will soon be upon us and with it will be excessive temperatures. Take precautions and drink sufficient amounts of water, cold if possible. Stay in the shade and wear a hat and use sunscreen. Find a cool spot and don't exert yourself.


To all the people I know in Menzies I wish them an early Merry Christmas and prosperous new year.

See you next year.

Roy John Parfitt.




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Week 2	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				Community Bus		Morning Mass	
Week 3	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2:20 TILL 4 PM		Community Bus			
Week 4	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2:20 TILL 4 PM	HEALTH IS WEALTH	Community Bus			
Week 1	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
		AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2:20 TILL 4 PM	Seniors Lunch	HALLOWEEN FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS			
Week 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2:20 TILL 4 PM		Community Bus			
Week 3	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Vet	Remembrance Day		Community Bus			
Week 4	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2:20 TILL 4 PM		STOCKS & ROCKS			
Week 5	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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