



Menzies Matters

December 2025 | Issue 202

Wishing you a very
**Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year**
From the Shire of Menzies
Councillors & Staff

Footsteps, 7 Mile Salt Lakes, Menzies

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Shire President's Report

November included several key meetings and discussions focused on the ongoing development and improvement of our Shire

and the region

On 10 November, I participated in a tourism enhancement discussion in Menzies with Peter Bentley, Acting CEO, Sean McGay, Community Development Manager and Ross MacCulloch, Goldfields Tourism Development Manager, Australia's Golden Outback. We focused on how we can better promote our region's tourism attractions, improve the visitor experience, and identify opportunities for growth in this area.

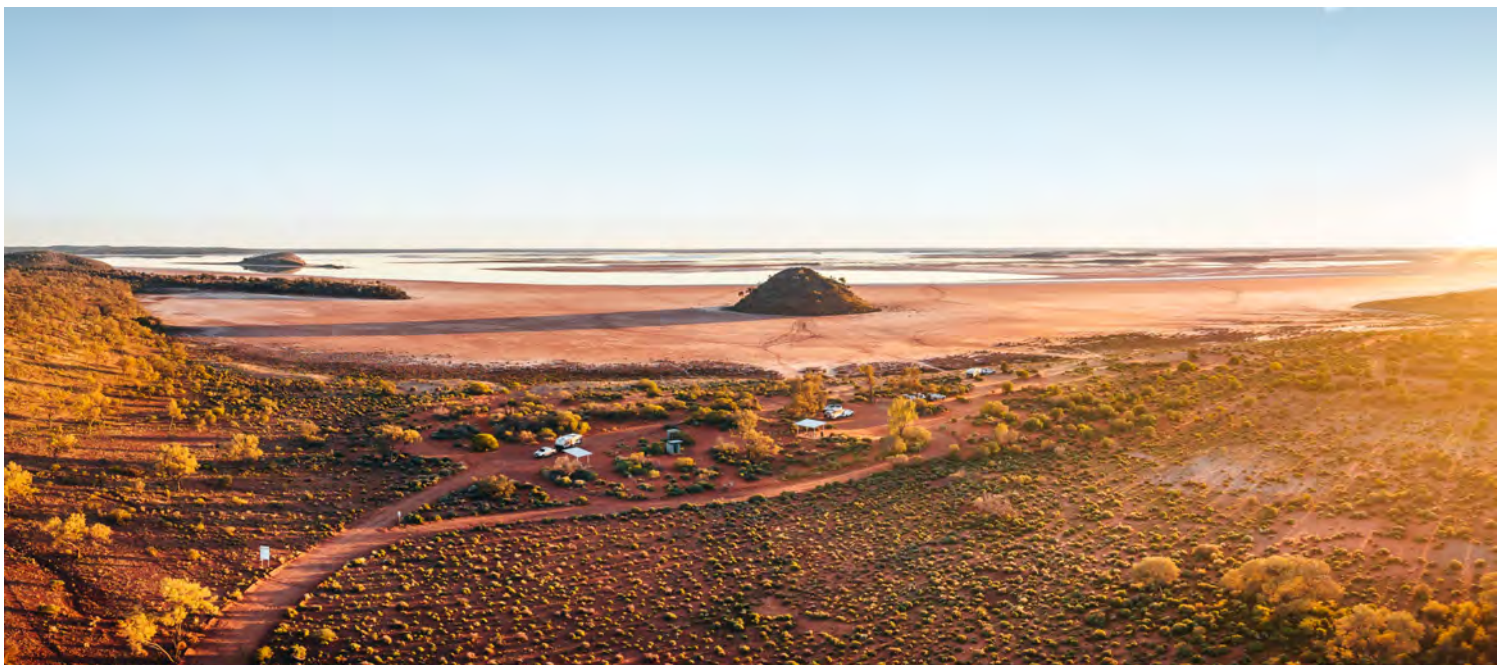
On 14 November, Peter Bentley, Cr Dwyer, and I attended the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) meeting in Leonora. Following that, Peter Bentley and I attended a meeting with the Northern Goldfields Working Group. Both meetings were productive discussions focused on regional development and collaboration.

On 20 November, I, along with other available councillors and Shire staff, attended the Shire of Menzies exit meeting for the Annual Financial Report with the auditors and a representative from the Office of the Auditor General. The results were outstanding, reflecting strong financial management and commitment. Congratulations to all staff for a job exceptionally well done.

On 21 November, Peter Bentley, Cr Dwyer, and I attended the Main Roads Regional Road Group (RRG) meeting in Kalgoorlie. It was a great opportunity to hear updates from all Goldfields shires, Main Roads, WALGA, and RoadWise. I am humbled to have been elected as Chair of the RRG and would like to thank my colleagues for their confidence and support.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate Kristy Van Kuyl, Chief Financial Officer, on being named joint winner of the LG Pro Member of the Year award. This is a well-deserved recognition of Kristy's dedication and contribution in local government.

Paul Warner





Acting CEO's Message

This will be my final Menzies Matters column as my term here will complete on 31 December 2025 and I will not be re-

turning at this stage. Rob Stewart will be back, from January on, likely until a new CEO is appointed and the recruitment process will probably commence closer to the middle of 2026.

Road Project Council has awarded the contract for resealing a portion of the Menzies Northwest Road to Fulton Hogan and this work will be completed during early 2026. Following the completion of this project the Shire will be up to date with its roads program.

Election Result There is a Court of Disputed Returns matter to be decided with regard to the recent Council election. The outcome of this action could be either the status quo or that a new election may be required. More information will be available once the court has determined the outcome. Any new election is likely to occur in March or later.

December Meeting and Christmas Dinner

The December Council Meeting will be held on 17 December 2025 at 1.00pm with the Menzies Christmas Dinner to be held on the same day. Keep this date free in your calendar!

CRC Break in A break in occurred at the CRC on 30 November with the offenders causing some damage to walls and windows, some items were removed from the premises and a small amount of mail was interfered with. Should you have concerns regarding your mail, please contact Sean at the CRC who will be able to advise further.

EV Charging Station The order has been issued for the provision of an EV charging station in Menzies and the project will be completed in early 2026.

Water Projects The Shire secured some significant funding assistance for the provision of extra tanks located near the southern tree project which will help with water storage from Council building runoff and the Bitumen dam. In addition, Watercorp are in the process of transferring management of the concrete dam and its bore field to the Shire which will also provide water for further greening projects including potential for the oval to be reinvigorated. This should go a long way to providing a cool green space within the town-site and will be a much appreciated addition to our recreation facilities.

Skate Park The construction of the Skate Park is complete with just the landscaping and painting to be completed. The painting will be completed early in the new year and the proper opening will be held shortly afterward.

Nature Play Elements An order has been issued to commence the design of the Nature Play park elements at the recreation precinct. The design will look to incorporate into the overall setup with the skate park and water park.

Finally I would like to wish all of the residents of the Shire a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the new year ahead, and I will leave you with this thought for the future "The longer you stay on the wrong train, the longer and more expensive the return trip home will be"

Peter Bentley

Ordinary Meetings of the Council

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday 17 December at 1pm in Menzies**. 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, visit menzies.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/ for more information.

The public is advised that, pursuant to Regulation 12(2)(a) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, the Council has approved the following dates, times and locations for Ordinary Council Meetings for the period ending 31 December 2026.

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, 19 February 2026	5PM	Menzies
Thursday, 19 March 2026	5PM	Menzies
Thursday, 16 April 2026	5PM	Menzies
Thursday, 21 May 2026	5PM	Tjuntjuntjara
Thursday, 18 June 2026	5PM	Menzies
Thursday, 16 July 2026	5PM	Menzies
Thursday, 20 August 2026	5PM	Menzies
Thursday, 17 September 2026	5PM	Tjuntjuntjara
Thursday, 15 October 2026	5PM	Menzies
Thursday, 19 November 2026	5PM	Menzies
Thursday, 17 December 2026	5PM	Menzies

Published Council Meetings are open to the public, except when otherwise stated, and prior notice will be given for any Special or Committee Meetings that are called.

Recording of Meetings

- All Council Meetings are digitally recorded, for audio only, except for Confidential Agenda Items (in accordance with Section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995) during which time recording ceases.
- Following publication and distribution of the meeting minutes to Council Members the digital audio recording will be available on the Shire's website.

Defamation – cl 14K Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

(1) A local government is not liable to an action for defamation in relation to any of the following done by the local government as required or authorised under this Part–

- (a) publicly broadcasting a meeting;
- (b) making a recording of a meeting;
- (c) making a recording of a meeting publicly available;
- (d) retaining a recording of a meeting or a copy of a recording;
- (e) providing a copy of a recording of a meeting to the Departmental CEO.

Peter Bentley

Acting Chief Executive Officer

DOCTORS CLINIC



Menzies Nursing Post

Tuesday 9 December

**All Clinics to be confirmed
closer to date.**

**If you need more information:
Please Call the Nursing post on
9024 2044 Or 0409 107 016
Monday to Wednesday**

Menzies Nursing Post

**Weekly Visits from the Community
Nurse, available Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesday**

Monthly visits from the Doctor.

**Call 08 9024 2044 Or 0409 107 016 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

December 2025 Hours

December 1st – 9:30 – 4:00 pm

December 2nd – 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

December 3rd – 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

December 8th – 9:30 – 4:00 pm

December 9th – 8:30 am to 4:00 pm - Doctors Clinic

December 10th – 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

December 15th – 9:30 to 4:00 pm

December 16th – 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

December 17th – 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

December 22nd – 9:30 to 4:00 pm

December 23rd – 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

December 24th – 8:30 am to 12:00 midday

December 29th – Closed

December 30th – Closed

December 31st – Closed

January 5th – 9:30 to 4:00 pm

January 6th – 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

January 7th – 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Nursing Post Christmas Closure

**December 24th, Christmas Eve –
8:30 am to 12:00 midday**

December 29th – Closed

December 30th – Closed

December 31st – Closed

*Wishing you
a Happy
& Healthy
Holiday*



MENZIES COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday 17 December, 4.30pm – 8pm, Menzies Town Hall

All Welcome



Menzies & Kookynie 2025 Christmas Light Competition

How to enter

- register your interest by calling 9024 2702 or emailing cdm@menzies.wa.gov.au by 4:00pm Friday 12th December
- decorate your house with Christmas lights and decorations
- keep lights on and decorations up from 7:30pm – 10:00pm between Sunday 14th – Tuesday 16th December for judging.

Winners will receive a Christmas Hamper & Coles

Group gift card – 1st \$250 / 2nd \$150 / 3rd \$100

prize winners will be announced at the Community Christmas Party, Menzies Town Hall, Wednesday 17 December

it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas



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Primary Industries and
Regional Development



Menzies
Community Resource Centre
Your local connection

**Admin Office and Works depot
will be closed from
5pm Friday, 19 December 2025,
reopening on
Monday 5 January 2026.**

**General rubbish collection for
Menzies and Kookynie
is scheduled for
Monday, 22 December 2025
Monday, 29 December 2025.**

**For emergencies during this period
please contact
Kristy Van Kuyl - 0438 644 286**

*Merry Christmas
from the Shire of Menzies*



**CRC Christmas
Open Hour**

**Operating hours for the CRC, Visitor Centre
& Post Services over the festive period**

Monday 22 - Open 9am to 12pm
Tuesday 23 - Open 9am to 12pm
Wednesday 24 - Open 9am to 12pm
Thursday 25 - Closed (Christmas Day)
Friday 26 - Closed (Boxing Day)
Monday 29 - Open 9am to 12pm
Tuesday 30 - Open 9am to 12pm
Wednesday 31 - Open 9am to 12pm
Thursday 01 January 2025 - Closed
Friday 02 January 2025 - Closed




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**Saturday Mass
& Morning Tea**

Saturday 13 December

**Service Time: 10am
by St. Mary's Parish
Goldfields Catholic
Community**

**Morning Tea: 10:45am
provided by Menzies CRC**

**Community Building
on Shenton Street Menzies
(opposite Laurie's Cafe)**

All Welcome



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**Menzies Waste Facility
Drop-Off Hours**

Tired of clutter? Need to drop off your rubbish? Plan your visit with the new opening hours!

**Open: Monday, Wednesday, Friday,
Saturday between 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Closure Days: Tuesdays, Thursdays,
Sundays, and Public Holidays.**

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 per week. Subsequent trailer loads within the same week and larger loads, greater than a 6 x 4 trailer are also to be charged by the cubic metre.

All payments for placing waste in the Menzies Waste Facility to be made at the Menzies Town Hall, for more information please call 9024 2041

REMINDED - Domestic/household bins are collected every MONDAY. Please ensure your bin is placed on the roadside verge by 6.00am to ensure collection.

Monday 5 January 2026 9:00

File Edit View



Menzies Resource Centre

Computer Room hub for digital inclusion



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Free Access
& Support



printing,
scanning &
photocopying



Books & Media

Open
Add to cart
Save for later



Did you know the Menzies Community Resource Centre has amazing resources just for you?

Come in to see the Menzies CRC in action, meet staff and find out how the services can specifically benefit you.

Chess with ROLAND

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

Thursday 22 January 5PM
Ngalipaku Rec Centre



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Regional Development



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Community Resource Centre
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SHIRE OF MENZIES W.A.

MENZIES AUSTRALIA DAY

Breakfast & Bar

From 9am Monday 26 January

Menzies Town Hall

All Welcome

Snake Season



Safety Checklist: Tidy Up Your Yard, Keep your lawn mowed short and remove common hiding spots like long grass, rubbish piles, scrap metal, and wood stacks.

Keep Your Distance: If you see a snake, remain calm, and slowly and gently back away to a safe distance. Allow it to move away on its own.

Protect Pets: Supervise pets closely when they are outdoors.

If you have a snake that poses an immediate threat or if it is inside your house, call for safe removal and relocation.

John Warner 0418 901 926

Ivan Bagohin 0491 289 551

What's Up in the Night Sky?

Best Meteor Shower of the Year!



Look north east at 11pm on 14th December for the Geminids

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If you're into meteor showers, this is the one for you! The Geminids can be seen earlier in the night than many other showers and there's a prediction of large numbers of meteors. This makes it quite the spectacle.

When and where to look:

The peak of about 120 meteors/hour is from 11pm on 14th December. Viewing is to the north east about 20-45 degrees above the horizon. The Moon will rise at 1.10am (AWST) on 15th December, so viewing prior to this will be best. The Moon is less bright the next night which could improve viewing. There's a 3D model to see at <https://www.meteorshowers.org/view/Geminids>.

What is a meteor shower?

A meteor (commonly called a "shooting star") is an unexpected, brief streak of light seen in our night sky. It's caused when space debris, travelling up to 75km per second, enters Earth's atmosphere. The debris can be as small as a grain of sand which burns up in the atmosphere and causes a bright streak of light to appear briefly in our night sky.

A meteor shower is a celestial spectacle where large numbers of meteors, or "shooting stars", streak across the night sky. These dazzling events occur when Earth passes through the trail of debris left by a comet or other object that has come into our Solar System and orbited around the Sun. Visible to the naked eye, meteor showers offer a mesmerising display of bright streaks, adding a touch of cosmic wonder to the night.

What's up in the night sky? Visit www.astrotourismwa.com.au.

Happy stargazing!



Department of Energy, Mines,
Industry Regulation and Safety



With Senior Regional Officer for Goldfields Esperance, Karen Thomas

Peace of mind or piece of junk. Is shipping insurance worth it?

Have you been online shopping recently and noticed a sneaky little shipping insurance charge at the checkout? Maybe it was pre-selected for you to opt-out or you could have been lucky enough to be using an online retailer who hadn't yet crossed over to using dark patterns designed to trick you.

Either way, this used to be something only the seller paid for, but it's slowly making its way into consumers' carts claiming to offer you protection and peace of mind if something goes wrong after the item is posted.

Shipping insurance is like the "extended warranty" of the online retail world. That means you're probably paying extra for protection the Australian Consumer Law (ACL) already gives you. If your item arrives broken, is delivered to the wrong house, is stolen from the doorstep or it never arrives at all, you can rely on your trusty consumer rights.

Unfortunately, **many people believe or are told by the retailer that they need to take up any delivery issues with Australia Post or the courier service. This is wrong.**

The online retailer is responsible. They are the ones who hold the contract with the courier service. In other words – they are the customer of the courier service, and you are the customer of the retailer. You have absolutely no consumer relationship with the courier.

When there is an issue with the delivery, the retailer is obliged to offer you a remedy such as a repair, refund or replacement and these rights apply regardless of whether shipping insurance was purchased.

If an online retailer tells you otherwise, they could be breaking the law.

There are some steps you can take to protect yourself, especially with the busy Christmas postage season ahead. When placing an order, confirm the timeframe for delivery or if possible, a set date. Keep a record of your transaction by saving or printing your order confirmation, invoice or receipt.

If the item arrives broken, depending on the extent of the damage, you may be entitled to a refund, repair or replacement. The retailer should also cover the return postage costs. Before you return the product to the seller, take a photo of the damage for your own records. As with any consumer issues, contact the retailer and attempt to resolve it with them first. If that gets you nowhere consider seeking a charge back on your credit card via your bank or payment provider. This highlights the importance of only paying through secure methods, our advice is to never pay via bank transfer as you often cannot get your money back.

Remember, businesses who supply within or to Australia must send the goods within a reasonable amount of time or within a timeframe they have indicated, and they must supply a product of acceptable quality. These are your consumer rights. However, the law is much harder to enforce internationally, so keep this in mind when doing your online shopping. If you're still unsure about whether shipping insurance is worth the extra dough, read the terms and conditions to find out what protection it offers you above and beyond your automatic consumer rights.

For more information or to get help seeking a remedy from a retailer, report it to us at consumerprotection.wa.gov.au or call 1300 30 40 54.

If your complaint involves Australia Post or Star Track you can lodge a formal complaint with the Postal Industry Ombudsman.

MENZIES.

A CHRISTMAS SPOILED.

At the Police Court today Sydney Matthews, a prisoner undergoing a sentence of four months' imprisonment, imposed at Mount Malcolm in September last for larceny, was charged at the Police Court with bringing intoxicating liquor into gaol, and with having housebreaking implements in his possession. The evidence showed that on Christmas Day Matthew was sent to do work at the stables and taking a favourable opportunity walked across to the Maori Hotel.

Sergeant Mitchell observed Matthews and sent the police constable after him. He was brought back and searched, when a lemonade bottle of

whisky was found upon him as well as two pick locks, which undo all locks in the gaol, and 8d in money. Matthews said he found the pick locks that afternoon in an empty tin, and as regards the whisky, he thought he was entitled to a little festivity considering the occasion, especially as he had worked very hard since he had been in prison. The Bench imposed a sentence of 14 days' imprisonment on each charge, cumulative on the sentence he is now undergoing. The Bench commented on the common nature of the locks in the prison that could be opened with such a simple picklock as a bent piece of fencing wire.

*Taken from the Kalgoorlie Miner
30 December 1897.*



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

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



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

CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

Northern Goldfields.

MENZIES.

It was asserted that when the railway was extended to Kookynie and Leonora, Menzies would be dead and business people be compelled to move on. The prophets, for once, were quite wrong. Commercial travellers, who have a close and pretty keen insight into trade, say that Menzies is as sound a town as any on the fields. The opening up of the north country has in the main done Menzies more good than harm. The removal of the head of the Eastern goldfields line further north has, of course, taken some of the travelling business away, but other advantages have acted in compensation for this loss, and on the whole the town is as good, if not better, than ever. The fire fiend was busy during the past twelve months and swept away a block or two of buildings. The gaps are rapidly being filled up by substantial brick buildings, well built, and an ornament to the town.

There is one building of which Menzies and its residents are reasonably proud. It is the Town Hall, which is the finest out of Perth, putting the municipal buildings of Kalgoorlie, Boulder and Coolgardie completely in the shade. It has an ornamental front in stone and brick, surmounted by a handsome tower, with a large and imposing main entrance, one side being devoted to the Town Council offices and the other to reading room, etc. Behind the main front is a spacious hall, which is constructed of corrugated iron. There is a large stage. Menzies used to possess only a small place of amusement known as the Maori Hall, but the enterprise of the Municipal

Council has resulted in a fine hall being available for visiting dramatic and musical companies.

NIAGARA.

What was once a flourishing town, with seven hotels doing a roaring trade, and several hundred men on gold, has now become a deserted village. A few small mines are being worked, and the gold won assists to run a hotel or two and the stores. There is, however, a lot of adobe -rod mud -walls standing, stripped of all woodwork, and giving a dismal appearance to the town. The train between Menzies and Kookynie stopped at Niagara Falls Hotel, where a good cup of tea and a scone are supplied to the travellers. The locomotive took a good drink from the large tank built upon piers, which is kept filled by gravitation from Niagara dam. about three miles distant, said to be the largest railway dam on the line. It is always well filled, and water trains are kept running from the tank at the Falls. The land around the tank is very fertile, and vegetables and fruit grow in great abundance as the result of irrigation. The peculiar feature of this country is its large supply of artesian water, which can be easily obtained by sinking a well or erecting a windmill. It has only a small percentage of salt. The feed in the spring was very good, and camels and horses were enjoying the herbage. Niagara does not detain the train very long, a passenger or two alight, and the locomotive steams away to the north.

Although the country is somewhat broken, the railway line has been easily constructed, as scarcely any excavation had to be done, and no cuttings of any size were made for miles. A scoop

KOOKYNIE.

For a town that is only three years of age, Kookynie shows a great record in progress. The population within a radius of five miles exceeds 3,000, and the townsmen boast that they have eclipsed Menzies. In population and general progress, the new town certainly leads easily; in buildings and town improvements Menzies still holds its own. Kookynie, however, has the electric light in a portion of the town, the cables being run from bouse to house, and not on poles, from the station at the Cosmopolitan mine. The council and an electrical firm of contractors are in negotiation for the lighting of the streets, and it is probable satisfactory arrangements will be made at an early date.

The town depends mainly upon about half a dozen big mines in the immediate vicinity. The Cosmopolitan Proprietary is the leading mine, which has 50 head of stamps at the battery, and hard by is the Cumberland, which has 20 head in the battery. Both are English companies and have expended money freely in equipping the properties. The area of ground within the boundaries of the Cosmopolitan Proprietary is large, and there is ample scope for creating subsidiary companies as occasion may occur. The water pumped from the mine has a volume of about 200,000 gallons per day, and as it is almost fresh, it is good enough for stock purposes, and, if boiled, may be used for human consumption. It is pro-

posed to build a swimming baths to be supplied by the water from the mine, and a splendid bath, it is certain, will be obtainable when the baths are built. The Cumberland mine not being as deep as the Cosmopolitan, the pumps on the latter keep both mines dry. The difference in depth is about 200ft. A large number of prospecting leases are being worked by miners in close proximity to the town, 60 being an average number, and it is noteworthy that during the past 12 months the value of gold per man was £100. A good trade is likely to spring up between Kookynie and the new find at Edjudina, which is about 60 miles distant and is reached by coach. In the opposite direction, the Sons of Gwalia, mine is connected by road with Kookynie.

As a centre, Kookynie promises to become as important as Menzies. The new Roman Catholic Church is a credit to the town, being built of iron, lined and nicely designed. The Salvation Army has a commodious barracks, while the other denominations are also represented. There are many hotels, several of which are well built and ably conducted houses, while the business places are very fair, and all seem to be doing a thriving trade. Mr. T. Campbell, who was Mayor of Menzies at one time, is the chief magistrate of Kookynie. He is a live citizen and runs the leading hotel. Cobb and Co.'s coaches to Edjudina start from his house. Altogether, Kookynie seems to have a great future before it. The mines employ a large number of men, and the district is daily.

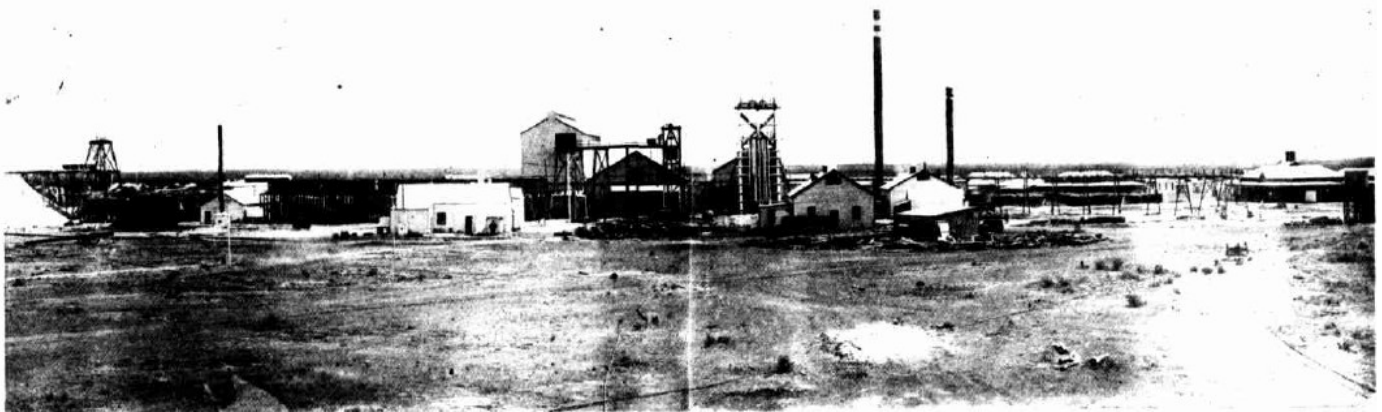


Photo by

GENERAL VIEW OF THE COSMOPOLITAN PROPRIETARY MINE, LTD., KOOKYNIE.

Roy Millar, Kookynie.

Photo by GENERAL VIEW OF THE COSMOPOLITAN PROPRIETARY MINE LTD. KOOKYNIE Roy Millar, Kookynie

Look back at Issue 193 March 2025 – Kookynie, the first public swimming baths in the Goldfields!



MENZIES COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Pukulpa Nintirrinkula
Happy Learning

2025 was a massive year — and let's call it what it was: the year of change fatigue. Our little school weathered more movement and disruption than most would see in a decade. We started the year with 17 enrolled students and welcomed 8 visiting students along the way. Across the year we had four different principals and ten different teachers supporting both the primary and high school programs. It was a lot, and our staff and students showed real resilience through it all. Despite the constant change, we still moved forward.

- * Miss Maybelle began her teaching degree.
- * Miss Sarah started her Speech Therapy degree and completed her Key Word Sign trainer qualification.
- * Mrs Pinker and Mrs Stevens achieved Senior Teacher status.
- * Miss Josie began the pathway to become an Advanced Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer.

We kept students engaged with real experiences: a camp to Kalgoorlie, two visits from TLG, incursions about native birds and snakes, and a visit from the Curtin Dental students. We introduced Compass as our main communication and attendance platform, completed our School Review, and attended the Goldfields Education Conference. We also welcomed Mr and Mrs Pinker, and Mrs Irving back to the school.



After a year like 2025, we are drawing a line in the sand. 2026 will be the year of consistency.

- * In 2026 we welcome Mrs Oji and her family from England, who will take on the Wanampi class.
- * Mrs Stevens will lead Yilpa.
- * Mrs Pinker will lead Marlu.
- * Miss Maybelle will be our specialist teacher, working alongside Miss Josie to deliver Two-Way Science, Technology and PE.
- * Miss Sarah will be teaching Key Word Sign across the school.

With the arrival of our two new transportables, we've consulted with staff and students to modernise our learning spaces. The old Yilpa room will now be known as the Bardi Room, which will host playgroup and cooking. The old Wanampi building will become our dedicated Resource Room and the Karlaya Room — Karlaya being the Wangkatja word for emu.


I want to sincerely thank Caroline Gribble, Luke Scuderi, and Liz Owers for stepping in as principal during the year. A big thank you also to Anna Burke for stepping into the Wanampi class this term and giving the students stability when they needed it most.

To our families, staff, students and community — thank you for sticking with us. You've shown grit, patience and heart in a tough year.

I wish everyone a safe, relaxing holiday and a joyful Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you all back, refreshed and ready, on Monday 2 February when school starts for 2026.



**MENZIES
COMMUNITY SCHOOL**
Pakulpak Nintirinkala
Happy Learning

The staff and students of
Menzies Community School
would like to invite you to attend
the Annual Presentation

The presentation will take place in
the High School Classroom

Thursday 11th December

Commencing at 11am followed
by lunch

RSVP
Menzies.CS@education.wa.edu.au

2025



**Menzies Aboriginal
Corporation**

Community
Christmas
Tree

WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER

Ngalipaku Building (Menzies Youth Centre)

Water Slide & Activities: 3.00pm - 5.00pm
Dinner & Santa's arrival: 6.30 pm - 8:30pm

Bring a present for your child/ren to
the value of \$50.00 to be placed
under the Christmas tree

Everyone is welcome

PIONEER STORE ART GALLERY



LOCAL ABORIGINAL ART EXHIBITION // ART GALLERY

OPEN
1PM - 4PM
TUESDAY & THURSDAY

**MENZIES
ABORIGINAL
CORPORATION**



DECEMBER
1ST - 18TH
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	CLOSED
Sunday	CLOSED

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DECEMBER SPECIAL'S

BUY ANY
1.25LTR SOFT DRINK
&
GET 1 FREE

MEGA TOASTIE
& LARGE
MILKSHAKE
\$20

0482 686 876

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LAURIES CAFE
We Will Be

CLOSED
FRIDAY DECEMBER 19TH
Merry
Christmas!
CAFE OPEN
MONDAY JANUARY 5TH

WISHING YOU & YOUR
FAMILIES A SAFE
CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW
YEAR
SEE YOUR BACK IN 2026!!



The Menzies Miner.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1896.

As a theme the glorious festival of Christmas has been worn threadbare. THE MINER, having nothing new or original to write on the topic, briefly wishes its friends and everybody

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

A BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR.

MENZIES CARAVAN PARK

GATEWAY TO THE NORTHERN GOLDFIELDS,
HOME TO LAKE BALLARD INSIDE AUSTRALIA



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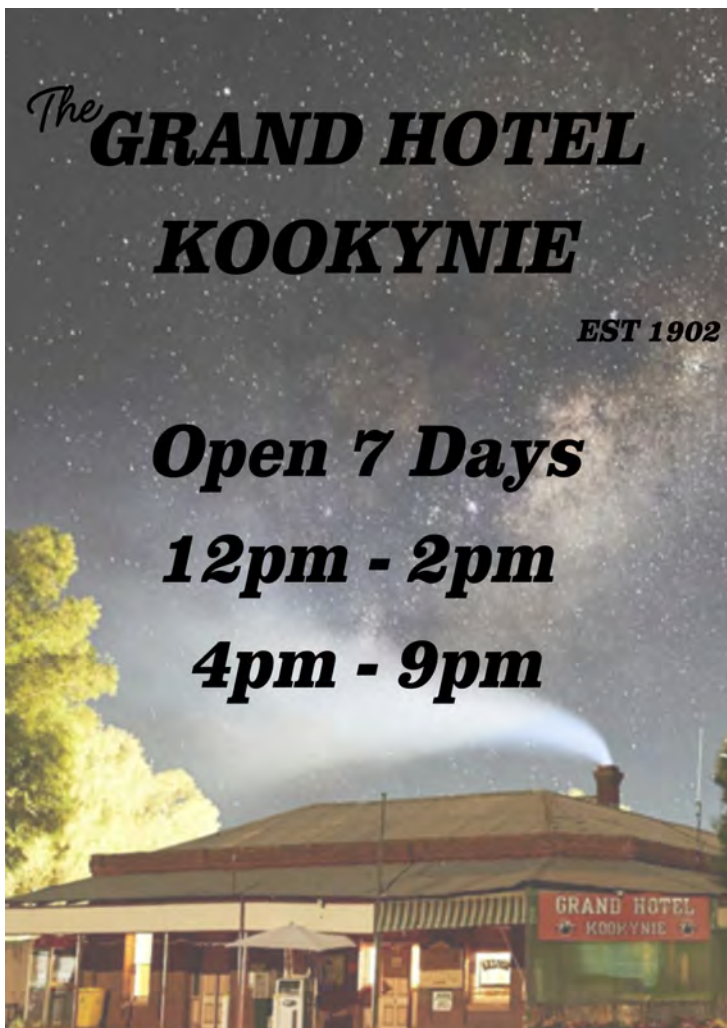
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Sunday	21 st Dec	Closed
Monday	22 nd Dec	Closed
Tuesday	23 rd Dec	Closed
Wednesday	24 th Dec	Closed
Thursday	25 th Dec	Closed
Christmas Day		
Friday	26 th Dec	Closed
Boxing day		
Saturday	27 th Dec	Closed
Sunday	28 th Dec	Closed
Monday	29 th Dec	9am-5:30pm
Tuesday	30 th Dec	9am-5:30pm
Wednesday	31 st Jan	9am-5:30pm
New Years Eve		
Thursday	1 st Jan	Closed
New Years Day		
Friday	2 nd Jan	9am- 12pm

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Leonora Pharmacy wishes everyone a safe and happy festive season



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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.

Season's greetings

Firstly, I'd like to wish everybody a wonderful and enjoyable Christmas.

Next, I'd like to encourage everybody to be tolerant of friends and family who might have had a more challenging year, and perhaps a downright dismal year. Things can happen in life that are rather trying for even the best among us. The passing of family and other close friends can put a strain on us. We can never know what challenges other people are having to deal with.

I guess that sometimes, such events are a blessing in disguise. Such events make many of us take stock of our own lives, such that we might see how petty some aspects of our lives really are. We end up seeing much more clearly what it is that is important in our lives. It is at such times that I myself am reminded of a poem that was popular many years ago - the Desiderata by Max Ehrmann in 1927.

It is in this spirit that I would encourage everybody to look beyond the gifts, to the people who gave them.

Gratitude is often not as freely given as perhaps it ought to be. Sentiments of love and gratitude are often lacking at this time of year, from people who are in a blinding hurry to go here or there, to the point of completely missing the point of the whole exercise. Another reason to have tolerance. Taking 'time-out' to reflect is never wasted time.

Christmas is a good time of year to lead by example. This is by far the best way to lead children. With that said, a rhetorical question springs to mind that I often repeat at various times - what kind of Menzies (Australia) do I (we) want to leave behind to our children when it's my (our) turn to check out to see if there really is an afterlife.

At the risk of repeating myself, I sincerely do wish everybody safe travels and a most blessed and joyous Christmas season.

I expect to write more "letters to the editor" over the coming months and seasons.

Regards

Roland

A Merry Christmas to our Readers

Desiderata, Max Ehrmann 1927

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.



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Week 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Week 2	8	9 Doctor @ Nursing Post	10	11 Community Bus	12	13 Morning Mass	14
Week 3	15	16 AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2:15 - 4 PM	17 Xmas Party	18 Community Bus	19	20	21
Week 4	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26 	27	28
Week 1	29	30	31	1 	2	3	4
Week 2	5 Shire & CRC back to ordinary hours	6	7	8 Community Bus	9	10	11
Week 3	12	13	14	15 Community Bus	16	17 Morning Mass	18
Week 4	19	20	21	22 Chess with ROLAND	23	24	25
Week 5	26 	27	28	29 Community Bus	30	31	1

Ordinary Council Meeting

School Summer Holidays