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Shire President's Report

Paul Warner

I attended the Regional Road Group meeting, where funding was a major topic of discussion. Rising fuel costs are a significant concern, as they will have a flow-on effect across many areas. With increased truck movements driven by strong iron ore and gold prices, the added wear and tear on our roads is becoming a growing issue.

I also attended the GVROC meeting in Esperance. Key topics included fuel security, which appears to be an escalating concern. The reduction in fuel rebate will help support regional travel and freight.

We received a presentation from Telstra, where I raised concerns about service levels in Menzies. An update was provided on progress with the Telstra tower, and works are moving forward,

hopefully leading to improved service. Additionally, works on the Telstra tower at Tjuntjuntjarra are scheduled to commence soon.

I raised the ongoing cattle issue affecting Menzies and Kookynie. This remains unresolved, and it is hoped the matter can be escalated to a higher level to achieve a long-term solution.

Other updates included:

GVROC housing and land initiatives

Climate Alliance program update

Rateability of miscellaneous and mining leases

I also attended the Mayors and Presidents Forum at the Shire of Esperance offices, alongside Peter Craig (President, Shire of Leonora) and Laurene Bonza (President, Shire of Norseman).

Presentations were delivered by Nick Sloan (CEO, WALGA), Tony Brown (new Local Government Inspector), and Mark Irwin (new WALGA President, City of Stirling).



Acting CEO's Message

Rob Stewart



Fuel supply issues are becoming critical and may impact the Council's ability to provide services, although at present there is no major cut back. Every local authority in the Goldfields is keeping a cautious eye on supplies. Council supplies have been delivered normally so far. If this changes we will ensure our website is updated.

Several residents have advised the council that Telstra services have become problematic in Menzies, with calls either dropping out or no connection able to be made.


We have contacted Telstra and the advice received indicates that services in Menzies are presently being 'augmented'. We understand that augmentation increases speed and capacity of the telecommunication infrastructure and may involve new antennas and modernised equipment. Telstra has stressed that this doesn't involve a new tower.

This augmentation has begun and should be finished by the end of July 2026, with an expected improvement in service.

Both Menzies and Kookynie are experiencing problems with wandering cattle and councillors and staff alike are searching for answers. The Council does have some powers to impound cattle, identify if possible the owner and then charge impounding fees and sustenance charges. If the owner is not able to be located, the Council can auction the cattle. Without

proper equipment and experience, the process of mustering cattle is not only difficult, it is also dangerous. The cattle problem is years old and a solution has not yet been found that is both lawful and cost effective.

Recently a dog attack in Menzies resulted in a number of dogs being impounded. The owner of those dogs is now faced with substantial fines to have those dogs released from the pound, with the cost increasing daily. It has been noticed that another dog from the same property is still wandering without any restraint. The council does not have full time rangers to constantly police these issues.



WILD DOG MANAGEMENT

All landholders in WA have a legal duty to manage declared pests on their land under the Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act 2017. Wild dogs are a Declared Pest in WA. GNRBA helps pastoralists in the Goldfields Nullarbor area to manage wild dogs. One of the ways to reduce dog numbers is by ground baiting.

Baits are strictly distributed only to qualified landholders, S7 training has to be completed and restricted chemical permits valid.

BAIT RUN

The next wild dog bait run to pastoral stations will be in March/April 2026. Although baits are laid 5km away from townsites, GNRBA warn visitors that baits can impact pet dogs on pastoral land. Please be aware that permission is required for people to access pastoral land or be aware of baits when passing through.

For more information, check out our website:

www.gnrba.com.au

Ordinary Meetings of the Council

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on **Thursday 16 April 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: 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, 16 April 2026	1PM	Menzies
Thursday, 21 May 2026	1PM	Tjuntjuntjara
Thursday, 18 June 2026	1PM	Menzies
Thursday, 16 July 2026	1PM	Menzies
Thursday, 20 August 2026	1PM	Menzies
Thursday, 17 September 2026	1PM	Tjuntjuntjara
Thursday, 15 October 2026	1PM	Menzies
Thursday, 19 November 2026	1PM	Menzies
Thursday, 17 December 2026	1PM	Menzies

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.

Rob Stewart

Acting Chief Executive Officer

MENZIES NURSING POST

April 2026 Hours

Monday 30/3/26 – 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Tuesday 31/3/26 – 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Wednesday 1/4/26 – 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

DR's Clinic 10am - 2pm

Monday 6/4/26 – **CLOSED (Public Holiday)**

Tuesday 7/4/26 – 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Wednesday 8/4/26 – 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Monday 13/4/26 – 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Tuesday 14/4/26 – 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Wednesday 15/4/26 – 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Monday 20/4/26 – 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Tuesday 21/4/26 – 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Wednesday 22/4/26 – 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Monday 27/4/26 – **CLOSED (Public Holiday)**

Tuesday 28/4/26 – 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Wednesday 29/4/26 – 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Menzies Nursing Post

Located at:

52 Archibald St, via Mercer St, Menzies

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

CHECK OUT YOUR LOCAL DROP & GO

Return your 10c containers any time



 **CONTAINERS**
FOR CHANGE

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

EXCEPTIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICE

TRAINING

Menzies CRC and Leonora CRC are hosting a free Exceptional Customer Service training session. Build confidence in communication, professionalism and handling customer enquiries.

**MENZIES CRC
CONFERENCE ROOM**

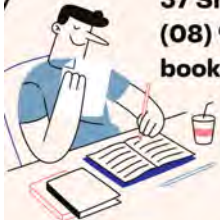
Wednesday 15 April 2026

9am - 4pm

37 Shenton St.

(08) 9024 2702

bookings@menzies.wa.gov.au



Menzies
Community Resource Centre
Your local connection



Australian Government
Department of Social Services

LASH & BROW CERTIFICATION

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- ✓ BROW WAXING
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- ✓ BROW HENNA



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MAY 4TH-8TH**
LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

Lash
SUBLIME
PERMANENT



Menzies

**Seniors & Friends
Broad Arrow Tavern**

**Wednesday 29
April 2026**

**NEED A LIFT? Call the CRC
9024 2702 or meet there 12pm**

Menzies
Community
Resource
Centre



Department of
Primary Industries and
Regional Development

ANZAC DAY

Saturday 25 April 2026

**Dawn Service will be held
at 6am at the
Menzies Town Hall War
Memorial
Followed by a gunfire
breakfast**



Menzies Full Moonrise at Sunset: Blue Moon

EXPERIENCE THE BLUE MOON AS IT RISES THROUGH THE TELESCOPE AT MT OWEN OBSERVATION SITE AT SUNSET

SUNDAY 31 MAY
STARTING FROM 5 PM

The **GRAND HOTEL**
KOOKYNIIE

EST 1902

Open 7 Days
12pm - 2pm
4pm - 9pm

MENZIES CARAVAN PARK

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Looking for a comfortable place to rest and explore?
The Shire-operated Menzies Caravan Park has everything you need for a relaxing stay! Perfectly positioned to explore the pioneering Goldfields and only a 30-minute drive to the iconic Lake Ballard, Inside Australia, it's the perfect outback stopover!
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OR SCAN THE QR CODE
WWW.MENZIES.WA.GOV.AU/VISIT-MENZIES



LEGENDS OF THE SEVEN SISTERS



Join us at the Mt Owen Stargazing
Pad for a special presentation

**Tales of the Pleiades
Across Five Cultures**

Monday 20 April 2026 | From 6pm

What's Up in the Night Sky?

Planet Parade

Neptune

Saturn

Mars

Mercury

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Dawn on Anzac Day this year is extra special. If you regularly attend dawn services, you'll know that the view of the stars and planets change from year to year. This year, there are three naked-eye planets visible in a celestial line up. A conjunction is where two astronomical objects, like planets, appear close together in the sky.

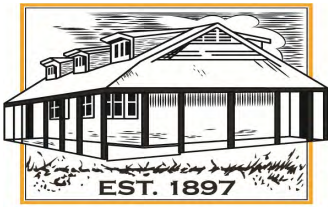
Saturn appears as the highest. Below is red-coloured Mars and then further towards the horizon is Mercury. Over coming weeks you'll see them appear to move away from each other. If you watch regularly, you'll be marveling at the motion of our amazing solar system. Use the above image as a guide. Astronomical images provided by SkySafari, a Simulation Curriculum Company, All rights reserved www.simulationcurriculum.com.

When and where to look: Look towards the eastern horizon from 6am on 25 April. The view will add to the poignancy of this very special morning.

Something Interesting: Mercury is a bit larger than our Moon. It's the smallest planet in our Solar System and the closest to the Sun. Out of all our neighbouring planets, Mercury orbits the Sun the fastest – it only takes 88 days.

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

Happy stargazing!



MENZIES COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Pukulpa Nintirrinkula
Happy Learning

Dear Families and Community,

As we come to the end of Term 1, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a productive and positive start to the year at Menzies Community School.



A Strong Start

This term has set a clear tone across the school—consistent routines, focused learning and students stepping up. We are seeing growing confidence in the classroom, particularly in literacy and numeracy and it is clear that when students attend regularly, they succeed. There has been a noticeable positive shift across the school and we are heading in the right direction.



Attendance – Our Priority

Attendance continues to be a key focus. Currently, our attendance rate is 70.0%, which is an improvement from last year. We also have 50% of students attending 80% or more, which is fantastic progress. That said, we need to keep pushing.

Why does attendance matter?

- Every day at school matters—learning builds step by step, and missing days makes it harder for students to keep up both academically and socially. Students who attend regularly are the ones making the strongest progress.
- Parents and students are reminded that one of the two conditions for attending the Albany Camp in Term 4 is maintaining regular attendance, alongside maintaining good standing.
- We appreciate families who are supporting attendance and encourage everyone to continue this momentum into Term 2.



Highlights from the Term

Across the school, students have been actively engaged in meaningful learning experiences:

Yilpa – Term 1 Highlights

- Yilpa has had a strong start to the year, with students settling well into routines and showing increasing confidence in their learning. There has been a clear focus on building early literacy and numeracy skills, with students developing their understanding of sounds, letters and number concepts.
- Students are becoming more independent and are beginning to engage more consistently in classroom tasks. Positive relationships are a strength in this classroom, with students responding well to clear expectations and support.

- With continued attendance and consistency, students in Yilpa are well placed to keep building their skills in Term 2.



Wanampi – Term 1 Highlights

- Wanampi students have shown steady progress this term, particularly in literacy and writing. Students have been working on expressing their ideas through writing and are building confidence in sharing their work.
- In numeracy, there has been a focus on strengthening number knowledge and problem-solving skills. Students are beginning to apply what they know more independently.
- The classroom has developed strong routines and students are responding well to structure and clear expectations. Continued attendance will be key to maintaining this progress into Term 2.



Marlu – Term 1 Highlights

- Marlu has had a strong start to the year, with students settling well into routines and showing increasing confidence in their learning. There has been a clear focus on building early literacy and numeracy skills, with students developing their understanding of sounds, letters and number concepts.
- Students are becoming more independent and are beginning to engage more consistently in classroom tasks. Positive relationships are a strength in this classroom, with students responding well to clear expectations and support.
- With continued attendance and consistency, students in Marlu are well placed to keep building their skills in Term 2.



Karlaya – Term 1 Highlights

- Karlaya has played a key role across the whole school this term, with a strong focus on delivering Two-Way Science, Technology and The Arts in partnership with the Marlu class.
- Students have been engaged in hands-on, meaningful learning that connects Western knowledge with local Aboriginal perspectives. This has supported students to build skills in inquiry, creativity and problem-solving, while also strengthening their connection to culture and Country.
- These sessions have been a highlight across the school, with high levels of engagement and participation from students in all classes. The work in Karlaya is helping to create rich, connected learning experiences that bring together culture, community and curriculum.

Classrooms have continued to recognise and celebrate students demonstrating our values of Belonging, Achievement and Respect. We also opened our classrooms to the community during Community Eats, giving families the opportunity to see learning in action.

We are excited to see this continue to grow at the May Community Eats and encourage everyone to come along. Our students put a lot of effort into preparing for these events and are proud to share their learning with the community.

Learning on Country

A highlight this term was our Bush Day at Niagara Dam. Students had the opportunity to learn on Country, strengthening their connection to culture, community and place.

These experiences are powerful—they build identity, pride and real-world understanding beyond the classroom, and will continue to be an important part of our approach. The day was a success with many community members joining the school. The next Bush Day is opened to all community members who would like to come.

Staffing Update

We would like to sincerely thank the two Flying Squad teachers who will be supporting our school. Your support makes a real difference in a small, remote setting like ours, and we appreciate your contribution to our students and staff.

We are also looking forward to welcoming our new teacher, Mrs Dare-Ojo at the beginning of Term 2, which will bring greater stability and consistency across the school.

Acknowledgement

I want to acknowledge our staff, students and families for the effort shown this term. There has been real growth, and we are moving forward.

The key now is consistency—turning up, putting in the effort, and backing each other.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Menzies

Railway Hotel ~ 1896/1990

Extract from Railway Hotels of Australia.
Volume Four. By Scott Whitaker.

The Railway Hotel, originally operated as a billiards saloon, guest house and dining room, was a large two-storey timber and iron building, built by the partnership of John Scott and Henry Thorne. Originally licensed to sell wine and beer only, the premises were converted to a hotel after the licence was upgraded to a publicans' general on 6 June 1896.

The hotel was a popular place for meetings and functions. In addition, delegates would often address their faithful from the balcony:

An open-air meeting was held on Thursday night in Shenton Street, Menzies, to hear an address by Mr McCarthy, the delegate of the alluvial workers, on the benefits of organisation. Several hundred persons were present. The address was delivered from Messrs Scott and Thorne's balcony.

[A motion was adopted] to the effect that... citizens and wage earners view with alarm the attempt to so largely reduce wages, and that every effort be made to secure a conference to arrive at an amicable compromise.

Scott and Thorne dissolved their partnership by mutual agreement on 16 July 1898, with Mr Scott assuming full responsibility for the hotel from that date.



When the billiards marker, Michael O'Reilly, was dismissed without notice in November 1899, the disgruntled employee took the matter to court.

[O'Reilly] had been employed by Mr Scott for £2 per week [including] board and lodging, the wages payable monthly, less any amount for drinks obtained in that period. He was dismissed without notice on Tuesday night, and without any reason. [Mr Scott] stated that [O'Reilly] was intoxicated and refused to do his work.

After both parties produced several witnesses that supported their claims, the magistrate awarded O'Reilly £3, in lieu of notice.

The Railway Hotel, along with several other businesses, was destroyed by fire at around 4 am on 16 May 1902:

A disastrous fire ... completely destroyed Scott's Railway Hotel, Goldsmith's drapery shop, and Olsen's fancy goods shop. Nothing was saved from any of the places. The fire started in Olsen's and quickly caught the two other buildings. Messrs Goldsmith and Olsen were absent, but Mr Scott and his wife and children were in the hotel asleep at the time of the outbreak, and they did not wake up until the fire was burning their bedroom. Five hundred people were soon at the scene of the conflagration, and preparations were made to secure the valuables in the West Australian Bank and the Bank of Australasia, which were in the same block. The local fire brigade, which consists of young men, worked very hard, and succeeded in saving [another] seven shops. The origin of the fire is unknown [and] the total damage is very heavy.

The rebuilding effort was rapid, but not without incident:

Mr Arnott, the contractor for the re-erection of the Railway Hotel, met with an unpleasant accident on Tuesday. He fell from a height of 15 ft and received a severe shaking.

It is always pleasant to report any commercial improvement in one's town. Mr Scott, whose premises were destroyed by fire, is building a two-storey hotel of brick, which, when finished, will be one of the finest hotels on the Northern fields.

The new brick hotel was opened in November 1902, the management changing in June 1903:

The Railway Hotel is now in new hands. Mr John Riley, the new licensee, is a great patron of sport, and, in days gone by, has owned several racehorses. He is a good authority on racing and keeps himself posted in current events. All Queenslanders will remember him well when he was in Charters Towers. Mr Riley has joined the Menzies Turf Club already and is doing his best to forward its interests.

Arthur Scott, whose brother Jack had the Railway Hotel, Menzies, has got a good thing in a cordial and aerated water factory. He and his two brothers work away here in the most unassuming manner. They have the most up-to-date plant in Western Australia. Jack selected the latest automatic bottling and corking machine when in England last year. They are both Riley's Vauxhall self-acting patents and do a great amount of work in an incredibly short space of time.

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



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

My Sentimental Journey recounts a 1969 visit by a former resident, Lena, returning to her birthplace after 53 years. In this evocative letter, she shares vivid memories of her childhood during the early 20th century, describing Menzies as she knew it then—a booming mining town. We are pleased to present the fourth instalment of her journey home.

I knew we had all been born there and only a few hundred yards from the sand dump. There was one house still there. I remembered well a Mrs & Mr Tom Sawyer used to live in it (now houses Aborigines). I tried to pinpoint the spot from that house (I had heard that our house had gone many years ago). I feel sure there must be some of the dump left; we children used to love to climb up to the top & slide down.

I was also looking for the creek on the Friday Flat. Eventually we did locate the creek which was dry & should have been full of water at this time of year (August). As it was now 5:30 PM we had to return to the Hotel for dinner and Gary back to their business. He told me John and he would come over to the Hotel about 9 PM for a drink & chat.

By a very strange & pleasant co-incidence, when we went into the dining room, 2 young ladies were our companions at the round table for 4. They were on safari for August holidays, both being school teachers in Perth and had booked in for dinner, bed & breakfast. They were very interested in the remains of some of the buildings that used to be, some with walls & fronts still standing and I was an antique to them, as I hadn't been able to find or hear of anyone still there when I was. Had George Templeman been there, he is six years younger than me.

After dinner we went outside in front of Hotel where I noticed 2 long stools set across the front,

just as 2 were when we lived there (maybe they were the same ones of long years ago). Presently a huge full moon rose from the East directly in front of Hotel which I now know it was East (it was pitch dark). It was so bright the 4 of us walked around for about an hour, keeping close to town as there were numerous holes about — “My word I did feel queer”, reborn, or I know not what.

Back at the Hotel several of the Rio Tinto men had come into town & were in the front bar having a good time playing darts & drinking. We went into the saloon bar. It was a lovely evening but very cold. The Templeman boys came in, & Carolyn went up to bed and listened to the clink clink of the engine which intrigued her. We chatted awhile (afraid it was me doing most of that), had a couple of drinks & I joined Carolyn. The girls were in the next room to Carolyn and I. It was arranged the girls would drive Carolyn & I around the next morning for them & us to see everything we could.

Next morning Friday 29th Aug., after breakfast the girls were busy taking snapshots, very kindly taking several of Carolyn & I. We drove firstly to the school (2nd visit within the 24 hrs in the town). Carolyn pulled the old school bell & we played “Hopscotch” for a few minutes, a favourite game for girls when I went to the school, & strangely enough the drawing with chalk on cement was there ready for “our” game. The girls were clicking their cameras now & again. I was very pleased in the snapshots as Carolyn had forgotten to bring hers. I collected a handful of the red earth from the school playground.

Then began a determined effort the other side of town to try & find “The House Spot” & the “sand dump” on Friday Hill.

To be concluded in our next issue...

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.

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Goldfields Integrated Primary Mental Health Care (IPMHC) Schedule



CENTRECARE will be in MENZIES on the following dates in 2026:

- 13 APRIL
- 4 MAY
- 18 MAY
- 8 JUNE
- 22 JUNE
- 6 JULY
- 20 JULY

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

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

Feel free to drop by for a yarn.

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

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

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For more information contact:
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Influenza (the flu) is a very contagious viral infection. It's a respiratory illness that can affect your nose, throat and sometimes your lungs.

There are 2 main types of influenza viruses:

- influenza type A
- influenza type B

Influenza infections are more serious than the common cold. They can cause major outbreaks and severe disease. The flu is the most common vaccine-preventable disease in Australia.

Influenza infections are generally most common from June to September. There is often more than one strain of influenza in the community at this time.

Flu season is also the time of year when you are more likely to stay indoors and be in close contact with other people. This makes it easier for the virus to pass between people.

You should get your annual flu vaccine anytime from April onwards. Each year the vaccine is made to match the most common strains of flu.

The symptoms of flu may include:
fever and chills

- cough
- sore throat
- sneezing and stuffy or runny nose
- tiredness
- headache
- muscle aches and joint pains

It's possible to get flu even if you have been vaccinated. This may be due to your illness being caused by a flu strain not covered by this year's vaccine.

Influenza is spread through droplets from your nose or throat. This can be from coughing and sneezing. These droplets can be breathed in by someone else who may then get the flu. The droplets can also land on surfaces. Anyone who touches these surfaces and then touches their nose or mouth can also catch the flu.

See your nurse or doctor if you:

- are concerned about your symptoms
- have a high fever (over 38 degrees Celsius)
- have a cough that's not improving
- are in a high-risk group (see below)

Wear a mask when attending your medical appointment to help lower the spread of viruses to other people.

If you have mild flu-like symptoms and are otherwise fit and healthy, there is usually no need to see a doctor.

You are more likely to get very sick from influenza and need hospital care if you are:

- younger than 5 years old
- aged 65 years or older
- an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person
- pregnant

You may also be at risk of a severe influenza infection if you have:

- heart disease
- a chronic lung condition, such as asthma
- kidney disease
- diabetes

You are also at risk of severe illness if you:

- are immunocompromised (have a weakened immune system)
- are homeless
- live in an aged care facility.

Most people will get better by themselves within 7 to 10 days and without any treatment.

Some things you can do to ease your flu symptoms are:

- getting plenty of rest
- drinking plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration
- keeping warm

You can also take paracetamol, ibuprofen or other over-the-counter medicines to treat any pain or fever. Always follow the instructions on the packet.

Various gargles, throat sprays and lozenges are available for the relief of a sore throat. Some people find warm fluids, such as warm water with honey, or sucking ice helpful.

Antibiotics are not used to treat flu. This is because antibiotics do not work for viral infections.

If you are sick with the flu, stay home and avoid close contact with other people until you feel better. If your child has the flu, keep them at home until they are symptom free.

The best way to prevent the flu is to have a flu vaccination every year. Influenza vaccines prevent against different types of influenza A and influenza B.

You should get your annual influenza vaccine anytime from April onwards. This will protect you for the peak flu season. You get the highest level of protection in the first 3 to 4 months after vaccination.

Good hygiene is one of the best ways to help prevent flu and other illnesses from spreading.

Try to:

- Wash your hands regularly.
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Throw used tissues in the bin straight away.
- Don't share cups, plates, cutlery and towels with other people.

Influenza is an airborne disease. The virus is spread when people talk, cough and sneeze.

Wearing a face mask can help lower your chance of catching the flu.

If you are sick, you can:

- avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- stay at home

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Kalgoorlie to Laverton

THURSDAYS

Kalgoorlie (Railway Station)	10 am
Menzies	11:40 am
Kookynie Turnoff	12:05 pm
Leonora - arrive	12:45 pm
Laverton	2:30 pm

Laverton to Kalgoorlie

FRIDAYS

Laverton	10 am
Leonora - arrive	11:15am
Kookynie Turnoff	12:00 pm
Menzies	12:30 pm
Kalgoorlie (Railway Station)	2:00 pm





ATTENTION

NEW SHOP HOURS

Monday	6:00am - 3:00pm
Tuesday	6:00am - 3:00pm
Wednesday	6:00am - 3:00pm
Thursday	6:00am - 3:00pm
Friday	6:00am - 3:00pm
Saturday	7:00am - 2:00pm
Sunday	CLOSED

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CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

GET IN QUICK, BEFORE THEY ARE ALL SOLD OUT!!

APRIL SPECIAL



COFFEE SWEET DEAL Make

1x COFFEE	&	
1x SCONE (JAM & CREAM)		
***** OR *****		
1x SLICE OF CAKE.....		
		LARGE SMALL
		\$14 \$12

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1x HOT CHOCOLATE	&	
(Comes with a Marshmallow Inside Cup)		
1x COOKIE PACKET		
		LARGE SMALL
		\$10 \$8

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Laurie's Cafe

Menzies Convenience Store



Choose from an array of products ranging from

- Bread, Milk & Eggs
- Laundry Needs
- General Toiletries
- Soft Drinks & Flavoured Milk
- Lollies, Packet Chips & Snacks
- Hot Food & Dinners
- Groceries, Fresh Fruit & Vegetables

Ph: 0482 686 876 OR UHF 38

Did you know.....

Laurie's Cafe staff drive up from Kalgoorlie 5 days a week. If you require something that we do not have in store we can have it brought up to the Cafe the following business day



Laurie's Café, Menzies

Watch for our upcoming new Shop Hours as well as Winter Menu, featuring classic favourites plus some new dishes.

On behalf of the crew at Laurie's Café, we would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Thank you again
Claire and the crew.



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HOTEL BEER GARDEN
**WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY
FROM 12PM TO 7PM**
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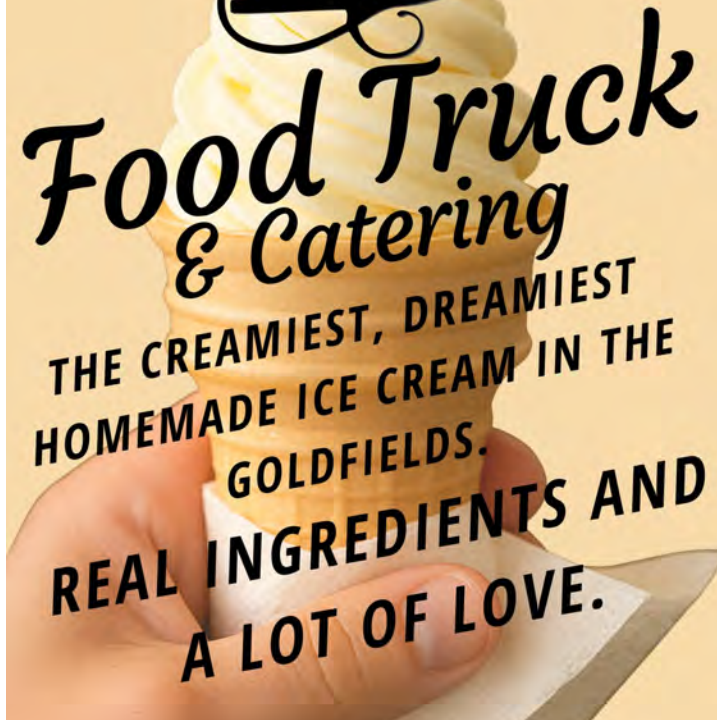
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Blessing of the Road

The Shire of Menzies invites you to be part of the Blessing of the Road Ceremony.

Let us come together to pray for safety on our roads and for everyone travelling through our community. Please join us at the Menzies Caravan Park Camp Kitchen for the blessing and morning tea.

16 May 2026 10:00 am

Saturday Mass & Morning Tea

Saturday, 2 May

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 Café)

All Welcome



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Letter to the Editor

As many of us know, Telstra in Menzies is not so great these days. That's been the case ever since the 3G switch-off late October 2024. The photo (taken on 12th Feb 2026) shows the BOM app showing outdated weather info along with a message that says "no internet connection" while the Telstra tower is also in the same photo showing the tower to be not even 100m away. I had recharged the credit on my phone only 1 week prior, so it wasn't that. Internet connection is better in town than at home, with home being closer to 2km away from the tower. Phone calls and SMS's are also often affected with calls often simply dropping out mid sentence. Oddly enough, during festive seasons when there is an exodus out of town, I got quite good internet connectivity. This tells me that the tower is greatly overwhelmed for the rest of the year.

On the same day as the photo I visited the Telstra shop in Kalgoorlie to show them this photo. I ended up speaking with both managers. They both agreed that the reduction in service was due to the tower being overloaded, firstly from the 3G traffic having been dumped onto the 4G part of the network, and secondly, because of the population of Menzies having quadrupled due to the high gold price.

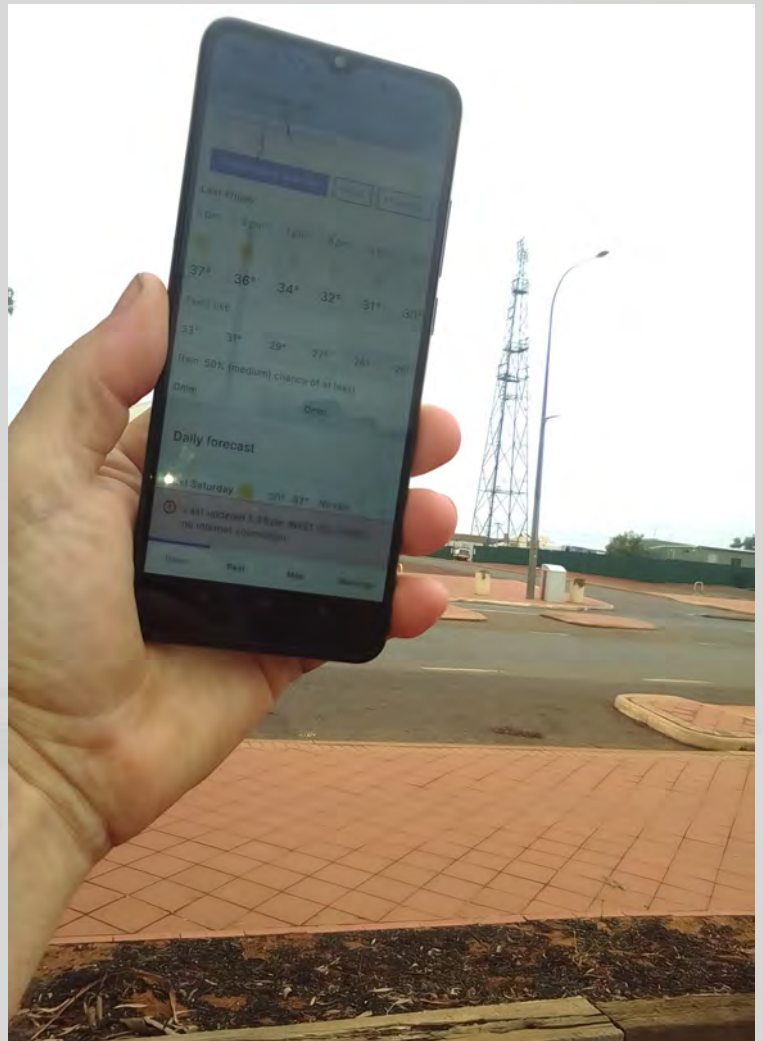
While at the Telstra shop I was informed that they are a completely separate business from Telstra proper so complaining to the Telstra shop in Kalgoorlie was rather pointless. Instead I was shown the good work that Telstra are doing in erecting many towers along many major highways, which is good. Commendable even. But at present the cost of that work includes the pitiful service we get in town. I was also told by this same management that the more people that complain to Telstra, the more likely we in Menzies are to get the tower upgraded.

There are alternatives. Since this is basically a breach of Telstra's contractual obligation we could see about a class action, although a success with this alternative would depend on how many complaints had been ignored by Telstra. So far I'm the only one who's complained

that I know of. Even that survey/petition appears to have fallen on deaf ears at Telstra. Contacting the ACCC or the telecommunications ombudsman are the other alternatives, although both would want to see a good level of complaining from us first, to show that we've made the effort.

Regards

Roland



Events Calendar — April / May 2026

	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Week 1	30	31	1	2 Community Bus	HOLIDAY	4	
Week 2	HOLIDAY	7	8	9 Community Bus	10	11	12
Week 3	13	14	15	16 Community Bus	17	18 	19
Week 4	20 	21 	22	23	24	25 ANZAC DAY	26
Week 1	27 HOLIDAY	28 	29 Menzies Senior's & Friends	30 Community Bus	1	2 Saturday Mass & Tea	3
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Week 2	11	12 	13	14 Community Bus	15	16 	17
Week 3	18	19 	20	21 Community Bus	22	23	24
Week 4	25	26 	27 Menzies Senior's & Friends	28 Community Bus	29	30	31 

 Ordinary Council Meeting

 School Holidays