



Menzies Matters

Issue 12

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March 2009

Emergency Awareness and Raising funds for the Victorian Fire Victims in the Shire of Menzies



Take a look around!

- Historic Sites
- Lake Ballard
- Golden Quest Drive Trail



Front Page Collage of Photos
 Menzies Remote Community School Sausage Sizzle for Red Cross & Shire of Menzies Emergency Awareness Day for CWA Victoria Fire Appeal.
 Front Page Photos courtesy of Debra Seale, Carol McAllan & Justin Lee. Many Thanks.

Shire of Menzies Staff Profiles



Brian Seale JP - Chief Executive Officer

Brian has been in Menzies since May 2008 when he was appointed the Acting CEO position following Peter Crawford's resignation. Brian's wife, Debbie and two children, Allana & Nathan moved to Menzies in January this year.

Brian took the appointment of CEO late last year and has vast experience working in local government and goldfields towns. He brings to Menzies a passion for the development and future sustainability of regional communities.



Justin Lee - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Justin, partner Anne and two children Sethan and Iona moved to Menzies from Victoria when Justin was appointed the new position of Community Development Officer in December 2007 and Anne took a teaching position at the Menzies School.

Justin has recently moved into the Deputy CEO position and continues sourcing community development and tourism opportunities for the expansion of Menzies and its environs.

SHIRE OF MENZIES



Council Meetings are usually held in the Council Chambers at the Menzies Town Hall

Next 3 Ordinary Meeting of Council will be -

March - Thursday 26 2009 at 9:00am

April - Thursday 23rd 2009 at 9:00am

May - Thursday 28th 2009 at 9:00am

Please note that for 2009 all Council Meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of each Month.

The general public are welcome for question time at the start of each months Council Meeting.



Shire of Menzies

Office Hours Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm

Phone: 08 9024 2041 Fax: 08 9024 2110



Matters arising from the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Thursday 26th February 2009.

1. Road Construction Work.

Construction work contracts for the Kookynie and the Menzies North West roads were issued to Breakaway Earthmoving and Tasman Civil Pty Ltd in the sum of \$651,643 and represent a huge improvement in the Shire's local road network and should be completed by April 2009.

2. Caravan Park Upgrade.

This major and significant project for the shire makes strong progress and council made some final adjustments to the draft plan layout at the February meeting and this will enable the design for the electrical, plumbing and sewerage facilities to progress. Accordingly Council is keen to see substantial improvements made and progress achieved in this project by June 30th, 2009.

3. Local Authority Reform Strategy.

Given the recent announcement by the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development regarding the intention to reform Local Government, the Council for the Shire of Menzies is planning a strategy to defend any attempt to amalgamate this Council and presently awaits the guidelines from the Minister as to the determining factors which illustrate the position the Minister is endeavouring to achieve and therefore, upon receipt, Council will be able to assess its position in this determination which will assist the Council in planning a defence. Accordingly Council has until August 2009 to address this issue and present a plan, otherwise the Minister may elect to force a decision upon this community, which may not be palatable. Further advices will issue in due course.

4. Walk Trail for Menzies.

Council has supported in principle the provision of a Walk Trail for Menzies town in the 2009/10 year with budget provision of \$100,000, subject to grant funding to \$50,000 being approved and subject to further advices being submitted as to design and costing by April 2009. Accordingly, this is an exciting concept and will constitute a great improvement and inducement for the town.

5. Police Station Reserve /Premises.

The former police station opposite the Roadhouse and the adjacent residence and the associated vacant land reserve attached thereto was addressed in Council at the February meeting. The Council has determined to secure the former police station for potential accommodation premises, with the Government Regional Office for Housing wanting to retain the residence for eventual resale and a local businessman has intimated an intention to acquire the vacant land. Accordingly, this is a wonderful sign of development for the town and we anticipate some growth and changes emerging at that location.

6. Royalties for Regions - G.E.D.C.

The second round of funding from the "Royalties for Regions" concept has been offered through the "Goldfields Esperance Development Commission" where \$3,500,000 has been made available for the member shires to apply for these funds. Accordingly the Shire of Menzies has resolved an upgrade of the air-field in Menzies with sealing, lighting; fencing and infrastructure at an estimated \$1,600,000 will be applied for. This will be progressed during the 2009/10 year and will be a great improvement to the infrastructure of the town and will be progressed according to the value of Grant funds received for the project. Accordingly, further advices will issue.

7. T.V. RE-Broadcasting Service Upgrade.

Council supported the replacement of the two damaged decoders and transmitters for the T.V. reception with an upgrade in the sum of \$20,000 for this purpose. Furthermore, it is planned to secure this equipment in a dust proof room with air-conditioning, so as to minimize the issues associated with faults and break downs. Accordingly we expect this to be installed within the next four weeks.

8. Kookynie Walk Trail

Council resolution for the Walk Trail supported in principle the development of the trail with the designs, locations and texts and this will enable the progress of the trail to proceed to the Tender stage. Further public consultation is required as to the Text and data for the "Information Bay" in Kookynie and the consultant will address that issue with the community in early course. This project is going to plan and it is intended to be completed by June 30th, 2009 and where to date, the project is on target.

Thus we see some very exciting directions made by Council and some fascinating projects developing which will indeed enhance the quality of life for this community.

Brian W. Seale J.P. Chief Executive Officer Shire of Menzies W.A Ph- 9024-2041 Fax-9024-2110 Mobile 0409-114 509

Menzies Health Centre and Leonora Visiting Specialists

VISITING SPECIALISTS – LEONORA

GYNAECOLOGIST & COLPOSCOPIST

Dr Robyn Leake

Next scheduled visit Tues 17th March 2009

PODIATRIST

Thursday 19th March

Appointments Ph: 90376238

Menzies Health Centre

Next RFDS Clinic

07 April 2009

Appointments - Ph: 90242044

Dental Clinic

Bega Health Kalgoorlie

Mon 16th thru to Fri 20th March 2009

Clients need to be Aboriginal Adults and Children under 5 years with Health Care or Pension Cards.

For appointments Ph: 90225500 or

Email: trudi.cornish@bega.org.au

MENZIES HEALTH CENTRE

CLINIC ATTENDED by Sam

MONDAY - FRIDAY from 27 Jan

for five weeks from that date.

Phone - 90242044

FOR IMMEDIATE HEALTH ADVICE CALL

HEALTH DIRECT 1800 022 222

ANYTIME DAY OR NIGHT

POISONS INFO AVAILABLE 24Hrs

13 11 26

IF URGENT CONTACT 000 or

SHIRE : 90242041 / A.H. 90242051

POITIER MEDICAL PRACTICE

LEONORA

DR APPOINTMENTS - Ph: 90376238

EMERGENCIES – - Ph: 90804300

Menzies Health Centre

Visiting Dietician

Dietician's Clinic 2009 Dates Bi-monthly

May 14th, July 9th, Sept 3rd, & Nov 5th

Appointments Ph: 90242044

Menzies Health Centre

Health Care Programs

Due to start third week in March.

**Now Targeting Childhood Immunisation
and School Health Screening.**

**Flu Vaccine for Children from 6 Months
to 5 Years and Aboriginal Adults Over 65
are all eligible for free flu immunisation.**

Please Phone 90242044 for more info.

Menzies Health info for Visitors

Short or Long Stay

**If you have a significant Medical
History you can contact the Health
Clinic to have your Medical History
recorded for future Visiting Doctor
& Specialist Appointments.**

A Post Card from the Edge of Lake Ballard



The identified flying object landed on Lake Ballard for a big day of filming for postcards from WA.



Councillor Aileen Kelly has her first close encounter with her 'Insider'



The cast & crew of a future WIN Television episode of Postcards is being shot & recorded on our very back door.



Reflecting of the spiritualism of the statues on Lake Ballard



A happy star and presenter with Aileen's 'Insider'.



Camera, action - a hot film crew spent considerable time in the heat wave conditions on the day with no where to hide from the sun. Which means it is not always a glamorous job!

A day in the life of a film crew

For those of you fortunate enough to view the WIN program Postcards at 7.30pm on Friday 27th February 2009 you will have seen a special article on Cr Aileen Kelly meeting her 'Insider' for the first time. These photos care of Jerry Lenane show the true picture of a film crew behind the scenes at this remote location. A re run of Postcards will be on Sunday 22 March 2009.

Local Stories -

CUBBY HOUSES

Your Story Matters -

an opportunity to share your story with us all.

My name is Kaylene Tucker and I live in a small community called Menzies. I was born on the 4th February 1993 at Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital. My mum's name is Josaline (Josie) May Williams and my dad's name is Chadwick Murray Tucker and I am the second oldest of 10 children. I have got two sisters both from my mother and father. One more sister from my mum and I also have more sisters and two brothers from my dad.

The favourite things that happen in my life were, when my sisters, our friends and I made cubby houses in the bush, not far from Menzies. We had a lot of cubbies but we couldn't think of enough names, because we kept on moving from cubby to another. The reason why we kept on going to a different cubby is because people knew where our cubby house was and also from snakes and all the creepy crawlies we saw. When we go to a different cubby, we always had to take our little furniture, which we get from our parents when they throw things out and we also take our tank. The tank was usually the best thing, because we always take it everywhere we go and roll it around with our furniture in it and it makes it easier to move the heavy furniture. The tank is also a life saver especially when it's windy or when it rains the tank will always be there for our shelter. The best thing about making cubby houses is when you get to use your imagination like make believe. It gets really exciting and some times you get a bit carried away and go over board by your imagination.

The cubby houses that we named are Paradise, Square Dam, Pepper Corn Code, Motor Bike Stack, Underground, Hide Out, Twin Tree and a lot more. The best cubby house that we like was Pepper Corn Code because we had a lot of things to do there and there was also a really good hide out. The things that we made and use for our cubby are, a swinging bed, car seat used for make believe beds and lounge chairs, mats for a walk way, an old springy bed we used as a trampoline. There was an old house that used to be there, and there was nothing left but the old fire bed. We used the fire bed to make a fire and to cook our food that we took to eat. We also had an old washing machine, microwave, kettle, fridge and a computer with a key board. The cubby house used to have two old mine shafts but it all caved in and we use the big one for a hide out and the little one for a rubbish dump, but we never use to have a lot of rubbish because we mainly burnt it.

Now that I am older I spend more time in the house than going outside and enjoying the fresh air. I really miss being a child and playing in cubby houses. When I get old and have grand or great grand children, I will be telling them the same story because it means something to me and I think that a lot of children like to play in cubby houses. I also think that every person has a story to tell and if they would like to share with other people. If you would like me to help you put your story together for a future Menzies Matters, please come and see me when I work at the Visitor Centre on

Thursdays and Fridays.

Many Thanks, Kaylene Tucker.

Art Stories - Profile of Artist Kathleen Donegan



Spinefex Art Gallery - Inside the Menzies Visitors Centre, the 'Former' Lady Shenton Hotel.

Kathleen Donegan was Born on 1st July 1944 at Kapi Pirti Kutjara.

Her Language is Pitjanjatjara Kathleen's art is part of the Spinefex Arts Project at the Tjuntjuntjara Community approximately 750kms east of Menzies.

This is her Art Work Story of the Seven Sisters.

Seven Sisters - Kathleen has painted the Minyma Tjuta (Seven Sisters) Tjukurrpa. The Seven Sisters story is a major western desert story which accounts for the Pleiades constellation in the southern sky. In general terms the story traces the journey of seven anangu (aboriginal) sisters who are travelling together, hunting, singing traditional song and passing through particular sites which have become sacred due to the sister's presence. In turn the sisters are being pursued themselves by Nyirru, a lustful older man intent on grabbing a sister, preferably the eldest for his wife. This story is vast and with details in both the private and public domain pertaining to both womens and mens business. Many of the details cannot be publically discussed.

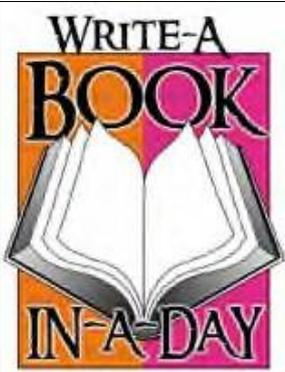
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Competition News

The Write-a-Book-in-a-Day Competition 2009

April 1 to August 31

For teams of 5-10 students or adults to write
a Children's Book for a Children's Hospital



Write-a-Book-in-a-Day is a fundraising initiative of the Katharine Susannah Prichard Writers Centre (KSPWC), Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation in Western Australia (PMHF) and Children's Hospitals Australia (CHA). Write-a-Book-in-a-Day is a one-day writing marathon where sponsored teams of 5-10 people write a children's book in a day, raising funds for KSPWC and Children's Hospitals in each State, and providing a book for the hospital library – children's books for children and written and illustrated by children.

The Write-a-Book-in-a-Day is a wonderful, **fun, team building and writing experience**, open to people of all ages from primary school up with any level of writing and graphic skills. In the past five years all teams have written successful books (to most of the entrants' utter amazement) and the majority say they will have another go this year.

Each team will be given a random setting, two human characters, a non-human character, an issue and five random words at 8.00am local time. The story must be written around these and be finished by 8.00pm the same day. Each team will be issued with a booklet beforehand advising how teams have succeeded in the past, and how to use its PCs to best advantage.

The book must be written, edited, illustrated, printed, and bound in 12-hours or less. A panel appointed by the KSPWC will judge the completed work. Awards will be announced at a ceremony in October at Princess Margaret Hospital in Western Australia and at a location yet to be finalised in NSW.

You can see what teams wrote in previous years and what the judges said, by clicking on the link <http://kspf.iinet.net.au/bookinaday/>. You can also read about the Hospital Foundations in each State and about the Katharine Susannah Prichard Writers Centre there.

When and Where

From April 1 to August 31 teams of writers will dedicate a day of their choosing to write a children's book in a day. Teams may compete from school, home, office, library, or elsewhere. Many teams may decide to compete in Children's Book Week August 22-28.

Sponsorship and Entry

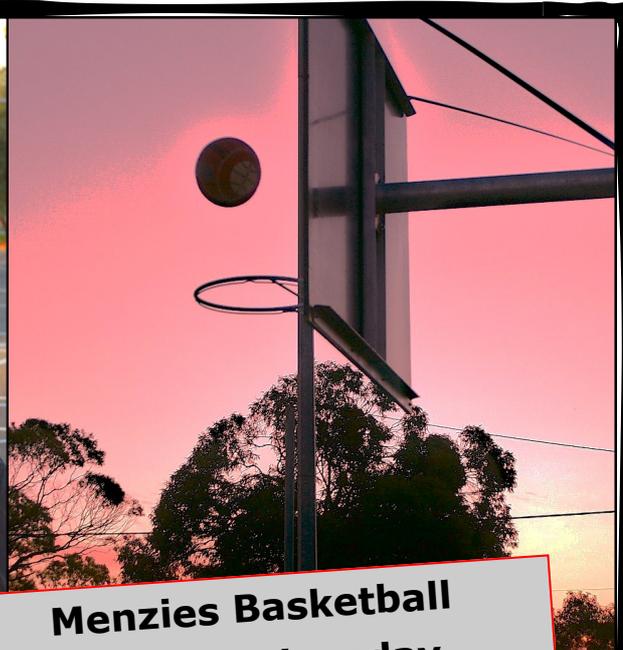
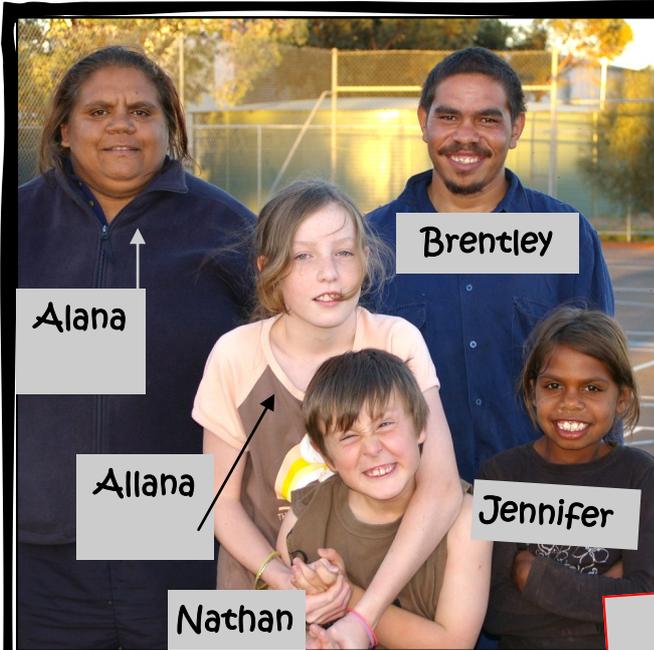
Teams of 5-10 people will obtain sponsorship (a minimum of \$300 per team to enter) and will compete for awards in the following categories in WA, NSW, and as a group in VIC, QLD, TAS, SA, NT :- Primary School - Minimum 2000 words Under 18 - minimum 4000 words Open - minimum 8000 words

There will be a National Award in each category and an award for the highest sponsorship. 60% of the entrance fee and 100% of other sponsorship will be presented to the team's nominated children's hospital. The remainder will fund the restoration of the heritage listed home of the famous Australian writer, Katharine Susannah Prichard and of her husband, Hugo Throssell VC (Gallipoli, Tenth Australian Light Horse).



For booklet, entry forms and more information <http://kspf.iinet.net.au/bookinaday>
Katharine Susannah Prichard Writers Centre, 11 Old York Road, Greenmount, WA 6056
Tel/Fax: 08 9294 1872 or 0429 643 715 Email: kspf@iinet.net.au

Menzies Sports



**Menzies Basketball
Every Wednesday**



**Big thanks
to Aunty
Josie
for
organising
& umpiring**

BASKETBALL



Come along everyone and join the fun !

Page compiled by Debra Seale

Kids in the Kitchen

Pizza Pinwheels

Serving Size: 3

Category: Kids cooking, Kids food, Lunchbox, Party food, Easy recipes

Special Info: Nut free



Ingredients:

- 3 ½ cups plain flour
- 3 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- ¾ cup milk
- 3 tablespoons tomato paste
- 200g ham, sliced
- 1 cup grated cheese

Method:

Preheat oven to 200°C. Line a tray with baking paper.

Place flour and baking powder in a large bowl and whisk to combine.

Make a well in the centre and gradually pour in milk, stirring with a spoon until a dough forms.

Turn the dough onto a lightly floured bench and knead (about 5 minutes) until smooth.

If the dough is sticky sprinkle with more flour, I had to do this 3 or 4 times, but don't over do it.

Roll dough into a 20cm x 40 cm rectangle and spread with tomato paste. Sprinkle with ham and cheese.

Turn the dough so the long end is in front of you and roll up. Slice into 10-12 pieces and place side-by-side on the tray.

Brush with egg and bake for 25 minutes or until a skewer inserted into a 'join' comes out clean.

Notes:

- Placing the pieces close together helps them rise (like scones).
- Add a can of drained, crushed pineapple to the topping if your kids are into sweet-savoury tastes.
- Keeps for a day or two at room temperature for lunch boxes or after school snacks.

Recipe created by Melissa Hughes for [Kidspot](http://www.kidspot.com.au). www.kidspot.com.au

Mini Quiche Lorraines

Serving Size: 12

Category: Dinner, Lunchbox

Ingredients:

- 2 sheets frozen ready rolled shortcrust pastry, thawed
- 1 tomato, chopped
- 1/2 cup grated tasty cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped ham or bacon
- 1 spring onion finely chopped
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 egg

Method:

Preheat oven to 180 degree (normal oven), cut pastry into 12 rounds (or stars) using a 7.5cm cutter, spray tin, line 12 shallow patty tins with cut pastry. VERY gently press pastry into tin - cook for 5 to 7 minutes. Cool before filling.

Mix together the tomato, cheese, ham, spring onion & spoon into tins.

Whisk together the milk and egg - pour enough into each tin to cover the filling.

Bake in the oven for 15-20 minutes OR until the filling is set & golden.

Transfer to a wire rack to cool.

These can be stored in an air tight container in the fridge for 2 days.

Recipe created by Melissa Hughes for [Kidspot](http://www.kidspot.com.au). www.kidspot.com.au

Community Notice Board

The Shire of Menzies Council has issued the following Reward Notice



REWARD
\$1000.00

*The Menzies Shire Council is offering a
\$1000.00
Reward for any information leading to a
conviction for the
"Poisoning of Dogs in our Town."*

*This is a despicable thing to do and we
will not stand for it.*

Please call Leonora Police on Phone: 90376 100

Menzies Public Library

A monthly exchange of books from the State Library of WA includes Adult and Junior, Fiction & Non-Fiction Books, DVD's, Videos, & Audio Books (both Cassette & CD). Free membership to locals and there is always something new with many monthly donations of books and DVD's. A quiet reading space within the library makes for a pleasant spot to while away a few hours over a book, magazine or research. Internet service also available in the Library room.

All Inside the 'Former' Lady Shenton Hotel.

Kookynie Volunteer Association Inc.

Any person who wishes to further the interests of the Association is welcome to attend.

General Meetings Monthly

For KVA info phone Greg 90313031 or email: riflepoint@bigpond.com
or phone Robyn on 90242702 or email ironworks@bigpond.com

Centrelink Agent

Contact – Alana Cameron
Open 8 - 11am Weekdays
At the MAC Centre
Walsh Street Menzies
Ph: 90242504

MENZIES CARAVAN PARK

Shenton Street, Menzies

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please note the upgrade of the Caravan Park is being planned, where Council has plans to double the size of the facility at a proposed cost of \$1,100,000.00

The Tender for new ablution will be awarded on March 26th and the water recycling facility is planned to be installed by mid April.

Accordingly, it is planned and notice given that the patrons of the Caravan Park are advised that to accommodate the earthworks to this site it will be necessary to have the Caravan Park available thus we plan temporary facilities on the town oval for a period (not to exceed two (2) Months) to accommodate existing clientele during this developmental stage to commence by the end of March 2009 to (approximately) the end of May 2009.

Further advices will issue as to the logistics of this aspect in early course. In the interim we regret any inconvenience this may cause. Should you have any concerns in this matter, please feel free to contact me at anytime on 9024 2041.

B W Seale
Chief Executive Officer
SHIRE OF MENZIES



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~CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MENZIES MATTERS~

Each edition of the Menzies Matters is generally printed in the second week of the month. Contributions need not be long and lengthy articles, short sweet ones are just as good if not better. We are hoping to encourage young and old to send a poem, a short story (it doesn't have to be your own - it could just be a favourite) or a thankyou to some one who has done you a favour or special occasion notice. If you have a contribution, the contact details for the Menzies Matters are above or call into the Visitor Centre and deliver your article personally.

March - April 2009

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5	6	7 RFDS Clinic Menzies See pp. 4	8	9	10 Good Friday	11 Easter Saturday