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# **Looking for Contributions**

If you have an interest, article, advert or information on an event, sporting or community group please let us know.

Send all contributions in to

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Editorial

Well here I was, complaining about the lack of contributions to the local paper, and now I have articles coming out my ears for the month of April. How Fantastic!

Thanks to those new contributors. Keep it up, keep those articles coming, and if you have photos to include, even better.

There is loads happening about the traps this month with school holidays starting on the 7th April, then Easter, the PAG annual Art Prize, Sculpture in the Vines, the Karri Cup and the Pinot Picnic just off the top of my head.

9 It is very hard work keeping our Calendar of events up to date, 10 so if you have something happening, make sure to let us know 10 before the deadline on the 26th of each month.

A big thanks of course to our regular contributors who manage to get their articles in on time each month, all whilst working and volunteering in other roles around the community.

We are so very lucky to have a fantastic community of volunteers who manage facilities, events, sporting organisations and services for all of us to enjoy.

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18 Please take the time to recognise who these individuals are, and
19 thank them, or better yet, assist them, support them and help
20 out whenever you can.

We should be extremely grateful to those volunteers who
 provide our life-saving ambulance service, run our op-shop,

our wonderful Mill Hall building, organise all the local sport competitions, year in and year out and also run the Pemberton

22 Sporting Facility, the arts and collect our local history, all for free.

23 The mind boggles!

With National Volunteer week just around the corner, it has got me thinking about our community volunteers, all very quiet

26 achievers.

National Volunteer Week (NVW) 2023 runs from 15 — 21 May and is an annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers

Its interesting to think who will run the volunteer event for the volunteers? More volunteers? Probably.

From my experience, our local volunteers are not interested in acknowledgement or accolades. They do not volunteer their time to be noticed or admired. They simply see a need in the community, and they fill it.

Unfortunately what tends to happen is it is the same, hardworking individuals who have been raised up volunteering with their families and who continue to provide these services, without a thought to whether they should. They just do.

Volunteers, however, all know the secret bonus to volunteering. The great feeling you get in helping out a great group of people for a great cause. Volunteers are awesome people to hang out with. Always appreciative of your help, your time and your effort.

Check out what you're missing. Start volunteering in your community today.

Gaye

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# Pemberton Art Prize 2023

7-23 April, 10am-4:30pm Official Opening 6 April **Entries close Friday 24 March 2023** 





# PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FOR THIS MONTH





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# EASTER MARKETS





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# Save the Date! Saturday April 29th

Vanuatuan Cyclone Relief Concert

Pemberton Mill Hall 6pm

Including

3 Course meal,

Byo,

Raffles

Tickets \$50

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# **CWA News**

Our Op Shop continues to be busy each Saturday. We have a good variety of books, DVDs and CDs at the moment. We always have plenty of clothing.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jamie Mack for working on our back room, lining it and fixing it. It is very much appreciated.

Also , to thank Clive Fielding with help from Noelene for painting the same room and installing the splash-back to the stove.

We are going to have our floors sanded and treated towards the end of the year.

Don't know if they have ever been done before as they are pretty bad. We are saving for that. Not looking forward to having to empty the whole place though.

Another handy hint from the old CWA book, may come in handy!

To Frost Glass.

A simple method of making imitation frosted glass is to dissolve 6og of epsom salts in a teacupful of warm beer. When the mixture is cold apply to the glass with soft muslin.

Happy Easter to everyone from all of us at CWA





Last month, our group held a morning tea for former Pemberton resident Brian Fox to promote his new book. Brian gave an interesting talk and was happy to sell and sign his book for interested readers. We hope to hold more interesting events like this in the future.

We have made a start on the plaques to be put on the town benches, but a problem has arisen with both the screws and repairs that are needed for some of the benches before they can look their best. They say that you should ask a busy person if you want something done, but we didn't even have to ask. Jeff Hemsley has not only offered to look into repairing some benches, but also into making two more. Thank you, Jeff.

In the future you might see some plaques placed around town marking some of our historical sites, thanks to a Shire grant of \$3000. We look forward to choosing the sites and researching the information. If you have a site suggestion, please let us know.

Happy Easter everyone.

Leanne Rowe President rowel@westnet.com.au

# **Pemberton Police**

ARTICLE BY JAYSON KING
Acting Sergeant - Pemberton Police
Station



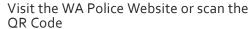
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Domestic violence is a widespread, though often
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- •What is a Police Order?
- •Do you need a Restraining Order?





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# Mill Hall Update

The Mill Hall continues to provide a service to the Pemberton community with weekly bookings:

THURSDAYS: Line dancing/Bootscooting beginner lessons:3pm, intermediate to advanced 5.3opm

SATURDAYS: Monthly Old Time Dance: Second Sat of each month

Next dance is APRIL 8TH 7.30PM

# **APRIL**

 $8 th \, EASTER \, MARKETS \, gAM-1PM \, - \, You \, are \, welcome \, to \, hold \, a \, stall$ 

23rd SMALL HALLS PERFORMANCES 7PM – Iona Fyfe and Colin Lillie - www.festivalofsmallhalls.com Purchase your tickets from the General Store or contact Deanne Ventris 0428 302782 - \$20 per adult, Concession \$15 29th VANUATUAN CYCLONE RELIEF CONCERT 6PM - 3 course meal \$50 BYO Contact Dougy on Messenger or Judy 0458 854767

# New kitchen

The new commercial kitchen will be up and running at the end of April! This has been a great community project. You are still welcome to contribute:

If you have any batteries or pallets that you would like to get rid of please contact Deanne 0428 302782 or Judy 0458 854767.

We also have an account with Containers for Change. This is for the collection of the 10c cans and bottles. The account is C10562118. You can drop them off at my place or we can pick them up for you. Feel free to contact Deanne 0428 302782 or Judy 0458 854767. You are also welcome to leave them at the tip in a woven plastic bag (feed bag) and label them with the number C10562118.

You are also welcome to make a donation! Banking details: BANKWEST

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Deanne Ventris - President

# Paradise Lost?

# ARTICLE BY GORDON G SMITH

Confronted with the question "Should Pemberton be allowed to grow?" one predicts that the answer would be a resounding "Yes" And why would that be? Largely because we have been indoctrinated to believe that growth in any community will increase population and, in turn, bring more business and activity and therefore greater prosperity. Seldom is the next question asked or answered "At what cost will that growth occur?"

There was never a greater truism than that contained in the song titled the Big Yellow Taxi the first verse of which goes:-

They paved paradise and put up a parking lot With a pink hotel, a boutique, and a swinging hot spot Don't it always seem to go That you don't know what you got 'til it's gone They paved paradise and put up a parking lot!!!

Our paradise surely is the beauty of the character of Pemberton itself but even more so the beauty of the karri forests interspersed with rivers and streams and rolling agricultural countryside extensively recognised as being without equal in this part of the South-West. These are the qualities that are advertised on television as being those that people need to come and enjoy as tourists. So how will we safeguard this paradise against the forces at work to degenerate it into yet another tragic consequence of new subdivision and development in inappropriate locations.

If we ever needed examples of what can happen to attractive rural settlements then those who remember places like Margaret River, Cowaramup and Dunsborough and the attractive characters that each of them had, can only stand appalled at what now look like hideous replications of Perth's suburbs with no individuality, no beauty and little if any character - the sequel to paving paradise and putting up a parking lot.

How does it happen? It's all in the name of growth and development that we are groomed to accept as the panacea to all of our problems stimulating our economy and making us all richer and better off. But are we? Trading the beauty, ambience and character of our little settlement which, if left to itself, will become more and more attractive as a destination for tourism as a complement to our National Parks, State Forests and agricultural areas for large new subdivision and development is really something we should never contemplate. What Pemberton doesn't need are soulless and completely unattractive "suburbs of Perth" enveloping our settlement. The rot has already started on Golf Links Road and we need to be on our quard against its insidious expansion all sold to us as in our community's best interests when nothing could be further from the truth.

The Golf Links Road development should never have been permitted to happen in the first place and was completely at odds with Council's own Local Planning Strategy and Local Planning Scheme No 4 (LPSs) which require the preparation and approval of an Outline Development Plan which would address potential impacts on an area which is described in those documents as "most attractive, providing a high quality landscape entry to Pemberton". No such overall plan was ever prepared. The LPSs go on to state that future development in the area should occur in an innovative form to enhance rather than degrade the landscape features. There is nothing innovative about a linear ribbon form of subdivision and development along the frontage to Golf Links Road. (This is not a criticism of the development that is happening but of the process that allowed it to happen in the first place).

The LPSs also state that planning should provide for "low density rural-residential uses" not residential lots at 2000m2 as now being promoted. A subdivision of some 130 lots on the land bordered by Vasse Highway, Pemberton North Road and Golf Links Road is presently before the Western Australian Planning Commission for approval covering an area comparable to the present town of Pemberton. If approved, it would be disastrous for the town as the design pays no regard to preserving the quality of the landscape of its approaches. The planning documents previously mentioned also state that the new development should be in nodes or clusters which has been ignored both in the subdivision already permitted and that now being proposed.

There is plenty of space within the growth areas of Pemberton such as Abbott Street that will cater for many years of growth at the rate Pemberton is currently developing where new development will be far less conspicuous than along our main town approaches. Why then sprawl subdivision and development all over the countryside in locations remote from the town?

And where is the employment that will attract people to the town? Why subdivide and build in an area where the standard services of water and sewerage are not available? And how safe would future residents be walking from the area concerned along a major highway with no footpath?

So far we can be thankful that the Council has seen fit not to support the current subdivision application and has advised the Commission accordingly but it's sad to note that our local ward Councillors didn't support that decision to protect our town from the damage proposed by the developers of the land.

# **Accessing Government Info**

For STATE government access, there is a free Government Information Access Portal at the CRC (a dedicated PC and printer access).

For Federal Department of Human Services government access, such as Centrelink and Medicare and My Gov. There is a dedicated PC (next to the Centrelink fax machine).

So if you have government-related business to do or information to find, you can do it at the Pemberton Community Resource Centre for free.



# Manjimup Shire Community Future.

ARTICLE BY JULIAN SHARP

What does the future hold for the Manjimup Shire community?

This is a big question we need to ask ourselves at this very critical time in Earths' history.

We are facing many serious challenges that may well prove too difficult to address, unless we are all on the same page in understanding where we are right now, and the various scenarios that could unfold, in the near- and longer-term future.

We are a very successful agricultural region, and hopefully always will be. We also have fantastic and unique natural assets; forests, coastline, rivers, wilderness, clean air and water, productive soils and ancient landscapes that have been cared for by aboriginal custodians for many thousands of years. We value these assets, but do we value them enough? We are also a renowned tourism destination thanks to the natural assets described above.

We are attracting many new 'tree-changers' to our beautiful part of the world, they too come here for the natural assets.

One thing we are not is a mining community, and never should be. The rapacious extractivist industries such as mining are never going to be long-term sustainable and resilient industries. By their very nature they are short-term, profit driven, environmentally damaging industries that seek to maximise profits and minimise costs. Profits from mining especially are mostly distributed to foreign owners and shareholders, with very little remaining in the community where the mining occurs. The promises of 'jobs, jobs, jobs' is a fantasy. The employment of people is a cost and if a company can avoid employing people, then they will, replacing them with machines to do the job.

We could and should be a community with diversified, sustainable, and locally profitable industries. Agriculture and tourism will continue to be mainstays of our economy. We have many options for the present and the future; hands-on employment in landscape ecological restoration; a vibrant and productive arts community; research and development opportunities in regenerative agriculture, a forest ecology hub researching, promoting and implementing forest and habitat restoration; further diversification of horticultural and agricultural production; extensive revegetation for farm forestry and land care outcomes; renewable energy generation and component manufacturing businesses; tertiary education and research facilities; creation of affordable intentional communities similar to the world class Witchcliffe Ecovillage near Margaret River, which is bringing in tens of millions of dollars in infrastructure and investment as well as 300+ new families.

Most of all we need leadership with vision, looking forward to the new opportunities on the horizon, not simply relying on more of what we did in the past. It's a new world that requires new and innovative thinking. Our local government needs to reach out to the community and ask for help in envisioning a fairer, less impactful, more equitable and sustainable future. The threatening impacts of climate change are here right now, we need to fully understand what this means for our community, environment, businesses, and our

collective futures. Change is a universal constant and we really do need to have clarity of vision in being able to recognise the need for change and the will to create change. The dominance of neo-liberal capitalism is rapidly waning considering the serious negative impacts it has had on communities, businesses, and the Earth, and this has created a virulent response from the champions of neo-liberalism. Witness the rise of draconian legislation designed to inhibit and outlaw any form of protest or advocacy, the increasingly violent responses to protests against corporate plunder of the environment. It seems to me that many of us are either completely unaware of what is transpiring, or we are simply not concerned that these things will affect all of us very soon. Debate is being stifled, science ignored and ridiculed, education decimated, the police state expanding, surveillance rapidly increasing, governments almost completely unaccountable and opaque, corporations paying little or no tax on extraordinary profits, governments subsidising transnational fossil fuel and mining corporations to the tune of more than 10 billion dollars per year, with public money that is needed for education, health services, aged care, renewable energy infrastructure and a fair and equitable society. Are we getting the picture? I'm sure most of us have a fundamental understanding that something is not right.

As a community of citizens, we have the right and the power to speak up and challenge those decisions that will adversely affect us and where we live, decisions often made in company board rooms elsewhere in Australia and overseas. The places where we live and which we love are not just 'resources' to be exploited for short-term 'profits' that mostly disappear from our region. We need to value and protect what we have here in the southwest of WA. We also need to be vocal about our future and what we want our communities and our local and regional environment to look like. If we fail to adequately express our vision for the future then we risk having less desirable and potentially harmful impacts from inappropriate industrialisation, environmentally damaging 'resource' exploitation proposals and community fragmentation and division. We don't need any of these.



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# **Backyard Buddies**

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds & diseases

April 2023

# **Understanding Aphids**



Green peach aphid (Myzus persicae) giving birth to nymph on a potato leaf (©2023 DPIRD)

Aphids are small, soft-bodied, sap sucking insects which belong to the order Hemiptera. Let's examine some unique biological features about aphids to better understand why they are so difficult to control.

- Host plant range: Many species of aphids can feed on a wide range of host plants, which makes it difficult to control infestations in mixed plantings. These aphids are referred to as 'polyphagous' and includes the green peach aphid which feeds on a wide range of crops including vegetables, fruit trees, and ornamental plants.
- Rapid reproduction: Aphids can reproduce asexually through a process called parthenogenesis, where females give birth to live young without mating with a male. This allows aphid populations to grow rapidly under favourable conditions, and some species produce 20+ generations a season.
- Developmental plasticity & dispersal: Aphids can produce alates (winged aphids) in response to changes in environmental conditions. A drop in food quality, overcrowding or increased

- predation pressure can alter their development and produce winged individuals to aid in aphid dispersal.
- Ant mutualism: Some species of aphids have a
  mutualistic relationship with ants, which can
  protect them from predators and parasitoids.
  This can make it difficult to control aphid
  populations without also addressing the ant
  presence.
- Insecticide resistance: Some aphid populations have developed resistance to commonly used insecticides, which can make control even more challenging.

Understanding these factors can help you develop effective strategies for managing aphids. This may include cultural practices like removing infested plants, biological control methods like introducing natural predators or parasitoids, and careful use of insecticides that are effective against the specific aphid species present.

If you don't recognise the aphid you are trying to control, please report it.

# Report suspect pests









BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE April 2023

Quite often as blokes we have been told to get in touch with our feminine side. Over time this narrative has been part of the language barrier that has put bloke's positive approaches to wellbeing issues and help seeking in reverse.

There are three parts to our health: physical, mental and social/spiritual wellbeing. The latter is where we find: our identity, our individuality, our own sense of self, our sense of belonging, our passions and interests and our emotional *context* (not a feminine side!)

We are the same species but putting it simply men and women have evolved differently. Our DNA is 99.6% similar but it is that 0.4% difference that we need to talk about and address, because it helps explain why blokes have a warrior attitude to life and in turn helps explain why we seek help differently.

There are three main areas of difference that we talk about in the work we do:

# 1. Communication

- On average blokes will talk one third less than ladies per day (7,000 words to 21,000 words) this starts from a young age from boys through to men. Anyone with a wife, mother, mother-in-law, daughter, or partner will know this. Ladies, talking is a good thing as it helps address/highlight a whole lot of issues.
- It is perfectly normal for blokes to talk in dot points or even just grunt!

# 2. Risk-taking

- Blokes are hard wired to take risks from an early age. Some
  of this is linked to our brain development. The brain
  development stage for a lady is roughly between the ages of
  18 to 20 years, whereas for a bloke it is between the ages of
  25 to 28 years (some may say 45 to 50 years!)
- As we get older, we get wiser, but we are still hard wired to take risks.
- 3. Winning (an important part of the warrior culture)
  - The majority (90%) of Aussie men think winning is important (a trait that can be traced back to our true warrior days, hunting for survival);
  - An alarming statistic is that 50% of blokes think winning is all that matters. So quite often blokes don't take a backward step when it comes to finances, relationships and/or business matters.

The importance blokes place on winning, explains why a loss event and/or a sense of loss becomes problematic and can be hard to deal with. Combine this with the lack of understanding of our emotions and we may be a ticking time bomb.

DO YOU KNOW THE RISK YOU'RE TAKING? JUST TO WIN THIS OBSTACLE RACE? YOU SHOULDN'T BE TRYING TO JUMP A PIT FULL OF HUNGRY CROCODILES. IT'S CRAZY, YOU'RE CRAZY! DO YOU ALSO REALISE THERE'S SHARP WOODEN STAKES AND POISONOUS SNAKES IN THERE? DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU? HOW WOULD YOUR FAMILY FEEL? THERE'S NOT A DOCTOR OR HOSPITAL FOR 350KM. HOW COULD WE TREAT YOUR INJURIES, ASSUMING YOU SURVIVED? AND EVEN IF YOU DID WIN THE RACE, IS IT WORTH THE RISK? THERE'S NO PRIZE ! IT'S JUST FOR PRESTIGE ! AND YOUR POINT IS?

As blokes we need to be more aware of our emotions and that it is alright to show them. We will all experience emotional issues throughout our lives. During these times we should openly express our emotions maybe through a hug or a cry and/or use language that is foreign to us i.e. I am sad, and/or I am struggling here.

Talk to a Mate®!! It is beneficial, and you will realise that it's not just you that may be struggling, there's a lot of other blokes out there feeling the same way.

# Remember... before it all gets too much... Talk to a Mate®!!

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# Letter to the Editor

Another White Elephant in the Shire of Manjimup: Balang Miya Pemberton Community Hub

The, ugly designed, not yet completed and costing taxpayers a whopping \$2.18 million, new Balang Miya Pemberton Community Hub is a prime example of the shire's agenda, failing to embrace and deliver sustainability to our community. Not looking at the non-environmentally friendly materials used and 'not of a historic timber town character' and poor aesthetic design but just for now focus on the fact that this hub is not fitted with any renewable energy source (eg. solar panels), no rain water collection and no recycled waste water management.

According to the Shire of Manjimup's local planning scheme and strategic documents, the shire have a responsibility to "promote sustainable development that integrates consideration of economic, social and environmental goals for the district; encourage a better utilisation of sustainable energy sources" and also "increase use of renewable energy alternatives to reduce fossil fuel reliance".

'Build it Green': using sustainable and resilient building materials, products, services and practices through great design, materials and appliances and renewable energy sources. This enables the community to build resilience with low energy, water and waste bills as well as reduced environmental impact, making buildings efficient, comfortable, healthy and resilient to the predicted impacts of climate change. By making buildings more efficient and environmentally friendly from the design phase right through to their operations, buildings can consume up to 66% less electricity and 51% less water than the average Australian building, which significantly reduces their environmental footprint. [1]

Respect is what is lacking for this building as well as for our town and its environment.

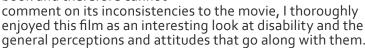
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# Movie Review

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF CARING (2016) Rated M

Based on the 2012 novel The Revised Fundamentals of Caregiving by Jonathan Evison, this American road comedydrama film written and directed by Rob Burnett was an interesting find on my Netflix random playlist.

Although I have not read the book and therefore cannot



The story follows a retired writer Ben Benjamin (Paul Rudd) who becomes a caregiver after suffering a personal tragedy. His first client, Trevor (Craig Roberts) is a foul-mouthed 18-year-old with muscular dystrophy who refuses to leave the house, or his strict daily routine but instead gains enjoyment from tormenting his Carers and helicopter Mother Elsa (Jennifer Ehle).

Ben soon discovers that Trevor keeps a list of "America's lamest Roadside attractions" culminating in "the world deepest pit" which Trevor feels would be the ultimate highlight of his rather depressing life. Ben and Trevor take an impromptu road trip to all these places and along the way, they pick up a sassy runaway, Dot (Selena Gomez)) and a mother-to-be who help test the pair's survival skills outside of their calculated existence.

Looking into other movie reviews, I discovered why they are known as critics. It appears very easy to find fault in every performance and story if you look hard enough. However, although fairly predicable and cheesy, I found this movie to be an excellent depiction of how everyone struggles in their own unique way and the importance of both relying on and supporting others in the process. It certainly created an opportunity for discussion with other members of the family on this very subject.

The M rating was due to the crass language and sexual references, which were used extensively in creating a comedy component, which could definitely be an issue for the kiddies.

# **Monthly Prayer**

Our Loving God and Father,

As we approach the time when we celebrate Easter, we pray that You will help us to appreciate that what we celebrate is the most significant event in human history. At no other time have You, Heavenly Father, intervened in the events of mankind and given us reason to hold out hope for our eternal future.

We shall remember as Christians the great significance of Jesus, Your Son, Our Saviour giving up His life here on earth by going the cross on Calvary and there dying in our place for the forgiveness of our sins. And then we shall remember and give You all the praise and the glory for the fact that Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to many, many people demonstrating that He has full

power and authority over sin, hell and death.

We want to give You, Heavenly
Father, our heartfelt thanks
that You should go to such
extreme lengths to buy us
back from the sin and darkness
of our lives and give us the
wonderful gift of eternal life
after we pass this scene where
we will spend eternity with
You. Please accept our thanks
and help us to live lives that
give You the honour and praise
that is due to You for all that You have done.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.







Pemberton Community organisation of the Year 2016.

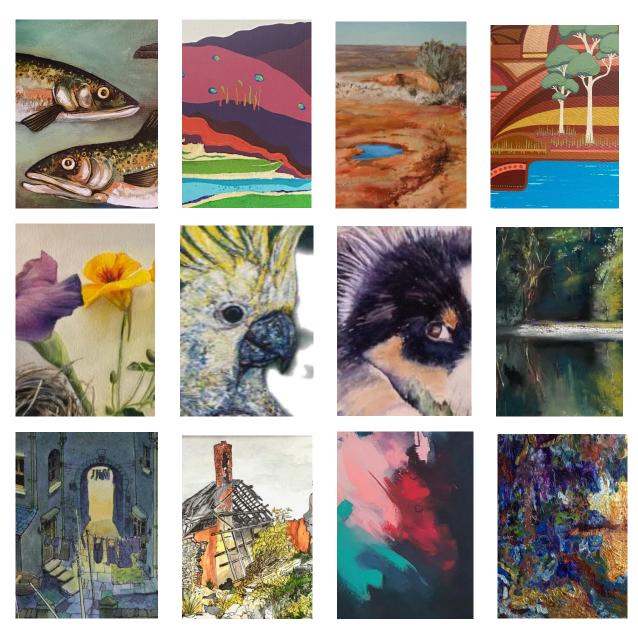
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Upcoming exhibition: PEMBERTON ART PRIZE 2023 - April 7 - 23, 10am - 4.30pm.

- Entries are pouring in! Here's a little taste of what's in this exhibition, cut from the original artworks. Don't miss out on the full show!! So much talent and skill!!



Contact us if you'd like to become a member or sponsor. Sincere thanks to our volunteers, members, sponsors and supporters. (Sculpture in the Vines Pemberley – April 21 - 30, 11am - 4pm. Entry forms on website.)

# POSITION VACANT—TRAINEE

# **Certificate III in Business**

# Part time 12-18 month fixed-term contract

Hours: 25 hours per week Wage: \$22.00 per hour

The Pemberton Community Resource Centre is seeking an enthusiastic, friendly, motivated person to undertake a Certificate III in Business.

We are seeking to recruit a trainee for a 12 month fixed-term contract, to commence in 2023, which will operate under appropriate State and Federal approved training schemes.

We are looking to support the training of a community-minded individual who can develop their skills to gain employment within the local area.

Commencing in May-June 2023, this part-time position is best suited to those wishing to learn new skills and those seeking to gain a qualification in Business or other qualifications that may be available.

# What we do

The Pemberton CRC provides a range of services to the local community including computer access, office services, training, government information and production of the local Pemberton newspaper (PCN). We assist with technology issues, hold community events and support local business.

It is an exciting time for a new trainee to join our awesome team and learn some new skills.

In May 20223 we will be co-locating to a new premises where we will be working closely with the other co-location stakeholders including:

- Pemberton Visitor Centre
- Pemberton Library
- Pemberton Arts group
- Pemberton Chamber of Commerce
- Heritage and History
- RSL

Providing a great opportunity to network with a range of Community Organisations.

# What is a traineeship

Trainees undertake study in the workplace in conjunction with their work duties. CRC trainees have their qualifications paid for and their studies are managed by a separate training organisation. Study is estimated to take up 25% of a trainee's time in the workplace with the remainder being work based training, supported by CRC staff.



# **REQUIREMENTS OF THE POSITION**

# Selection Criteria to be addressed Essential

- Written and oral communication skills
- Competent typing and keyboarding skills
- Developed numeracy skills
- Good interpersonal skills
- Ability to provide computer and smartphone assistance to beginners.
- Involvement in community projects.
- Demonstrated self-motivation and initiative
- Able to work in a team environment

# Desirable

- Customer service and cash handling experience.
- Experience in creating documents
- Hold a current or have the ability to gain a Working with children check
- Hold a current or have the ability to gain a Police clearance
- Enthusiasm

# **APPLYING FOR THE POSITION**

Your application in writing should include:

- a maximum of 2 pages addressing selection criteria above
- a 1 page cover letter AND a resume (generally 1-3 pages).
- your resume should list 2 or 3 referees.

Applicants should send their resume and a covering letter to:

# Manager

manager@pembertoncrc.org.au

Or

Pemberton Community Resource Centre

Po Box 375

Pemberton WA 6260

Tel: 9776 1745.

Feel free to contact us for more information or to discuss the requirements of a Traineeship.

Applications open until 4pm Mon 27th April 2023.







# Showerhead swap

ARTICLE BY THE WATERCORPORATION World Water Day

With World Water Day approaching next week, it's a good time to think about how we can all celebrate!

We all know water is a valuable resource, and we're extremely lucky here in WA but we need to all to our bit to preserve it. By participating in the Showerhead Swap program you are helping your community save water, and we appreciate your support!

The swaps so far have been great, but with only a couple months left until the program ends on 31 May 2023, let's see how much more we can save? Feel free to promote your efforts through the Shire, CRC, community and on your social media channels and tag @WaterCorporation. If you'd like any information specific to your town or region, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

# Making the swap

Recording the swaps is easy and an integral part of the program, so if you're having any trouble with this please let us know so we can help.

If any tenants wish to participate, they are eligible as long as they have had approval from their landlord/agent.

The tenant is responsible for contacting their landlord/ agent to obtain approval. A copy of the water bill/ letter for the property provided by the landlord or agent will be accepted as landlord approval and should be requested by the tenant. We need to record the swap against a Water Corporation account number for the property, the name on the bill in this circumstance doesn't need to be the person making the swap.

# Warranty for showerheads

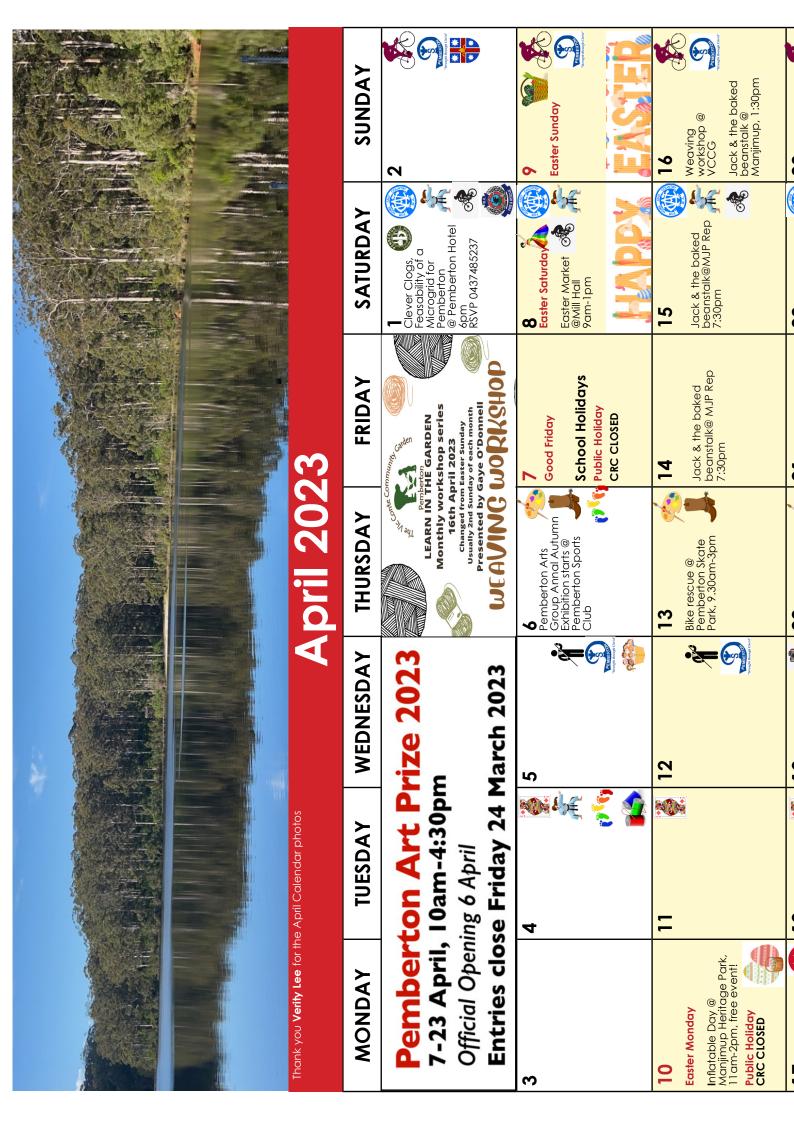
The terms and conditions state to contact the manufacturer with any issues, however if you (the customer) has received a faulty showerhead, please return it with a note indicating the issue and we will give you another one to try.

Above: see the waterwise targets reached so far.

With regards to the Posh 3 Function Hi Rise showerhead, there can sometimes be issues with the o ring when the arm is moved up and down without loosening the nut first (wears out the rubber seals). By not loosening the wing nut when moving the shower up and down it wears out quite quickly and can cause it to leak. The showerhead can also be tight sometimes in the first instance to change the settings of the stream so please keep this in mind.

Come into the Pemberton CRC with your old showerhead and your water bill and we can give you a new shower head before 31st May.







# ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY STUDENTS SPREAD JOY PEMBERTON COMMUNITY



Students and staff from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Pemberton celebrated St Joseph's Feast Day on Monday 20th March by engaging in various outreach activities in the Pemberton Community.

PEMBER

The day began with a special liturgy in the hall led by our Kindy/Pre-Primary students, where students learned about the life and teachings of St Joseph, Jesus' father on earth and the patron saint of workers and fathers.

Following the liturgy, the students and staff embarked on a range of outreach activities in the local Pemberton community.

One group of students visited the elderly residents at the local retirement home and spent time chatting with them, singing songs and reading stories. The residents were delighted to have the students visit, and many commented on how well-behaved and courteous the students were.







Meanwhile, another group of students worked at picking up rubbish off the streets of Pemberton, whilst another group of students worked in the school garden, weeding, pruning and planting new flowers and vegetables. The students were pleased to see the "Strength through Christ" Pemberton community and the school

> garden looking beautiful and productive by the end of the day.

The students also cooked and donated meals for the St Vincent de Paul society to distribute. Bev South said how grateful



members of the Pemberton community were to receive these. Principal Mrs Nicolle Achmad expressed her pride in the students and staff for their commitment to serving the community. "St Joseph's Feast Day is a special day for our school, It's a reminder of the importance of compassion, kindness, and selflessness in our lives," she said. The students and staff returned to the school feeling fulfilled and grateful for the opportunity to serve their community. The outreach activities not only helped those in need but also brought the school community closer together, highlighting the importance of working together to make a difference in our world.

# **FEBRUARY AT PDHS**





# PEMBERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

We're back for another fantastic school year at PDHS!

We have been delighted to welcome 25 new students to our school, including 10 into Kindergarten. We have also excitedly welcomed two new staff members: Kate Tills (Pre-Primary Teacher) and Josie Thompson (EA).

Our Primary students have jumped back into their learning across our six classes: Kindy with Ms Dowson, Pre-Primary with Ms Tills, Year 1/2 with Mrs Fuller, Year 3/4 with Mrs Barnsby, Year 4/5 with Ms Walker and Year 6 with Mrs Schmidt. Primary students are also enjoying a variety of additional classes including Health and PE with Mr Brooks, Digital Technologies with Mr Cervoj, Dance and Indonesian with Mrs Cernotta, and Kitchen Garden with Mrs Guery.

Our Secondary students are continuing to work with our specialist curriculum teachers: Mathematics with Mr Cervoj, English with Ms Reason, Science with Ms Foord, HASS with Mrs Guery, and PE with Mr Brooks and Mr Hughes.

Students in Years 7-10 are also completing a wide range of elective classes this semester including Indonesian, Food Technology, Woodwork, Outdoor Education, Photography, Visual Art, Design and Technology, Jewellery and Robotics.

PDHS is introducing a new Literacy initiative in 2023 called MultiLit. This program includes a whole-class literacy program called InitiaLit in Early Childhood (K-Y2), small group and individual literacy support from Y3-10 called MacqLit, delivered by our EAs Mrs Tysoe and Mrs Little, and whole-class spelling support from Y3-6 called SpellIt. These are fantastically effective programs that we are excited to now offer at PDHS, and we look forward to seeing great progress from our students throughout the year.





# Opportunities abound, will we jump on board? By Pauline Hewitt.

This last month... the Stars Descended, rescues included Wendy Wedgetail, and SFW volunteers found Quokka close by to Northcliffe during our DPaW Rapid Quokka Surveys.

We were also approached to provide specialist care (transition to release) for the critically endangered Woylie. This can be a boon for our community, if we choose. This could help us realise a dream SFW has been developing for our region. The dream to develop an appreciation and community based support for conservation of the Mainland Quokka.

We have the expertise, we have the wildlife, and we could help save the Quokka whilst creating new opportunities through citizen science conservation based tourism and marketing.

Problem is, we no longer have Lesley Harrison with unlimited time and money to devote to wildlife rehabilitation. We do have the fabulous Kellie Patterson providing 24hr kangaroo care whilst running the farm with Dad, and working at Northcliffe General Store. And we have me, on the farm, working for other farmers to provide funds for wildcare. I provide rescue, treatment and rehabilitation services for all wildlife, plus education and outreach services to our community. We would love to engage with other carers in the community.

In May we will be calling a community meeting in order to begin the discussion about how stepping up to care for wildlands and wildlife can be a very engaging, enlightening and profitable business for Northcliffe and Pemberton. Get ready to go wild for wildlife!



Happy Citizen Scientists Joesephine Mead, Sara Cole and yours truly at our successful Rapid Quokka Survey at Crowea.



For the love of wildlife will we step up into the huge shoes of our Lesley?



Will we help the critically endangered Woylie?

For all Wildlife Enquiries, PLEASE CALL US\*

\*Pauline: 0431937965 \*Kellie: 0419918209 \*Mike: 0415937967

# INVITATION FEASIBILTY FOR A MICROGRID FOR PEMBERTON

We would like to invite you to a series of events which we are organising for the town of Pemberton over the coming months. These concern power and its supply, which you may recognise is becoming a larger issue due to rising costs, reliability and instability. These issues are only going to get worse if we don't act. They threaten our livelihoods and our futures.

Country Australians have learned from the beginning if we want something done, it's best to do it ourselves. The Shire of Manjimup, through the Warren Blackwood Alliance of Councils (WBAC), has recognised that climate change will continue to have a significant effect on the Western Australian environment, community and economy, and has written a Climate Change Action Plan. But will they be able to take action quickly enough? And will those actions be right for Pemberton?

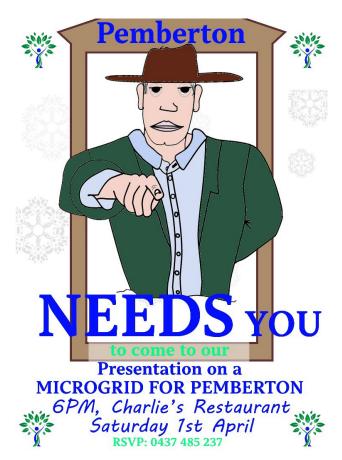
Clever CLOGS is dedicated to making the transition to renewables happen in as many ways as we can. To do this we need your help. There are many, many solutions to the issue of powering our businesses, homes and lives. It is easy to feel overwhelmed. And then there is the cost of solar panels, batteries, etc. Because it is a highly technical area it is easier to leave it to someone else. But that won't help us in the short or long term.

At the presentation of a Feasibility for a Microgrid in Pemberton we open the discussion about what the residents of Pemberton may be able to do to shore up our energy profile for the future. It is a chance to come together to begin to explore what a collective approach could mean. There is strength in numbers. When the whole community comes together to nut out this problem and find the solution that is best for us all, funders and government bodies will listen. Come join the conversation.

Charlie's Restaurant, Pemberton Hotel
Presentation, Dinner and discussion

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April , 6pm – 6.30pm Presentation 6.30pm onwards Dinner and Discussion

We know that we don't know enough. The Map our Community Marquees are an opportunity to have a more individualized chat about your unique power situation.



Clever CLOGS doesn't have all the answers, but we have some ideas about where to find them. Come and have a chat, and add your data to our Map of Pemberton, which seeks to quantify HOW MUCH power we need to support our town for a prosperous future..

Find our Marquee in the main street. Sign up for a personal home or business energy audit. Watch a few short youtube clips on specialist topics. Ask questions, and find answers.

**Brockman St** (Various Locations)

9am - 11am Thursday 30th March

2pm - 4pm Monday 24th April

9am - 11am Saturday 13th May

We don't have all the answers, but together we can find them.

Hoping to see you there.

Rose

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# **APRIL 2023**

# Cape Town Waterfront

Rozzi in Oz

"What's the weather like today?" This was my question as I looked through the bedroom window. The wooly clouds seemed to float quite fast across the bright blue skies of mid December. "Warm and windy Mum !" came Abinail's response

windy, Mum!" came Abigail's response from the adjacent room."Do you think it is a good day to be at the Waterfront?" We had planned to go the previous evening."We will be inside the malls and it won't be blustery in the City", came the spontaneous reply.My daughter, an avid shopper, always enjoyed a trip to the malls even if it was just to browse. She is obviously familiar with Cape Town weather; so I gave in and agreed we go along with our plan. We therefore put Century City at the Waterfront on our agenda for the day.

A pair of jeans, sweater and shirt and of course a sunhat was my outfit for the excursion. After breakfast we were ready to go on our first holiday shop hopping trip. Before leaving the house, Abigail fed Jam the dog and the three cats. We hurriedly got into the car before another chore beckoned us to linger at home for much longer. The peak hour traffic had eased by now and we would not be delayed by early midday lunch goers.

I was amazed by the new buildings Cape Town city had acquired since my last visit three years ago. Tall skyscrapers towered above us as we negotiated the seemingly narrow one way streets. Hundreds of small glazed window panes reflected the morning sun and seemed to blink at us down below in the shadows of the buildings. Several buildings were still in progress with scaffolding erected sturdily in place in readiness for more huge constructions of bricks, mortar and glass. Billboards proudly displayed features of the new sites. Pedestrians stood on the edge of curbs , impatiently waiting to lunge forward when the "green man" appeared to allow them to cross the road. At times like this I often wonder whether we as humans remember there is still a time called "tomorrow"

On the opposite side of the road, to our left, I see young children lazily trailing behind their parents, peering through festively decorated shop windows at desired gifts. I turn around and look through the back window of the car. Looking upwards, there are countless little lights suspended across the street in readiness to light up the city in the evenings. I remember how excited we were as children to travel into the city by tram to see the colourful display adding more fun to the Christmastide. A display of the Nativity Scene, Boxed gifts and Father Christmas. Pure delight to young and old alike, reminding us of the birth of Jesus Christ, the reason for the season.

I am shaken out of my reverie as the car comes to an abrupt halt."What was that"? I enquire of Abigail. "Oh, someone was not aware that this is now a one way street and almost collided with an oncoming truck!" This caused some delay as traffic had to give way for the driver to cautiously manoevre his way out of the unfortunate situation. We were relieved that there had been no collision or injury and waited patiently for the way to be cleared and traffic to move on . I was once again glad to be a passenger in spite of many years of driving experience. There just seemed to be too many vehicles on the roads of late and worse during holidays. Huge delivery trucks added to the congestion and had important freight to get to the stores on time

We were at last nearing our destination and I was relieved to see the signage which pointed us to City Centre. We soon found the convenient parking area. As usual I made a mental note of where we were parked, hoping to remember it. Inevitably I would have forgotten the details and reminded Abigail to take special notice. She was always very good at taking in detail. This was proven

the exact spot where we had parked; at that point I would still be looking around searching, often in a different direction!

As anticipated, the malls were bustling with shoppers and browsers. Adults impatiently herding their children along; couples holding onto each other, while the elderly shuffled along carefully, trying to keep abreast of the crowds. We went straight to the shops we had planned to go to .We found what we were looking for without much effort. Abigail had wisely googled the information so as not to waste precious time. This made shopping much easier.We weaved our way through those undecided of where they wanted to be. The pay points were our hold ups but gave us time to rest a while.

Leaving the shops, we once again had to make our way through the crowds to the nearest exits. I followed close behind Abigail who knew all the quick routes around and out of the shops. Thanks to her, the shopping went much faster than I had anticipated. Having a keen eye for great fashion and value for money bargains, we kept well within our daily budget. After our purchases we were ready for a well deserved lunch. It was just past midday and eating places would be crowded. It was a pleasure to be outside again to breathe in natural fresh air. It was much hotter though, so we headed for an indoors restaurant with open windows. We selected one with the view of Table Bay and our beloved Table Mountain. We were welcomed by a friendly restaurant manager who directed us to seats from where we had the magnificent views.

From this vantage point we could watch differently decorated ferries and white sailed yachts slipping in and out of the harbour. From where we were sitting we could look down



onto the pier and pathways of the harbour. Holiday makers strolled along the walkways casually. Families stood in long queues waiting to buy ice cream drinks or candy floss. The mood was happy and colourfully festive and at this point, in spite of the huge clock on the tower, with its

Roman numerals and moving hands, time seemed to be standing still.

We were amused by the antics of the flocks of ever present seagulls. They hung around constantly looking out for snacks. Some stood around rudely waiting for leftovers while others sneakingly snatched nibbles from outdoor restaurant tables. Most patrons were amused and entertained, encouraging the scavengers by feeding them with crusts or chips. We were glad to be sitting in an undisturbed zone. Another of the many scenes was an expensive modern sports car being used by passers by for a backdrop for their selfiles. The amused owner allowed this to go on for a while before she took off waving to those who had hoped to take advantage but were too late!

In the meantime we enjoyed our drinks and a light lunch. We enjoyed our entertainment from our restaurant seats as well. We had had a relaxing hour or so , discussing plans for the rest of the carefree holidays. Eventually we gathered our parcels and left the comfort of the restaurant . The warm outside air was bearable ,mixed with fresh seabreezes. Abigail took some photographs of me at some statues and displays with the iconic Table mountain in the background. We made our way back to the parking lot and straight to the car which was easily found. Satisfied with a pleasant outing , we were soon out of the busy City, onto the highway and cruising home. It was indeed a memorable day, well spent and enjoyed by both of us.Next time I hope to share a time out with friends, or perhaps fun with my great grandsons!

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needed to look out for in shops. She

always had a good visual perception and could walk straight out of a building to

# Don't fret over a new pet know your rights

ARTICLE BY ANNETTA BELLINGERI Senior Regional Officer for South West

Buying a pet is a decision many people make with their hearts as well as their heads, meaning it can be a particularly devastating experience when things go wrong with a new companion.

The issues we hear about can vary – from new pets with significant health issues or not matching their description (such as size or pedigree), to breeders taking upfront deposits for litters that are never born.

That's why we have launched a new campaign to help empower new pet owners to understand how the Australian Consumer Law protects them in the same way as it does for other purchases.

Buying from a shop or breeder (that is a business) entitles you to receive an animal that matches its description, be of acceptable quality, free from significant health issues and have a healthy lifespan relative to the breed or species. Any additional promises made about the pedigree, condition, performance or other characteristics must also be upheld by the trader.

This means if you encounter a genuine pet purchase issue, you may be entitled to receive a remedy (such as financial compensation or reimbursement of outof-pocket expenses) while still being able to keep the animal.

These protections are unlikely to apply to private sales when someone sells a pet on a one-off or ad hoc basis, so extra caution is advised if buying this

Ask if you can visit where the pet was born and meet its parents to check it has been well cared for, see how big it is likely to grow and what its temperament may be like.

Avoid pet scams – or inadvertently supporting a puppy farm or poor breeding practices – by not buying online if you can't meet the animal first.

If buying a pet isn't for you, consider adopting a new companion from an animal shelter or rescue.

For more information about your pet-buying consumer rights, visit the Consumer Protection website at www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au. If you have a genuine issue with a new pet and have been unable to negotiate a remedy, contact us on 1300 30 40 54 or email consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au





Government of Western Australia Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety

# Perth Mountain Bike Club State Series Round 3 & 4

ARTICLE BY MARK HUDSON Photo by Mark Hudson



Pemberton Mountain Bike Park came alive on the 25 and 26 March with cross country Olympics racing. Two days of high energy, technical skills, fit riders and plenty of pluck. Kids racing started each day, different levels from elite to E grade, male and female with a different course each day with climbing and fast descents across the entire park.

The trails were in beautiful condition, all down to the Pemberton Cycling Association members' hard work, blowing, trimming and readying the race courses. Lots of local volunteers helped on the day as marshalls, guiding riders and providing assistance when needed including the local Pemberton St John volunteers manned the first aid

Sponsorship was provided to support the event and the raffle to raise funds for trail maintenance.

A really big thank you to all of our sponsors.

**Ampersand Estate Winery** Eucalyptus House Jaspers Whiskey Bar Pemberton Visitor Centre Pemberton Caravan Park Pemberton General Store Pemberley of Pemberton Pemberton Cycling Company Guadagnino & co yummy free fresh apples

Crossings Bakery Just Lofti's Ironstone Rise Shire of Manjimup

ABOVE: Riders waiting for starters orders.

# Jack and the Baked Beanstalk

MANJIMUP REPERTORY CLUB 14th,15th,16th,19th,20th Apr

Manjimup Repertory Club are offering family friendly entertainment to Manjimup and surrounding communities during the April school holidays.

Jack and the Baked Beanstalk is a pantomime written by Judith Prior starring Jack and Dame Dreadlocks. The Dame has lost her job at the local factory which has shut down. The bank manager and factory owner, Mr Heinz is threatening to sell the Dame's house because the mortgage payments are overdue. Jack sets out to sell their cow to get some money to buy food and help pay the debt but ends up being tricked into swapping the cow for a bag of beans. Jack and his friends journey through an adventure where they meet fairies, gypsies and a mean witch and her joke telling assistants.

Ticket pricing is Adult \$20, Concession \$18 and Children (Up to 18 years) \$15.

# **Pemberton Visitor Centre**

ARTICLE BY: PETULA HOLLAND
Pemberton Visitor CentreManager

Hi everyone,

March has flown by. A busy end to a busy Month.



This last week I have been up at Perth, for the Caravan & Camping Show, made some new contacts and of course promoted Pemberton and the region with all positive results. Talking to a lot of people, you would be amazed as they have not only the Southwest on their agenda, but Pemberton itself.

You really get to appreciate Pemberton more and more after being in Perth. Bricks and mortar or beautiful landscapes. I know what I would rather look at.

"What's in store for April?" With School Holidays and Easter around the corner, we will be busy in-house. So, we will be looking at hopefully packing and getting ready to move in to the New

Collocation within the next couple of months, fingers crossed.

Your support and patience while not only the visitor centre, but all the stakeholders are moving will be greatly appreciated.

Remember the Pemberton Visitor Centre is here to help promote you, so why not become a member. If



you would like more information on becoming a member, please call the visitor centre on 9776 1133 or alternatively email me on managerpvc@iinet.net.

PHONE: 9776 1133 29 BROCKMAN ST PEMBERTON, WESTERN AUSTRALIA 6260 http://www.pembertonvisitor.com.au



# Do you have an Uncle Joe??

ARTICLE BY ANN TIQUITY A personal account

Perhaps every family has such an uncle, the quiet, unobtrusive one, the gentle soul, who on occasion could render "Champagne Charlie is my Name" and entertain the kids with somersaults, cart wheels and walking on his hands. I wish I had known then what I know now. So Uncle Joe, with utter respect I will try to honour your memory in this Anzac month and encourage others to check out their various rellies and research their lives.

Joe was born in Wales and lived, working as a hospital orderly, in Katanning until he enlisted in 1940 and despatched to the 24th Field Ambulance 6th Division, posted to Palestine, then Egypt, the Albanian Peninsula and the English run hospital in Crete.

At that stage of the war, German Paratroopers were dropped, ten at a time, from plywood gliders pulled by German planes. These paratroopers besieged the hospital and by 8.30 a.m Joe and Co, were POW's, carted in cattle trucks or train (from which they were thrown at times to make way for German troops) while being bombed from the air by the allied forces. They were kept on the move so as to evade the fast advancing Soviet Army.

They arrived in Lamsdorf, Poland - the notorious Stalag 88 - in the middle of winter and Joe said "Things were pretty crook" They existed on "three spuds and a slice of black bread". As an ambulance officer, Joe ran a Red Cross room and, on many occasions, dug shrapnel out of his fellow prisoners, the remnants of air raids from previous British Troops. He had a treasured little spirit stove to sterilise limited equipment and provide a little warmth to him and his companions.

However, at no stage did Joe give up returning to Katanning and counting himself" lucky not to be Polish or Jewish" for they had no hope. He was never parted from his disc numbered 24031, which was precious and essential for safety an 'well being'.

One fortunate circumstance was that among his fellow prisoners were British Airforce men and the actions of this force in dropping tinfoil on Stalag 88 as a radar blackout.

As the Allies gained ground, the prisoners were evacuated from Stalag 88," The Hell Hole" and Joe along with others started their evacuation on his birthday Jan 24th, 1945. The march covered 3,600 kms, at the rate of about 22 kms a day in the dead of winter with two feet of snow. The POW's slept by the side of the road, or in fields eating nothing and surviving on occasional soup - that is, a cabbage leaf in water. Dysentery and malnutrition took many of the marchers while the rest ended up in Odessa in the Russian Crimea. Here, in the last stages of the collapse of the German Army there was little to do after a daily lap of the compound, but Red Cross parcels alleviated the misery on occasion.

But at 85 years of age, Joe still wept at telling of being rescued, exhausted and ill, by General Omar Bradley and his men in 1945 following the recent tactics of Bradley at the Battle of the Bulge and Rurh which heralded the the end of the war. "The Americans found us at ;8am. And by 2 pm were were in a hospital in Paris and a week later in London."

Joe returned to his unit and was soon bound for Australia and his beloved Katanning and he recalled his favourite moment was being entertained by Gracie Fields.

Joe then married my Auntie Marion and lived happily ever after, a Hospital Orderly in his home town probably honing his gymnastic skills. He died there in 1990.

Hi everyone,

March has been an awesome month for the Pemberton Mountain Bike Park. We finally got some much-needed rain, which allowed us to start leaf-blowing the trails. Thanks to everyone's hard work, we managed to get every trail done and the park is running absolutely mint at the moment!

A lot of this preparation was due to the State Cross-Country round, which was hosted in the park on 25th and 26th of March - you might have noticed an influx of bikes town! The event was a great success and we can't wait to share a thorough update on how it all went in the next issue.

In other exciting news, Dave from Woodland Trails is scheduled to start some trail work in mid-April. He's planning to build a couple of entry trails to the Mountain Bike Park, which will be a huge help for visitors who are trying to navigate their way from the car park. This has been made possible thanks to the amazing support we've received from the Shire of Manjimup and their community grant program.

We've also got some other works planned, including re-instating our beloved 'Wahoo' trail and refurbishing 'Skills Loop'. Please be sure to respect any trail closures during this time, and we'll keep you updated on our progress.

After the success of our recent Coaching Weekend, we're pleased to announce we are hosting another one! Thanks to funding from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC), Tim Neve from Mountain Bike Coaching WA is returning for more mountain bike coaching sessions on **April 15-16**. It's a great opportunity to help develop your mountain biking skills, so stay tuned to our social media to get the details!

Thanks for your ongoing support, we look forward to seeing you on the trails.

Until next time, keep those wheels spinning and smiles grinning!

The PCA Team



Right: There are some wonderful hidden treasures throughout the MTB Park, like this 'whale tail' glowing in the afternoon light.



MTB ride - Saturday 8.00am Pemberton Pool carpark

Road bike ride - Sunday 7.30am Crossings Bakery



Above: Michele, Mark and Peter enjoying the crisp morning on a recent social ride. Below: Our prototype brochure holder proudly displaying our available maps, at Just Lofti. Let us know if your business

would like one too!





# Pemberton Bowl Club

ARTICLE BY BRIAN MORRIS
Photo by Tracy Morris

# PEMBERTON BOWLS CLUB WINS THE TRIFECTA

Pemberton Bowls Club bowlers take out the trifecta in the Blackwood League winning all three men's competitions this year.

First was the Men's Midweek Pennants which was finalised in December, secondly the Saturday Men's Pennants which was won at the end of February and finally the Blackwood League Championships which was played over the weekend on 25th – 26th March.

This competition was held at two venues, Balingup and Bridgetown, the Men's Triples(Robert Omodei, Kieran Conway, Brian Morris), Pairs(Warren South, Robert Hammond) and Novice Singles(Joshua Ellis) at Balingup and the Men's Fours(Chris Velios, John Omodei, Roy Searle, Tony Wood), Men's Singles(Jamie Conway) and Men's Veteran Singles(Felix Ditri) held at Bridgetown.

Pemberton won the Singles with Jamie Conway winning this competition for the seventh consecutive year.

Newcomer Josh Ellis won the Novice Singles in a fantastic display of accurate bowling considering this is his first year of bowls.

Pemberton came second in three events, the Triples, the Fours and the Veteran Singles.

All up Pemberton won 14 of the available 25 points, the next best team winning seven points. This result is a credit to the Pemberton bowlers, in particular our Men's Captain Johnny Omodei and our President Felix Ditri, their dedication to the sport is second to none.

A final mention to the young guns of Pemberton, Jamie Conway, Kieran Conway and Josh Ellis, they continually practice to improve their game, they trained Josh to be an immediate success and give the whole Club a real energy, well done guys.



In the photo we have front left to right: Robert Omodei, Felix Ditri, Roy Searle and Kieran Conway.

Rear left to right: John Omodei, Chris Velios, Warren South, Tony Wood, Robert Hammond, Brian Morris, Joshua Ellis and Jamie Conway.

# **CORPORATE BOWLS 2022-23**

Pemberton Bowls Club completed its Corporate Bowls season with the Grand Final playoff evening held on Thursday 9th March having been rained off from the previous Thursday.

All fourteen teams played off in accordance with their

position on the ladder following the 13 weeks of play where every team gets to play all other teams.

The finalist teams were Tramway with 22 points versus the B Jacks with 20 points. Other teams in the playoff were The Generals vs WA Chip, Force Five vs Allsorts, Eastbrook vs The Untouchables, St Josephs vs Mixtures, Bowling Stones vs The Fockers and Tit Bits vs Ann-Marie.

The final winners were the B Jacks and runner-up was Tramway. B Jacks were made up of Kieran Conway, Josh Ellis, Brad Ellis and Angus Lee, the youngest team in the Corporate Bowls competition this year.

A special mention must go out to all the sponsors who support the Club in running the Corporate Bowls competition, these include: the DeCampo family, the General Store, Liquor Barons and of course John Bendotti who provides marron for the weekly raffle, a big thank you to all the sponsors.



# **SCHEDULE**

12th April 9.30 - 3.30pm Walpole Skate Park

13th April 10.00 - 3.00pm Northcliffe Skate Park 53 Zamia St, Northcliffe

**13th April** 9.30 - 3.30pm Pemberton Skate Park 7 Brockman St, Pemberton

14th April 9.30 - 3.30n

Manjin Recreation Plaza Mottram St, Manjimup

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Senior Nominations: Kerry Bendotti 0428 186 632

# MEDIA RELEASE – JANE KELSBIE MLA MEMBER FOR WARREN-BLACKWOOD

# VOL\_NTEER We need U campaign blitz

## 23/02/2022

- State-wide media campaign urges more people to volunteer
- The VOL\_NTEER We need U campaign encourages everyone to make an impact through volunteering
- Volunteers are the backbone of our community, making WA a better place to live, more help is always needed

The McGowan Government has kicked off a State-wide media campaign blitz which aims to attract more people into volunteering and revitalise the volunteering sector following the COVID-19 pandemic.

The VOL\_NTEER We need U campaign recognises and thanks volunteers in Western Australia and promotes different types of volunteer opportunities across the State.

It will also encourage more diversity in volunteers, asking younger Western Australians to take a more active part in volunteering, as well as showcasing the benefits of volunteer activities to culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

The campaign will help organisations to promote opportunities and show how helping others can give a sense of purpose and appreciation.

The VOL\_NTEER We need U campaign will run between March and June across traditional broadcast and online media.

For more information: www.wa.gov.au/volunteering

# Comments attributed to Warren-Blackwood MLA Jane Kelsbie:

"Volunteers are the backbone of Warren-Blackwood. They play such an important role in our local community, contributing their time, energy, and skills each year to deliver important community services, act as first responders, create vibrant events, and keep local sport running.

"Volunteering, supporting community, and having fun while doing it is incredibly close to my heart – I've met some of my closest friends while volunteering and seen the positive impact it can have on mental health and wellbeing.

"I encourage anyone thinking about volunteering to put their hand up and see where it takes them – whether it be learning new skills, developing new friendships or feeling more connected to their community."

Media Contact: Teiga Murray, 9848 3171

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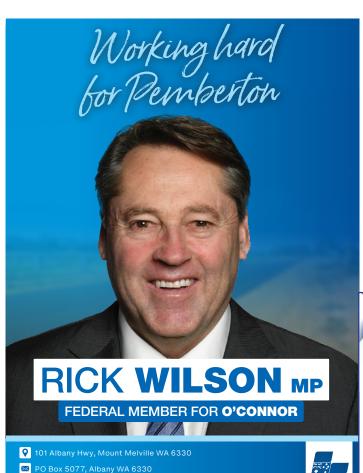
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# **Manjimup Shire Bulletin**

**April 2023** 

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On Friday 17 March CEO Andrew Campbell spent his last day in the office before commencing nine weeks leave then completing his tenure with the Shire on 18 May 2023. Andrew commenced with the Shire in January 1993 as an Environmental Health Officer and has worked his way up through several roles. He was promoted to Principal Environmental Health Officer in 1994 and then Manager of Environmental Services in 1999. In 2007 he was made Director of Statutory Services, before becoming CEO in June 2014.

On behalf of fellow Councillors I thank Andrew for his 30 years of service to the District and wish him and Tammy well on their move to Northampton.

Some very successful events were held throughout March with the Warren Agricultural show being well attended. Show organisers have again done an outstanding job with highlights being the new grant funded poultry shed, horse judging and a full side show alley. The emergency services display area was well attended by the Manjimup Fire and Rescue Service, St John Ambulance, Police, SES and the mini RAC chopper. If you wish to don one of those green shirts that were a standout of the committee, they are always looking for more volunteers.

Around Pemberton the Karri Valley Triathlon celebrated 20 years with near perfect conditions for swimming, cycling and running through rolling farmland and majestic karri's.

The Targa South West Rally was again full of praise for the area and donated \$2300 to the Pemberton Mill Hall Committee following the run up Pump Hill Road on the Friday afternoon.

The Walpole Yacht Club hosted the

51st "In the Trees Regatta" on the long weekend, again volunteers have done outstanding work bringing this very successful sailing event to the region.

Regards Paul

## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

## **Cat Amendment Local Law**

At the meeting of 2 March 2023, Council adopted the Cat Amendment Local Law. The Law will now be published in the Government Gazette submitted to the Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

## **Postal Election Method**

Council recently determined to use the Postal Election Method conducted by Australian Electoral Western Commissioner, for the upcoming Council election in October 2023.

## **SHIRE NOTICES**

#### **Fire Restrictions**

Fire restrictions remain in place across the Shire. Please check the website or facebook page for dates and details for your zone.

# Community Grants 2023-2024

Community groups and not-forprofit organisations are invited to apply for funding under the 2023-Shire 2024 of Manjimup Community Grant Program. Funding is available over 4 categories; general including arts (acquisitive) prizes, financial hardship, events, youth.

Application forms are available from the Shire of Manjimup Building, Administration Community Resource Centres. Public Libraries or the website.

Applications close Wednesday 19 April 2023. For further information please contact Community Services on 9771 7777 or via email info@manjimup.wa.gov.au

## **Expressions of Interest -Promotional Banners in Giblett** Street

Expressions of Interest are sought from local businesses community groups for an opportunity to advertise on in banners Giblett Street, Manjimup. These banners enhance Manjimup town centre, bringing vitality and information for 9 months of the year, October to June. From 1 July 2023 there is capacity for seven new banners to be purchased, with options of a 1 or 3 year sponsorship agreement. These banners are expected to be erected by October 2023.

Copies of the Banner Policy and a schedule of the fees and charges are available from the Shire's Administration Centre or on the Shire's website.

For further information, contact Kelsie Brown on 97717701 or email info@maniimup.wa.gov.au Closing: 4pm, Friday 14 April 2023.

## Walpole Jetty Car Park

Works to upgrade the Walpole Town Jetty car park have commenced and will continue throughout April.

# Annual Vergeside Hard Waste Collection

The annual vergeside hard waste collection will take place in May.

Please see the website and further advertising for details of materials that can be collected.

Northcliffe	From Monday 22 May 20
Windy Harbour	
Pemberton	
Browns Road	
Quinninup	
Walpole	

#### **Road Construction**

Road Construction is underway on and Channybearup Graphite Roads. Traffic Management is in place, please drive consideration to our staff.

# **Employment Opportunities**

· Administration Assistant -**Community Services** 

#### SHIRE NEWS

#### Waste Services - Easter

Waste services will continue as normal over Easter, however the Manjimup Recycling & Refuse Centre will be closed on Easter Sunday.

## Libraries

Manjimup, Pemberton Walpole libraries will be closed for Easter from Friday 2 April to Monday 5 April and Anzac Day on 25 April 2023.

# Art Gallery Moments Made in Italy

The Moments Made in Italy exhibition highlights the vivacity of everyday scenes of Italian life. Across all seasons daily activities are beautifully reflected Busetto's effervescent watercolours.

Zoom on down to the Gallery from the 4 March to 22 April 2023.

# AquaCentre - Creche

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# **Brockman Street Lights**

In April we will be lighting up for the following occasions:

- 1st & 2nd World Autism Day
- · 7th to 10th Easter
- · 16th World Voice Day
- 25th Anzac Day

# **West Ward Councillors**



Cr Murray Ventris (08) 9776 <sup>.</sup> 1757 Cr Kenneth Lawrence (08) 9776 2010

**Pemberton Waste Transfer Station** 104 Pemberton Northcliffe Rd Yeagarup Wednesday: 11 am - 5 pm Saturday/Sunday: 12 pm - 5 pm

# Pemberton Library

Pemberton Lesser Hall - 9776 1311 Wednesday and Thursday: 9 am - 1.30 pm Friday 9.30 am to 5 pm

# **SHIRE CALENDAR**

# **Library Storytime**

Manjimup - Friday 10.30 am Northcliffe - Monday 10.00 am Pemberton - Wednesday 10.30 am Walpole - Alternate Fridays 10.00 am

# **MHCC Activities**

The April Council meeting will commence at 5.30 pm in the Council Chambers on 13 April 2023.

# AquaCentre

Check out the extensive group fitness program on the website.



Boronia Club - 10 am to 2 pm Monday & Friday Over 50 Exercise Group - 9 am to 10 am Tuesday & Thursday Tai Chi 10.30 am to 11.30 am Wednesday Bingo - 1 pm to 3pm Thursday









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