






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 Heritage & History Workshop
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for visiting

Visitor Centre

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Welcome

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EDITORIAL

The cover page says it all with the biggest news of the last few months being the greatly anticipated move to the Pemberton Community Hub - Balang Miya. Woo Hoo!

What a way to finish 2023 with a last minute relocation on the hottest day of December.

A huge thank you is not nearly enough to convey the level of gratitude felt for our tiny team of ridiculously helpful staff at the Pemberton CRC. Bringing their own vehicles, lugging equipment, packing and unpacking, all whilst smiling and providing the best possible service under extremely strenuous circumstances. Go team!

Right: A very thoughtful PCRC customer provided welcome flowers as a Thank you for all our efforts.



So, after all that and a well deserved break for the holidays, the 7 stakeholders of the Pemberton Community Hub - Balang Miya have all successfully relocated - **see page 3.**

Unfortunately there are still some issues to be resolved for the local Museum, which is not operational. This is not however, from lack of effort. The dedicated Heritage & History volunteers spend loads of their time in the workshop, sorting and organising all the memorabilia and all kinds of other awesome things - **see page 26.**

The Pemberton Chamber of Commerce is also requiring some assistance in the way of committee members - **see page 28.**

Whereas the Pemberton Arts Groups (PAG) has been providing weekly Wednesday art sessions that are becoming very popular, as well as a HUGE range of events, including their upcoming annual exhibition - **see pages 4, 18 & 19.**

The Pemberton Library has been operating successfully for some time in their outstanding new space.

The Pemberton Visitor Centre (PVC) has been BUSY with people from all over the world visiting our tiny town this summer. Their new displays are finished, full and look Fabulous.



The PVC also managed to host the Australia Day breakfast in amongst all that, so a big thanks to the PVC Staff and volunteers.

Left: The PCRC and PVC staff at the new Hub reception capture a rare quiet moment.

The RSL are still getting their memorabilia sorted and displayed, hopefully in time for their massive Anzac day commemorations.

As for the PCRC, we are still ironing out some kinks, but we are loving the new space, filled with new equipment & opportunity.

As you all know, we are up for anything and are always ready to assist. Brimming with potential, we look forward to the year of the Dragon bringing good fortune to all.

Gaye

新年快樂

Happy Chinese New Year



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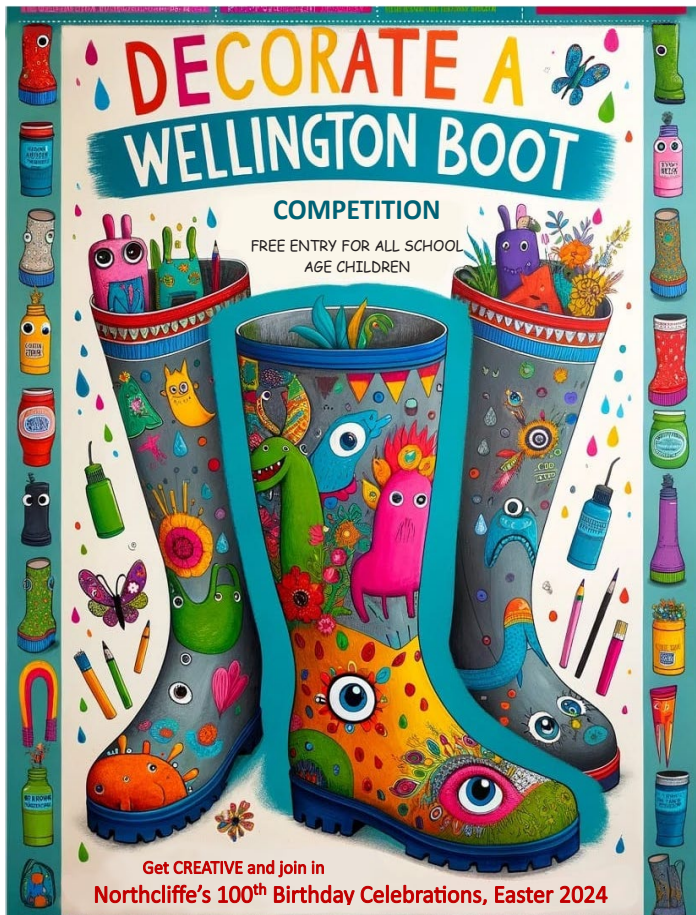
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FREE ENTRY FOR ALL SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

Get CREATIVE and join in Northcliffe's 100th Birthday Celebrations, Easter 2024

Three Categories
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 For more information please see [Competition Entry Form](#) available from either your local school, Community Resource Centre or library.



The Vic Conte Community Garden
 Pemberton

LEARN IN THE GARDEN
 Monthly workshop series
 2nd Sunday of each month
11th February 2024

GARDEN BUSY BEE
10-2 PM

Come along and help us spread the plastic and sawdust for the pathways in the Community garden

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
 Please bring your own gloves and rakes

We are preparing yet another year of monthly garden workshops for your enjoyment and education.

We need community members to assist with picking up and spreading sawdust on the garden pathways which will be laid with plastic to keep the weeds at bay.

Attendees will need to bring:

- wheelbarrows
- shovels &
- loads of enthusiasm

Let us know how you can help by calling 9776 1745



We Have Moved!

The Pemberton:
 RSL
 Arts Group
 Visitor Centre
 Public Library
 Community Resource Centre
 Chamber of Commerce & Industry
 Heritage and History Group (opening to be confirmed)

are at their new location the Pemberton Community Hub Balang Miya

61 Brockman Street
 Pemberton

PEMBERTON HOTEL

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB 02 LIVE COMEDY-AMY H FRI 8 - 10PM

FEB 09 CARUS THOMPSON FRI 7 - 10PM

FEB 11 LIGHTNIN' JACK SUN 4 - 7PM

FRI 16 SAX ON THE HOUSE FRI 6PM - 9PM

FEB 23 LAINE WOLFE FRI 7 - 10PM

For more information visit [our facebook page](#) Pemberton Hotel

Pemberton Arts Group Inc
presents
Pemberton Art Prize 2024
'unexpected'

Exhibition open 29 March until 14 April 2024
Daily 10am - 4:30pm, Pemberton Sports Club

2D and small 3D works
(size limits will be on entry form, available mid-July)

Entry Form, Image and Artist's Statement due Monday 18 March
Email PAG: pembertonart2023@outlook.com Website: www.pembertonartsgroup.org.au
Painting by Elaine Steele

Pemberton Sports Club Inc.
GROW

1. Monday 12 February, 2024 - 6pm

Sporting Club Committees – come along to a free 'Club Rules & Responsibilities 101' practical and interactive workshop.

2. Complete the short online GROW

Pemberton Sporting Complex survey from 14th to 27th of February, 2024.

3. Monday 18 March, 2024 - 6pm

Register for the Grow Pemberton Sport Forum. Review the survey findings and discuss governance and operational improvements.

Don't sit on the side-line, get involved.

Save the Dates NOW

Supported by

Want further information or to register?

- PSC Administration
admin@pembertonsports.com.au
- Kim Butfield Consulting
kbc@kimbutfield.com.au



Priscilla Pop-Up: Pemberton

Meet the Carers WA team in Pemberton

Are you an unpaid family or friend carer who would like to learn more about Carers WA and Carer Gateway?

Join the Carers WA team and our community engagement van, Priscilla, to find out more about Carers WA services and supports and how we can help you in your caring role.



Where: Priscilla will be parked at:
Pemberton Community Resource Centre
61 Brockman St, Pemberton WA 6260

When: Wednesday, 13th March | 1.00pm - 3.00pm

If you have any questions, please contact the Community Capacity Development team on 1300 CARERS (1300 227 377) or email ccdteam@carerswa.asn.au.

www.carerswa.asn.au

PEMBERTON YOUTH ZONE

Monster Madness

Join us down at the Pemberton Sports Club for ultimate school holiday fun

Tuesday 9th April 2024

From 1-4pm

- Water slides
- Inflatable fun
- Activities
- Food



Thank you to our sponsors

POSITION VACANT—TRAINEE

Part time or full time position

Hours: 15-30 hours per week

Commencing, April 2024

@ The Pemberton CRC

*Find out more
about our team
and what we
do at*



pembertoncrc.org.au

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
- 1 page cover letter
- resume (generally 1-3 pages & should list 2 or 3 referees)

Applicants should send their application to:

Manager

via email to:

manager@pembertoncrc.org.au

or post to: Pemberton CRC

Po Box 375, Pemberton WA 6260

Feel free to contact us for more information on Tel: 9776 1745 or drop in to the new Pemberton Community Hub @ 61 Brockman street in Pemberton to discuss your interest in the Traineeship.

Applications close

4pm Sunday 31st March 2024.





**Country Women's
Association of WA**

Est. 1924

Centenary Celebrations

1924 - 2024

Come and join us for tea and scones



Where: On the verandah at our CWA Rooms.

Doc Ryan Close.

When: Wednesday 6th March.

10am – 3pm

Tea, coffee and scones on us.

Call in to help us celebrate with your friends and family.

**100 years uniting women and
strengthening communities**



**COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC**



THEY KNEW A THING OR TWO

ARTICLE BY ANN TIQUITY

Downsizing seems to be the flavour of the day, and that can be the easiest thing for some – but think about the accumulation of a life time that has to be sorted, packed, binned, recycled, bequeathed- What to do?

Clothing and furniture are not necessarily part of the guilt trip, they can be useful at the local Op-shop, the kids and grand-kids and assorted others. Time to give up on the idea that one might eventually fit back into one's favourite clothes. Its not going to happen and the old adage 'out of sight, out of mind' crashes in fairly quickly.

But books? Thereby hangs a huge problem.

Lovingly purchased, read and re-read, dog eared pages on cheap paper, beautifully bound treasures which have all been replaced by digital something or others. Fading eyesight only adds to the decision making and eventually one is down to a handful of ancient tomes that will sit on the shelf until someone else makes the decision after you have left this mortal coil.

And thus it was that this writer came up a forgotten treasure, a little gem called 'What to do Until the Doctor Comes', published in 1926 by a Canadian GP. Treasured because it was written at the time when our beloved Group Settlers and Pioneers were arriving on our shores and faced with the myriad of problems with sickness, fleas, flies, lousy water, cold, heat, lack of food- the list is endless but with good common sense the women faced up bravely. One would like to think they had a little book that helped them on their way.

One piece particularly appealed to the writer. Simply name 'The Touch' and reads as follows. "*The delicacy of touch is marvellous. When one falls asleep, the order of surrender is sight, taste smell, hearing, and touch*".

And the following gem reminding one of Shakespeare's lyrical prose "*What a piece of work is man*" (NB - man is a generalisation of human and was written before 'gender agender, cisgender, genderfluid, genderqueer, intersex, gender nonconforming, and transgender was the word of the day) "*The human body is an epitome in nature of all mechanical, all hydraulics, all architecture, and all machinery of every kind*".

There are more than three hundred and ten mechanical movement in the human body. Here are all the bars, levers, joints pulleys, pipes pumps, wheels and axles, ball and socket movement, beams, girders, trusses, buffers, arches, columns, cable and supports known to science.

In all, humans best work can be shown to be nothing but the adaptations of processes of the human body, a revelation of the first principles used in nature"

Whether you are a 'primeval slime' believer, a Big Bang enthusiast or have a Christian belief in the hand of God, we are pretty damn special people. We must value ourselves accordingly.



MONTHLY PRAYER

Our Dear Heavenly Father God,

We are already well into the New Year that You have graciously given to us and somehow, at the roll-over of the year we like to take the optimistic view that it will deliver better things than the year that has passed. But already we see horrible evidence of actions taken in our world that cause us to doubt that 2024 will be any better than last year.



For those of us who have trusted You, Lord Jesus, to be Our Lord and Saviour, we thank you for the confidence of knowing that You have the whole world in Your hands even though You allow mankind to do as it pleases for the time being. But doing as we please frequently works to the detriment of others as we can see from the mess in both world and local events.

But even with all of what we see and hear of things getting worse and worse, we want to pray for our world and all of the people in it whom You love so dearly. We pray against those who perpetrate the evils of war and those who want to gain control over others and their land and exploit them. We pray that wars may cease, that harmony and peace may prevail, and that nations may enjoy the blessing of peaceful co-existence with others.

We thank You for Your promise that You, Lord Jesus, will come back to earth and establish Your perfect Kingdom here below and will invite us to share with You in those kingdom purposes enjoying Your peace, love, kindness, harmony and so much more. And so we pray, come quickly, Lord Jesus.

We ask in Your Precious Name, Amen.

Anglicare Financial Counselling

Financial Counselling is a free and confidential service. Alan, our local Financial Counsellor, visits the CRC on a regular basis and appointments are available by calling 98456666.

Financial Counselling can help:

- Assess your financial situation
- Provide information and options to address financial problems.
- Support you achieve appropriate outcomes.
- Advocate and negotiate with creditors.
- Support client with developing their own budget.
- Relay information about consumer credit and bankruptcy.

We look forward to working with you and assisting you to resolve your financial difficulties.

We do not assist with tax returns.



YOUTH CONSULTANTS 2024

ARTICLE BY SARA GUNNING

Community Disability Advocate Advocacy WA

We are currently recruiting young people with lived experience of disability, aged 15 – 25 in the Shire of Manjimup and are particularly interested in hearing from people living in Manjimup, Northcliffe, Pemberton and Walpole. <http://tinyurl.com/PaidWork4PWD>

Successful applicants will be eligible for up to 15 hours of employment at \$30 per hour (including training) and do not need to have any prior experience. An advocate from Advocacy WA will train and accompany participants throughout the project.

Young people will be trained as Youth Consultants who will evaluate and report on how welcoming and accessible businesses are to young people with disabilities. This opportunity will help young people to:

- Learn how businesses operate
- Learn how businesses can become more accessible to young people with disabilities
- Develop work-readiness skills including communication, time-management and decision-making

Project Schedule

Interviews: Weds 17 & 24 Jan on Zoom

Training: Weds 7 Feb 10am-3pm at Manjimup CRC

Work: Tues 13 Feb and/or Weds 14 Feb (TBC) Online

Workshop: Weds 28 Feb 10am – 11am

Places are strictly limited so interested people should apply by completing this short survey asap (takes about 10 minutes) <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AWAEPManjimup>

If you have any more questions about this role or need assistance in applying, please contact

sara@advocacywa.org.au or 0499 014 110.

See more page 30




Hello everyone,

Well, it is the start of a new year, and we are raring to go at the museum. We are meeting each week now to sort through our material and store it on the shelving that recently arrived in the storeroom. Where we can, we are moving it into the display area. If you would like to help, come along on Thursday mornings and lend a hand.

Unfortunately, we are still having an issue with the floor, with a stubborn area of floor still lifting and causing a safety issue. We hope this will be solved soon, as the Shire are looking into it again.

Recently, I have asked for photos and information on the Pemberton History page on Facebook, and I would like to thank all the people who have helped me out or made comments. It just goes to show how many people love to share their memories and stories. It's been wonderful.

We will be organising the plaques to honour our early group settler families next. More information to come. Please contact Deanne on 97761757 if you wish to be included.

Until next month.

Leanne Rowe - President

Mill Hall Update

The Mill Hall continues to be an excellent venue for the community.

Bootscooting every Thursday at 5.30pm.

Dance 2nd Saturday every month - Saturday February 10th 7.30pm

We had a very productive year in the Mill Hall with many events in 2023 and the great accomplishment of installing a new Commercial Kitchen. We are looking forward to a great year ahead in 2024!

Thankyou to the Pemberton community for your donations, physical help and support.

The Mill Hall has new banking details.

WESTPAC BSB: 036126
ACC: 237796

We would love you to become a member for \$16.50.

This hall was built for the community and stands strong as testament to the wonderful

hard-working community members who have in the past and continue to maintain this building. You are always welcome to contribute to keep this iconic venue in top condition.

- We 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 or we can pick them up for you. You are also welcome to leave them at the tip in a woven plastic bag (feed bag) and label them with the number C10562118.

Deanne Ventris - President

MOVIE REVIEW

REVIEW BY REBEKAH LOTHIAN

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Jim Henson's 'The Muppet Movie' 1979

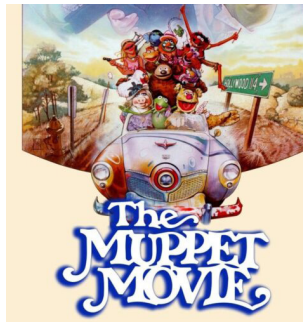
When asked about a recent movie I watched, I thought about the latest dvd's I've watched at home. Around Christmas time I like to feel nostalgic and I always whip out my Jim Henson's Muppet Collection.

The 1979 'The Muppet Movie' to me will always go down in history as the original and best. Created several years after the commencement of 'The Muppet Show', a staple television program of the 70's and early 80's, the movie outlines how the Muppets really got started.

Set in the 70's, the costumes and music are a salute to the era. The Muppet band Dr Teeth and the Electric Mayhem belt out some classic golden tones. 'Can you picture that!'

Created by the legendary Jim Henson, Kermit the Frog and Fozzie Bear take you on a journey to Hollywood to finally make the big time, meeting all their groovy friends along the way. If you haven't seen it before, and even if you have, dig up the old dvd or go to your fancy internet and get ready to laugh, smile and have a sing song.

Someday we'll find it, the Rainbow Connection, the lovers, the dreamers and me...



REGIONAL COLUMN

ACTING SENIOR REGIONAL OFFICER FOR SOUTH WEST, Annetta Bellingeri



Battery disposal a burning issue

They come in all shapes and sizes to power many different devices, yet every battery has the potential to become a menace if they end up in your rubbish or recycling bin.

Some batteries contain toxic chemicals, heavy metals and other pollutants that can contaminate water supplies when they enter landfill, while rechargeable lithium-ion batteries become fire hazards if they are damaged or crushed during the waste collection process.

In recent months, wrongly discarded lithium-ion batteries were suspected to be behind a number of fires in recycling trucks and waste-handling facilities at various locations across WA, prompting local authorities to remind residents to never bin a battery.

How you discard of batteries may depend on what type they are and what condition they are in. There are many battery drop-off points around Perth and Western Australia that will take your spent or unwanted batteries, before they are collected and recycled.

Many people choose to "drop when they shop" – taking used batteries to collection points at supermarkets, office-supplies' shops, phone shops, hardware stores, libraries or local council collection sites. So, if you have a drawer with old batteries and devices, take a trip this weekend to drop them off.

Damaged lithium-ion batteries and devices can however be dangerous, so they should never be taken to a battery collection point, nor should they be thrown-out, used or left in areas where they are exposed to heat, moisture, direct sunlight or in parked vehicles.

Instead, lithium-ion batteries showing signs of swelling, bulging, leaking, overheating or visible damage should only ever be placed in a clear plastic bag or container and transported to your nearest Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection facility – in the Bunbury Harvey Regional Council area, there is one at the Stanley Road Waste Management Facility.

Don't forget to keep your used battery collection away from children, especially given the dangers that button batteries (even used ones) can pose if they are swallowed. As soon as you have finished using a button battery, put sticky tape around both sides of the battery to make them less attractive to children and avoid the low-risk of them catching fire.

To find your nearest battery drop-off point, head to Recycle Right: recycleright.wa.gov.au/find-my-nearest. Learn more about the dangers of lithium-ion batteries on the Department of Fire and Emergency Service's website at www.dfes.wa.gov.au



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A professional and confidential service to help you work through financial difficulties.

Phone 98456666 for an appointment.



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.



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

Eggfruit not so Eggsellent!



Eggfruit caterpillar feeding inside a developing tomato, and the adult moth (Image source: MyPestGuide public reports).

In a world of Solanaceous garden delights such as capsicums, tomatoes, chillies and eggplants, an unwelcome pest often goes unnoticed until harvest time: *Sceliodes cordalis*, more commonly known as the eggfruit caterpillar. This common garden grub has a craving for plants belonging to the Solanaceae family and can turn your hard-earned produce into a feast for their insatiable appetite.

Biology and management

Eggfruit caterpillars begin their journey when the small brown moth lays her tiny, white oval eggs. These eggs are predominantly laid on the stem or calyx of the developing fruit. They hatch tiny white ravenous caterpillars, which bore into the fruit through the stem or calyx. This disguises their entry point. Munching and pooing their way through the inside of the fruit, the caterpillars often turn bright pink or red in colour as they mature. Eggfruit caterpillars are particularly hard to detect as there's rarely any external signs of infestation of the fruit. These gluttonous grubs eventually chew their way out of the fruit to pupate, and later emerge as adult moths.

Controlling this pest can be challenging and requires well-timed management during all life stages. Make sure to remove any weeds from the Solanaceous family (e.g., nightshade) to reduce

their breeding sources in the garden. Moths and eggs can be controlled using light traps, or by spraying insecticidal soap on the calyx. These soaps can affect the delicate wings of the adult moth, making it too slippery for her eggs to stick to the calyx, and may also desiccate the eggs. As freshly hatched caterpillars, there is a very short window for control before they enter the fruit. Target the stems and calyx with caterpillar control products. Look for ingredients such as spinosad or the biological control 'BT' (*Bacillus thuringiensis*). These insecticides become virtually ineffective once the caterpillars burrow into the fruit, as they are well-protected inside. If infested fruit is found, remove and discard to break their lifecycle.

Report your capsicum criminals!

Although eggfruit caterpillars are a well-established species, it's the small white caterpillars that may be confused with the larvae of the non-established and reportable Queensland fruit fly (Qfly). Qfly is a significant pest of over 300 fruits and vegetables. You can report suspicious larvae in your produce to MyPestGuide or contact the Pest and Disease Information Service by sending in photos of the larvae and cut-open fruits. Report early to keep your Solanaceous garden delights safe from unwelcome feasters!



Report your observations

MyPestGuide® Reporter via app or online mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au
Pest and Disease Information Service (08) 9368 3080 | padis@dpird.wa.gov.au

WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

Alcohol - Taking Time to Consider Our Drinking Behaviours


BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
February 2024

When a new year comes around it gives us a chance to focus on ourselves, our drinking habits and the importance of a healthy balanced lifestyle. Speaking with a group of blokes about this, I asked them to have a think about their attitudes towards drinking which one bloke replied, "I just love the taste". This is a fair enough response, and it's also the same problem I have with my kids, who love ice cream and chocolate, but trying to teach them that you don't have it every day takes effort.

The fact that going alcohol-free for a month is seen as a challenge for many, highlights just how prevalent alcohol use is in Australia. Alcohol is our most widely used and most accepted drug, and over time it has formed part of our Aussie culture and identity. Its use and associations are many, including advertising, sport, social occasions, celebrations and within the workplace culture. Peer pressure does not only happen to teenagers! Think of the last time you were encouraged to have a drink when you were not planning to. As Joe E. Lewis once quoted "I distrust camels, and anyone else who can go a week without a drink". There seems to be an underlying normalisation, glamorisation and justification for drinking which is also present in pop-culture, movies (The Hangover) and social media (my friend who posts it's beer o'clock').



 @RMHL_4blokes

 Working with Warriors Podcast

 regionalmenshealth.com.au

Now I am not saying I'm a shining light leading by example when it comes to abstaining from having a drink, my arm is often twisted a bit too easily. We should all take the chance to have a think about our own individual drinking habits, behaviours and attitudes:

- What example do I set when I drink?
- How often/how much am I drinking?
- Is it to relax?
- Is it to cope or deal with stress?
- Is it habitual or has it become a dependency?

For those who do enjoy a night out, here are a few points to help reduce unhealthy drinking behaviours:

- What mood/state of mind am I in before I drink? Alcohol is a depressant but can also enhance negative behaviours i.e. anger, aggression and reckless risk taking;
- What sort of situation/crowd am I drinking with? Personal safety is up to us! Am I with people I know and trust in a safe environment or am I out with random individuals in a public space?
- Self-regulate by knowing your limits and plan ahead. Organise a designated driver, take a swag, don't risk it!
- Harm minimisation could involve having a decent meal before going out, serve finger food at parties and remember alcohol dehydrates so drink water before, during and after drinking alcohol;
- Having alcohol-free days is important. At least 2-3 days per week will show two benefits: 1, I can go without a drink and 2, has regenerative effects on the liver (along with many other health benefits).

I recently saw a creative post showing a picture of our political leaders with the caption *No matter who wins they will not fix your life, better plan on doing it yourself.* Like a lot of things in life, and especially alcohol, we can't expect governments and multimillion dollar ad campaigns to reduce the risk, control our use and fix alcohol related problems. Moderation, awareness, responsibility, and balance is the key to our alcohol use.



CALLING ALL PEMBERTON GROUP SETTLERS

**WAS YOUR FAMILY PART OF THE GROUP
SETTLEMENT SCHEME?**



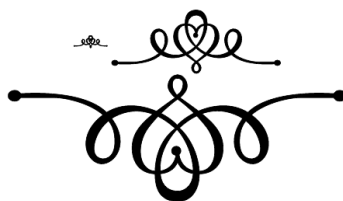
**THE PEMBERTON HERITAGE AND HISTORY
GROUP ARE CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF GROUP
SETTLEMENT IN THE PEMBERTON REGION THIS
YEAR**

**WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR FAMILY'S NAME ON A
PLAQUE TO COMMEMORATE THIS WONDERFUL
OCCASION?**

**THESE PLAQUES WILL BE SITUATED OUTSIDE
THE NEW MUSEUM**

**PLEASE CONTACT LEANNE ROWE 0400 907139
ROS PIPER 0439 214393
DEANNE VENTRIS 0428 302782**

100 YEAR CELEBRATION OCTOBER 11TH, 12TH, 13TH 2024



Pemberton Cycling Update

And just like that, we're in 2024! Plenty of exciting things happening this year; it's going to be a big one for our cycling community.

Starting off the year with a fresh spin, we've decided to switch up our social ride meeting location. You can now find us gathering outside the Pemberton Visitor Centre. With the Arboretum development imminent, this central spot will give riders more options for riding routes - and refreshments afterwards!

The recent heat has found many of us seeking cooler pastimes (and bodies of water), but it hasn't stopped wheels from spinning. The Nannup MTB club recently visited for a weekend of riding and joined in on the regular Saturday social MTB ride. Despite the dry and dusty conditions, it was a fantastic social ride and good opportunity to showcase our MTB Park. It's always motivating to connect with fellow riders from different communities and share the joy of riding

Our ongoing efforts to enhance the riding experience around Skills Loop have been met with enthusiasm and increased traffic over the summer period, which is rewarding to see.





In late November, the team from Three Chillis also completed some repair work to the Pump Track and first few jumps of the Dirt Jumps. Potholes have been filled and the track resurfaced and reshaped where necessary. Notably, the bowl in the Pump Track, once a winter swimming pool, has undergone alterations to improve drainage and enhance overall flow. After waiting a couple of weeks for the repairs to cure, the results speak for themselves. The newly smooth surface has revived the tired zone and is enjoyable to ride - worth checking out if you haven't yet!

Hot and dry conditions are a challenge for maintenance, with leaves raining from the sky. We're waiting for some much needed rain before we can address the leaves and get ready for the hero-dirt conditions. As always, please ride with caution and let us know if you spot any issues.

As we embrace the opportunities that 2024 presents, we're committed to making Pemberton's trails even more exciting and accessible. Keep an eye on our social media for more news and updates.

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

The PCA Team

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MTB ride - Saturdays 8.00am
Women's MTB ride - Sunday
 February 11, 9.00am
Road bike ride - Sundays 7.00am
 All rides meet at Pemberton
 Visitors Centre



Above: the new Pemberton Visitors Centre will be the meeting point for all social rides.



Above & Right: the Nannup MTB Club exploring the Pemby trails on our Saturday social ride.



Above: Pot holes be gone! Some fresh looking shapes on the pump and jump track.



"Strength through Christ"

St Joseph's Primary School



November has been a fantastic but busy month at St Joseph's. The highlight of the month was when the students attended the Interschool Athletics Carnival at PDHS. Our students competed against students from four other schools in the area and had a wonderful time doing their absolute best in every event. A big thank you to PDHS for hosting a wonderful day.



This month has also been a time of transitions. We have had our pre kindy students joining us for one morning a week as they prepare for Kindy next year. Our Year 6 students have also attended an enjoyable high school orientation day at Kearnan College, as they build new friendships and learn all about their new school.



This month, we were also super excited to play on our new nature playground! We thank our amazing P&F for their financial support of this project.



COMMUNITY WEEK



PEMBERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

PDHS's annual Community Week took place in December and was a tremendous success for another year. Community Week aims to provide our students from K-10 with the opportunity to undertake philanthropic projects that give back to the local community of Pemberton.

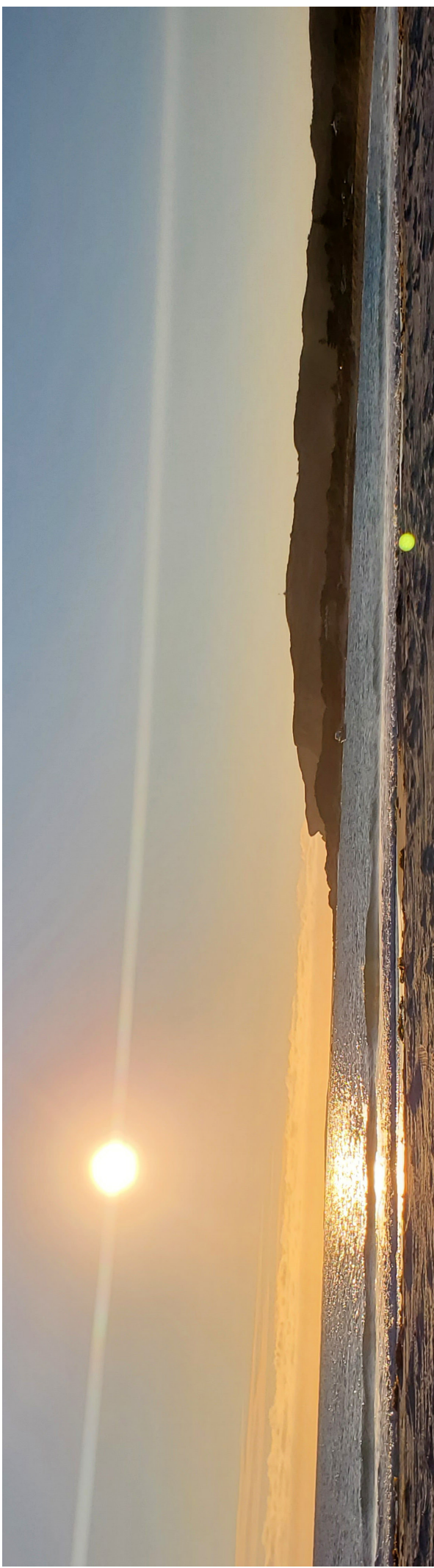
Our Primary students did a fantastic job helping out the Emergency Services. Our K/PP class created some gorgeous gifts for the Pemberton Police. Students from K-2 were delighted to wash Pemberton's St John Ambulances, while our Year 3-6 students scrubbed the trucks from the Pemberton VFRS and Pemberton Rural Bushfire Brigade.

During Community Week, our Year 4/5 class donned their gardening gloves and got to work at Little Taddies Childcare. Students tidied garden beds, collected leaves and pulled out plenty of weeds. Our Year 6 students created some beautiful Christmas-themed table ornaments for the residents of the Pemberton Aged Accommodation Village.

Throughout the week a large group of our Year 7-10 students volunteered their time to do some physical work in the Pemberton community. They rolled up their sleeves to complete a range of gardening, tidying and labouring tasks at the Community Resource Centre, Caravan Park, Sports Club and Little Taddies Childcare.




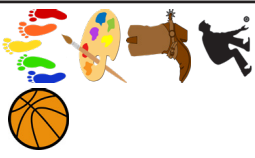









To conclude our Community Week activities, students from across our school contributed to the annual Seniors Christmas Luncheon. Our Year 1/2 class spent the week creating Christmas-themed placemats for the tables, while our Year 7-10 students prepared parcels of decorated cookies as gifts. Our Year 3/4 class performed "Mrs Santa Claus" for the guests and our Year 9 students helped to host the event. Many thanks to the PDHS P&C, St Joseph's P&F and Hoopz Restaurant for supporting the event. We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful afternoon!





February 2024

Thank you to **Kaas Van Hazendonk** for the Calendarphoto

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5 	6 	7 	8 	9 PYZ 5pm @PSC Carus Thopson 7pm - 10pm @Pemberton Hotel	10 One Sleep Closer fundraising event from 12pm @PSC - see page 20	11 VCCG Busy Bee 10am - 2pm All welcome - see page 3
12 	13 	14 	15 	16 Lightnin' Jack 4pm - 7pm @Pemberton Hotel	17 	18 
1 	2 Live Comedy - Amy H 8pm - 10pm @Pemberton Hotel Pemberton Sports Club AGM 6pm @PSC - see page 20	3 	4 			



Pemberton Community organisation of the Year 2016.

www.pembertonartsgroup.org.au

[pembertonartsgroup.facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/pembertonartsgroup)

PAG NEWS:

Contact Anna: czerkasow@antmail.com.au 0439 369 702

Got a creative workshop you'd like to run? The fantastic new space at the Balang Miya Community Arts Hub is there to be used. Spacious, comfortable and bright with great kitchen facilities, and all in the heart of town. Let us know your ideas and make it happen!

Artist and PAG member Elaine Steele did just that in her recent Gelli printing workshop. In 'Monoprinting with Gelatin Plates' (pictured) a great turn-out of keen attendees tried their hands in fun techniques to learn the art of making these unique and colourful prints. Due to the amount of interest, Elaine will run this workshop again. Check out our PAG Facebook page to be alerted of this and other great workshops heading to our neck of the woods!

Expect the Unexpected this Easter holidays: the annual Pemberton Art Prize exhibition is around the corner and we want your entries!! The theme for 2024 is 'unexpected' What comes to mind? Entries close March 18. Surprise us!



***** ART DATES *****

2023 Pemberton Art Prize:

- March 18:** Entries close
- March 28:** Opening event
- Mar 29 – Apr 14** Exhibition

Art Sessions (with P.A.G.):
Wednesday mornings

Art classes (Tony Windberg):
Feb 1 – Mar 28 Thurs mornings
Feb 21 – Mar 20 ****NEW****
Wednesday **EVENINGS** 7-9pm



CRC COMMUNIQUE

ARTICLE BY GAYE VAN HAZENDONK

Photographs by CRC STAFF

Still unpacking, sorting all the glitches, sharing the space and adapting as needed, all whilst providing our usual friendly, helpful services to the community - what a busy start to 2024!

But before we start on all that, lets wrap up 2023!

CRC CHRISTMAS PARTY AND AGM

The Pemberton CRC is becoming quite renowned for hosting a fantastic Christmas party and last year we managed to tack on the AGM and get all Committee positions filled, including some new committee members, keen to help out.



Above: Such a great group of smiling PCRC staff, committee members and volunteers.

PEMBERTON YOUTH ZONE

Thanks to Anne-Marie Piper and her trusty side-kick the PYZ was up and running every second Friday for the last school term of 2023, with an average of 23 attendees per session!



Right: kickin back at the PYZ

The revamp of the PYZ has been made possible with a collaboration between the PCRC and the Pemberton Sports Club, with funding for the Youth Development Program (12-18 years) through the Shire of Manjimup.

The last Friday for the year was to Manjimup for 'Lazer tag', an event hosted by the Shire.

A MASSIVE thank you to our local Councillor Murray Ventris who not only donated his time, but also the bus to take 22 kids to the event.



Above: The PYZ representatives, suiting up for Lazer tag.

PYZ returns on Friday 9th February at the Sport Club where we will be celebrating our return and the Chinese New Year in fine style so make sure you are there on time - 5pm with your \$5 for food.

Talk about hitting the ground running..... our mini-team of legends have been flat out already in the first month of 2024 in the new premises at the Pemberton Community Hub.

NEW TRAINEESHIP OPEN FOR 2024

Check out our Ad ib page 5. A huge thanks to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) for providing us with an opportunity to assist in the training and employment of another local trainee.

VIC CONTE COMMUNITY GARDEN

We have a Busy Bee Coming up on Sunday 11th Feb and need some help - See page 3. We will also be installing the FABULOUS painted pavers from the Creative Steps Youth project - see below.

CREATIVE STEPS WORKSHOP

ARTICLE BY ANNA CZERKASOW

Photographs by ANNA CZERKASOW

Making healthy choices is important for everyone and making art is recognised as beneficial to people's health. On the 23rd and 24th January local youth participated in an art workshop. They designed then painted their creations on concrete pavers which will be sealed and become unique steps in the Vic Conte Community Garden.



This art project- funded by the Shire of Manjimup and the Alcohol and Drug Foundation – was a collaboration between the Pemberton CRC, Pemberton Arts Group, the Vic Conti Community Garden and Youth Zone. Participants received information packs and provided feedback after the completion of the workshop.



The young people involved enjoyed the creative activity and healthy refreshments, learnt about resilience and identified places/organisations which provide help for those needing it.



The pavers – 'Steps' - will look stunning in the community garden. A big THANKYOU and WELL DONE to all the young participants!!!








Pemberton Sports Club

NEWSLETTER - February 24



Sports:

- Monday - Ladies exercise 9.00am
- Tuesday - Playgroup 9.00am
- Racket ball 9.30am
- Yoga 5.30pm 
- Karate 6.00pm
- Wednesday - Badminton 9.00am
- Snooker 6.30pm
- Thursday - Playgroup 9.00am
 - Basketball 6.00pm
- Friday  - Chase The Ace (Members only)
- Saturday - Karate 9.00am

The Sports Club committee would like to send a huge THANK YOU to all the sponsors who donated towards the New Years Eve fireworks.

This event would not go ahead without your ongoing support. We look forward to providing this fantastic community event again this year.

We are already in the planning stages, so to register your support please email admin@pembertonsports.com.au.



PSC Annual General Meeting **6pm Friday February 2nd, 2024**
@ Pemberton Sports Club
All members and friends welcome to attend

COME TO JOIN US

PEMBERTON YOUTH ZONE

Friday 9th February 5-8pm
Friday 23rd February 5-8pm
@ Pemberton Sports Club
\$5 entry fee
Food and drinks available

All Welcome 12+ years



HOOPZ FEBRUARY CLOSURE 14TH TO 17TH CLOSED

SOUTHERN FOREST STEPPERS PRESENTS

One Step Closer

An event helping raise much needed funds for cancer research

- Woodchopping
- Spud Picking Competition
- Face Painting
- Bouncy Castle
- Auction
- Marron Races
- Guest Speakers
- Raffles

And much more!

SATURDAY 10TH OF FEBRUARY PEBBERTON SPORTS CLUB 12PM TIL LATE

Our beloved bar manager Lani is leaving. We deeply appreciated all her hard work and her cheerful smile will be greatly missed. Thank you very much Lani. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.



There comes a time in every wooden court's lifecycle that a decision has to be made. Pemberton Sports Club has completed floor re-surfacing in January which should last for many more years.



INSECTS & BIRDS - FRIENDS IN NATURE

ROZZI IN OZ

'HAPPY NEW YEAR!' I am almost sure I heard the little insect voices here where I sit on my shady porch. These insects compliment the delicate flowers and so does the sweet scent of the bounteous honeysuckle. We heralded in the New Year with festivities and entertainment and may have missed out on the ever presence of the tiny creatures around us. Our merry music and laughter drowned out the gentle humming and chirping and we momentarily forgot that we are not the only important creatures on earth.



The noisy kookaburras woke me up this morning even before the rooster let out his croaky good morning greeting. I think he woke up the entire neighbourhood of birds and insects in the forest. The birds, in bold competition, took their cue and sang melodiously and continuously until the sun had well risen. It was time for the little insects to take to the stage in the garden. They needed no invitation or rehearsal! The pesky blow flies also made their presence known as they descended upon the rotting leaves and leftover feed of the feathered inhabitants. Although not a pleasant swarm, they have a role to play in nature as they feed and break down this matter into much needed compost. At this point I leave them to their task and walk away from the handsome rooster and his harem of hens. Fortunately they are all present and remained safe from the prowling foxes overnight.

I walked away after letting the rooster and his harem of hens out of their shed and settled down on the porch again. The jasmin creeper is alive with bees! They visit the trumpet shaped blooms, entering but for a second, emerging happily satisfied and moving onto the next flower. I wonder whether they know which bloom had already been suckled. I suppose that is one of nature's many secrets. A tiny hovering fly just came flying onto my nose. I brushed it away quickly hoping I had not injured its delicate wings. My attention was drawn to movement beyond the porch. As I approach, I disturb a swarm of locusts as they take off hurriedly just to settle on a patch of green grass further away. I imagine them greedily chomping away on the juicy green grass, their globular eyes looking out for imminent danger. Danger is from the ever roaming eyes of birds as well as our dog, Henry. The latter discovered that grasshoppers can be tasty protein bites. We observed this latest antic of his last summer.



Venturing further into the garden, I was surprisingly greeted by a majestic dragon fly. It was hovering over the birdbath as if looking for a place to land. It's shiny transparent wings looked exquisite in the full glare of the sunlight. Not to be outdone by their bigger counterpart, a pair of butterflies flew in onto scene. After all, the arena was big enough for them as well to display their colourful attire. Yellow, orange, red and black beautifully patterned, they showed off, fluttering noiselessly.

Another white one settled on a twig close by. It had its wings outstretched and sat there motionless. It was a moth! I had recently learnt that that is the way moths relax but butterflies continue to flap their wings when at rest.

As I study these garden friends, I notice movement in the grass at my feet. I bend down to take a closer look. A trail of ants are busy with their daily chores. They soldier on in a line, through the grass and onto the garden hose. The troop traveling in the opposite direction greet, touching face to face as this species does. They are attracted by droplets of water. Very wise little creatures, the ants. Even the Bible tells us in Proverbs 6:6. We are inspired by their tireless work ethic and are determined to accomplish their community goals as they work in co-operation with each other. They store up the water in their underground nests. They are also the undertakers of the insect world. Following the life cycle theory, they gather bits of deceased insects, carrying loads far beyond their own weight and bury it at no cost. During winter they would have plenty of food to sustain themselves and the royalty below.



I am truly fascinated by these wonderful creatures. I could watch and learn from their activities all day long, mesmerised by all the movements around me. Observing nature, helps one realise that each creature has been put on the earth for a purpose. However in a few week's time I will spend this leisure time observing from my window. That is when the pesky March flies make their appearance. When the gum trees come into bloom and these flying insects take over the warm airspace in the garden and in the streets of our rural town. The sneaky pests make themselves known in an uncanny way. You feel them before you see them. They settle on exposed arms and legs and extract blood as they inject their poison. Until you feel that unmistakable sting, you are unaware of them. Wham! Most times you get the culprits as they appear drowsy while stinging. I often wondered why pedestrians waved a branch as a switch but understand the method in this madness even in the centre of town. Although all these creatures have a place in the food chain, I really cannot appreciate the march fly. I avoid them at all costs.

I have not forgotten about all the other insects. Wasps, spiders, cockroaches, chameleons, ladybirds etc. It's been entertaining to observe the human friendly ones. We will remember though, that the pleasant, useful tasks are the ones we remember most... and so it is with the human race as well. Would you agree that we have numerous lessons to learn from nature?





Our Wildlife Under Threat: a Look at Two Endangered Marsupials

By Pauline Hewitt.

Over the past 12 months more Australian wildlife were added to threatened species list in 2023 than ever before. In total 144 animals, plants and ecological communities were added to the list, double the previous record set in 2009. Alarming nearly 40% of Australian marsupials are now threatened. Here we look at two threatened marsupials from our south-west.

Gilberts Potoroo (*Poorous gilbertii*, or Ngilkat): Once abundant in our region, now the rarest marsupial in the world and Australia’s rarest mammal, Gilbert’s potoroo persist only at Two Peoples Bay near Albany and two island populations nearby. After a devastating bushfire in 2015 wiped out nearly the entire mainland population the current population of this Critically endangered marsupial numbers less than 120 individuals. Being in the critical weight range for mammals these marsupials are particularly vulnerable to fox and cat predation. As specialist mycophagists (eat mushrooms), the fruiting bodies or truffles forms over 90% of the Gilbert potoroo’s diet. As bioturbators and ecosystem engineers their digging aerates the soil, assists water penetration, turns over the topsoil, cycles nutrients and spreads the spores of the truffle-like fungi.

The Woylie or brush-tailed bettong (*Bettongia pencillata*, or Woli): This Critically Endangered Species, once inhabiting much of southern Australia is now restricted to three main populations at Perup, the Upper Warren and Dryandra Woodlands. Similar in size to Gilberts potoroo, the woylie is also a critical weight range species whose main threats include predation by foxes and cats, fire and habitat destruction and fragmentation. The diet of the woylie is a little broader than Gilbert’s potoroo with truffles providing the bulk of their nutrients but also eating roots, legumes, tubers, bulbs, seeds, insects and carrion. Like Gilbert’s potoroos, woylies are bioturbators and ecosystem engineers, crucial to ecosystem health of the southern forests.

Both from the family Potoroidae these unassuming, shy and hardworking marsupials have tiny shoulders the giant trees of our forest depend upon. Can they depend on us?

			
Woylie. Photo: Pauline Hewitt	Woylie joey. Photo: Pauline Hewitt	Gilbert’s Potoroo. Photo: GPAG/ Dick Walker	Gilbert’s potoroo joey. Photo: GP Action Group



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17 November 2023

Building resilience in rural communities

South West NRM is launching a new project designed to connect communities ahead of a predicted increase in drought events.

Amidst growing awareness of the heavy socio-economic impact of drought on entire communities, a Community Resilience Network will improve capability and collaboration between organisations and groups to reduce harm.

To build the network community leaders and volunteers are being sought in six South West shires to participate in local working groups that will champion resilience building and support services.

South West NRM Manager Sustainable Agriculture Peter Clifton said the aim of the groups will be to:

- Increase community access to suitable support services, especially early intervention tools that help to build individual and community resilience;
- Share resources and learnings to develop partnerships across the region;
- Develop plans to further build community resilience.

“We encourage a diversity of participants across age, length of residency, cultural backgrounds including Aboriginal, and socio-economic standing,” Peter said.

Support has been sought for the project from Community Resource Centres throughout the region to help form and facilitate the working groups.

“We have partnered with CRCs throughout the region to assist with holding a series of six meetings between February and September, 2024 for anyone who might be interested in joining the working groups,” Peter said.

“The meetings will be held online and at CRCs in Boyup Brook, Bridgetown, Donnybrook, Harvey and Manjimup with a sixth group established in the Shire of Capel.”

To find out more or register your interest in the Community Resilience Network and/or leadership training, get in touch with one of the CRCs listed above or contact Peter Clifton on 0409 680 900 or pclifton@southwestnrm.org.au

This project is supported by FRRR, through funding from the Australian Government’s Future Drought Fund.

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CATCH THE SUN, SAVING THE RAIN: HOW TO THINK DIFFERENTLY WITH PERMACULTURE

ARTICLE BY SUSANNE PEET



We often think of energy as something external, something we capture and hold onto. Batteries, power plants, and fuel tanks are all examples of this “tank” mentality. While it’s served us well, it has limitations. Batteries degrade, power plants pollute, and fuel tanks run dry. Permaculture, with its focus on mimicking nature’s efficient systems, offers a thinking tool kit of ideas for harnessing and storing this energy in ways that are sustainable, resilient, and deeply connected to our daily lives. The sun’s energy nourishes plants, which we eat for fuel. Wind powers turbines, generating electricity. Even our own bodies are energy storehouses, replenished by sleep and food.

This is the core of the second permaculture principle: Catch and Store Energy

This principle encourages us to think creatively about capturing and utilising the natural resources around us. It’s not just about installing solar panels or composting food scraps, though those are great steps! It’s about seeing energy in everything – the sun’s warmth, the wind’s power, the organic matter decomposing in your backyard and even our bodies.

Rethinking the “Tank” mentality

As mentioned, the traditional view sees energy as something we capture and hold, like water in a tank. Batteries, pumped hydro facilities, and compressed air storage all exemplify this approach. It’s intuitive and familiar, but it has limitations. In the spirit of permaculture, we can become energy ninjas, observing, capturing, and storing these gifts from nature to power our lives in creative and sustainable ways.

Easy ideas to get your started:

- Become a sun-catcher: Plant fruit trees strategically to shade your house in summer, reducing reliance on air conditioning. Build a simple solar oven to bake delicious treats using the sun’s free heat.
- Plant Powerhouses: Embrace trees like wattles and sheoaks – nitrogen fixers that capture sunlight and turn it into soil food. You’re essentially growing your own fertiliser factory that also provide support for other target species to grow (like fruit trees).
- Embrace the rain: Plant on contour to channel water flow and prevent erosion, while replenishing your soil’s moisture reserves. Encourage every drop to be absorbed where it lands.
- Upgrade your appliances: Invest in energy-efficient models for everything from your fridge to your washing machine. Every watt saved adds up, reducing your reliance on the grid and reducing your electricity bill.
- Embrace the clothesline: Ditch the dryer and harness the power of the sun and wind to dry your clothes naturally. Not only is it good for the environment, but it’s also gentler on your clothes and saves you money. Near your fireplace, install a ceiling mounted, Victorian style, clothes airer for winter use.
- Human Power: While not exactly innovative, like the next section, permaculture encourages maximising human power for everyday tasks. Bicycles for transportation, hand tools for gardening, and manual or spot washing instead of machines are all ways to

tap into your own energy reserves while reducing reliance on external sources. Think about getting a workout while powering your daily chores.

Innovative permaculture hacks for catching and storing energy:

- Biochar Battery: Biochar, a charcoal-like substance created from burning organic matter, has the potential to store electricity as chemical energy. Researchers are exploring ways to create “biochar batteries” where biochar charges up like a capacitor, releasing energy later. Think about the possibilities of using food scraps to create your own mini-battery.
- Compost Heat: As compost decomposes, it generates heat. Capturing this heat through insulated systems can be used for greenhouses, water heating, or even low- temperature cooking. Imagine your kitchen waste keeping your seedlings warm.
- Anaerobic Digester: These systems break down organic waste in the absence of oxygen, producing methane gas. This biogas can be used for cooking, heating, or generating electricity. You can literally turn food scraps and manure into your own personal fuel source, and for as little as \$2k.
- Wind Turbines on Fruit Trees: Imagine small, low-profile wind turbines integrated into the branches of fruit trees. These could harness wind energy while not impeding sunlight or fruit production. While still in development, it offers a fascinating example of integrating energy capture into existing permaculture systems.

Remember, these are just a few examples, and the field is constantly evolving.

The key is to approach energy holistically, viewing it as part of a larger ecological web. By thinking outside the “tank” and embracing permaculture principles, we can unlock a future where energy is not just captured, but nurtured, shared, and utilised in ways that benefit our planet and ourselves.

So, the next time you see sunlight streaming through your window or feel a cool breeze on your face, don’t just bask in the moment. Think of it as an invitation to become an energy ninja, capturing and storing nature’s bounty to power your life in a sustainable and mindful way.

Stay tuned for next month when I continue the permaculture series in discussing principle three - Obtain a Yield.

Until then, if you want to chat about permaculture or have questions about any upcoming workshops, contact gday@eightacres.com.au



EIGHT ACRES PERMACULTURE

St John Ambulance WA – Pemberton Sub-Centre

Here's an update on what's been happening at the Pemberton Sub-Centre!

Pemberton Northcliffe Sub-Centres are merging:

The crews from Pemberton and Northcliffe are working towards Northcliffe becoming a sub-branch of Pemberton Sub-Centre. This is why you will see us appear as Pemberton/Northcliffe Sub-Centre. The merge is anticipated to be finalised by mid-year.

There are a few reasons why this is taking place, however, primarily it is in response to a drop in volunteer numbers. Both crews view this merge as a positive response as we already have an outstanding working relationship, this will now expand to shared resources and joint training possibilities which can only enhance our ability to service both communities.

Fundraising:

You may have seen us appear on various local Facebook pages, launching our fundraising drive.

You can track our progress by visiting the Sub Centre Notice board where you will find the following gauge and target.



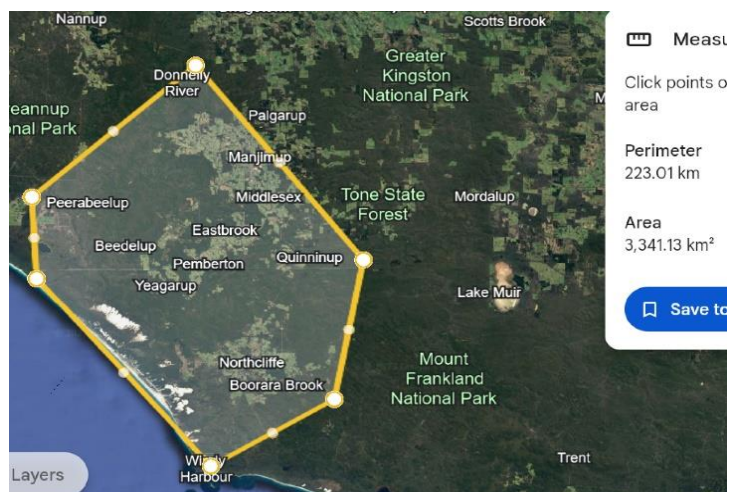
Proposed Accommodation



Aging fleet – aiming to replace with a Toyota Hiace 4WD conversion to operate in conjunction with the current 4WD ambulance and 1 ex-metro van

Fund fact!

You can fit the island of Mauritius in the area 4 ambulances and 25 officers cover.





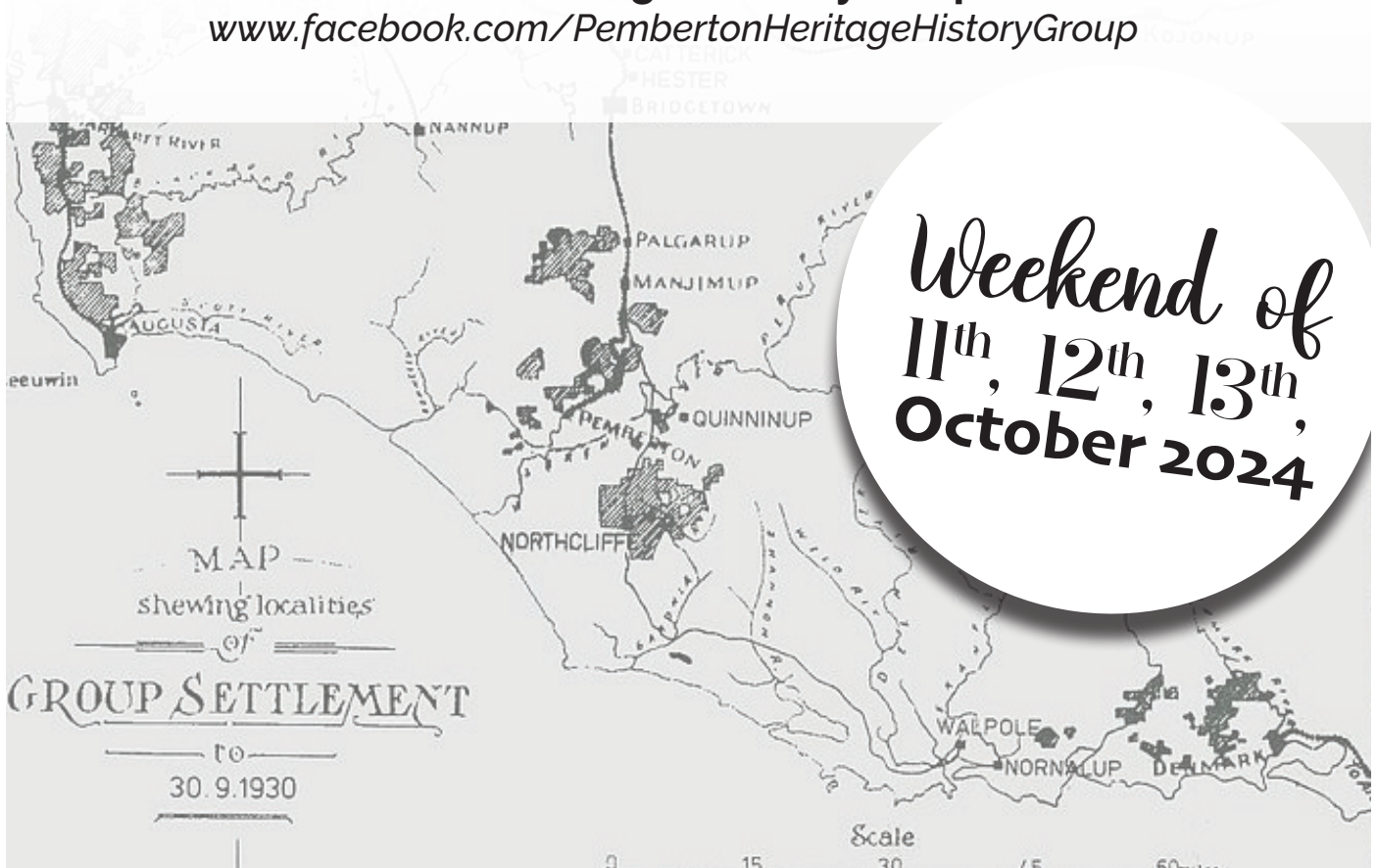
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A three-day celebration of our Group Settler families and early pioneer families.

All welcome

Register your interest by email to:
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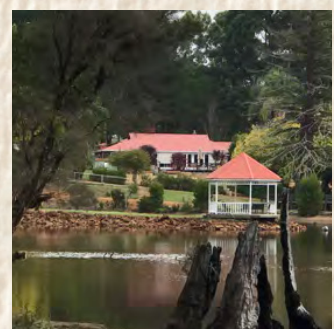
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Manjimup Shire Bulletin

February 2024



SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am hoping you all had a chance to unwind and enjoy a break over the festive season. The grand ol' lady, our town Christmas tree, made her come back. Thank you to the Manjimup Chamber of Commerce and Industry, special thanks to Kim Starkie and the many local businesses that made it happen. It has been a challenging time on the fire front with lightning strikes testing our volleys. I sincerely thank you for giving up your family time to ensure the safety of our communities. Speaking of volunteers, congratulations to the 21 nominees for the 2024 Citizen of the Year awards. Volunteers are the life blood of our towns, thanking them just never seems enough. This year the Shire of Manjimup is celebrating the nominees in a display at the Art Gallery next to the Manjimup library. Pop in and read about the amazing efforts our nominees have made – there is an opportunity to nominate for next years' awards, so put your thinking hats on. Heads up – Shire of Manjimup Community Grants are opening soon, start thinking how the Shire can support your event or group. Finally, I'd like to catch up with you in your town. On the first Monday of each month I will be spending the day finding out what is important to you.

Monday 5th February:

- Northcliffe Visitors Centre from 9-12
- Quinninup Tavern from 12-2

March will be Pemberton and Walpole. I am looking forward to hearing what you think and feel.

Stay safe, see you soon

Donelle Buegge
(Shire President)

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Policy Review

Council recently reviewed the following policies:

- 2.5.2 Prosecution on Behalf of Council
- 5.2.3 Collection of Outstanding Infringement Notices
- 3.3.1 Manjimup Regional AquaCentre - Temporary Alterations of Operating Hours
- 3.1.5 Temporary Event Banners on Fixed Banner Frames
- 1.1.4 Councillor Continuing Professional Development

Policies are available to view on the Shire website.

Access and Inclusion Plan 2024 - 2029

At the Council Meeting held 7 December 2023, Council adopted the Access and Inclusion Plan 2024-2029. The Plan guides the Shire in its aims to ensure that the services it provides meet varied individual needs and expectations and that everyone has equal access to these services regardless of their race, heritage, gender, religious or non-religious belief, nationality, family background, age, disability or sexuality. View the Access and Inclusion Plan on the Shire website.

Annual Report 2023

Council adopted the 2023 Annual Report at the meeting held on 7 December 2023. The Annual Report and Annual Financial Report are available to the public on the Shire website, at the Administration Office and Shire Libraries.

SHIRE NOTICES

Regulated Burn Times

We are currently in the PROHIBITED burning period across all of the Shire.

Annual Electors Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Electors was held at the Shire offices Tuesday 16 January 2024. Thank you to the members of the community who attended.

Rates

If you have not received your notice, please contact the Shire.

Due dates for rates are as follows:

- 3rd Instalment - 1 February 2024
- 4th Instalment - 11 April 2024

SHIRE NEWS

Community Grants

Community groups and not-for-profit organisations are invited to apply for funding under the 2024-2025 Shire of Manjimup Community Grant Program.

Applications are open Mon 5 Feb - Fri 29 Mar. Applicants will be notified on the outcome of their grant with the adoption of the Shire's Annual Budget (late July / August).

Application forms are available from the Administration Office, libraries or the website www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/communitygrants

Libraries - Rhyme Time and Story Time

The libraries are excited to welcome our smallest book enthusiasts back to Rhyme Time and Story Time in 2024. Check the website or facebook page for the times at your library!

Art Gallery - Contours: Aerial Impressions of a Complex Landscape by Richard Woldendorp

For almost 60 years, Richard Woldendorp used aerial photography to create stunning abstract art pieces inspired by Australia's unique landscape. 16 February to 22 March.

AquaCentre - Swim School

Check out the new Infant and Stage Timetables for Term 1 on the AquaCentre facebook page or website and get your little ones confident in and around water.

Home and Community Care

Manjimup Home and Community Care provide a diverse range of services to older persons, people living with disabilities, people living with dementia and their carers. See what they can do for you or your loved ones at www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/mhcc

Brockman Street Lights

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

- 4 to 10 - Feeding Tube Awareness Week
- 14 - Valentines Day
- 15 - Gallbladder/Bile Duct Cancer Awareness
- 22 - World Encephalitis Day

REGULATED BURN TIMES

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- Cr Murray Ventris, 0428 471 197
- Cr Jennifer Willcox, 0400 504 095
- Cr Cliff Winfield, 0427 717 944

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Pemberton Library

61 Brockman Street - 9776 1311

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Friday 1 pm to 5 pm

Saturday 9 am - 12 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

Boronia Club - 10 am to 2 pm Monday and Friday

Over 50 Exercise Group - 9 am to 10 am Tuesday and Thursday

Tai Chi 10.30 am to 11.30 am Wednesday

Bingo - 1 pm to 3pm Thursday

Council Meetings

The February Council meeting will commence at 5.30 pm in the Council Chambers on 15 February 2024.

AquaCentre

Check out the extensive group fitness and swim school programs on the website.



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