

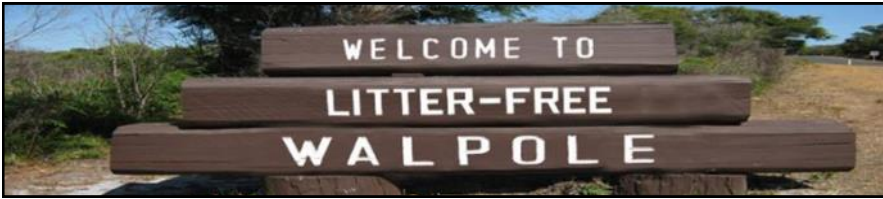
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## Hon Paul Omodei receives Local Government Medal

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*Hon. Cr Paul Omodei*

The Shire of Manjimup is thrilled to announce that the Hon Paul Omodei has received the prestigious Local Government Medal. The award recognises exceptional service, outstanding achievements and significant contributions to the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA), the local government sector across the State, as well as the local community. The Local Government Medal is the highest award issued by WALGA.

Shire President, Donelle Buegge said “Cr Omodei has many years and diverse experiences in Government. We congratulate him on his award and acknowledge his continued commitment to our community”. Cr Omodei commented

“I consider the awarding of the Local Government Medal to me as one of the highlights of my public career”.

Cr Omodei is a valued member of our community, with close to 40 years of experience in local government, State Government, farming and corporate consulting. He began his chosen career in local government in May of 1976 at the Shire of Manjimup where he was elected to Council and remained serving the Shire for 12 years. During this time, he was the Shire President twice. Cr Omodei returned to the Shire of Manjimup as an elected Councillor in 2013 and took on the role of Shire President for the third time in March of 2017. Cr Omodei stated that “as an elected leader at the Shire of Manjimup I have been provided with strong support in the many campaigns waged in support of our communities”.

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Cr Omodei has extensive experience in State Parliament, having been elected numerous times as the member for Warren and Warren Blackwood. He has held many Ministerial seats including the Minister for Local Government from 1993 until 2001. "I was fortunate to be the Minister for Local Government at the time of significant change with a stand-alone Local Government Department" Cr Omodei reflected on his role.

"This is an opportunity for me to recognise the immense contribution of my staff (over many years) and public servants who, without their contributions, much of what was achieved would not have been possible" Cr Omodei stated, particularly referring to his time in Parliament.

In addition to his elected Councillor role at Manjimup, Cr Omodei also serves as: a board member for the WA Local Government Insurance Scheme; an advisory member of the WALGA panel; the Deputy Chairperson for the Pemberton Aged Care Committee; the President of the Pemberton Chamber of Commerce and various other local community groups and associations. He is an upstanding member of our community who recognises the importance of family, reflecting that "none of this would have been possible without the support of my wife, Ros, and our immediate family".

Cr Omodei is an incredible individual who has spent his life in unwavering dedication to public service. He consistently demonstrates outstanding service, character and commitment to the sector, making exceptional contributions that have benefitted countless communities across Australia. His tireless efforts exemplify the spirit of this award and the Shire of Manjimup is grateful for his contributions to our community and congratulate him on the immense achievement.

~ Authorised by: Donelle Buegge, Shire President  
Contact: 0409 114 681

Benjamin (Ben) Rose Chief Executive Officer Shire of Manjimup



## What is a Memory Café?



... a small group of Primary Carers and family members of people living with Dementia. We aim to strengthen relationships and create safety nets for Carers and people with Dementia.

FGMN Café's are a welcoming place for people to visit and feel secure in the knowledge that there will be no prejudice or judgement.

Dementia does not discriminate and neither do we. An FGMN pin is free and has been designed as a recognised symbol for people who have dementia, to wear and raise awareness.

There are 23 Memory Cafés throughout WA. Denmark launched their first in July. Walpole's first will be:  
Monday 19th August at BP Café, 10.30-12pm.

~Di Pickersgill.

## Classifieds

### Physiotherapy

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The sun, with all those planets dependent on it, can still ripen a bunch of grapes as if it had nothing else to do.

~ Galileo Galilei

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Open Wed-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat-Sun 9am-4pm, closed Mon-Tues	
<b>BP Roadhouse</b> 'food to go—dine in, best coffee!'	9840 1802
<b>Tree Top Restaurant Tree Top Walk Motel - 45 Nockolds Street</b>	
a la carte dining 6 nights (not Sundays) Takeaway also available	9840 1444
<b>Walpole Hotel/ Motel</b> 'Open for Lunch and Dinner 7 days a week'	9840 1023
Open every day Lunch 12pm-2pm, Dinner 6pm - 8pm, Cnr Boronia Ave & South West Hwy, Walpole	

## Massive MediSecure Cyberattack: Nearly 13 Million Australians' Medical Data Leaked



In April, MediSecure experienced a major cyberattack, resulting in the leak of personal medical data of nearly 13 million Australians. The attack is among the largest data breaches in Australian history, with 6.5 terabytes of data stolen. Unfortunately, the investigation couldn't pinpoint the affected individuals due to the data's complexity and cost constraints.

The stolen data includes:

- Personal details: Full name, title, date of birth, gender, email, address, phone number
- Healthcare identifiers: Medicare card numbers, Pensioner Concession card numbers, Commonwealth Seniors card numbers, Healthcare Concession card numbers, Department of Veterans' Affairs card numbers, and expiry dates for all cards
- Prescription details: Medication names, strength, quantity, repeats, and reasons for prescriptions

The affected data spans from March 2019 to November 2023. Since it's impossible to identify the

exact individuals affected, it's recommended that all Australians take precautions. If you have ever received electronic prescriptions, you might be at risk.

What to Do:

- Be wary of unsolicited contacts, especially those referencing the MediSecure breach.
- Do not provide personal or payment information to unknown contacts.
- Verify the authenticity of any request by independently sourcing contact numbers.
- Concession card holders: No action needed as accounts can't be accessed with card numbers alone.
- Concerned about your Medicare card details? Replace your card via your Medicare online account through myGov.

Thank you to ASCCA for the information.

~Walpole CRC



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**Walpole-Nornalup Visitor Centre**  
**New Open Hours for winter months**

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday**  
**9am - 2pm**



## Letters to the editor



THANK YOU Davina.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Davina for all her passion, hard work, dedication and enthusiasm for the Walpole-Nornalup Visitor Centre and our wonderful town.

Davina was instrumental in the development and upgrades in the centre, she invigorated the markets and made Easter and Christmas so special for our children.

The Visitor Centre Quiz Nights were also a huge success and the planning and work involved to make them happen was due to Davina's ability to plan and organise such events.

The town, businesses and local producers have benefited immensely.

From Staff and Volunteers of the Walpole-Nornalup Visitor Centre.

~ Glenda Grigg

## We welcome your opinion

The *Walpole Weekly* values freedom of expression and welcomes contributions and feedback from readers via letter or email on any topic of community interest:

- 1) All content submitted for publication must provide full name and contact details.
- 2) The Walpole CRC will no longer publish anonymous letters.
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- 7) The Management Committee will make the final decision on whether or not to publish the content in the next available edition of the *Weekly*.  
Email [weekly@walpole.org.au](mailto:weekly@walpole.org.au).

Dear Readers,

We want to extend our sincerest apologies for the wording in last week's article about Emma McKinlay. There were some inaccuracies that we want to correct. Emma has been a cornerstone of our local pharmacy for the past 20 years. Originally employed by Claire and Jeff, she worked with them for 16 years.

When Dirk took over four years ago, Emma continued her dedicated service. We are fortunate to still have her as our trusted pharmacist.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support.

## Walpole Weekly

### Rainfall Recap with Kim Jewell



Total rainfall for July:	155.4 mm
Av for July:	181.9 mm
Highest recorded:	278 mm (2008)
Lowest:	105 mm (2005)

#### *Sirius and Jupiter:*

As the sky brightens ahead of sunrise, the last two visible specks are the planet Jupiter, which is to the east of us, and the star Sirius, which is to the south. Up until an hour before sunrise (ie up until about 0600) Mars is also visible, higher than Jupiter and slightly to the north.

*This data is from the automatic weather recording station at Walpole North, recorded on the BOM website.*

## Shire invests more than \$2.8m into local road network in 2024/25



Boosted funding for road infrastructure and civil works equipment in the newly adopted Annual Budget will allow the Shire of Denmark to continue strengthening its focus on local roads this financial year.

The 2024/25 budget for general roadworks maintenance across the Shire's 600km+ road network received a \$200,000 boost, with a total of \$1.6 million allocated.

It comes in addition to \$1,232,783 earmarked for specific capital works roads projects on Mt Shadforth, Parker, Tindale, Cussons and Wentworth roads, to be delivered in 2024/25.

The works team will also take delivery of some new equipment with funding from this year's budget, with a new wheeled excavator to enable more efficient delivery of the Shire's drainage maintenance program which will help to further improve road quality and safety.

Shire President Kingsley Gibson said the additional financial and equipment resources will contribute to ongoing improvements in service delivery across the roads network.

"We have a very large road network to maintain, and our hope is that with ongoing and meaningful investment, our community will start to see that cash paying off in improved infrastructure right across our Shire," Cr Gibson said.

"Local roads and stormwater drainage was the clearest community priority identified in the extensive engagement for our Strategic Community

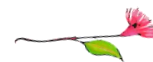
Plan, and this budget recommits us to working towards improvement in that area."

"In addition to increased budget funding, we're also trying to make it easier for our community to interact with us when it comes to finding out information about our roads program or reporting an issue."

"Our new website features an interactive map of our roads network which shares up-to-date grading information, and we have a new, simple and smartphone-compatible 'Report It' online form for community members to report issues and share feedback."

This year's focus on roads funding is not a one-off investment. The Corporate Business Plan 2024-2028 outlines future road projects to be funded and delivered in the coming financial years.

~ Authorised by David King, CEO  
Shire of Denmark



## Shire of Manjimup believes it has a solution to the area's childcare woes



When parents Michela and Nick Blechynden went to enrol their son in child care before he was even born, they were told he may not receive a spot until he reached kindergarten age. The couple live in the South West town of Manjimup, 290 kilometres south of Perth, and said they'd had no problem enrolling their first child in 2020.

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*Shire President, Donelle Buegge*



“When we had our first son Connor we were able to get him into childcare so I could work as a vet nurse three days a week,” Mrs Blechynden said.

“But when I was ready to return to work after having Oliver, I was told there were only eight spots in the baby room and the waitlist was years long.”

In a town of 9,000 people, Manjimup only has one childcare centre - YMCA Timber Tots Early Learning Centre which has 34 children waiting for placement.

The situation has forced some parents to either go without or travel to neighbouring towns Bridgetown or Pemberton for childcare.

Shire President Donelle Buegge said she was receiving multiple phone calls every week from desperate parents.

“I know this isn't normally a Local Government department, but this is an essential service that's holding back the progression of our economy,” Cr Buegge said.

“A lot of these parents are professional people who can't go back to work due to lack of childcare and that's holding us up as a town.”

The Shire held a community forum in July to address the long childcare wait times in town.

Those discussions identified the Lily Strauss Centre, a former kindergarten that closed around 10 years ago, as a potential site for a new childcare centre.

Not-for-profit group Activ owns the building but gifted it to the Shire.

“The main condition they had is that it would benefit

the community and what better way to do that than with a childcare centre,” Cr Buegge said.

Childcare shortages are rampant across Western Australia, with a report finding regional WA ranks the worst in the state for childcare availability.

Neighbouring Shire of Augusta-Margaret River recently secured \$100,000 for a new childcare centre in Augusta.

The Great Southern is also struggling, with 200 applications for just 68 available spots in Albany.

The Productivity Commission recently found nearly half of all one-year-olds across Australia attended some sort of early childhood education.

The report also found removing childcare barriers could see an increase in labour supply equivalent to up to 118,000 full-time workers.

Timber Tots Early Learning Centre Director, Amanda Bennett, says having the Lily Strauss Centre as additional childcare in Manjimup will be a beneficial addition to the community.

“So the [YMCA] WA is very excited at the prospect of more childcare facilities being made available to Manjimup.”

Compliance checks will soon begin at the Lily Strauss Centre to determine what it needs to operate as a childcare centre, but it has not yet been confirmed which operator will run the space.

In the meantime, the Blechynden family will be forced to continue living off one income.

“We just assumed Michela would be able to go back to work and everything would be all good,” Mr Blechynden said.

“Businesses are screaming out for workers and there are capable people wanting to go back to work, but they don't have the ability to get the care for that to happen.”

~ Pip Waller / ABC South West WA



# 'My Community Teaches Me' by Alana McLean: A heartwarming reflection on the power of community



Alana McLean is thrilled to announce the launch of her latest book, 'My Community Teaches Me,' a touching and relatable tribute to the individuals who selflessly

help others to flourish. This enlightening book, set to inspire readers from all walks of life, reflects on the immeasurable positive impact of simple, humble acts within families, communities, and beyond.

“Are you fortunate enough to know those kinds of people who like to help others grow?” asks McLean. 'My Community Teaches Me' invites readers to ponder this question as they delve into stories and reflections that highlight the significance of kindness and community spirit. Each page of this heartwarming book is crafted to spark larger conversations, encouraging inter-generational connection, raising awareness for great causes, and fostering a sense of belonging among people of all ages.

Alana McLean shares: “I've been stalling on this book for some years now, and of course it has evolved... but the time has come to take a leap of faith and introduce my new book. As the saying goes, 'gratitude reciprocates,' and this book for me is a perfect example of just that - people who take time to help others through gestures big and small. I'm so grateful for our vast community.”

This book serves to extend thanks to people who quietly educate and positively impact others. With 50% of the proceeds going to the Albany Community Hospice, this is an endeavour worth celebrating.

My book is more than just a book. It is a salute to the everyday heroes whose actions, no matter how small, leave lasting impressions. It is a call to action for readers to reflect on the power of kindness and to strive to be the positive change within their own communities.

~ Alana McLean

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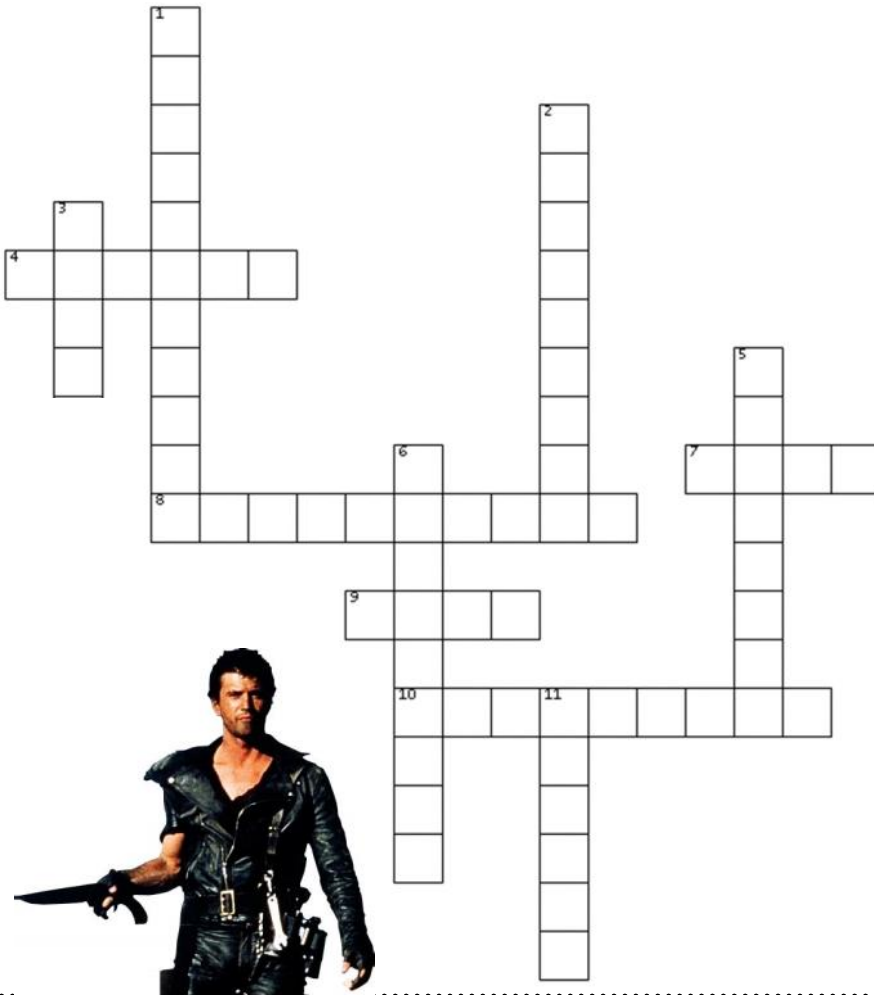
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## Weekly Crossword



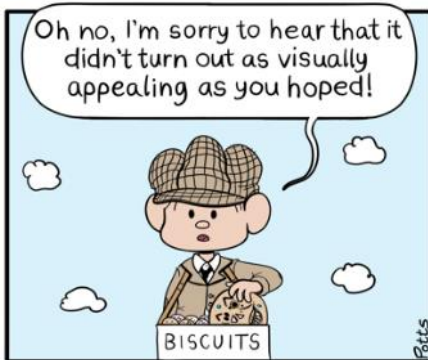
### ACROSS

4. A fancy boat trip and a Hollywood star
7. George Miller produced a famous Australian pig movie
8. A very tall building with multiple floors. You are unlikely to find one in Walpole
9. The artist behind the Footrot Flats comic strip was Murray \_\_\_\_\_
10. Where you might find the Fremantle Prison

### DOWN

1. I've met Suspicious Cliff, I've even met Meticulous Cliff, but I've never met \_\_\_\_\_ Cliff.
2. Michael Caton starred in a 1997 Aussie film about how much he loved his house
3. A gladiator with a bird for a last name. Which bird?
5. It's not noisy disruptive Bay, it's \_\_\_\_\_ Bay
6. A tasty reason to get up in the morning
11. Iconic apocalyptic Aussie film series

## Walpole cartoonist partakes in AI awareness anthology



Local cartoonist, Nathan Vass Viney, was recently asked to produce a full-page comic strip for the 2024 Perth Comic Arts Festival which took place on 27th

and 28th of July. As part of the event Elizabeth Marruffo, a member of the PCAF Committee, asked a selection of Australian comic artists to offer up their creative opinions on Artificial Intelligence and its negative effects on the arts.

Earlier in 2024, the Festival denounced the use of Generative AI at their events. "As technology evolves, so do the options available to produce comics. PCAF embraces new tools, especially if they can save creators from some of the physical toil that is required of such a laborious art form. But in

the case of generative artificial intelligence, as part of our responsibility to our community, we must take a formal stance." Find more of their statement at: <https://pcaf.org.au/ai-statement/>

Nathan commented on his contribution: "I received an email out of the blue asking if I'd be interested in not only making a comic about AI, but also one in the style of a newspaper Sunday/ Weekly strip. I've always been a huge fan of newspaper comics, that's why I submitted Walpole Kids in the first place. The AI theme was an added bonus. This is a topic on the minds of many artists at the moment. Just yesterday I saw animators were protesting in the US. My comic explores the idea of a successful newspaper comic called Apple & Biscuit. But there's a twist; the artist of the comic has long since passed away. The strip asks the question, "Is it worth continuing the comic with AI or... is that perhaps missing the point of art?"

While the anthology is not currently available to the public, feel free to contact Nathan if you're interested in reading his strip via the Walpole CRC or his Instagram page @artbynathanviney.

~ Walpole Weekly

# Weekly Upcoming Activities

Time	Date	Details
10am to 12pm	Wednesday 7th August	Free Outdoor Playtime at Walpole Pioneer Park
10am to 12pm	Wednesday 14th August	Free Outdoor Playtime at Walpole Pioneer Park
10.30am to 12pm	Friday 19th August	Forget Me Not Memory Café
10am to 12pm	Wednesday 21st August	Free Outdoor Playtime at Walpole Pioneer Park
10am to 12pm	Wednesday 28th August	Free Outdoor Playtime at Walpole Pioneer Park

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## Walpole Weekly

# Office hours:

Tuesday to Friday  
10.30am to 3pm

# Weekly events

Day	Details
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>Mahjong</b> at Walpole Community Hall, 10am - Noon</p> <p><b>Mahjong</b> at Nornalup 2pm - 5pm Contact Gail on 0427 689 028 for venue details.</p> <p><b>Zumba</b> at Walpole Sport and Recreation Centre, 5:30pm - 6:30pm</p> <p><b>Doctor Services</b> at Walpole Health Clinic by appointment 9840 1173</p> <p><b>Pickleball</b> 9.30am-11.30am at Walpole Rec Centre</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>Weight Watchers</b> at the Anglican Church Walpole, 9:30am</p> <p><b>Country Club Scoungers Golf</b> 12:30pm</p> <p><b>Autumn Club</b> at Walpole Sport and Recreation Centre, 1pm</p> <p><b>Pilates</b> with Anna-Marie, Walpole Community Hall 9am</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>Stretch and Tone Class</b> at Walpole Sport and Rec Centre, 9 -10am</p> <p><b>Doctor Services</b> at Walpole Health Clinic by appointment 9840 1173 - Telehealth only 10am - 2pm (Every last Wednesday each month)</p> <p><b>Walpole Country Club Social Bowls</b> 12:30pm</p> <p><b>Yin Yoga with Emelie</b> at 20 Bellanger Road, Nornalup 9am and 6pm</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>Pathology Pathwest</b> at Walpole Health Clinic 8:30am -11:30am</p> <p><b>JR Karate</b> at Walpole Sport and Rec Centre 3:15 - 4:15pm</p> <p><b>Yoga with Jenny</b> Nornalup Hall 5:30pm</p> <p><b>Angicare Financial Counselling</b> 1st Thursday every month by appointment - contact CRC</p> <p><b>Ladies golf</b> 10.30am at Walpole Country Club</p> <p><b>Pilates</b> with Anna-Marie, Walpole Community Hall 9am and 6pm</p> <p><b>Community Lunch</b> at Walpole Hotel/Motel 12pm</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>Walpole Mensored</b> at LIA Miguel Place, Walpole, 9.30am -12:30pm</p> <p><b>Table Tennis and Games</b> at Nornalup Community Hall, 5 - 7pm</p> <p><b>Zumba Gold</b> at Walpole Sport and Rec Centre, 9 -10am</p> <p><b>Craft Group</b> at Walpole Community Hall, 2nd and 4th Friday 9:30am</p> <p><b>Meals on Wheels Delivery</b></p> <p><b>Walpole Community Bus trip</b> every second Friday of every month</p> <p><b>Yin Yoga with Emelie</b> at 20 Bellanger Road, Nornalup 9am</p> <p><b>Pickleball</b> 10am-12pm at Walpole Rec Centre</p>
<b>Saturday</b>	<p><b>St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Service</b> at Walpole, 3:45pm</p> <p><b>Yoga with Jenny</b> Nornalup Hall 9am</p> <p><b>Ficifolia Garden Together</b> 3-5pm</p> <p>All Welcome</p> <p><b>Walpole Hotel Motel Breakfast</b> 8:30 am to 10:30am</p>
<b>Sunday</b>	<p><b>St George's Anglican Church Service</b> 10am</p> <p><b>Ficifolia Gardens Busy Bee</b> 10am, second Sunday of every month -- All Welcome</p> <p><b>Walpole Country Club Scoungers Bowls</b> 12:30 pm</p> <p><b>Walpole Country Club Men's Golf</b> 12pm</p> <p><b>Walpole Hotel Motel Breakfast</b> 8:30 am to 10:30am</p>



# Stuck on HOW to build a Farm Safety Plan?



We all recognise the need to keep our farming families and businesses safe during busy work periods, especially when there are young and old family members working alongside short-term employees. While we are often told about what we need to have in place for a safe workplace, it is how to implement a farm safety plan that is the hardest step in the whole process!

Rural Edge have developed an online **Farm Safety Short Course** for farm business owners, managers, and workers to support the early steps into developing a farm safety plan. This short course gives farm businesses the chance to develop or update their farm risk register and learn from other farmers about easy and practical ways to keep all farm business families and employees safe during busy periods.

The Farm Safety Short Course currently enjoys a 100% satisfaction rating, as all participants in this short course would recommend it to others, and their understanding and attitude towards farm safety has increased through joining this short 2 hour safety conversation.

Participants will be guided through the core ingredients of a farm safety plan, including a brief overview of the laws and regulations, and how to develop your Farm Risk Register. As a bonus, time spent talking to others during the course will help to pick up some tips and tricks to make your farm business that little bit safer. A large range of tools and templates are also available to all participants through the Rural Edge information portal.

*Join us over lunch: 11am - 1pm at one of the up-coming Online Farm Safety Short Course*

**Friday 16th August**

<https://ruraledgeaustralia.glueup.com/event/rural-edge-farm-safety-short-course-114923/>

**Thursday 12th September**

<https://ruraledgeaustralia.glueup.com/event/rural-edge-farm-safety-short-course-114924/>

**Friday 4th October**

<https://ruraledgeaustralia.glueup.com/event/rural-edge-farm-safety-short-course-115950/>

Register now to secure your place and join like-minded peers to support each other in identifying risks/hazards and work towards developing your own farm risk register.

This course is normally offered at \$149/person but is being offered for \$99 through support from CBH Group. The session will be facilitated by David Sullivan who is passionate and experienced in Agriculture Health & Safety. Healthier farms begin with safer practices.

~ Emily Davey / Rural Edge

## Weekly sport

### Scroungers Golf Results 30/07/2024

1st: Mick Jeffs	35
2nd: M Hull	28
3rd: P Mount	28

Nornalup Riverside Chalets Long Putt:  
B Cooper 9

Walpole Hardware NTP: 2 or 13 B Myers

Anning Farm NTP: M Hull

### Sunday Golf Results Club Trophy Back 9x2 04/08/2024

Winner: M Hull	36 by countback
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### Library 9840 1108

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### Walpole Op Shop

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# Manjimup Shire Bulletin

August 2024



## SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August is here, thankfully the rain is continuing – keep those rain dances going for just a little bit longer, our farmers need it.

Have you heard of the Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer? It's a tiny 2mm bug that is playing havoc on the trees of Perth, but do you know of the catastrophic effect it could have on the South West horticultural industry? Although this little bug can't fly, the ease of it accidentally being transported makes it a threat to our avocado, citrus, nut, truffle and even blue gum industries. Please be vigilant, bringing garden materials, cuttings, even pallets into the South West have the potential to transport the little critters. Check out DPIRD website for more info.

I, along with fellow Councillors and the CEO were fortunate to attend the National Local Government Conference in Canberra recently. It was great to get the broader view of the challenges Local Governments across Australia are facing. The common thread; in order to continue providing the vast array of services and support required by the community and maintain rates at a reasonable level, local governments need to be able to access more funding from the State and Federal level.

Speaking of rates, over the past weeks, Councillors have been considering our rate levels. We have honestly looked at this year's rate rise strategically, considered the need of all the whole Shire whilst being keenly aware of the financial pressures that households and businesses are facing. Budgets will be adopted at the upcoming Council meeting. As always, please contact the Shire to discuss your rates payment plan should you be experiencing hardship.

The Shire facilitated a childcare round table discussion recently which was well attended by childcare providers, educators, training providers and parents. The desperation for childcare is evident in high waiting list numbers. The discussion was productive and positive, fingers crossed a solution is on the way.

As always please get in touch with one of the Councillors or myself if you have a concern.

Chat soon, Donelle Buegge (Shire President)

### Shire President

• Donelle Buegge, 0409 114 681

### Rural Ward Councillors

- Cr Wendy Eiby, 0434 811 474
- Cr Murray Ventris, 0428 471 197
- Cr Jennifer Willcox, 0400 504 095
- Cr Cliff Winfield, 0427 717 944

**Walpole Transfer Station** - Plain Road  
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**Walpole Library** 2 Pier Street 9840 1108  
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Friday: 9am - 12 pm and 1 pm - 3.30 pm  
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## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### 2024/2025 Budget Adoption

At its meeting held on 1 August Council adopted the 2024/25 Budget incorporating an average rate increase of 3.9%. Adopting a new and thorough process for Budget development, staff and Elected Members have worked tirelessly to maintain a low rate increase while not compromising current service delivery.

### Policy Reviews

Council Recently revised the following policies:

- 1.1.2 Councillor Meeting Fees and Reimbursement Expenses.

And adopted the following new policy:

- 2.5.4 Legal Representation for Shire Representatives.

## SHIRE NOTICES

### Mordalup Road Closure

From 21 October, road works will be commencing on Mordalup Road at SLK 9.18 (650m East of Glendale Road Intersection).

A 50km detour, via Northern Road or Cup Road and Buranganup Road, can be utilised to reconnect with Mordalup Road. Please be aware these are gravel roads and as such, their condition can vary.

The closure will be at this bridge site for up to 8 months, until 31 June 2025. Please be aware, these dates are indicative only.

### Citizen of the Year Award - Nominations Open

Do you know someone who makes a difference in your community? Nominate them for a Citizen of the Year Award! Please visit the Shire website for more details.

## 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

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## SHIRE NEWS

### Libraries

Book Launch—Growing Roots by Dr Christina Gillgren

The Manjimup Library hosted a launch of the recently published, *Growing Roots*, by Dr Christina Gillgren, which tells the story of Italians and Croatians in the development of the Western Australian Timber Industry.

### Special Guest Storyteller

Shire CEO, Ben Rose, made time to visit the Pemberton Library on 24 July to read his favourite children's story, *The Gruffalo* to children attending Storytime.

### Manjimup Art Gallery

#### Fantastic Fungi Exhibition

The exhibition linked to the Manjimup Photo Club's annual fungi photographic competition will be on display at the Manjimup Art Gallery from 17 August until 16 September 2024. *Fantastic Fungi* is one of the most popular exhibitions staged at the gallery.

### AquaCentre

The Manjimup AquaCentre is an indoor facility with two heated pools; a 25 metre lap pool with 8 lanes and a leisure pool with 2 lanes and beach area.

The facility also boasts a group fitness room, a café and a creche. The creche runs Monday to Friday 9am to 12pm by appointment only.

### Manjimup Home and Community Care

Manjimup Home and Community Care provides a helping hand to seniors, people with disabilities, and their caregivers in the Manjimup region. Their services include assistance with daily tasks like housework and meals, social support and transportation. They aim to help people maintain their independence and live fulfilling lives in their own homes.

### Council Meetings

The next August Council Meeting(s) will commence at 5.30 pm on 1 and 22 August in the Council Chambers, Brockman Street, Manjimup.



The Shire of Manjimup respectfully acknowledges the Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands in which we work throughout the region and we pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.