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The Denmark Black Dog Ride (BDR) 'One Dayer' Ride is travelling via Walpole to Pemberton on the morning of Sunday, 16th March. The riders will be arriving at the Ficifolia Community Garden for morning tea at 10am. Please come and join the riders and have a look at the expected 100 motorbikes coming into town.

On this day, approximately 50 'One Dayer' rides occur nationally, involving in excess of 8,000 riders.

The Black Dog Ride's aim is to raise awareness of depression and suicide prevention.

This ride aims to encourage open discussion and conversations around mental health, striving to remove the stigma. Sadly, eight Australians a day take their own lives.

BDR is a not-for-profit charity that began in 2009 with a single rider and has developed into a national organisation encouraging conversations, developing camaraderie while spreading the message. Since its inception in 2009, BDR has raised nearly \$4million through their initiatives. Money raised goes directly to numerous organisations to support mental health within Australia.

BDR actively run fully funded mental health first aid courses enabling more people to recognise problems within their community and encouraging conversations asking 'How are you doing mate?' Checking in with mates is the key to saving lives. Participating in a mental health course will help you recognise the signs of someone struggling with depression.

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# Help stop this ... .. becoming this!



Old-growth tingle forest in Walpole-Nornalup National Park, soon to be incinerated in DBCA's prescribed burn FRK\_099 Nornalup.



One of the massive old tingle trees DBCA burnt to the ground in its prescribed burn in Giants forest block near Nornalup in December 2024.

Any day now, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) will set fire to this beautiful tingle forest on the banks of the Frankland River, opposite Nornalup, in Walpole-Nornalup National Park.

Despite all the evidence against current prescribed burning, DBCA continues to ignite massive hot burns across the South West, scorching tens of thousands of hectares of bushland and killing any number of quokkas, woylies, numbats, cockatoos and other threatened species.

To save this beautiful tingle forest, ask these people to cancel prescribed burn FRK\_099 Nornalup:

- Minister for Environment, Hon. Reece Whitby MLA  
Telephone 6552 6300 or email [Minister.Whitby@dpc.wa.gov.au](mailto:Minister.Whitby@dpc.wa.gov.au)
- Stuart Smith, Director General of DBCA  
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For more information, see the Prescribed Burning Fact Sheets at [www.southwestforestsdefence.org/prescribed-burning](http://www.southwestforestsdefence.org/prescribed-burning)

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If you would like to take part in a BDR mental health course, please contact Bev Seeney on 0429 374 034. Bev can also assist with access to BDR Grants that are available to assist in mental health projects.

We welcome the Walpole community to join us at the Ficifolia Community Garden at 10am on 16th March.

~ Shari Bolitho  
Black Dog Ride



## TAKING CONTROL OF YOUR OWN HEREAFTER

One of the most generous legacies we can leave our families is to have put all our affairs in order before we pass away

Learn how to do just that  
at this informative seminar presented by  
Jennifer Willcox

All resources provided  
Date: Thursday 20th & Friday 21st of March  
Time 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Where: Walpole CRC  
Free Event

Thursday Lunch at Walpole Hotel Motel

Bookings essential P: 9840 1395

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## Photo of the week!

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Photo by Kat Allia



# A weekend of music and magic at the Nannup Music Festival



Over the long weekend, my family headed north to Nannup, a charming little town known for hosting a big annual music festival. The festival kicked off at 5pm Friday, with market stalls lining the streets and music filling the air from every direction. It was a vibrant, lively event, packed with activities and performances - so much so that it would be impossible to cover everything! But here's a glimpse of what we experienced.

We started our evening at The Amphitheatre, the festival's main stage, where Salt and Steel had the crowd on their feet, dancing and singing along.



*Boom! Bap! Pow!*

Food was conveniently located next door at the Goorbillyup Stage, offering various options, from classic festival favourites like pizza, chips, and burgers to more adventurous dishes such as Greek souvlaki and curries.



As we wandered down the street, we came across an incredible sand sculpture of Cupid and a beautifully designed 'love couch,' inviting visitors to share their love stories.

Saturday was jam-packed with workshops led by talented artists and special presenters. Many of these sessions were held in the charming Anglican Church and the Arboretum - an idyllic setting under the trees, offering some welcome shade and cooler air. As night fell, each venue overflowed with excited festival-goers eager to see their favourite artists perform. The weather was cool, and many attendees came prepared with warm jackets for the crisp evening air.

Sunday brought a dramatic shift in weather, with temperatures soaring to 36°C. However, the heat did nothing to dampen the energy of the festival. The day was once again filled with engaging workshops, and as the warm evening set in, live music played across every venue. My family spent most of the night at The Secret Garden, soaking up the atmosphere and incredible performances.

What a fantastic event! A huge thank you to all the sponsors, organisers, and the 450 dedicated volunteers who made the Nannup Music Festival possible. It was an unforgettable experience, and we can't wait for next year!

*~ Trinity Smith*



*Sunday Lemonade*





# Happy 90TH Birthday Kate O'Brien



*Photography by Liv Stockley*

Sunday, March 2nd - Blue skies and light winds made for a perfect day as family and friends celebrated Kate O'Brien's 90th birthday on the beach at Peaceful Bay.

Kate's extended family, friends from far afield and Walpole locals all enjoyed her company. Reconnection and reminiscing were the order of the day, helped along by sharing food and drink in the shade of gazebos.

Some folk took the chance to swim in the waters of the Bay, which added to the relaxed atmosphere - all in all a fantastic day for a special lady. Kate's family extend special thanks to all who attended, making a day for all to remember.





# Walpole Family Centre Update



The Walpole Family Centre has become the latest ECEC service to join the Regional Early Education and Development (REED) Inc.

The merger, which took effect on 25th February, has been enabled by a Department of Communities grant, allowing REED to expand its operations to the Great Southern, Goldfields-Esperance and South West regions of WA.

The outgoing Committee Chair of the Walpole Family Centre, Trudi Miles, said, “The WFC and REED merger means we have secured quality child care for the Walpole community into the future.”

REED offers a cluster model of management to ECEC services across regional WA, working to reduce the burden on local Committees and Shires to provide these vital community services.

By merging with REED, regional services are more financially viable, costs to families remain affordable, educators are provided with ongoing industry specific professional development and support, and children receive the highest quality of care.

Chief Executive Officer Kylie Helgesen said, “A merger with REED will ensure that the Walpole service can continue to benefit the children and families of your community, under the REED banner.

The centre will receive upgrades in line with REED’s high standards of quality, and the existing staff will be invited to join the REED team.”

There are currently some positions available for Early Childhood Educators who are passionate about providing the best care to the children of Walpole.

Visit the <https://reedwa.org.au> or get in touch with REED at [project.management@reedwa.org.au](mailto:project.management@reedwa.org.au) or 08 6832 3825 for more information.

REED looks forward to offering its services to additional Early Childhood Education and Care centres as part of the Department of Communities grant, strengthening access to ECEC services for regional children, families and communities.

~ Emma Wilson / Reed WA



## CLEANING STAFF REQUIRED

Coalmine Beach Holiday Park is seeking an experienced person to join our team.

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<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>Mahjong</b> at Walpole Community Hall, 10am - Noon  <b>Mahjong</b> at Nornalup 2pm - 5pm Contact Gail on 0427 689 028 for venue details.  <b>Zumba</b> at Walpole Sport and Recreation Centre, 5:30pm - 6:30pm  <b>Doctor Services</b> at Walpole Health Clinic by appointment 9840 1173  <b>Pickleball</b> 9.30am-11.30am at Walpole Rec Centre  <b>Forget Me Not Café</b> 10.30am - 12.00pm at BP Café 3rd Monday every month  <b>Pilates</b> Anna-Marie, Walpole Community Hall 6pm</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>Weight Watchers</b> at the Anglican Church Walpole, 9:30am  <b>Country Club</b> Scourgers Golf 12:30pm  <b>Autumn Club</b> at Walpole Sport and Recreation Centre, 1pm  <b>Pilates</b> 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  <b>Doctor Services</b> at Walpole Health Clinic by appointment 9840 1173 - Telehealth only 10am - 2pm (Every last Wednesday each month)  <b>Walpole Country Club</b> Social Bowls 12:30pm  <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  <b>JR Karate</b> at Walpole Sport and Rec Centre 3:15 - 4:15pm  <b>Yoga with Jenny</b> Nornalup Hall 5:30pm  <b>Anglicare Financial Counselling</b> 1st Thursday every month by appointment - contact CRC  <b>Ladies golf</b> 10.30am at Walpole Country Club  <b>Pilates</b> Anna-Marie, Walpole Community Hall 9am and 6pm  <b>Community Lunch</b> at Walpole Hotel/Motel 12pm</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>Walpole Menshed</b> at LIA Miguel Place, Walpole, 9.30am -12:30pm  <b>Table Tennis and Games</b> at Nornalup Community Hall, 5 - 7pm  <b>Doctor Services</b> at Walpole Health Clinic by appointment 9840 1173 (<b>Fortnightly</b>)  <b>Zumba Gold</b> at Walpole Sport and Rec Centre, 9 -10am  <b>Craft Group</b> at Walpole Community Hall, 2nd and 4th Friday 9:30am  <b>Meals on Wheels Delivery</b>  <b>Walpole Community Bus trip</b> every second Friday of every month  <b>Yin Yoga with Emelie</b> at 20 Bellanger Road, Nornalup 9am  <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  <b>Yoga with Jenny</b> Nornalup Hall 9am  <b>Ficifolia Garden Together</b> 3-5pm All Welcome</p>
<b>Sunday</b>	<p><b>St George's Anglican Church Service</b> 10am  <b>Ficifolia Gardens</b> Busy Bee 10am, second Sunday of every month -- All Welcome  <b>Walpole Country Club</b> Scourgers Bowls 12:30 pm  <b>Walpole Country Club</b> Men's Golf 12pm</p>

# Weekly events

## Upcoming Activities

Time	Date	Details
10.00am to 11.00am	Friday March 7th	Storytime for children ages 0 - 6 at Walpole Public Library
1.15pm to 4pm	Friday March 7th	2025 South Coast Community Forum at Walpole CRC
5.00pm to 7.00pm	Friday March 7th	Leanna Shoveller live at Ficifolia Gardens
10.00am to 2.00pm	Saturday March 8th	Holistic Goal Setting and Networking Event at Ficifolia Community Gardens
9.00am	Wednesday March 12th	Play in the Park at Walpole Sport and Rec Centre
10.00am	Sunday March 16th	Black Dog Ride at Ficifolia Gardens
2.00pm	Sunday March 16th	Walpole Nornalup and District Historical Society Inc AGM at Walpole CRC
9.00am to 12.00pm	Thursday March 20th & Friday 21st	Taking control of your own hereafter with Jennifer Willcox at Walpole CRC Book: 9840 1395
10.00am to 11.00am	Friday March 21st	Storytime for children ages 0 - 6 at Walpole Public Library
9.00am	Wednesday April 9th	Play in the Park at Walpole Sport and Rec Centre
10.00am to 11.00am	Friday April 11th	Storytime for children ages 0 - 6 at Walpole Public Library

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**Trainee Position**

**Walpole CRC**

**PO Box 197, Walpole, WA, 6398**

**Or Email: [admin@walpole.org.au](mailto:admin@walpole.org.au)**

The successful applicant will commence work at the CRC as soon as the appointment is filled. Written applications with CV and References by **COB 7th of March 2025**.





# Your weekly food and coffee guide

What's on offer in and around Walpole this week...



**Bow Bridge Road House** 'Homemade burgers, coffee, cakes, fish and chips, liquor and groceries.'

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**Nautilus Café - Peaceful Bay Caravan Park**

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**Tree Top Restaurant Tree Top Walk Motel - 45 Nockolds Street**

9840 1444

a la carte dining 6 nights (not Sundays) Takeaway also available

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## Stay prepared for the remaining bushfire season



The risk of bushfires remains significant, with hot, dry, and windy conditions expected over the next three months. It is essential to have a bushfire plan in place, along with maintaining fire breaks, trimming branches, and cleaning gutters.

Bushfires can start suddenly and without warning. To survive a bushfire, you must be ready to make your own decisions. The single biggest killer is indecision. It's important to understand your risks and plan what you'll do to keep safe when a bushfire threatens your life or home.

If you live in a bushfire-prone area, you need to understand bushfire warnings before a fire threatens your home. There are three warning levels which move up and down to reflect the risk to your life or property.

For the latest information visit [emergency.wa.gov.au](https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au). Did you know the Emergency WA app is now available for download from the App Store or Google Play? **Stay prepared for a bushfire to keep yourself and your household safe.**

~ Linda Ashton  
Community Preparedness Advisor  
Lower South West Region

## Weekly poetry from Walpole's very own Shirley M Wild



### LARRIKINS

Do Kookaburras share a private joke,  
While cackling in their gum  
tree homes on high?  
Can they see something  
funny in a bloke,  
Whose earthbound feet won't  
lift him to the sky?  
No matter what, I laugh  
along with them,  
Glad of this mirthful moment in my day,  
And think of it as just another gem,  
To add to happy memories tucked away.  
For carolling, I like my Magpie guest,  
And I would wish the  
brilliant Blue Wren stay.  
But ask which birdland  
friend I like the best,  
I'd pick the Kookaburra any day.  
Because these laughing  
larrikins you see,  
Bring out the sneaky larrikin in me!





# Women's Wellness in Walpole 2025

WWW invites you to celebrate International  
Women's Day 8th March 2025

- Where: Ficifolia Community Gardens
- Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Price: No charge

Join us for our **Holistic Goals Setting and Networking Event**

- 10:00 am Arrive and register
- 10:30 am Holistic Goals Workshop hosted by Penny Goodwin
- 12:00 pm Meet and mingle
- 12:30 pm Brainstorming - How can WWW support your Holistic Goals

## Holistic Goals Workshop

Penny Goodwin is a self-confessed holistic goal enthusiast, businesswoman and mum. One half of Goodies Farm, a broadacre farm and value-added business based in Kendenup and Denmark. Penny has used holistic goals to achieve business aspirations and create long-term visions for her life, family and business.

Walpole Women are invited to come along to this fun, interactive workshop to get some basic principles on creating visions for your own life and community.

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*Keep with Bevan!*



Authorised by J Freeman, The Nationals WA, 43 Ventnor Avenue, West Perth WA 6005.

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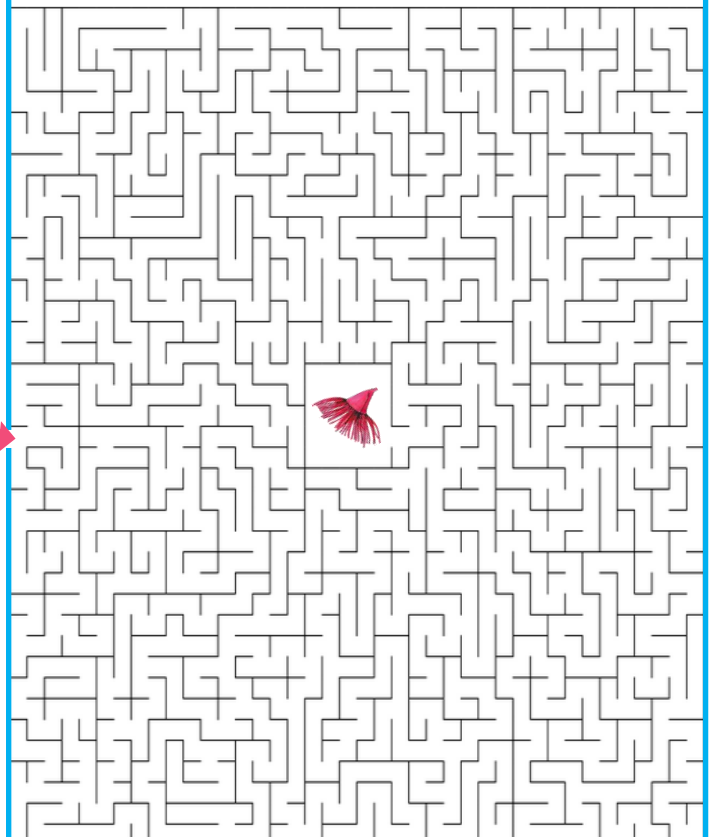
**One-on-one sessions on Thursday afternoons.  
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Book to make an appointment or register for a workshop  
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Phone: 08 9840 1395

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## Weekly Maze





# Water Corp Update for the Walpole Community



Water Corporation would like to update the community on the Walpole Borefield Trial, which provides drinking water to Walpole properties from three new bores located near Swann Road. This Trial is part of our ongoing work to secure a sustainable supply of high-quality drinking water for Walpole.

The Trial re-started in early December 2024 and as the focus has been on the drier months of the year when water demand is higher, was due to finish at end of February 2025. The results from the Trial are positive to date, so following discussions with external agencies, we have decided to continue the Trial until the end of May 2025. The extension will:

- Remove the need to switch water sources,
- Remove possible need for water carting during the next three months of higher demand, and
- Provide additional data to support the existing Trial results.

If water carting is required during the Trial, for any supply continuity purposes, we'll keep the community updated via email.

For further information or any queries on the Trial, please visit Water Corporation's website and search 'Walpole new source'.

~ Emma Halligan  
Water Corporation

## Thought for the day

The greater the difficulty, the greater the glory.

~ Marcus Tullius Cicero

## Classifieds

### Physiotherapy

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### For Sale

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- Wanderer single reclining lounge, with carry bag, never used \$50
- Companion 46cm round BBQ (needs gas hose) good condition \$25
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## Walpole Times to Remember



**Walpole CRC**  
Tue to Fri 9am-4pm  
**Walpole Nornalup Visitor Centre**  
Tues-Fri 9am-4pm Sat 9am-2pm  
**Library 9840 1108**  
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**Walpole Weekly**  
Monday 10am Deadline:  
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Mon- Fri 9:30am-11:30am; Sat 10am-1pm  
**St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church**  
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**St George's Anglican Church**  
Sun 10am  
**Walpole Waste Transfer Station**  
Tues and Thu 1pm-5pm; Sun 9am-5pm  
**Peaceful Bay Refuse Site**  
Wed 9am-1pm; Sun 1pm-4:30pm

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# Manjimup Shire Bulletin

March 2025



## SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a crazy few weeks that has been!!

A huge shout out to everyone involved in fighting the fires resulting from lightning strikes. From the absolute army of people fighting the fires on the ground and in the air, to the background teams in co-ordination, catering and accommodation and the amazing interstate and intrastate crews who came to assist. We sincerely thank you all. What it has highlighted is the importance of having a fire plan. Have you got 10 minutes? Have a think about yours.

Are you part of a community group doing amazing things or that has an awesome idea? The Shire may be able to assist you. Community Grants are open now so check out the Shire website or give us a call to find out more.

Recently, I was honoured to attend two momentous events involving our sporting community.

The turning on of the lights at Rea Park and Collier Street Sports Complex sees the completion of stage one of the redevelopment project. We're now working to secure funding for the next stage - ground and drainage works. The lighting will provide more opportunities for community groups to utilise the areas more often.

Congratulations to Manjimup Tennis Association on the opening of the new tennis facility! This venture is testament to the tenacity of volunteers in our sporting groups and how working together at federal, state and local government levels, led by a committed community group, we can serve up aces.

My town visits are back on 10 March (allowing for the public holiday). I will be in Northcliffe from 9am to 11am at the Northcliffe Information and Visitor Centre, and in Quin nip from 12pm to 2pm outside the Quin nip Post Office.

I hope to see you there!

Stay safe, chat soon.

Donelle

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### New Council Meeting Format

February saw the introduction of the new Shire of Manjimup Council Meeting format, whereby Councillors met for an Agenda Briefing Session and Concept Forum on the Tuesday prior to the Ordinary Council Meeting.

This new system enables Council to have time to focus on key strategic considerations, whilst maintaining good governance and transparency.

## SHIRE NOTICES

### Reminder to Gain Approval for Alfresco Dining

Businesses who make use of Shire managed verges, footpaths or other Shire land for outdoor dining are reminded to seek approval for a license to occupy the land.

A license to occupy is required to ensure pedestrian movement flows and the public are covered in the case of an accident within a public thoroughfare.

Haven't realised that approval is needed? Please contact the Shire's Statutory Planning Team to discuss your approval application requirements.

### Responsible Dog Ownership

To ensure the safety and enjoyment of all community members, dog owners are reminded to use the approved dog exercise areas within the Shire.

These designated spaces allow dogs to exercise freely while keeping other public areas accessible.

For more information, including a map of the approved areas, visit the Shire's website.

### New Food Safety Standards – Leafy Vegetables, Melons, and Berries

New Australia-wide food safety standards for leafy vegetables, melons, and berries were introduced on 12 February 2025 under the WA Food Act 2008. These standards aim to improve food safety and prevent outbreaks of foodborne illness.

Requirements:

- Leafy vegetable and melon growers and

processors must register as a food business with their local government.

- Berry producers and processors must register as a food business with their local government.

For more information, contact the Shire's Environmental Health team.

## SHIRE NEWS

### Lights are shining bright!

Stage 1 of the Manjimup Rea Park and Collier Street Reserve Redevelopment is complete, with an official opening held on 17 February 2025.

Stage 1 included the update of power and electrical infrastructure at the Reserve as well as the installation of LED playing field lighting, suitable for high level sporting games and carnivals.

The opening was attended by Senator Varun Ghosh, Rick Wilson MP, Jane Kelsbie MLA and Louise Kingston MLC, as well as local Councillors, sporting and community groups.

### Have Your Say on Health and Wellbeing in Our Shire

We're shaping a new Public Health and Wellbeing Plan for our community, and we need your input!

What does good health and wellbeing mean to you? What challenges do you face in achieving it? Your feedback will help guide future actions and improvements for all who live, work, and play in our Shire.

Complete the survey here:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/Manjimup-PHP-Survey-2025](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Manjimup-PHP-Survey-2025)

Survey closes 5pm, 28 March 2025.

### Community Grant Applications Closing Soon

Applications for the Shire's Community Grant program close on 28 March. Incorporated associations can apply for support for their group, event or project – anything that helps make our Shire a better place to live, work and play.

More information and forms are available on the Shire website. For queries or assistance, email [info@manjimup.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@manjimup.wa.gov.au).

## 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

Tuesday & Thursday: 1pm - 5pm

Sunday: 9am - 5pm

## Walpole Library 2 Pier Street 9840 1108

Wednesday: 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 3.30pm

Friday: 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 3.30pm

Sat: 9am - 12pm

## 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 Thursday

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 next Council Meeting will commence at 5.30 pm on 25 March in the Council Chambers, Brockman Street, Manjimup.

## AquaCentre

Check out the extensive group fitness and Swim School programs on the website.



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