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# MURRAY COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

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# Anti-Poverty Week donations handed over to Pinjarra Community Kitchen. Thank you to everyone who contributed!




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# FROM THE EDITOR

## Welcome to the November edition

This month, our front page celebrates the generosity of our community and the work of the Pinjarra Community Kitchen. The Shire of Murray's annual Anti-Poverty Week Community Food Drive brought people together to donate non-perishable food, toiletries and personal hygiene products through blue collection bins placed across the Shire.

These donations will help the Community Kitchen provide meals and food parcels to people facing difficult times, with some also contributing to Christmas hampers for local families. Community Kitchen President Phil Ticehurst expressed his heartfelt thanks to the Shire for its ongoing practical support and to everyone who donated.

Our visit gave us the opportunity to meet some of the people behind this work and see the care and effort that go into supporting others. Now in its 14th year, the Community Kitchen brings together volunteers from five Pinjarra churches and the wider community, offering food, friendship and a welcoming place to connect.

Everyone is welcome at its Tuesday lunches, held from **11 am to 1 pm at Pinjarra Alliance Church, on the corner of George and Peel Streets**. Whether you need a meal, a cuppa or simply a friendly chat, you are welcome to drop in. Those needing food support can also contact the Community Kitchen's Liaison Officer on **0402 033 285**.

(Community Kitchen contribution: Rev John Coman.)

Thank you to everyone who donated, hosted a collection point or helped with the food drive, and to the volunteers who keep the Community Kitchen running week after week. It is a reminder of how much everyday acts of kindness can mean.

As we move towards the end of the year, there is plenty to look forward to, including our **free Community Christmas Celebration on Saturday 5 December, from 5–7 pm at Ravenswood Community Centre, Jones Lane, Ravenswood**. We will also be welcoming a **special visit from Santa!** Come along with family and friends to enjoy some festive fun and celebrate together.

We hope this edition inspires you to try a new activity, connect with a community group or discover what is happening locally.

Have news or a story to share? We would love to hear from you! Whether it is a local achievement, an upcoming activity or someone making a difference, everyone is welcome to contribute and help keep our community informed and connected.

Enjoy the November edition of the Murray Community Newspaper.

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# Rotary Club of Pinjarra

The Rotary Club of Pinjarra has supported Bedingfeld Park- a Pinjarra community-owned not-for-profit residential aged care facility- since it started in 1983. The facility is situated on the banks of the Murray River and features 70 suites, including a dedicated memory support unit with 25 beds, 43 single suites for varying care needs, and 2 suites for temporary respite care.
Bedingfeld Park is fully accredited by the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission and is an approved provider for the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.
The facility bears the name of Doctor Thomas Bedingfeld, who was appointed Magistrate and District Medical Officer for the Murray District in March 1864.
Most recently, the Club purchased two Patient Monitoring Devices with wheeled Trolleys to support medical staff.

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The Rotary Clubs of Pinjarra and Mandurah Districts share participation in two local projects- Rotary Peel Sail into Life, and the Combined Peel Rotary Clubs Golf Day.
The Rotary Clubs have joined with the Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club in cooperation to provide the Sail into Life Program for people, especially those with special needs or disabilities, who would love to try sailing but find it too difficult or uninviting to do so.
The Sail into Life Program uses Access Dinghies, whose design features allow total novices of any ability to sail with a skipper, nearly regardless of the conditions.
The Sail into Life program occurs during the summer months and with the support of Rotary members you can see them sailing in front of the club every second Sunday. This Year's Program started on Sunday 18th of October.



To inquire about participating in the Sail into Life Program, please contact **Beth Aitken** on **0412 342 291**.

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**The Annual Alcoa-Peel Rotary Golf Classic** will be hosted at the Mandurah Country Club on Thursday 12th of November. Last year, over $25,000 was raised which was distributed to local charities in Pinjarra and Mandurah.
Players can enter a team of four players for a round of golf (18 holes) at the Mandurah Country Club at a cost of $700 per team. The entry fee will provide-

- A sausage sizzle lunch prior to the shotgun-start and drinks all day
- A sumptuous three-course dinner, inclusive of drinks, in the evening

Please contact **Mervyn Williams 0415 441 343**, or **Geoff Booth 0400 118 567** to register a team.

As in past years the Mandurah Country Club has been incredibly supportive, and they do have a limited number of golf carts available for hire, so get in early if you would like to reserve one. Please phone the course direct on **9581 2968**.

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The Rotary Club of Pinjarra is always eager to welcome people who share our passion for service. For more information, please contact the Club Membership Officer, Mrs. **Bridget Bolt**- mobile **0402 948 262**.

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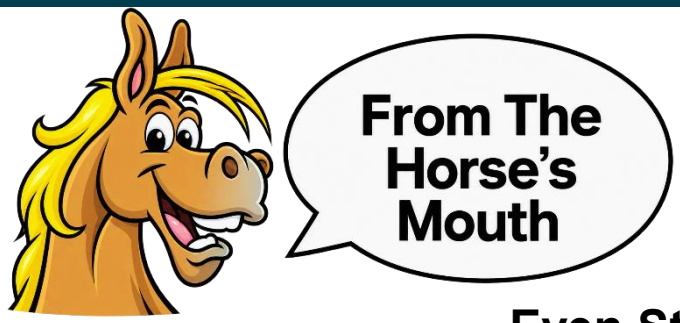


## Even Steven

Soloman was a wise man and had always treated his two sons, Steven and Paul, exactly the same. So, when he wrote his Will, he left his Coolup farm to Steven and the Yarloop farm to Paul.

Even when he sold the Yarloop farm to a local company (and banked a pretty penny), he gave each son half of the sale proceeds.

So, when Solomon died suddenly last year, Paul came to see me because he didn't get anything under the Will and Steven got the Coolup farm, which was all old Solomon owned by then.

Solomon would have wanted Steven to split his inheritance with his brother, I had no doubt, but this was not going to happen. Why? Well because Steven's wife said "no" and Steven said, "happy wife, happy life". What Paul said, I don't know but I could guess.

When I told Paul he could take his only brother to court and challenge the Will, he said, "money changes people. Even Steven!".

Is your Will up to date? For that extra peace of mind, call NashClavey-Mandurah 95351577.





# Looking back in November 1996

This is when Murray JobLink had outgrown its facilities in the old St John Ambulance building and were looking to build a bigger Centre to meet the needs of the unemployed within the Murray Community. The new building was estimated to cost $170,000.00 and was proposed to be built on the Corner of James and Murray Streets, Pinjarra. Murray JobLink had raised $60,000.00 toward this project, with a good chance of a further $70,000.00 being obtained through government sources. This is when Ravenswood Sanctuary Developer, Everland Management Pty Ltd, donated $50,000.00 towards the project.

The five-year dream finally came to reality in July 1997 and was sponsored by Ravenswood Sanctuary, the W.A. Lotteries Commission, Murray Shire Council, JobLink and Able Air. The building was owned by the Shire of Murray and would be leased at a peppercorn rental. The Building was named Murray House and continues to be known as Murray House within the community today.

Murray JobLink utilised three of the ten offices as a telecentre to provide access to equipment such as computers, photocopiers, fax machine, video equipment, printers, satellite dishes and access to the internet. Murray House Resource Centre and Alcoa Refinery established a partnership in December 2002 to provide a unique shop front which allowed residents to access temporary employment opportunities within the refinery, saving people having to travel to Perth.

However, Murray JobLink was forced to shut its doors in December 2002 due to State funding for unemployment services being cut off. An agreement was then signed between Murray House and Challenger Tafe to deliver a range of programs to suit the needs of the local community.

June 2025 marked 25 years of service and support to the local community. However, in May 2026 Murray House Resource Centre announced it would be closing its doors on 30th June 2026. The Shire of Murray currently operate the Pinjarra Community Resource Centre at Murray House, where the Windful Maker's Craft/Art Group meet on Tuesdays 1.00pm – 3.00pm and Write Stuff – writers group meet every second Thursday.

This information was obtained from news articles in the Media Room of the Murray District Historical Society. Which is a great resource for looking things up from past days. The Murray Districts Historical Society is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11.00am till 3.00pm. It is manned by our wonderful volunteers who are always happy to welcome you.



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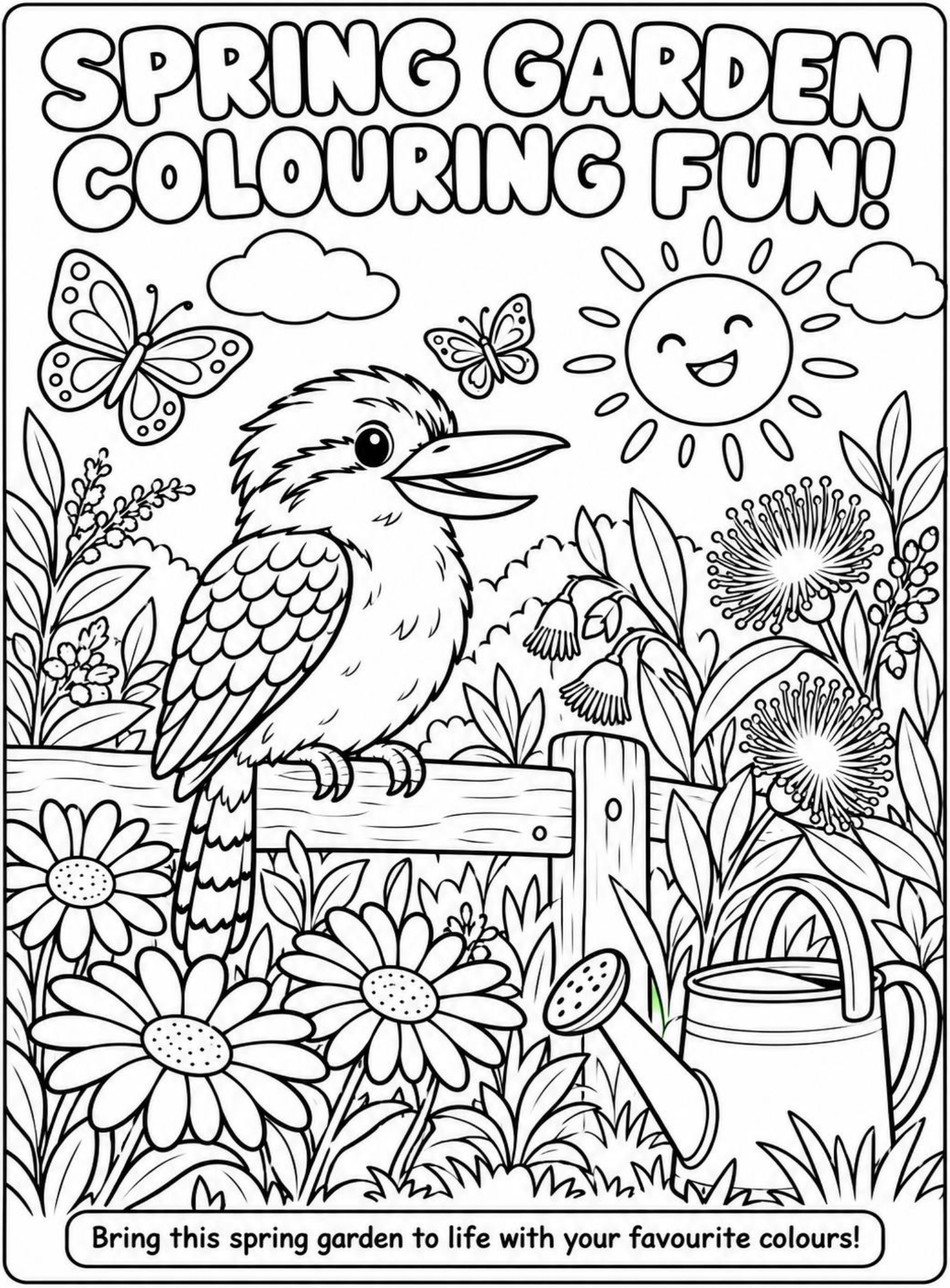
# SPRING GARDEN COLOURING FUN!



Bring this spring garden to life with your favourite colours!

# GET INVOLVED

Connect • Participate • Belong

Ravenswood Community Group Inc. is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit organisation that brings local people together through activities, events and community initiatives. Everyone is welcome to become a member, join an activity, volunteer or share an idea.

## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

### BECOME A MEMBER

Membership is free and open to everyone. Join RCGI to stay connected, have your say and support activities that bring our community together.

### VOLUNTEER WITH US

Help at an event, support an activity or contribute your skills. Even a small amount of your time can make a real difference.

### JOIN AN ACTIVITY

Take part in the Chess Group,

Games Café, community events and other activities held throughout the year.

Everyone is welcome.

### SHARE YOUR IDEAS

Have an idea for a new group, activity or community project? We would love to hear from you.

## FREE MEMBERSHIP • EVERYONE WELCOME

Connect with others and help build a stronger, more connected community for everyone

### WHY JOIN RCGI?

- Stay informed about local activities and events
- Meet new people and build community connections
- Help shape future activities and projects
- Support the work of your local community group
- Membership runs from 1 July to 30 June each year. Annual renewal helps us keep our records

### READY TO GET INVOLVED?

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**U3A Mandurah, where we have a great variety of talks, group activities and outings for the over 50s, meets twice weekly. Whatever our backgrounds we all wish to continue learning, broaden our knowledge, and retain active minds in a friendly atmosphere.** Website **www.u3amandurah.org.au**

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| ***Wednesday 4TH*** | **SHANGHAI**<br>From sleepy fishing village to the world's most populous city, the history of Shanghai and the future it is creating. |
| ***Thursday 5TH*** | **BATAVIA**<br>The wreck of the Batavia at the Abrolhos Islands. How it came to be |
| ***Wednesday 11TH***<br>**DAILY DOUBLE#1** | **TWO HALF HOUR PRESENTATIONS**<br>1. A History of Pinjarra Town Including the Floods<br>2. More tales from a public servant's time working in Canberra in interesting times |
| ***Thursday 12TH*** | **REMEMBRANCE DAY**<br>Remembering some of the men from<br>**WA regiments who were awarded the V C**<br>For exceptional bravery in the face of war. |
| ***Wednesday 18TH*** | ***MY LIFE LEADING WALKING SAFARIS IN AN AFRICAN BIG GAME* PARK**<br>In the 1970s as a Trail Leader for pioneering walking safari's in Zambia's Luangwa Valley. The most unspoilt big game reserve in Africa |
| ***Thursday 19TH*** | **Five Great Speeches of The World**<br>**And what makes them great** |
| ***Wednesday 25TH***<br>**DAILY DOUBLE#2** | **TWO HALF HOUR PRESENTATIONS**<br>1. Modern Day Zambia – A recent trip revisited<br>2. Sculptures on the Marsh in The Kimberley |
| ***Thursday 26th*** | No Presentation today our Annual Lunch<br>**WE WILL RESUME PRESENTATIONS ON FEBRUARY 3RD 2027** |

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**MODERATE PLAN AND PREPARE**

Most fires can be controlled, but you should remain alert and review your emergency plan.

**HIGH BE READY TO ACT**

Fires can be dangerous. Stay informed and be ready to act if a fire starts.

**EXTREME TAKE ACTION NOW**

Fires will spread quickly and can be extremely dangerous. Put your emergency plan into action and consider leaving early.

**CATASTROPHIC LEAVE EARLY**

These are the most dangerous conditions. For your survival, leave bushfire-risk areas early do not wait for a fire to start.

A day showing **"No Rating**" does not mean a fire cannot start. Always remain alert and follow local restrictions.

Check current ratings and warnings at emergency.wa.gov.au or call 13 DFES on 13 3337.

Source: Department of Fire and Emergency Services WA

## PEEL COMMUNITY CARE INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 24 November 2026

The Board of Peel Community Care invites you to the AGM of the Association.

For details of time and venue to attend our meeting as an interested community member, or to volunteer to join our Board please contact our Manager, Debra Lloyd on 9531 2076.

A "Thank you" from our Chairperson 2026:

Peel Community Care is based in Pinjarra and provides in-home support for local seniors. As a non-profit association we depend on Australian Government funding, the support of this community, our quality staff and the governance of dedicated volunteer Board members.

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Used postage stamps for the Lions Club

### MURRAY HOUSE

Empty medication blister packs






## IS YOUR HOUSEHOLD READY FOR AN EMERGENCY?

Emergencies can happen with little warning. Preparing a basic emergency kit can help your household respond quickly and safely.

Keep your emergency supplies together in a waterproof container that everyone in your household can easily find.




### YOUR EMERGENCY KIT SHOULD INCLUDE:

- Emergency contact details
- Copies of identification and insurance documents
- Battery-operated radio and torch
- Spare batteries and phone chargers
- A complete first aid kit
- Essential medications
- Toiletries and sanitary supplies
- Spare clothing and enclosed shoes
- Supplies for babies, older people or people with disability
- Pet food, leads, carriers and medications
- Spare house and car keys

Household members should also know where they would go if they needed to evacuate and how they would contact each other if they were separated.

Check your kit regularly and replace expired food, medications and batteries.

### IMPORTANT EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Life-threatening emergency: 000
SES emergency assistance: 132 500
DFES emergency information: 13 3337
Health direct: 1800 022 222



Source: Department of Fire and Emergency Services WA

# Positive Thoughts

## A SOLID FOUNDATION

This month is the beginning of the cyclone season for the north of our country As someone who grew up in the cyclone regions of Western Australia's Pilbara region, I have string memories of belting rain, flooded rivers, howling winds and uprooted trees. After one of those cyclones, the clean-up took more than 6 months, and the cost was in the 10's of millions. Fortunately, the Pilbara was not very highly populated in those days so often the damage was a lot less than this. On the Gulf of Mexico coastline in the USA every year there are similar stories when the hurricanes hit. However, this is a favourite holiday destination and highly populated, so the devastation there can be heartbreaking. Pictures on news reports after hurricanes often show incredible destruction, with houses totally collapsed, and shopping centres devastated. How could something like that happen in a country with such high technology?

After one huge hurricane, the news reports all pointed to one common factor in the destroyed buildings – each one was built on a concrete slab on a bed of sand. When the four-metre-high tidal surge crashed into the buildings, their foundations were washed away and the houses crashed to the ground. The people who had foundations that were on solid footings, not just concrete resting on the sand, only suffered minor damage. It was a very clear lesson that foundations are very important.

Have you ever thought about the foundations that you are laying down for your life? There are many things that look good, but in the time of storm they turn out to be sand, and we find our life crumbling. One good solid foundation worth checking out is the health of your spiritual life. A regular consideration of this has helped me throughout the past 49 years as the storms of life have battered me!

free to ring me or check out the Australian Operation Christmas Child website: occ.samaritanspurse.org.au/*Pinjarra Alliance Church*

Rev John Coman **Pinjarra Alliance Church**
0402033285
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## Pinjarra Community Kitchen

*In partnership with Peel Community Kitchen*
**EVERY TUESDAY from 11am-1pm**
**Free lunch provided to anyone in need**
Located at the rear car park of the Alliance Church - Corner of George and Peel Street Pinjarra Family Church, Uniting Church, Alliance Church, Catholic Church

For more details please call : Pastor John on
**0402 033 285**

## PINJARRA ALLIANCE CHURCH

Corner of George and Peel Street, Pinjarra
Parking at the rear off Peel Street

**Sunday Worship Service 10am**
**Home Groups various nights**

**ALL WELCOME**

Contact: Rev. John Coman 0402033285
Email: cmalliance@westnet.com.au
Website: pinjarracma.org.au






# Seniors Week Dinner Dance

## 'Still Rocking'

Tuesday 10 November 2026
Pinjarra Civic Centre
5:00pm - 8:00pm

$20 per person - Bookings essential

- Live music by 'The Statesmen'
- Two course meal
- Bar sales
- Quiz and door prizes
- Free tea and coffee

Tickets from Murray House, 14 James Street, Pinjarra
Any questions - phone 9531 7785

Shire of Murray

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## REMEMBRANCE DAY

**11 November Lest We Forget**

At 11 am on 11 November, we pause for one minute's silence to remember those who have died or suffered in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the Armistice that ended the fighting on the Western Front in 1918. More than a century later, the red poppy remains a symbol of remembrance and the human cost of war.

It is a time to honour those who served, reflect on the sacrifices made by their families and recognise the lasting impact of service on veterans and our communities.

Whether attending a local service, wearing a poppy or taking a quiet moment at home, we can all play a part in keeping their memory alive.

**At the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day, of the eleventh month we will remember them.**
**Lest we forget.**



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# Hey Murray...

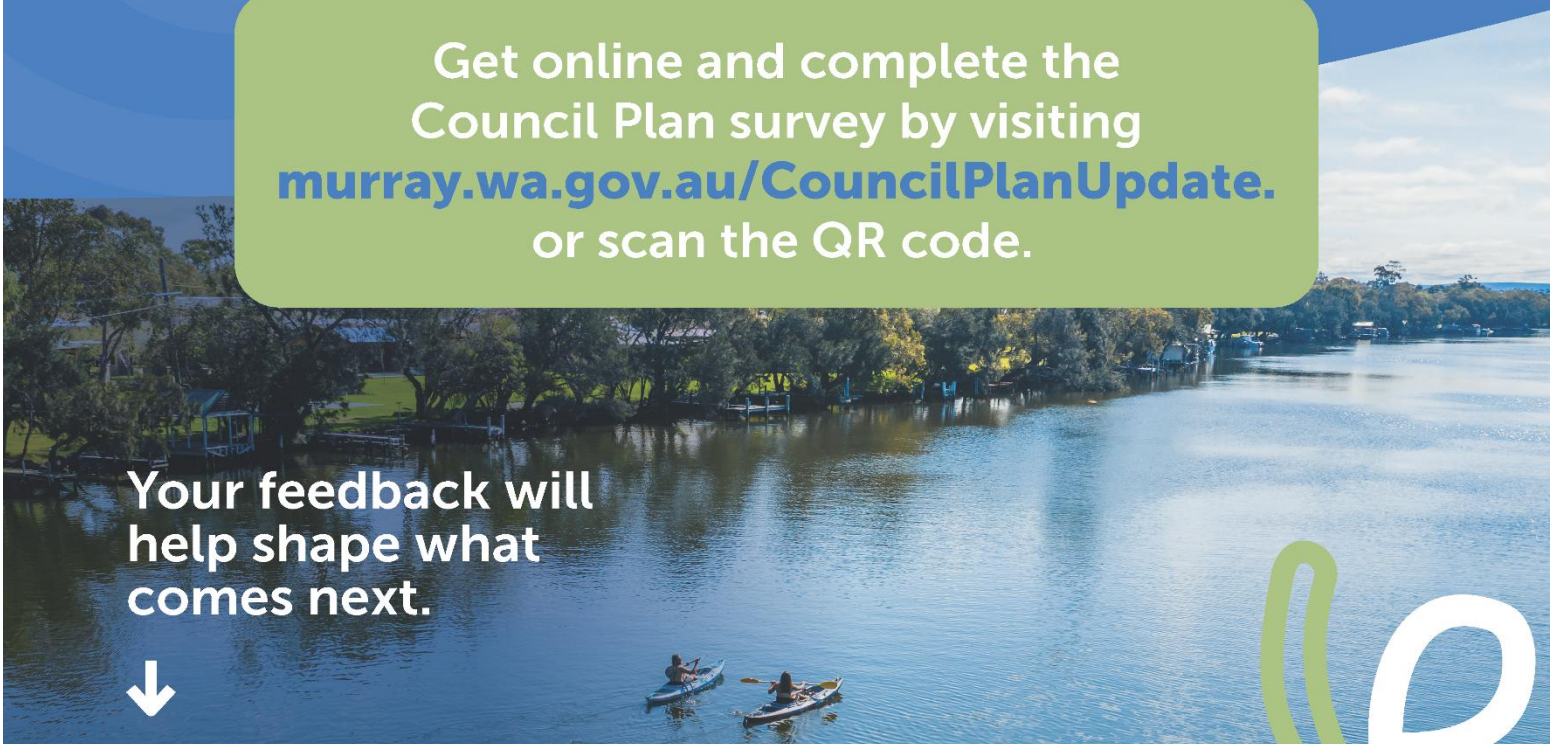
# Let's talk about the future.

The Shire of Murray is reviewing the Council Plan and we want to hear from you.

We want to know what matters to you.

**Your ideas. Your hopes. Your priorities.**

Get online and complete the Council Plan survey by visiting **murray.wa.gov.au/CouncilPlanUpdate.** or scan the QR code.



Your feedback will help shape what comes next.

Shire of Murray

# Pinjarra Men's Shed

We are all gearing up for Garden Day at Edenvale Heritage Precinct this Sunday, October 18. Our stall will be situated in the Heritage Tea Rooms car-park where we will display our handmade items for sale which include chopping boards, a myriad of items turned on the wood lathe, jewellery, plant stands, possum and bird nesting boxes and much more. Our clever members have made some stunning bits and pieces which are all one-offs. Come and say hello and met our team who will be on hand to answer any questions about what our shed has to offer. Find out more by following @PinjarraGardenDay.

Our Model Train Display at Pinjarra Junction Shopping Centre, it is definitely worth a visit as things constantly evolve. The display is open on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, but we would like to open more often, we are seeking volunteers to supervise our retail section so if you have an hour or two to spare, we would love to hear from you. Or maybe a retired family member who is sitting at home with nothing to do may like to help.

Members are also kept busy with various projects for people in our community, building a chook enclosure, repairing a broken bed frame, and making custom chopping boards, to name a few. Our classes are still ticking over nicely with leatherwork, lead-lighting, mosaic, silver jewellery, welding and woodturning.

Since our treasurer is intending retirement, we are actively seeking a new treasurer, if you have bookkeeping skills and would like to volunteer, please get back to me ASAP.
Our commercial kitchen is available for hire, as is our meeting room. Contact details below.
We had another great bunch of people in for our Saturday BBQ brekky last week, and a guest from our community also enjoying our hospitality. This is a social occasion where we get to have a yarn, share stories, have a laugh, and solve the problems in the world over a cuppa and brekky. If this sounds like you then we'll be here from 9.00am cooking up a storm. $4 for members, $5 for non-members. Come and join us.
The Men's Shed Team pcms@pcms.org.au
0419 827 554



Some of our Breakky crew having a yarn

# PINJARRA SERVICES

**Bus Service**
Route 600 Mandurah - Pinjarra Via Pinjarra Road
Route 604 Mandurah - South Yunderup Via North Yunderup
Timetables available at: Pinjarra Community Resource Centre, News Agency, Shire of Murray and the Library

**Contacts**

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| Taxi: | 13 10 08 |
| RAC service: | 13 11 11 |
| Pinjarra Police: | 13 14 44 |
| Mandurah Crime Prevention: | 0418 948 809 |
| Murray Hospital: | 9531 7222 |
| Shire of Murray: | 9531 7777 |
| Public Library: | 9531 7712 |
| Recreation Centre: | 9531 2000 |

**Churches**

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| Murray Bible Baptist: | 9537 7248 |
| Pinjarra Alliance: | 9531 3173 |
| St Augustine Catholic: | TBA |
| Anglican Church: | 9531 1248 |
| Bridge Christian Fellowship: | 9531 3034 |
| Uniting Church: | 9531 2296 |

**Alcoholics Anonymous**
Every Monday 7:00pm at the Health Clinic, Pinjarra Hospital.
Contact: Dean on 0450 258 076

**Austin Lakes Radio Sailing Inc.**
Sailing every Wed & Sat
Located at Austin Lake, Inlet Blvd, South Yunderup at 1:00pm
All welcome, boat available to try.
Contact: Lawrie 0438 720 655
Email: austinlakesradiosailing@gmail.com

**Bedingfeld Ladies Auxiliary**
Volunteers needed!
The Auxiliary meets at the Bedingfeld Aged Care Facility every third Tuesday of the month.
Phone: Vanessa - 0403 597 860

**Boddington Markets**
Located at Boddington Old School Oval
For upcoming dates, see the Facebook Page
www.facebookBoddingtoncommunitymarkets/
Contact via email:
boddingtoncommunitymarkets@gmail.com

**Combined Probus of Murray Districts**
Meetings every second Tuesday of the month at Pinjarra Bowling Club 9:00am-11.30am
Email:
murrayprobus1999@gmail.com

**Coolup Craft Social Group**
Wednesdays at 9:30am at the CWA rooms
Phone: Maxine 0488 991 347

# AROUND TOWN

**Coolup Progress Association**
For meeting times, please contact:
Secretary: Demi
Email: coolupprogress@outlook.com

**Dwellingup Markets**
Located at CWA hall
Third Sunday of the month, 9:00am-1:00pm
Great variety of stalls
For more information contact:
Bev 9538 1151 or
Colleen 0438 916 719

**Dwellingup Trails and Visitors Centre**
Open 9am-4pm 7 days a week
Marrinup Street, Dwellingup
Phone: 9538 1108
Email: dtvc@murray.wa.gov.au

**Freemason:**
The Peel District Day Lodge
Meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:15am.
Enquiries to the secretary;
Benjamin 0416 341 474

**Friends of Murray District Hospital**
Meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the Murray District Hospital Board Room at 2:00pm
Phone: Ailsa Boekhorst 0439 990 241

**Heartspace Womens Support Circle**
We meet monthly at the Pinjarra Community Garden
Contact: Tanya Langford
Phone: 0411 792 006

**Hotham Valley Tourist Railway**
Train Rides—Dwellingup
Every Sat & Sun 10:30am & 2:00pm
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Contact: Les Hill
Phone: 9586 1749 or 0418 136 448
Email: hillie1@bigpond.com

**Pinjarra RSL Sub Branch**
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Secretary: Sue O'Donnell
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Phone 62455501

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For further info: Ken 0482 063 943

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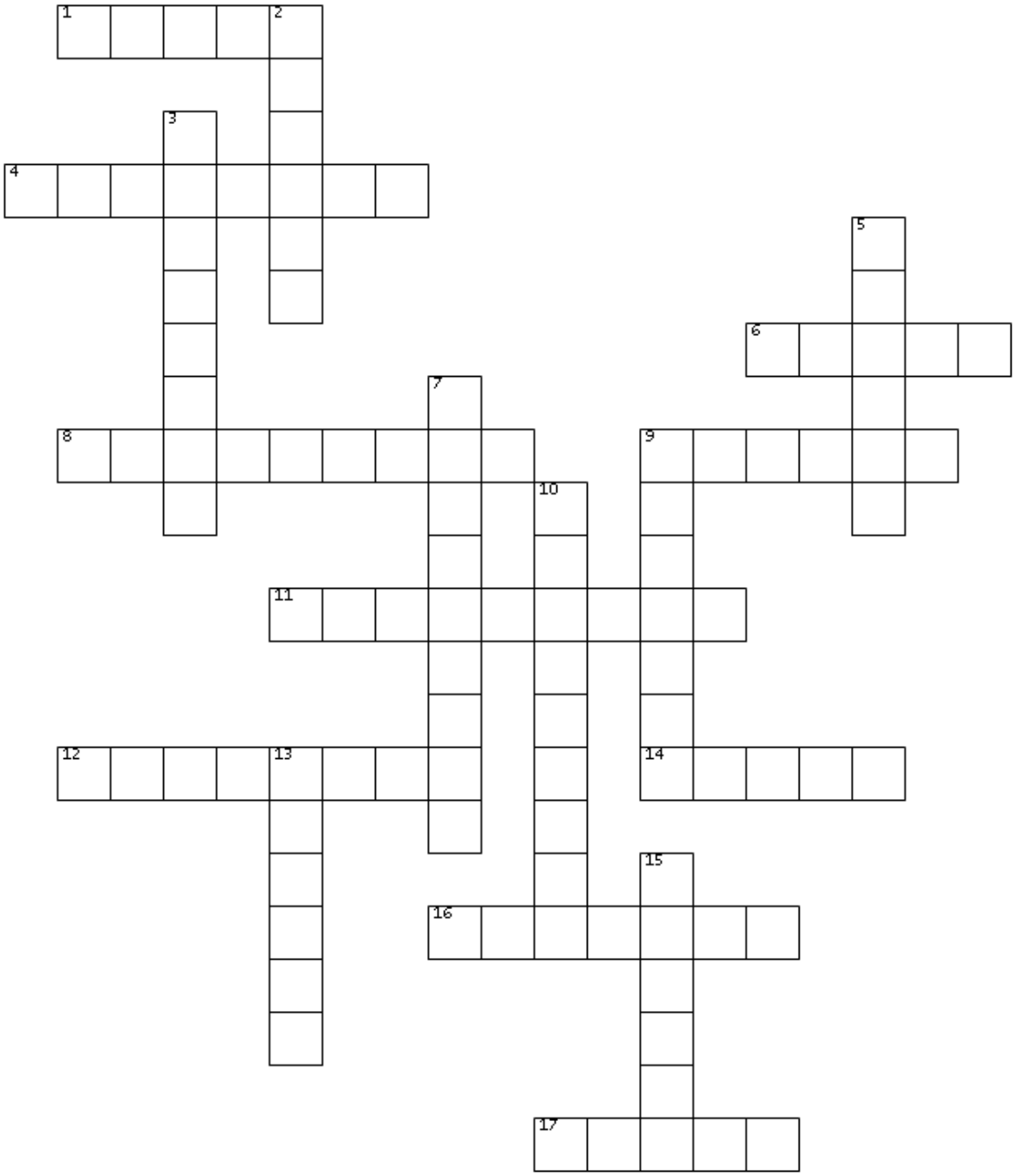

ACROSS

1. Unwanted plants growing in your garden
4. Giving plants a drink
6. A covering spread over soil to help retain moisture
8. A tall plant with a large yellow bloom
9. A small hand tool used for digging and planting
11. A colourful winged insect that begins life as a caterpillar
12. A fragrant plant with purple flowers
14. Small beginnings from which new plants grow
16. Decomposed garden and kitchen waste used to enrich soil
17. Parts of a plant that absorb water from the soil

DOWN

2. The season between winter and summer
3. A young plant grown from a seed
5. Fine powder carried between flowers by bees
7. A garden tool used for pruning small branches
9. A framework that supports climbing plants
10. A wriggling soil creature that helps aerate the ground
13. Sweet liquid in flowers that attracts bees
15. A red salad fruit often grown in the vegetable patch

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# Pinjarra Lions Roar

FEED IT FORWARD our Lions Club provide every Friday is proving to be a very welcoming event, especially
with so many families finding themselves struggling to make ends meet. The last couple of weeks is proof of this with our weekly numbers rising, we are now sitting in the mid sixties. Every Friday it's mostly bakery and fruit and vegetables, but due to so many very kind locals we are now receiving extras.
A big Thankyou goes to the public who kindly bring in fresh products from your own gardens. The ones who donate pantry and personal hygiene products out of your own pay. Those who are busy "spring cleaning" their pantries these extra's put a smile on many struggling families faces.
This event is a community service run by your local Lions Club of Pinjarra.

If at anytime you are wanting to lend a helping hand to this or any of our Club events, we'd love to have you. Maybe becoming a "Volunteer" is what you're looking for, we'd be grateful to have you join our team. Lions Club of Pinjarra meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6.15pm for a 6.30pm meeting start. Meetings are held at the Alliance Church; this is situated opposite the Vibe service station.
Being a Lion is very rewarding, you are not only working and helping your local community, but you are also making new friends. Being a Lion helps improve one's confidence by increasing self worth.
If leadership is something you are interest in, then there are always positions on the committee for you. We have fun. We laugh. We bond.
Contact Membership Les Hill 9586 1749.OR Events Co-Ordinators Marlene Hinkley 0419 657 365 David Croad 0419 982 899.

LIONS CHRISTMAS CAKES!
Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings are back! Prices have increased slightly this year due to higher transport costs. Gluten-free cakes are now part of the regular range and come boxed. Although the packaging may make them appear smaller than last year's trial cakes, they are still the same 400g size.
We will be commencing our yearly cake stalls in the Pinjarra Junction shopping centre on Saturday 24th October,2026.
Other dates will be Thursday 29th Otober,2026. Thursday 19thNovember,2026. I will post more dates next edition. You will find our stall opposite the Newsagency.

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# Tech Tips & Tricks

with Madam Geek.

**The Cloud: Where on Earth Are My Files?**

You've probably heard people talking about storing things in the 'cloud'. Sounds rather mysterious, doesn't it? Are your precious family photos floating aimlessly somewhere between Ravenswood and Madrid? Thankfully, no, although that would make for an interesting weather forecast.



**So, what exactly is the 'cloud'?** In *Madam Geek* speak, it's a way of storing your documents, photos and other files on a computer that's physically situated somewhere else. These computers are called **servers**. Not the kind that pours you a beer at the Ravo… they're powerful machines housed in large, secure buildings called **data centres**, located around the world.

When something is uploaded (saved) to the cloud, it travels over the internet to one of these facilities. Wherever there's an internet connection, your files can be accessed from compatible devices. If your device is destroyed, your files can be retrieved.

**Meet the popular cloud provider family:** Each provider offers a **secure log-in** and a little free space to get you started.

**Apple iCloud 5 GB free:** Designed primarily for iPhones, iPads and Macs, but also accessible through Windows and Android. Keeps files synchronised across compatible devices.
**Dropbox 2 GB free:** Great for storing smaller files and sharing large documents with others using a simple link.
**Google Drive 15 GB free:** Stores all files, great synchronisation. Google's paid subscription is called **Google One**.
**Microsoft OneDrive 5 GB free:** Works particularly well with Windows and MS 365 applications. Apple compatible.

All offer paid plans when you need more room. Think of it as just renting a bigger cupboard.

**But… what happens when the cupboard is full?**

Much like the linen cupboard at home, eventually you may run out of space and things start falling off the shelf. Your provider generally warns when you're approaching your limit. Once full, new files stop uploading, photographs may stop synchronising and some services will be interrupted. Unwanted files need to be removed, **or more storage purchased**. Before subscribing, research and compare the options to see which best suits your needs.

**Is it safe?**

**User responsibility:** While providers use encryption and other methods to protect your information, users also play a critical role in maintaining their own security. Using strong passwords, enabling two-factor authentication, '2FA' and being very cautious when sharing sensitive information are all vital steps in safeguarding stored personal data.

**Here's the important bit - No online service is completely risk-free.**

The 'cloud' is convenient, but don't rely on it as your **only copy** of precious files. When files are synchronised, deleting on one device may also delete from the cloud and your other devices. So… not quite the backup you thought you had!




Keep separate backup copies of irreplaceable photographs and important documents, preferably on an external hard drive.

**Bottom line…**

The cloud's a terrific tool for keeping information accessible, sharing files and freeing up space on your devices. Use it, enjoy the convenience but understand how it works.. Just ensure your digital treasures have another safe home

And yes, Australia has its own data centres, including facilities, used by major international cloud providers. Some house thousands of computers, with centres in Perth, Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. There are even smaller regional centres in Newman and Port Hedland, primarily supporting mining and telecommunications.

Whilst it's called the 'cloud', your files could actually have their feet **firmly planted on solid ground** somewhere between Ravenswood and Madrid!
**After all, every cloud can have a rainy day.**







# LEMON & COCONUT SLICE

**Makes 16 | Preparation 20 minutes | Chilling 3 hours**

## INGREDIENTS

**Base**

- 250 g plain sweet biscuits
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 125 g butter, melted
- ½ cup sweetened condensed milk
- Finely grated zest of one lemon
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice

**Icing**

- 1½ cups icing sugar, sifted
- 15 g butter, softened
- 2–3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons desiccated coconut



## METHOD

1. Line a 20 cm square tin with baking paper, leaving some overhanging the sides.
2. Crush biscuits and mix with coconut, melted coconut and condensed milk.
3. Stir in grated lemon zest and lemon juice, then press into prepared tin.
4. Press firmly and smooth the surface with the back of a spoon.
5. Mix icing sugar with softened butter and enough lemon juice to make a smooth, spreadable icing.
6. Spread over the base and sprinkle with coconut. Chill for at least 3 hours until firm, then cut into squares.

**Have a favourite recipe to share?**
**Email editor.rci@outlook.com**
**for a chance to feature in a future edition.**

TerryWhite Chemmart Pinjarra

# Weight Management

If you find you are carrying a few extra kilo's this time of year, you are not alone! It is hard to be as active in the winter months and what a cold one we have had this year! There is no doubt the weight is a lot easier to put on rather than take off as we age and our metabolism slows down.

Our staff are well versed in these challenges and have undertaken plenty of training to help you with your weight loss journey. Already we have helped many people feel hugely better within themselves after helping them with their weight management. Achieving your optimal weight can do wonders for your self-esteem and confidence as well as helping your bank balance by fitting into all those clothes you are reluctant to toss because one day you will lose that weight.

More importantly the adverse health effects of being overweight are profound and we will touch on them here.

**Diabetes** – Excessive weight is the major cause of type 2 diabetes. This type of diabetes usually begins in adulthood but, is now actually occurring in children. Obesity can cause resistance to insulin, the hormone that regulates blood sugar. When obesity causes insulin resistance, the blood sugar becomes elevated. Even moderate obesity dramatically increases the risk of diabetes.

**Heart disease** – Atherosclerosis (hardening of the arteries) is present 10 times more often in obese people compared to those who are not obese. Coronary heart disease is also more prevalent because fatty deposits build up in arteries that supply the heart. Narrowed arteries and reduced blood flow to the heart can cause chest pain (angina) or a heart attack

**High blood pressure** – Additional fat tissue in the body needs oxygen and nutrients in order to live, which requires the blood vessels to circulate more blood to the fat tissue. This increases the workload of the heart because it must pump more blood through additional blood vessels. More circulating blood also means more pressure on the artery walls. Higher pressure on the artery walls increases the blood pressure.

**Joint problems, including osteoarthritis** – Obesity can affect the knees and hips because of the stress placed on the joints by extra weight.

**Cancer** – Obesity has been proven to be a main contributing factor in developing many different forms of cancer. Including Endometrial , bowel, ovarian, breast, pancreatic, esophagael, pancreatic, liver, kidney, leukemia and prostatic cancer. Basically you name the cancer and obesity increases the risk.

**Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GORD)** – Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GORD) causes stomach acid or intestinal secretions to leak into your esophagus. Common GORD symptoms include heartburn, "indigestion", throwing up food, coughing (especially at night), hoarseness, and belching. Excess weight typically puts more pressure on the stomach forcing the acidic contents into the oesophagus.

**New treatments for weight loss** – You have probably heard of the relatively new class of injectable weight loss medications classified as GLP-1 agonists. Common brands include Ozempic and mounjaro. Glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) is a natural hormone released by your intestines after you eat. GLP-1 receptor agonists are medications that mimic this natural gut hormone to help regulate blood sugar, slow stomach emptying, and reduce appetite. These medications are very effective in reducing a patients weight, but like all medications, they may come with side effects. Common side effects relate to the GI tract and include nausea and reflux.

These medications have proven to be very popular and may be a little overwhelming especially as they self administered by injection. In light of this, TerryWhite Chemmart has developed a weight care program to help patients navigate through their weight loss journey.

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Regards, Rob, Yang & Rebecca

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# November in the Garden

With John Bodycoat

**What to plant into you're the November Garden**

The spring garden is at its absolute best now, with trees, shrubs, perennials and seasonal annuals all flowering, fruit trees and vegetables showing the promise of crops to come and the lawn lush and green.

In November, gardens in the Peel and Murray region need to prepare for the hot summer ahead. Here are some key activities and suggestions for gardeners.

Regularly water your plants, check for pests and train climbing crops like cucumbers and choco plants onto supports.

Repot indoor plants, orchids and other plants in larger pots and tubs.

Mulch or top up garden mulch before the summer heat hits. Lucerne or pea straw are great options.

Look out for pests in all gardens as temperatures rise and insects like this time of the year to invade and ruin your garden.

There's still plenty of time to plant summer veggies this month. Staggered plantings over four to six weeks will ensure you have continuity of supply in mid-Summer. Plant into well-prepared and fertilised soil. Add a long-term or controlled-release fertiliser and mix through the soil then moisten well a few days before planting.

If you are planning and starting a new garden it is wise to Plan a microclimate garden. Microclimates are small areas within your garden where conditions differ from the surrounding environment, and you can create them to optimize plant growth, extend your growing season and protect sensitive species. It also enhances biodiversity by providing varied habitats for beneficial insects and wildlife, making your garden more resilient and sustainable.

**What to Plant and do in November**

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| Herbs | Plant in pots your favourite herbs. |
| Worms | Position your worm farm in a shaded spot away from direct sunlight.<br>Monitor moisture levels and adjust bedding to be moist like a wrung-out sponge.<br>Feed lightly in the evening to prevent overfeeding and potential odours. |
| Compost | Maintain Moisture: Keep your compost pile moist but not soggy. Aim for a consistency similar to a damp sponge. Regularly add water or use a compost aerator to improve airflow and reduce moisture loss. |
| Melons | Into well drained soil and old animal manures plant out your different melons with blood and bone. Watermelon, Rock melon Zucchinis, Pumpkins any favourite melon. |
| Tomatoes | Plant out 4 plants now and 4 later as this will give you tomatoes over the summer and autumn period. Take off the bottom 2 leaves of the plant and make sure you plant deeper as this area is where the branch then becomes roots. Before you plant add dolomite to your soil and spray weakened sea sol or worm wee. Few things capture the taste of summer like a sun-ripened tomato picked fresh from the garden. |
| Flowers | There are various flowers that can go in now including petunia, summer bulbs and cosmos that will survive our hot summer. Petunias planted in October will be a beaut flower display for Christmas. |
| Fruit trees | Blue berries like a low soil pH of 5+. If you can purchase Brightwell, as I have found this to be the best variety in our area or Sunshine Blue. |
| Lawn | After winter, lawns can often look pale, thin or lacking vigour. Spring feeding replenishes nutrients, promotes recovery from winter, encourages strong root development and healthy lush thick green growth into the warmer months. Use a lawn fertiliser for a great looking lawn ready for the cricket game on Christmas day. |

At a recent garden day, I was asked when was the best time to plant a fruit tree.
Any tree would be 20 years ago or even yesterday.
However, if you plant a fruit tree today it will certainly feed your family for many years.
Another popular question is when do I know if my Garlic is ready? Normally when there are only about 3 green leaves left on the garlic stalk. But check your bulbs to see if they are a beaut size then pull the garlic and dry these before storing them. Cure bulbs in a dry, ventilated area for long-term storage.
Compost piles need to have a Balance of Carbon and Nitrogen: Use a mix of green (nitrogen-rich) and brown (carbon-rich) materials to maintain the right balance for aerobic decomposition.
Clean up the rubbish in your garden and yard as this can prevent snakes from living in long grass and under pots and tins. It's also advisable to take out rubbish and weeds to prevent your property being a fire hazard.

## Happy Gardening

# Pinjarra Community Garden

The tea under the tree or TUTT for November is on Saturday 7th November at the Community Garden. 10-00 am to 12.00 pm.
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| Sunday | 15 November | Forest Train | 10.30am and 2pm |
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| Saturday | 21 November | Forest Train | 10.30am and 2pm |
| Saturday | 21 November | Restaurant Train | 7pm |
| Sunday | 22 November | Forest Train | 10.30am and 2pm |
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| Saturday | 28 November | Forest Train | 10.30am and 2pm |
| Saturday | 28 November | Restaurant Train | 7pm |
| Sunday | 29 November | Forest Train | 10.30am and 2pm |
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| Saturday | 5 December | Forest Train | 10.30am and 2pm |
| Saturday | 5 December | Restaurant Train | 7pm |
| Sunday | 6 December | Forest Train | 10.30am and 2pm |
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| Saturday | 12 December | Forest Train | 10.30am and 2pm |
| Saturday | 12 December | Restaurant Train | 7pm |
| Sunday | 13 December | Forest Train | 10.30am and 2pm |
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# Hotham Valley Railway Happenings

Sometimes things do not go according to plan. Unfortunately, due to a breakdown of our Steam Locomotive the Wednesday runs during the school holidays had to be hauled by a Diesel loco. However, this did not damper the passengers who were out to enjoy a train ride down to the Isandra siding and return.

During the trip, some passengers queried: Why Isandra and where did the name come from? The section was selected by HVR as it was originally a passing loop for trains and offered a suitable area with a convenient travel time from Dwellingup. The name has a little history with Yarowa being recommended by the WAGR in November 1923. This name, however, was rejected by the Postmaster-General as causing confusion with Yarrowee post office in Victoria. In December 1923, the WAGR suggested the name, Corbie but this name was also rejected by the Postmaster-General due to possible confusion with Corbie Hill in NSW. The WAGR finally submitted the name Isandra in January 1924, and this was accepted by the Minister for Lands on 26 February 1924. The origin of the name was not recorded. As an aside a World Heritage site of caves and cliffs in Madagascar has the same name.

Fortunately, the repairs to the Loco were not too great, so thanks to our members who got to work and had the locomotive back on track for the last few Steam Ranger runs for this year. Beginning November our Forest Train will be operating both Saturday and Sundays. This continues to run at near capacity, so prebooking is advisable to avoid disappointment.

October also sees that last of our High Tea services for this year. To our delight all services were fully booked often with many repeat customers. The timetable for next year will not be determined until around late February early March so if you do not want to miss out, please keep your eyes on our website.

Come join in our adventure

Have you made a booking on one of our services?
All bookings for Hotham Valley are online at
www.hothamvalleyrailway.com.au
Telephone enquiries: 6278 1111 (M to F 9am to 5pm)



High Tea setting

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Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

# The Season for Giving (Responsibly)

November 2026



Examples of inappropriate items to post or carry interstate: bee products including honey and beeswax candles, homemade dried fruit and plant materials, and fresh produce.

The holidays are a time for giving, travelling and spending time with loved ones. Unfortunately, this season also sees a spike in biosecurity breaches. The good news – we can still show our friends and family we care, without compromising our enviable biosecurity status.

Western Australia is subject to some of the strictest biosecurity measures in the world; our geographic isolation means we have been able to avoid many of Australia and the world's worst pests, weeds and diseases. However, this natural advantage is very much tested during the festive season. Every year, well-meaning travellers and gift-givers accidentally break the rules. Fresh fruit, vegetables, seeds, live plants, and bee products are frequent culprits. Quarantine WA officers intercepted more than 54 tonnes of quarantine risk material from travellers entering the state in the 2025-26 period.

Over the past year, inspectors seized more than three tonnes of honey alone. While a jar of artisanal honey might seem like the perfect gift, it poses a significant threat to WA's disease-free bee populations. Even more surprisingly, officers found some curious hauls in airport luggage, including a whopping 50 kilograms of fresh chillies and 18.5 kilograms of mud crabs! It isn't just airline passengers who need to be mindful. As festive care packages peak, our postal services become a vital biosecurity frontline. Last year, nearly 1.3 million interstate parcels were screened at postal facilities across Perth. When you mail plant materials or untreated wooden items, you might be packing more than just holiday cheer.

Worth celebrating, Quarantine WA successfully intercepted 120 imports contaminated with significant insect pests, including mealybugs, leaf miners, aphids, and caterpillars. Additionally, a total of 91 prohibited plant and animal species were stopped at our border and contained before they could impact our environment. The result of these pests slipping through could have been devastating, potentially severely damaging native ecosystems, hurting our primary industries, and costing the state millions in lost export markets.

Fortunately, the overwhelming majority of us are doing the right thing. Most biosecurity breaches aren't malicious; they're accidental. Sharing is caring but before you pack your bags or send that Christmas parcel, take a moment to check the State's import requirements. When travelling, declare your items; or if you've mistakenly brought something you shouldn't have, drop it in the quarantine bins at the terminal. If you're sending a gift, swap the fresh fruit, plants, seeds, or honey for safe alternatives like commercially packaged chocolates or a good book. Don't forget to remind your loved ones. *Wishing you all a safe, happy, and biosecurity-conscious lead up to the holidays.*

**Report your observations**
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# NOVEMBER 2026

## MURRAY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| | | | | | | **1** |
| **2**<br>**Games Café**<br>1–4 pm<br>Ravenswood CC | **3**<br>**Chess Group**<br>10 am–12:30 pm<br>Ravenswood CC | **4**<br>**RCGI Indigenous Arts and Craft**<br>10 am–1:30 pm<br>**CHOIR LAUNCH**<br>5:30–7:30 pm<br>Ravenswood CC | **5** | **6**<br>**Feed It Forward**<br>Lions Club | **7** | **8**<br>**Pinjarra Markets**<br>8 am–1 pm<br>Edenvale Heritage Precinct • Free |
| **9**<br>**Games Café**<br>1–4 pm<br>Ravenswood CC | **10**<br>**Chess Group**<br>10 am–12:30 pm<br>Ravenswood CC<br>**Seniors Dinner Dance**<br>5–8 pm<br>1915 Pinjarra Rd<br>$20 • Bookings essential | **11**<br>**RCGI Indigenous Arts and Craft**<br>10 am–1:30 pm<br>**Remembrance Day**<br>10:45 am–12:30 pm<br>Pinjarra War Memorial | **12** | **13**<br>**Feed It Forward**<br>Lions Club<br>**Sistahood Rising**<br>Fairbridge Village<br>See organiser for festival details | **14**<br>**MALC Open Day**<br>10 am–2 pm • Free<br>**Family Fun Fest**<br>3–10 pm • Free<br>Midway Farmstall | **15** |
| **16**<br>**Games Café**<br>1–4 pm<br>Ravenswood CC | **17**<br>**Chess Group**<br>10 am–12:30 pm<br>Ravenswood CC | **18**<br>**RCGI Indigenous Arts and Craft**<br>10 am–1:30 pm | **19** | **20**<br>**Feed It Forward**<br>Lions Club | **21**<br>**Twilight Markets**<br>4–8 pm • Free<br>Edenvale Heritage Precinct | **22** |
| **23**<br>**Games Café**<br>1–4 pm<br>Ravenswood CC<br>**Not-for-profit webinar**<br>5–6 pm • Online<br>The future of rural not for profits • Free | **24**<br>**Chess Group**<br>10 am–12:30 pm<br>Ravenswood CC | **25**<br>**RCGI Indigenous Arts and Craft**<br>10 am–1:30 pm | **26** | **27**<br>**Feed It Forward**<br>Lions Club<br>**First Aid Course**<br>8:30 am–4:30 pm<br>MALC • $145<br>Bookings required | **28**<br>**DV-aware Workshop**<br>10 am–noon • Free<br>Pinjarra Civic Centre<br>Check booking details | **29** |
| **30**<br>**Games Café**<br>1–4 pm<br>Ravenswood CC | | | | | | |

CC = Ravenswood Community Centre, Jones Lane, Ravenswood.

MALC = Murray Aquatic & Leisure Centre, 16 Camp Road, Pinjarra.

Selected events • Check bookings and updates with organisers before attending.

Listings: murray.wa.gov.au/events • Checked 21 October 2026

Regular Games Café and Chess sessions carried over from the October timetable.


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2. UNINVITED GUESTS...
SNATCH!
Hey! That was my sausage!
3. OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS...
Oi! Come back with those!
4. JUST AS WE SIT DOWN...
Seriously?! The sprinklers are on!
BBQ MASTER
5. IMPROVISE!
No worries! A little rain never stopped a good BBQ!
6. MORE VISITORS...
Looks like there's enough for everyone!
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