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Steam Ranger W945 Celebrates 75 Years

Hotham Valley Railway welcomed visitors to its Anniversary Festival at Dwellingup Railway Station on Sunday 13 September 2026. story on page 31.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Spring has arrived, bringing warmer days, new beginnings and plenty happening throughout our local community.

In this month's Murray Community Newspaper, we are proud to showcase the Hotham Valley Railway and celebrate the 75th anniversary of its Steam Ranger locomotive, W945. You will also find updates from local community groups, upcoming activities, helpful information and stories from across the wider Murray region.

October is also an important month for raising awareness of health and wellbeing. Mental Health Week encourages us to look after our mental wellbeing, support those around us and help reduce the stigma associated with seeking help. It is a timely reminder that even a simple conversation can make a meaningful difference.

National Carers Week also reminds us to recognise the many unpaid carers who quietly support family members and friends every day. Their contribution often goes unseen, but it makes an enormous difference to individuals, families and our whole community.

The Murray Community Newspaper continues to be produced, printed and distributed by volunteers from Ravenswood Community Group Inc. We are proud to provide a free platform where local organisations, community groups, services and residents can share information and celebrate what is happening in our region.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed articles, photographs, advertisements and community updates to this edition. We also thank our volunteers and local distribution points for helping us get the newspaper into the hands of readers throughout the community.

If your community group, organisation or service has something to share, we would love to hear from you. Whether it is an upcoming event, a community achievement, a local story or helpful information for residents, the Murray Community Newspaper belongs to everyone.

We hope you enjoy the October edition.

On Wednesday night, 2nd September, guest speaker Mr Simon Lee, head of the Science Department at Pinjarra Senior High School, spoke to members of the Rotary Club of Pinjarra about Pedal Prix, an extracurricular program for selected students. Simon has been at PSH for about three years. Simon was accompanied by two students, Caleb Smith and Frank Hall, who engage with the program.

Pedal Prix racing is a fun, multidisciplinary sport combining design, engineering, fitness and teamwork. Competitors race recumbent bikes around a closed circuit, aiming to complete as many laps as possible. Participants add streamlining to their cycles, making shells from diverse materials- from carbon fibre to discarded corflute political signage. Simon said the program has grown from small beginnings to more than 20 students from Years 7 to 12 now part of the program.

Pinjarra Senior High School students formed two teams, including managers, drivers and pit crews, to build and maintain two racing cycles. Their makeshift aerodynamic shells can help racers reach speeds of up to 35 km/h.

The WA Human Powered Vehicle Association Inc., a not-for-profit organisation, runs the WA Pedal Prix Series. Students compete in five Western Australian events, including at Busselton, an event which is part of the Australian Championship series. Later this September, they will take part in the annual Australian International Pedal Prix—the Murray Bridge 24 Hour race in South Australia.

In 2026, the Australian International Pedal Prix will be held for the 39th time. It is the world's largest Pedal Prix vehicle race and has been staged at Murray Bridge's scenic Sturt Reserve complex since 1997. Racing begins at noon on Saturday, 19 September, on the scenic road circuit around Sturt Reserve beside the Murray River. The event is the final round of the Adelaide University Pedal Prix Racing Championship, following which national champions will be crowned in each category.

The Pinjarra High School students accompanying Simon at the Rotary Club meeting spoke about the enjoyment they gain from the program and, more broadly, the confidence they have developed through helping manage it.



Simon Lee, Caleb Smith and Frank Hall from Pinjarra SHS

Simon and his students were thanked for attending the meeting and sharing information about this terrific program. The Rotary Club extended their wish for good fortune when the group goes to Murray Bridge

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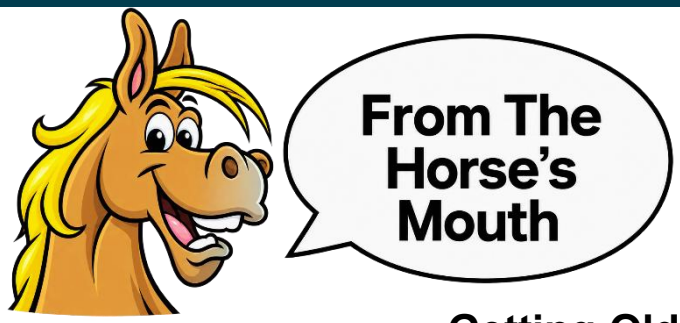

Getting Older and Wiser

Liza brought her mum in to see me when old Judy was looking at aged care facilities to move into in the future. “Some said they won’t accept her unless she has an ENDURING POWER OF GUARDIANSHIP and we don’t even know what that means”, said Liza.

So, I sat Judy down and explained to her that since COVID, many nursing homes were insisting that their new residents made an ENDURING POWER OF GUARDIANSHIP before moving in. This was so that everyone there knew who was responsible for Judy’s personal, lifestyle and treatment decisions if Judy could not make those decisions herself.

“What if I don’t want anyone to make decisions for me”, Judy said.

“Well, if you have a stroke or otherwise lose legal capacity, Liza might have to make an application for guardianship through the State Administrative Tribunal, and this could take time and be quite stressful for her. Worse still, a complete stranger could be appointed to look after you – and not Liza at all“, I explained.

Judy of course agreed she wanted Liza to be her guardian so Liza could make decisions about her care, medical treatment and the support services she could access.

Getting old isn’t fun but getting caught out really is no fun at all. Understanding your options can only help you get your affairs in order and simplify things for your children.

If you would like to know more about enduring powers of attorney and enduring powers of guardianship, Call NashClavey-Mandurah 95351577.

Joyce Winsome nee Hull and William Charles Edward Beacham



Whatever happened to them
Just about every thing !

World War Two, eventually 5 children, Living at “Lingwood Farm”, moving to the Railway House to facilitate schooling. Moved to “Jim Jam Farm”, when the Grandfather died. Sold the Farm in late 1960 and moved to 3 Congdon Ave, Pinjarra January 1961 and then I started work at the Post Office as a Casual. Mum got involved with the P&C catering at the Trots. The “Opp Shop” when it was on the veranda at the Ministers House, then later where Jarrah Infusion is now then the Old School. As well as doing the flowers at the Church and occasionally mowing between the graves. Dad worked on the Railways as a “Snake Charmer” (Repairer), occasionally weekend work on friend’s farms to help out. Played Football and Cricket in season, Smoked, Drank and suffered side effects of WW2 and died at 53.
Oh, and dished out the Corporal Punishment as thought fit, however I am forever grateful that he strongly suggested I don’t volunteer for Vietnam even though my number stayed in the barrel. His tone of voice left me in no doubt.

HALLOWEEN COLOURING FUN!



CAN YOU FIND?

3 bats • 2 spiders • 3 stars • 1 black cat

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?

Email: secrcgi@outlook.com
Phone: (08) 6245 5501

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University of the Third Age

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**

Thursday 1st	**The GREEK ISLANDS** **A trip around the islands Ian style**
Wednesday 7th	**Recollection Day** **Where Have you Volunteered**
Thursday 8th	**The Technology of Time** From earliest human civilisation, mankind has wanted to know the time, both day and night. Bob's presentation traces the history of time measurement from its earliest days
Wednesday 14th	**60 Years in Hong Kong** John's life as a RAAF "Spook" Three-Telecommunications Unit RAAF Pearse and the massive change in Hong Kong I witnessed over the last 60 years.
Thursday 15th	**A walk along Rochester High Street and the links to Charles Dickens**
Wednesday 21s	**What's On -** A quick run through the month ahead **Make the Right Call - WA SURF LIFE SAVING** *Make the Right Call* focuses on recognising risks, making informed decisions and preventing avoidable tragedies
Thursday 22nd	**The Life of Joseph Banks.** Joseph Banks is most known for his role as a botanist, after whom the Banksia is named
Wednesday 28th	**The Jurassic Coast** The Jurassic coast is a 95-mile UNESCO World Heritage Site spanning Dorset and East Devon.
Thursday 29TH	**Current Affairs** **John will lead this discussion and see where it ends up**

Programme OCTOBER 2026
Meetings are from 1.30 – 3.30 PM
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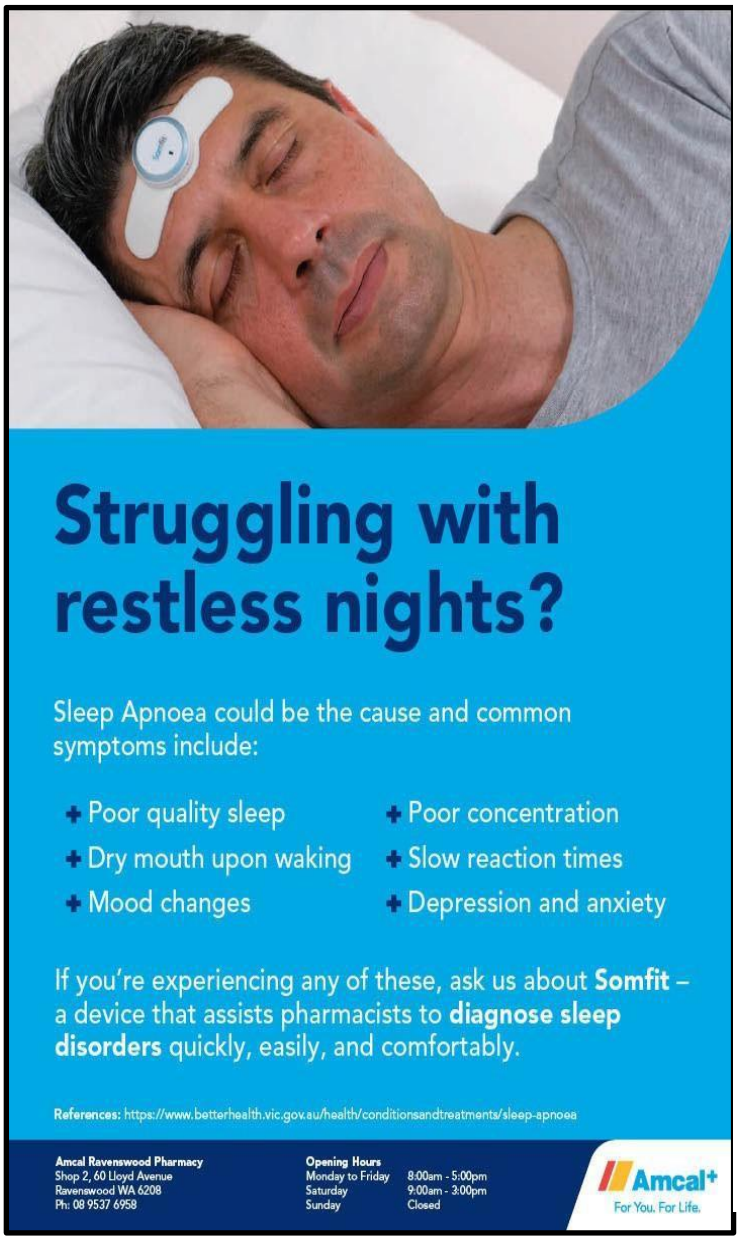

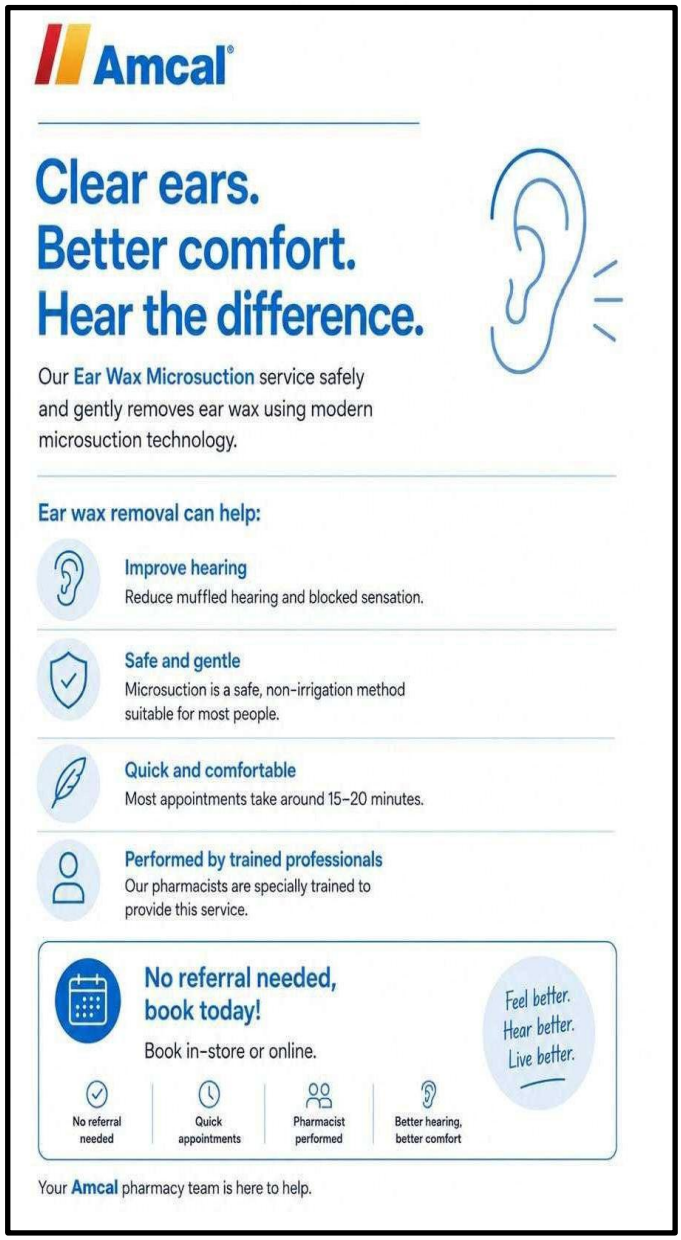

Invitation to join the Peel Community Care Inc. Board

As a Federal Government funded not-for-profit service established over thirty years ago, Peel Community Care Inc. provides home-care services that enable our seniors to stay living in their own home, within their community.

As a Board member, you will bring your understanding of the importance of supporting our skilled staff to continue delivering excellent caring services.

We are looking for a member who has any one of the following backgrounds:

Medical and health professional

Governance or Committee experience

Finance or accounting

Planning and development in the Aged Care industry

We seek also a member willing to take the role of Treasurer. With the assistance of the Manager and accountant, the Treasurer presents a prepared financial report and supports the financial literacy of the Board.

If you are interested in finding out more, please get in touch with our Manager Debra Lloyd at the Pinjarra office on 9531 2076. We look forward to hearing from you.

Colleen Ford
Chairperson
Pinjarra Community Care Inc.



Waroona Rural Services
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Agent for
Nutrien Ag Solutions

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Fire Danger Ratings tell you how dangerous a fire could be if one starts. Check the rating regularly and be prepared to act.

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.

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Source: Department of Fire and Emergency Services WA



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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

WHAT'S IN A SHOEBOX?

For those of us who live in Australia, the thought of having only 1 or 2 sets of clothes, no pencils for writing and no shoes to walk in is one that doesn't usually cross our mind. However, this is a reality in the lives of millions of children in countries not too far from us. One organization that has been doing something about this for many years is Samaritan's Purse. Each year in October they run Operation Christmas Child around the world. At that time, they collect shoeboxes that people have filled with things that might bring joy to some of those children.

Last year Operation Christmas Child (OCC) in Australia collected 212.403 shoeboxes, with 25,343 coming from WA. All these shoeboxes were distributed to children in 2 South East Asian countries, 2 Pacific Island countries and the Ukraine. Of course, that only happened because schools, clubs, churches, other organizations and individuals packed a shoebox to be given to a child in another country. Along with that, many people donated money to help the delivery ($12.50 is needed per box). Some people did this online so that they could track the delivery of their box to its final destination. If you are unable to pack a box, you can donate $40 online and a box will be packed on your behalf.

What do you put in a shoebox? OCC suggest: a WOW item (stuffed toy, skipping rope,…), Personal Care items (excluding soap due to customs problems), School Supplies, Clothing & Accessories. Craft activities, Toys, a Personal Note. There are also a number of things not allowed such as food, 2nd hand goods, liquids & religious material.

Pinjarra Alliance Church has registered as an official OCC collection point during October and also will celebrate Shoebox Sunday (October 18th). You are able to drop-off boxes (or gifts that might go into boxes) at the Pinjarra Alliance Church on any weekday throughout October, just ring first. You are also welcome to take part in our Shoebox Sunday 10am service or join us as we pack boxes after the service in our front meeting hall at 12 noon.

If you want more information, feel 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**
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In partnership with Peel Community Kitchen

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0402 033 285

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Sunday Worship Service 10am

Home Groups various nights

ALL WELCOME

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

Happenings at Murray Arts and Crafts

Happenings at Murray Arts & Crafts in October 2026

Doesn't time fly. Sometimes it seems the years are getting shorter. Its October already and soon we'll be decorating the Christmas tree again. Of, course It is a time of giving and receiving so there's no time like the present to start thinking about gift buying. At Murray Arts and Crafts, we have much to offer in the way of beautifully hand-crafted giftware produced by our multi-talented members. Why not pop into our shop and browse. You will be impressed by our range of hand-crafted items at affordable prices. We are open every day from 10am to 3pm. EFTPOS is available and two of our members are always in attendance to assist you with your purchases.

Workshops & Classes…Throughout the year we offer a range of interesting workshops teaching a variety of skills, and our classes are ongoing weekly for those interested in honing their skills in such crafts as painting and drawing, pottery, leadlighting and mosaics. Details and contact numbers can be found on Pinjarra Art Hub's Facebook page or flyers can be picked up in our shop.
Sashiko Coasters…Join one of our most talented members, **Helen Lock**, in her Stitch Thru Time Workshop and learn this Japanese artform, Sundays, 11th & 25th October, 10am to 3pm. Relax and stitch the Sashiko way in a comfortable and friendly atmosphere. You will create 4 unique coasters each with a traditional pattern which will grace any table.
This workshop is suitable for beginners and experienced stitchers and includes all fabrics, threads, patterns, instruction, morning and afternoon teas.
$120 non-members, $110 MAACS members. Member's discount code is HL1026.
For more information and to book go to www.trybooking.com/DPDZR.

Art Galleries…At Murray Arts & Crafts you will find a section of the shop dedicated mainly for the presentation of paintings produced by our members. You can also see a collection of our paintings displayed in the Doctor's Lounge at the Exchange Hotel in Pinjarra and in Murray House 14 James Street, Pinjarra. Paintings in both these locations are for sale and will be changed over quarterly.
Please note Murray House is not open on weekends
For anyone interested in exploring their artistic talents the following classes are available weekly. Enquiries…9531 3598
Gayle, Pottery, Mosaics, Lead Lighting, a Self-Help Tuesdays 10:00am to 3:00pm. **0439 903 470**
Corrie, Pottery a Self-Help Group on Wednesdays 12:00pm to 3:00pm. **0437 780 358**
Rita, Painting & Drawing Self-Help Group each 1st, 2nd, & 4th Wednesday. **0431 825 636.**
Judy, Leadlighting on Fridays 8:30am to 11:30am **9581 1894**
Jo, Printmaking, on Fridays 10am to 3pm **0405 725 857.**
Sue, Coffee, Craft & Chat. 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month, 1pm to 3pm. **0487 313 217**

Mike James, Public Relations, October 2026





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Media release

10 September 2026

Work begins on North Pinjarra Revitalisation Project

The North Pinjarra community is set to benefit from an $800,000 upgrade to its much-loved community park and recreation centre, with works commencing this week.

The project will be staged throughout the 2026/2027 financial year with completion expected mid-2027.

After community consultation earlier this year, the first stage of works is now underway, with preparation for the construction of new multi-purpose courts to support a range of sport and recreational activities.

The broader project will also include: modern playground upgrades for kids of all ages, landscaped greenspace for relaxation and play, refurbished toilets, a new mural, and improved car parking for ease and safety.

Shire President Douglas McLarty said this project is an exciting project for North Pinjarra.

"This area is highly utilised by the North Pinjarra community. We are looking forward to upgrading these facilities to create a welcoming space equipped to meet the needs of a growing community," said President McLarty

"With a mix of play, recreation and relaxation spaces that locals of all ages can enjoy, this project supports our key focus area 'People' which ensures our community enjoys excellent health, wellbeing and quality of life," added President McLarty.

This project is funded by the WA Government's Royalties for Regions program.

More information can be found here https://www.murray.wa.gov.au/consultations/major-projects/north-pinjarra-revitalisation.

ENDS

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Pinjarra Men's Shed

It's all go at the Shed this month with various jobs on the go including picture frames, chopping boards, jewellery, plant stands, and various repair jobs that people in the community have requested. Our Vice Chairman, Boyd has done an excellent job having just completed a major works for the Peel Harvey Catchment Council in building stop-boards for water catchment. This is a huge job, and Boyd deserves a pat on the back for his commitment in seeing it through.

For those of you who have not visited our Model Train Display at Pinjarra Junction Shopping Centre, it is definitely worth a visit as things constantly evolve. This is an ongoing project where our dedicated volunteers spend countless hours tweaking and upgrading the display. Adjacent to the train display we have a retail shop featuring a myriad of stunning items for sale, some useful, and some whimsical, all handmade by our members. We are still 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.

Our classes are busy with leatherwork, lead-lighting, mosaic, silver jewellery, and woodturning. This month we are featuring our member Andrew, who has been busy making stringed instruments, a dulcimer and a diddly bow. The dulcimer is celebrated for the gentle melodic sound it produces. It is generally held on the lap of the player who strums it with a small stick. The diddley bow is a single stringed instrument that has played a fundamental role in the development of blues music. See photos below.

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 have quite a regular gathering for our Saturday morning BBQ Brekky. Because of inclement weather we have been sitting indoors but with the warmer weather approaching we will be adjourning back out to the courtyard where Cookie will be wielding the tongs. If you're looking for a cuppa, a good laugh and a few questionable yarns, this is the place to be. This is purely social, all are welcome, non-members $5, members $4, which gets you bacon, egg, snag, onion on a bun and bottomless tea and coffee.

Many thanks to those people who have helped fill our recycle bin which earns us much needed funds which helps to pay the bills. They now accept wine bottles so there's a valid excuse to have a drink. We now also have a scrap metal bin for recycling.

The Men's Shed Team
pcms@pcms.org.au
0419 827 554



Andrew with his dulcimer and diddly bow.



The dulcimer during construction.

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

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

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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MALC Gym open 24/7

AROUND TOWN

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Murray District Historical Society
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Committee meets on third Wednesday of every month.
Community Meetings are held bi-monthly on an arranged date.
Contact: Anne Cubitt, secretary
Email: mdhspinjarra@outlook.com

Murray District Machine Knitting Group
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All enquiries to president Michelle Pellew 0408 952 453 mtlpinjarra@gmail.com

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Secretary: pinjarrascsecretary@gmail.com

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Email: murrayartslink@gmail.com

Pinjarra Bowls Club
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Phone: 9531 1840

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Lot 362 Pinjarra-Williams Rd, Pinjarra
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Sat 8.30am - 12.30pm

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Pinjarra RSL Sub Branch
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Phone: 0407 424 561
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Pinjarra Volunteer Walk Group
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Summer - 8am first week of December
Winter - 9am first week of April
For info phone Anna 0423 852 102
* All walkers must take responsibility for themselves and should make sure they are fit and well before undertaking these walks*

AROUND TOWN

Ravenswood Community Group Inc.
Email:
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Website:
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Phone 62455501

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For further info: Ken 0482 063 943

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Email:

rcpinjarra.secretary@gmail.com

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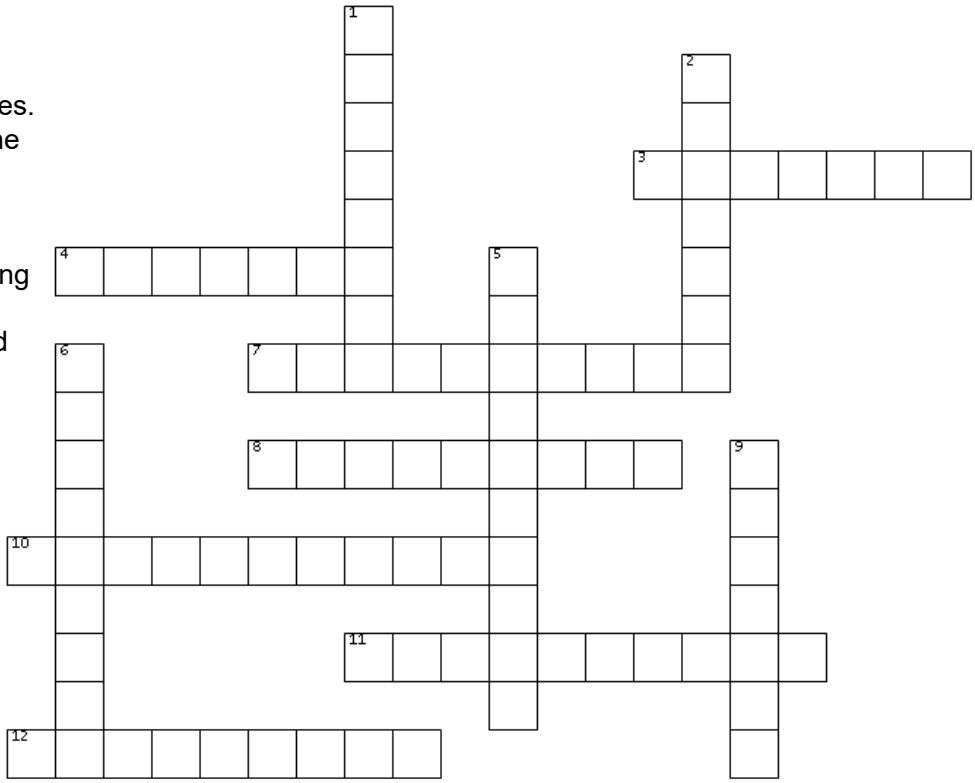
4. – A healthy mix of work, rest and enjoyment.
7. – The ability to recover after difficult times.
8. – People who live, work or connect in the same area.
10. – Focusing calmly on the present moment.
11. – Looking for the hopeful or encouraging side.
12. – The state of feeling healthy, safe and comfortable.

DOWN
1. – Treating others with care and respect.
2. – The strength to face something difficult.
5. – A caring and supportive relationship.
6. – The feeling of being thankful.
9. – To slowly take air in and let it out.



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Pinjarra Lions Roar

RU OK ALCOA BREAKFAST.

10TH SEPTEMBER,2026. Seven Lions members braved the early morning rise to once again cook breakfast for Alcoa workers.
Our Lions Club, plus the Mandurah Lions club do this event annually.
The BBQ had sausages, onions and burgers sizzling away well before the sun rose. Our members commenced work at 4.30 AM... YES 4.30 AM!

Lions Stewart, Donna & Marlene recently enjoyed helping out at the PINJARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL. We helped with the Fathers Day stall.
It was an interesting day helping the younger children purchase a special gift for Dad. Hey Dad's we hope we did well.
Not to be out done the PINJARRA HIGH SCHOOL had our club attend their Sports Activity Day on Wednesday 16th September,2026.
The weather turned on a beautiful spring day. Huge recognition to the students, your wonderful manners didn't go unnoticed when you came to purchase
your food and drinks. WELL, DONE!
Congratulations to all who participated and especially to those who took home the big awards.

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.

LARGE CHRISTMAS CAKES	1.5Kg	$21.00
MINI SLICES	85g	$3.00
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LARGE PUDDINGS	900g	$17.00
GLUTEN FREE CAKES	400g	$13.00



You will find us running our usual Christmas Cake Stalls in the Pinjarra Junction Shopping centre from the end of October. Cakes will be delivered as normal to Pinjarra Meat Supply and the Bendigo Bank around November.
Should anyone require any cakes etc before hand
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The Digital ID Push

If you've opened the **myGovID** app lately and wondered where it went, you're not losing your marbles. In November 2024, **myGovID** changed to **myID**. Same app, same account, same purpose. **But there's a bigger change coming.**

From **1 December 2026**, Australia's government **Digital ID** system will open to the **private sector**. *Accredited* private Digital ID providers and businesses can apply to participate alongside government services. This is part of a $654.3 million federal investment over four years to maintain and expand the system.

Private Digital ID providers can charge commercially for their services; these arrangements are between the **providers** and **organisations** using their services. Businesses may be charged a fee to use myID to verify their customers, but **individuals will not be charged to create or use their Digital ID** to log into, say, Medicare**.**

So… what is this Digital ID? Do we need it?



It's simply a way of proving who you are **online** via an App on your phone. You establish your identity, then use that **Digital ID** whenever a participating service needs to confirm who you are. It helps prevent unauthorised persons logging into your **myGov** services on another device.

Annoyingly similar names, but here's the useful bit:

myGov is the front door. It gives you online access to services such as Medicare, Centrelink and the **ATO**.
myID is the Australian Government's **Digital ID app for your phone/tablet.** It confirms your online identity via a use-once-only code.
My Health Record is separate again. It contains health information such as medications, test results and immunisation records and is accessed through **myGov**.

Creating and using a **Digital ID** is a safeguard, so well worth using. If you don't want one, or can't use one, government services must continue to provide another way to access them, such as by phone or in person. There are limited exceptions.

Want to try it? myID can only be set up on a phone or tablet. That device needs to be available to you, if you are then logging into **myGov** on a computer. A code will come through and that will need verifying, via the **myID App.**

If you already have **myGov**, you do **NOT** need another account. To set up **myID**, download the official **myID app** from the **Apple App Store** or **Google Play**. Enter your details and verify identity documents. You can then connect **myID** to your existing **myGov** account and use it as a **secure sign-in** option.

Allow yourself a little time for the first go. This is government technology, after all; optimism is lovely, but wine may also be useful.

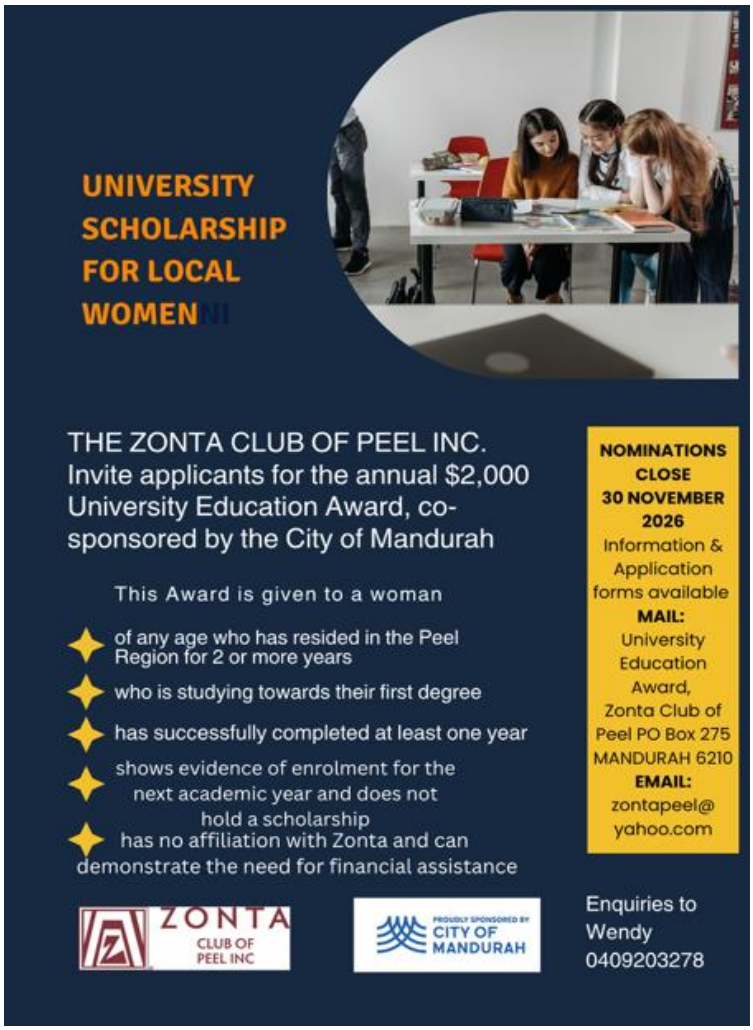
!!! Warning !!! Scammers adore a government change almost as much as a fake parcel delivery !!!

If a text or email tells you to update or verify your **myID** through a **link, don't use it**. Go directly to **myID.gov.au** or **my.gov.au** via your preferred browser on the computer, tablet or phone.

Digital ID is expanding, but it's not instantly replacing every physical card or government counter. For most of us, the change simply means more organisations and potentially more **Digital ID** providers will enter the system. That could still be a tad scary… after some recent major organisations' data breaches and leaks. Having more places hold your digital details isn't automatically a comforting thought.

You can use it if it makes life easier. OR… if you'd rather keep your driver's licence in your wallet and talk to an actual human for now, *if you can find one*, you still can.





NO-BAKE STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE CUPS

Serves 6 | Preparation: 20 minutes | Chilling: 1 hour

INGREDIENTS

- 250 g plain sweet biscuits
- 80 g butter, melted
- 250 g cream cheese, softened
- ⅓ cup icing sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 300 mL thickened cream
- 250 g strawberries, hulled and chopped
- 2 tbsp strawberry jam
- Extra strawberries and mint, to serve



METHOD

1. Crush the biscuits into fine crumbs. Stir through the melted butter, divide among six glasses and press down gently.
2. Beat the cream cheese, icing sugar and vanilla until smooth.
3. Whip the cream to soft peaks, then gently fold it into the cream cheese mixture.
4. Spoon the filling over the biscuit bases. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour.
5. Mix the chopped strawberries with the jam. Spoon over the cheesecake cups just before serving and garnish with mint.

Have a favourite recipe to share? Email: editor.rcgi@outlook.com for a chance to be featured 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.

Our medical weight care program makes it easier to achieve your goals, with many people losing an average of 8% body weight in just 3 months.

The Weight Care Program is complimentary when you have an eligible medical weight loss prescription dispensed at TerryWhite Chemmart.

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Regards, Rob, Yang & Rebecca

TerryWhite Chemmart Pinjarra
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October in the Garden

With John Bodycoat

Spring is here, bringing the perfect opportunity to refresh your lawn and garden.
There are so many fabulous plants to sow and grow, so where do you start?
We have had a reasonable amount of rainfall this winter and spring, however we need to check our irrigation and watering systems now.
Many plants seem to die in late September or early October as some gardeners have a false sense that our winter rainfall is enough for our plants.
Earthworms can increase soil fertility and plant productivity in many ways as Earthworm excrement or casts contain nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium and magnesium, which increase soil fertility.

What to plant into your October Garden

Herbs	Plant in pots your favourite herbs. Only plant out your favourite herb and there will be no waste.
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 on. 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.
Flowers	There are various flowers that can go in now including petunia 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. Fertilise all your fruit trees now with recommended rates found on your bags.
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.
Vegetables, flowers and fruit trees	Check your garden for pests and diseases as mid spring produces mobs of nasties in the garden out to destroy vegetables, flowers and fruit trees. Early fruits such as loquats will be under attack by Med Fly as they are the early fruiters. Brassicas such as cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli will be mauled by caterpillars, especially the small looper caterpillar. Ask at your favourite store for advice on what to use to rid your Patch of these. Check citrus for sooty mould, citrus gall wasp and leaf miner.
Native trees	After your native or local trees have finished flowering you can trim up your trees and after the flowers have dried off save the seed to grow for next year.

Happy Gardening

Pinjarra Community Garden

The tea under the tree or TUTT for October is on Saturday 3rd October at the Community Garden. 10-00 am to 12.00 pm
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Cat's claw creeper - getting its hooks in



An infestation of cat's claw creeper smothering a fence, flowers in full bloom, and the distinctive 3 pronged 'cat's claw' tendril.

It's clear how cat's claw creeper (*Dolichandra unguis-cati*) earned its name. Each pair of leaflets is armed with a three-pronged tendril reminiscent of tiny cat claws. Originally from Central and South America, it was introduced to Australia in the 1950's as a garden ornamental and it's easy to see why. In spring it bursts into bloom and its profusion of bright yellow, trumpet-shaped flowers are hard to miss.

Clawing its way to the top

Once established, cat's claw creeper doesn't stay in the garden. It spreads into bushland through wind-blown seeds, water movement, and an underground network of tubers that can reach densities of up to 1,000 per square metre. These persist in the soil for years after the stems are cut. The vine can climb up to 30 m into the tree canopy, forming dense mats that smother mature trees and deprive undergrowth of light. When trees die and cause breaks in the canopy, fast growing weeds can then move in and take advantage of the extra light to establish in these areas. This fundamentally changes the conditions for native plants and animals.

What to look for

If you suspect you've encountered one of these pernicious vines, look for the tell-tale claws. You'll find them extending from the base of the paired leaves. In spring, bright yellow trumpet shaped flowers make it unmistakable. By late summer these flowers are replaced with flat seed pods up to 45 cm long. They hang from the vine, each holding up to 80 winged seeds which drop around July/August. Older plants have stems that become thick and woody, and the root system underground is extensive with many tubers.

Found it? What to do:

In WA, cat's claw creeper is a declared pest and must be reported. Is not permitted to be propagated or sold in WA and any plants found are to be eradicated. Cat's claw creeper has previously been found in various localities across Perth including Victoria Park, Como, Guildford, Hovea, Leederville, Floreat and Forrestfield. Regionally it has been found in Broome, Albany, Gidgegannup and Moora.

This is the time of year when you're mostly likely to notice this persistent pest. If you suspect you have found this plant please photograph it, note the location, and report it via MyPestGuide® Reporter (app or website), or by emailing the Pest and Disease Information Service. WA's beautiful native bushland is still largely free of this weed. With the assistance of community reporting, it can stay that way!


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Saturday	3 October	Restaurant Train	7pm
Sunday	4 October	Steam Ranger	10.30am and 2pm
Tuesday	6 October	Forest Train	10.30am and 2pm
Wednesday	7 October	Steam Ranger	10.30am and 2pm
Thursday	8 October	Forest Train	10.30am and 2pm
Saturday	10 October	Forest Train	10.30am and 2pm
Saturday	10 October	Restaurant Train	7pm
Sunday	11 October	Steam Ranger	10.30am and 2pm
Saturday	17 October	Forest Train	10.30am and 2pm
Saturday	17 October	Restaurant Train	7pm
Sunday	18 October	Steam Ranger	10.30am and 2pm
Sunday	18 October	High Tea	12n
Saturday	24 October	Forest Train	10.30am and 2pm
Saturday	24 October	Restaurant Train	7pm
Sunday	25 October	Steam Ranger	10.30am and 2pm
Saturday	31 October	Forest Train	10.30am and 2pm
Saturday	31October	Restaurant Train	7pm
Sunday	1 November	Forest Train	10.30am and 2pm
Saturday	7 November	Forest Train	10.30am and 2pm
Saturday	7 November	Restaurant Train	7pm
Sunday	8 November	Forest Train	10.30am and 2pm

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Hotham Valley Railway Happenings

People, People, People everywhere. That was the scene at Dwellingup on Sunday 13 September for our Anniversary Festival. Both our Steam Ranger and Forest Train with morning and afternoon services again saw a record number of passengers travelling. This year was fifty years since Hotham Valley Railway operated its first steam train service to Dwellingup. It was also rather special as the Locomotive used all those years ago was the one hauling the service on Sunday. Being manufactured in 1951 its seventy fifth birthday was acknowledged.

In addition to passengers many visitors also enjoyed wandering through the various market stalls or enjoying a snack from the many food trucks. A great experience was had by everyone.

Days like this do not just happen without an amazing team of people giving their time to preserve our railway and share it with the community. Therefore, a big thank you goes to our incredible volunteers for their time, passion, hard work and dedication.

In some small way of rewarding our volunteers the Board recently approved the adoption of a standard blue shirt as uniform for all active members. On board staff are issued with a light blue shirt whereas locomotive and maintenance staff receive a dark blue shirt. All shirts carry their name and Hotham Valley Railway logo. Members have fully embraced with “new” look and clearly present a more professional image to the community. On the Festival day it was evident that members were clearly recognizable with patrons knowing who to approach seeking any information.

Another pleasing aspect of the day was the number of enquiries received at our Information/Membership stand. As with many organizations recruitment of new members is vital for sustainability. Therefore, several people who have expressed a desire for further information are already planning a day for orientation. This will then give them more detail on the workings of the railway and enabling a decision of what areas they will be able assist.

Our railway caters for many areas:

Maintenance: General maintenance of rolling stock and depots
Passenger Management: assistance on trains or at Dwellingup station
Network Support: attending level crossings, fire patrols
Footplate roles: Loco observer, Steam Fireman, Shunter
Driving: Locomotives, Hi-rail vehicles, and Track Machines

September is shaping up for another busy time for members. Forest train will be operating Tuesdays, and Thursdays during the School Holidays with the Steam Ranger on Wednesdays. These days are in addition to the regular Saturday and Sunday trains, including the Restaurant Train on Saturday evenings. Then on the last Sunday on the holidays (11th October) the railway will have a stall at Railfest, Rail Heritage Museum at Bassendean. For those wishing to attend there will be Heritage and rollingstock on display along with several Railwayana stalls.

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)



Festival Coach Captains in “new look” Blue Uniform



2027 Women in STEM Scholarships

Calling Peel region Year 11 and 12 female students looking to study an ATAR or TAFE course focused on science, technology, mathematics and/or engineering.

Zonta Club of Peel and Alcoa of Australia have five $1,000 Women in STEM Scholarships up-for-grabs to assist with study expenses.

Scan the QR code to learn more and gain access to the online application form. Applications close Monday 30 November, 2026.

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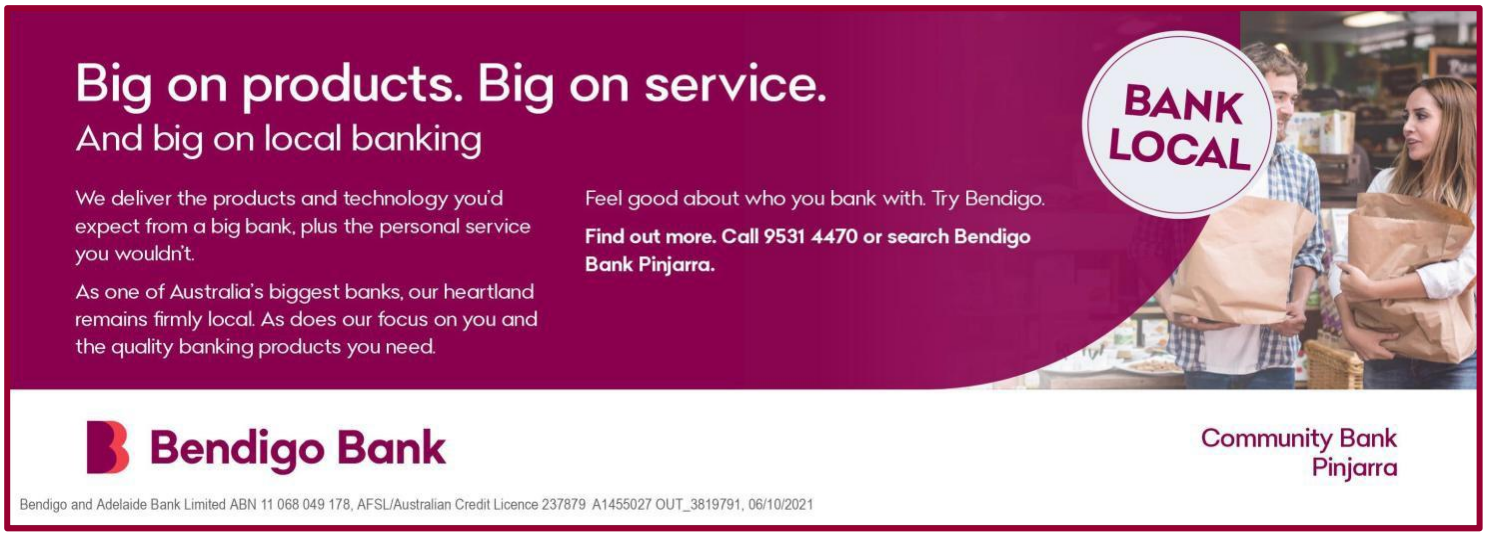

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

4–11 OCTOBER 2026

Let's take back control of our wellbeing and build a mentally healthy future for WA. Mental Health Week encourages us to check in with ourselves and the people around us, have meaningful conversations and help break down the stigma surrounding mental health challenges.

Small actions can make a difference:

- Check in with someone you care about
- Be available for rest and activities you enjoy
- Stay connected with family, friends and community
- Speak with someone when you need support

NEED SUPPORT?

Lifeline: 13 11 14

Here For You Support Line: 1800 437 348

Mental Health Emergency Response Line: 1300 555 788

If someone is in immediate danger, call 000.



Sources: WA Mental Health Week, mentalhealthweek.org.au

October Callender 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 **Active Kids** Holiday Session MALC, Pinjarra **Quandong Necklace Workshop** 12 noon–2:00 pm Murray CRC • 12–17	2 **Feed It Forward** 11:30 am–1:30 pm Community Kitchen Pinjarra	3 **Country Music** Festival Rushton Park **Geocaching 101*** 10:00 am–12 noon Dwellingup VC All ages	4 **Food, Film & Fun** Singapore Edition 9:00 am–12 noon Dwellingup Hall Ages 12–17
5 **Games Café** 1:00–4:30 pm Ravenswood CC **Learn2Swim** Intensive begins	6 **Chess Group** 10:00 am–12:30 pm Ravenswood CC	7 **Money Smart** Mobile Phones & Buy Now, Pay Later 12 noon–1:00 pm Murray CRC • 12–25 **Pool Inflatable** 12:30–2:30 pm MALC, Pinjarra	8	9 **Feed It Forward** 11:30 am–1:30 pm Community Kitchen **Get Job Ready** 11:30 am–4:30 pm Murray CRC • 12–25	10 **Cupcake Decorating Workshop** 11:00 am–1:00 pm Dwellingup Hall Ages 12–17	11
12 **Games Café** 1:00–4:30 pm Ravenswood CC	13 **Chess Group** 10:00 am–12:30 pm Ravenswood CC	14	15	16 **Feed It Forward** 11:30 am–1:30 pm Community Kitchen Pinjarra	17	18 **PINJARRA GARDEN DAY** 9:00 am–3:00 pm Edenvale Precinct
19 **RCGI AGM** 3:30 pm Ravenswood CC **Games Café** 1:00–4:30 pm	20 **Chess Group** 10:00 am–12:30 pm Ravenswood CC	21	22	23 **Feed It Forward** 11:30 am–1:30 pm Community Kitchen Pinjarra	24 **Oktoberfest** Mandurah & Peel Cobblers Tavern	25
26 **Games Café** 1:00–4:30 pm Ravenswood CC	27 **Chess Group** 10:00 am–12:30 pm Ravenswood CC	28	29	30 **Feed It Forward** 11:30 am–1:30 pm Community Kitchen **Tom Curtain Tour** 5:30–8:30 pm Pinjarra	31 **HALLOWEEN**	

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Games Café: Mondays, 1:00–4:30 pm • Chess Group: Tuesdays, 10:00 am–12:30 pm

Ravenswood Community Centre, Jones Lane, Ravenswood

Please check with organisers for bookings, fees or changes.

* Geocaching 101 details may change. Check before attending.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 19th of October 2026

3:30 PM

Ravenswood Community Centre

Jones Lane, Ravenswood

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