

# Murchison Monologue

Welcome to our new Ballinyoo Bridge



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If you have any articles or information about events or photo's you wish to share with our readers, then please do not hesitate to contact the office. We would love to include them.

## Hullo Community Members

Since I wrote last, the all-consuming event that captured our time and attention was the opening of the new Ballinyoo Bridge on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. What a great day we had and a big thank you to all the hard-working volunteers who made it such a success – the committee, the crew from the ICPA who did the catering and the Shire crew who put in a big effort to have the area prepared to such a high standard in time for the opening. We've established a span of the old bridge 400 metres to the north east of the new one with some interpretive signage and seating. Rails and steps will be added as funds allow.

Another great community project that has recently been completed is the Equestrian Stabling Centre. This project was driven by the Murchison Polocrosse Club with funds from the Mid West Development Commission's Regional Grant Scheme. The stables come complete with a storage shed and wash-down bay and were finished in time for the July Polocrosse Carnival. The old stables were demolished to make room for further development in the Settlement.

Planning for the full review of the Strategic Community Plan is well underway. Community consultation is an important part of the review and we will once again capture this through a survey and a community workshop. The workshop is planned for Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November from 1:00 pm through to about 4:00 pm. After the workshop, we'll put on drinks and a BBQ and organise a bowls comp, so come along, have your say and make an evening of it. The survey is attached to the Monologue – we would appreciate you taking the time to fill it in for return to us by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. This will give our consultant time to collate the data to have available for the workshop.

We are well underway with our bitumen sealing program for the year. We are sealing 1km of the Carnarvon Mullewa Road adjacent to Bullardoo homestead, 6.8 km of the Carnarvon Mullewa Road immediately north of the Settlement and various roads and carparks in the Settlement. WML Consultants have been appointed to manage the tender process, to superintend the works and to provide technical advice to our Works Supervisor during the works. The tender for the works is open between Friday 28 and Friday 11 October 2016 and will be awarded by Council at their meeting on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, ready for a start by the end of November. Our crew is doing most of the preparation and will start work on that early in November.

The next section of work that will be tendered out is the pot holing of the Beringarra Cue Road. Our aim is to advertise that tender between the 12<sup>th</sup> November and the 25<sup>th</sup> November, with works to commence in February/March 2017.

As well as our busy Road Works program, we have ordered a new Card Reader for the Roadhouse which is scheduled for installation by the end of November and have booked a builder to enclose the room at the rear of the museum cottage as a bedroom. This will mean that the current bedroom can be utilised as a lounge which will make the cottage a lot more comfortable for caretakers in future.

This is a good time to remind everyone about their responsibilities in regard to bush fire control. Please note, that under the Bush Fires Act 1954, it is the land owner's responsibility in the first instance to take all possible measures to extinguish a bush fire on your property. If these measures prove in vain and you require assistance, contact your nearest Bush Fire Control Officer, the Captain of the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade or the Shire Office. A notice regarding the prohibited burning period, including contact numbers in the event of a bush fire, is included in this edition.

Just a reminder that Christmas is just around the corner and we will notify you shortly regarding the date for our Annual Meeting of Electors.

Dianne Daniels  
Chief Executive Officer





The photo of the vehicles above and on the next page have the first eleven MU plates for the district

Below is a view of the luncheon on the Bridge.





Aerial view of the long table luncheon on the Ballinyoo Bridge



# Ballinyoo Bridge Opening

This would have to be the longest long table luncheon on record for this area and to think that it was possible because of the hard work of a small band of people who were dedicated to see a great day happen. Well done to the committee and a thank you to the Shire staff. Thank you to the hard working caterers who also made this day a big success.



# *People from days gone by .*



## *Some of the present community*





### The third and last part to the Diary of a school teacher at the end of the 1890s.

Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> – We received letters from **Lil M** and **Rose** last night, all well so far.

Monday April 27<sup>th</sup> – Am getting much better. Yesterday morning visited the sick, afternoon we called on **Mr & Mrs Maynard** and in the evening went to the **Wesleyan chapel**. It is a disagreeable, dusty, hot day.

Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> - We drove to **Cue** this afternoon got a few lemons 4 pence each. Called on **Mrs Limperly** and had afternoon tea. **Mrs Limperly** gave me a word of introduction to **Mrs Willis** at **Abany**. It was a very pleasant drive. Got no letters from home this week.

Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> - Sent out box to **Mullewa** today by a drayman **C. Wabb**.

#### Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup> 1896

Visited the big **Day Dawn mine** today. The manager **Mr Knursan** took us to see all the Cyanide plant great vats, pumps, troughs and engines; here we met the manager of that part **Mr Silbermann**, son of the inventor, they have what looks like a chemists laboratory there. We also saw the furnaces and retort for the gold. Then to the battery itself with its fine sieves and mercury coated plates over which the wet dirt runs. We then entered the lift and went down to the first level, there candles were necessary and we walked about 1,000 feet of tunnelling, after that got in another lift and went down still further 40 feet

below water level, it was pretty wet, and some places the water was coming down in quite a shower. It was all very interesting.

#### Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup>

Have not felt too well last day or two, the weather is rather trying. We spent this evening at **Maynards**. Will does not seem very well either.

Friday may 8<sup>th</sup> - Mail was late last night, so received letters from **Pidge**, **Mother** and **Lil Day** this morning.

Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup> – Still at **Day Dawn**. No home letters by yesterday's mail. One from **W. Olsen Smith** re "Golden Giant". We spent Sunday afternoon at **Maynards** and had tea there, and actually some lettuce and cress, quite a treat. **Lait** returned on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. It is a disagreeable, dusty day.

### Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup> 1896

**Mr Watkins** over the way died this morning and was buried this afternoon. Will went to the funeral. I spent most of the day with Mrs W.

### Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> 1896

Had news this evening of a splendid find of gold in "Island Queen". Letters from Mother, Florrie, Lisl and Greer. **Addie has a daughter**, born Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> (I understand).

### Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> 1896

**Mr Hurfit** came in this morning with some splendid specimens from "Island Queen". We drove to Cue this afternoon and a **cucumber 1/6 and a pound of tomatoes 1/-**.

### Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> 1896

**Will and Mr Graham** drove to Cue today and met **Mr Benson** at the bank. He put in the final payments for the "Golconda", so that now we are clear of her, excepting the shares. This evening we went over to say goodbye to **Mr & Mrs Pilkington** and to **Mr & Mrs Maynard** and tomorrow we go as far as the Island, on our homeward way.

### Sunday morning May 17<sup>th</sup> 1896

Making preparations for starting Florrie's birthday. We drove out to the "Island" and are staying at **Philban's Hotel**, where Will boarded so long, it is an iron place, roughly put up of course. I have a spring stretcher and Will a mattress on the floor. I was greatly interested in everything I saw. We went looking for ferns among the rocks but could not find any of the uncommon sort.

### Monday evening May 18<sup>th</sup> 1896 – Mt Magnet

We left the "Island" about ten this morning after having a look at the "Eureka" and "Island Queen" – saw the "Goldconda" yesterday – got some nice specimens from I.Q. but no equal to those banked. Some of Will's old companions, **Dennie Donoghu**, **Billy Caws** and **Lou Hurfit**, bid us goodbye and good luck. I liked everything about here very much and felt more interested and at home there than at **Day Dawn**. It is rougher, but more kindly and less selfish. We called at the "Golden Giant", had lunch there and saw **Oslen Smith**, another of **Will's partners**, he seems a nice old Swede.

The "Golden Giant" is considered good, we got a specimen there too. A little farther down called another claim and saw **Mr Em Bails** and a **Mr Downing** and reached here 5.15 this evening. Seems a comfortable place for these parts.

### Wednesday evening May 20<sup>th</sup> 1896 – Yalgoo

We left **Mt Magnet** a little past eight on Monday morning and had lunch beside a nice little lake a few mile this side of **Watson's station**, **Yarragabbie**; Will pointed out a number of the pretty "corrajong" trees, they are indeed pretty. We got a lot of seed, and some leaves to press. We reached

**Mt Beenyenoo** about half past two and saw the old German woman; then drove on to

**Whealbarra soak and creek** where we pitched our tent and camped for the night. It is a splendid camping ground and good water. There were a lot of cattle about there. It was very cold getting up this morning 6.15 and scarcely daylight, we got away 7.40 and reached **Pinda** about 9.30. **There are two Pindas** on the track, did not stay there but drove on between two rocky hills called the "Brothers". They are very picturesque, immense granite rocks, with clusters of pine and other trees and shrubs growing wherever they can obtain a footing, we lunched near a well this side of

**Gascard's changing stage**. An American black and his wife, a half-caste W.A. native keep a kind of **eating house** there. I did not see them. There is splendid grass for mile along the road, and the road itself is an excellent natural one. The flies are still very troublesome and it is rather dusty, and though very cold in the morning and evening the middle of the day is quite hot.

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We reached here a little after 3pm more tired than after many days journey. Our horses are travelling splendidly, we always reach the stages long before we expect to. This is not a bad **hotel (Hanlon's)**. **Yalgo** is not very large, but seems busy.

[Yalgo = Yalgoo ?]

### Thursday afternoon May 21<sup>st</sup> 1896 – Chain Pump

We left **Yalgo** this morning 10.20 and reached here (22 miles) 1.20 meaning to make just a short stage, resting our horses and ourselves for the two long stages to **Bunyenoo** and **Mullewa**, but Will sold our turnout to the landlord here (**Mr Webb**) so we shall go to the head of the line (25 miles) tomorrow and the remainder by train. Sold the trap, horses etc for £40, a great sacrifice, but selling is a difficult matter just now and we must not be too anxious to get full value or they will be left on our hands. **Mr Webb** has a "chuck in" (excuse slang). There was a frightful dust storm this morning at **Yalgo**, but it was not so bad travelling. It looks very like rain though; we had some very nice sponge cake here for lunch and I just found out it was made with emu eggs. I have just been in the kitchen now having a piece of hot bread just out of the oven and watching the housekeep blow some emu eggs for cakes, and she says they are beautiful scrambled on toast. One egg seems about equal to 10 hen eggs. I forgot to mention a remarkable peak to the left between **Yalgo** and the "**Brothers**" called **Mt Warraminne**, a very imposing hill. Taken altogether the road is frightfully monotonous, miserable half dead bushes and nothing bright excepting the pretty "corrajongs". We went up to **Day Dawn** by the short carriers track, but have returned by mail road; they meet here and converge into one, to **Mullewa**. We passed a **long train of camels today, 66 laden and 7 or 8 camel calves**. It was a very interesting sight to me, quite eastern looking, with their Afghan drivers.

### Saturday Noon May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1896 – Mullewa

We left **Chain Pump** yesterday morning about 8 & driving through "**Gabbyon**" station reached **Wurrgo**, the head of the line little before 12 o'clock. **Wurrgo is only a week old and is already quite a collection of business places**; saddlers, blacksmiths, fruiterers, grocers etc, all under canvas. We had lunch at a boarding house kept by two scotch girls just a large canvas tent for a dining room. They had a very good lunch too. Will bought me some oranges 2/6 doz, some nuts and 1 lb of apples 1/6 (four apples in a lb, so 4 1/4 pence each). Oranges are much cheaper than apples here. We left **Wurrgo** by train about four o'clock and reached **Mullewa** 7.30. This part of the line is still in the contractors hands, he is personally superintending it, and travelled down in our carriage, or properly speaking, we travelled down in his. **Mr Bagster** constructed several S.A. lines, and in fact in all the colonies. They were just about full up here but **Mrs Judge** fixed up as well as she could. This morning got all our luggage together and repacked it ready for home, took me all the morning. Made out two fresh powers of attorney for **Golden Giant and Island Queen**.



### Sunday morning May 24<sup>th</sup> 1896 – Geraldton

Left **Mullewa** 3 pm yesterday and reached here in time for dinner, they are so full that we have a single room each. We are at the **Freemason's hotel** this time, a vast improvement on **Hanlon's**. It seems so nice to get once more in nice rooms and have nicely served meals. We met young **Fuller** and **Edgecombe** from Renmark last night.

Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> - Spent a very lazy day, had a real good rest. Our former fellow boarder at the Victoria, poor old mad **Mrs Burgess** is staying here now. **Mrs Gus Dancker** is also staying here.

### Tuesday morning May 26<sup>th</sup> 1896 – Perth

We left **Geraldton** by 4.10pm train yesterday and reached **Perth** 7 am today. We were fortunate enough to have a carriage to ourselves all the way, so made ourselves comfortable and had a good night's sleep. Came to the **Hotel Metropole** for breakfast and lunch. We had another stroll around the other end of Perth and know must get ready for continuing our journey.

### Wednesday afternoon May 27<sup>th</sup> – Albany

Back to this pretty place again. We left **Perth** 3.30 yesterday afternoon intending to stay at **Beverly** all night and continue the journey today, but found on reaching there that they meant to put passenger carriages on to a special luggage train travelling all night and timed to reach **Albany** 8 this morning, so decided to come on by that. About midnight something broke about the engine and we were stopped for three hours, while they patched it up, so did not reach here until past ten. Will had a splendid night, but I did not sleep much after the break, The from Perth is lovely, out to Guildford is pretty and **Guidford** itself seems an interesting old place, very pretty past that it is quite grand, deep rocky gullies, with creeks and springs, and such a variety of growth, big "black-boys" and those fern like bushes, lots of flowers too; I did admire it. We passed through a long tunnel. The lines here are all narrow-gauge but travel quicker and are not half so shaky as the S.A. narrow lines. It was almost dark when we reached **York**, so could not see much of it, only that it is a large place. We passed several saw-mills, where they were cutting up the jarrah, and there seems to be plenty of it still standing. After it got daylight this morning we passed some nice little lakes, and some enormous Ti-trees, it was very pretty all along I thought such a variety of grasses, shrubs and flowers. My eyes were aching trying to see out both sides of the carriage at once. Everything looks so beautifully fresh and green, we had a walk around this afternoon, it makes one feel glad to be alive to get to such a fresh pretty place so soon after **Day Dawn**. We are staying at the **Freemason's Hotel** here too, it is very comfortable. I went to bed for a couple of hours after we came felt tired after two nights in the train.

**Thursday evening May 28<sup>th</sup> 1896**

*It has been a lovely day, this morning especially. We climbed to the top of Mt Melville, it was a big climb, but such a lovely view from the top; we got a variety of leaves but few flowers, it is too early for them. We came down on the east side, the damp moist feel and smell seemed delicious. Today is being*

*observed as holiday here in lieu of Queen's Birthday. The shops were closed. A double salute was fire and 12 o'clock and the volunteers paraded up and down the street, with band playing. We have a nice New Zealand lady here as fellow boarder, don't know her name. "*

(The last few pages of the diary are missing).

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Adeline Mott had married William Day shortly before this diary was written.

He is referred to in the diary often, as "Will". William Day had invested and worked on Gold Mining ventures around the Cue and Day Dawn area of WA prior to 1896. He & Adeline travelled over to sell those interests, so that they could purchase **Caurnamont Station** on the Murray River, near Nildottie in South Australia. (The Golconda lease, could it have been named after the paddle steamer 'Golconda' on the Murray?)

Elizabeth Mott was born at Macclesfield in the Adelaide Hills. Daughter of a publican, she became a school teacher. Rules of the day meant that she had to resign from teaching before marriage. The journey she writes of was quite an adventure into unknown territory for the time when a woman was a lady, in long dresses. The writer's personality and attitude can be "heard" in this diary.

In my opinion, Elizabeth was a woman interested in many things. Her observations are broad; criticisms few; racism – well probably on a par with average for the decade, but her tolerance of conditions was extremely good for long slow travelling in all kinds of weather. She had possibly never camped out before, but seemed to enjoy the new experience. It was during the voyage that Adeline spoke of feeling unwell -it so happened, that she was expecting her first child.

This diary is a precious insight into the people and happenings of the Western Australian gold fields and surrounding communities in 1896. The forms and lengths of travel and accommodation are also interesting, not to mention the food shortages due to wet roads.

Special thanks to JOAN KROEHN for allowing this story to be told. (Jude Johnson 2016)

Thankyou so much Judy for sending this to the Monologue ,everyone I have spoken to have said how much they enjoyed it.

If any readers out there have anything similar and would be happy to share it with us please send it in to me.

Regards

Peta

## Fast and Easy Weight Loss

Did my title draw you in? Are you sitting on the edge of your seat, waiting to be told the key to all of your diet-related problems? Would the title have drawn you in if it was “Eat more fruit and vegetables for better health”? Probably not. Why? Because we know that message, we’ve heard that message, what we’re after is the latest and greatest ground-breaking miracle diet, the magic bullet, the easy way to get a six pack, the lose-10-kilos-in-5-days kind of stuff. None of this ‘moderation’ talk. If this is you, then it might be worth considering how well these ‘magic’ diets have worked for you in the past....I’m guessing not that brilliantly.

It is so difficult in the modern world, when we are constantly bombarded with advice from Facebook health nuts, Twitter trend-setters, and the “check-out-my-raw-lasagne” Instagram fanatics, to not feel a little overwhelmed about what makes up a healthy diet. “Dietitian” is a dirty word in the weight loss world – nobody wants to accept that eating a diet consisting mostly of fruit, vegetables, whole grains, lean meat and dairy is the way to a healthy body and mind. It is particularly difficult when there are so many self-appointed nutrition ‘experts’ (who often have no scientific credentials) slandering the messages promoted by the true nutrition professionals – Nutritionists and Dietitians.

You are probably all aware of Pete Evans’ crusade to convert the Australian population to the Paleo diet, or perhaps you have read dieting books such as ‘Skinny bitch’ that tries to force veganism down your throat, or maybe you have been one of the innocent victims roped into an Isagenix party, and found yourself signing up for a month’s worth of glorified Sustagen products that leave you with an empty wallet and expensive urine.

What’s more, the media are notorious for grabbing hold of nutrition messages and relaying them in a way that are not only out of context, but often completely untrue. Do you remember when statements such as “Bacon is Back” and “Saturated fat is good for you” appeared in the headlines? The reason for this hype was over a new study that didn’t support previous research that had linked saturated fat to heart disease. However, the media’s claim that ‘saturated fat does not cause heart disease’ was not actually a conclusion made by the authors of the paper – in actual fact, the authors summarised that the findings of the study do not clearly support the current cardiovascular guidelines that encourage a reduced saturated fat intake. Thus, while it doesn’t support the link between heart disease and saturated fat, it certainly does not mean it is good for you, as was the message relayed by the media to the public. One study does not market scientific fact, and by no means does it mean butter is the new superfood – fat is still fat, and ultimately consuming too much will cause weight gain and an increased risk of chronic disease.

So how does one navigate their way through the nutrition misinformation minefield and achieve good health unscathed? With so many mixed nutrition messages out there, many people have probably just thrown up their hands and claimed that ‘It’s all too bloody difficult – everything seems to be bad for you, so therefore I’m going to eat whatever I want!’. If that is you, then take a look in your cupboard and fridge: if most of the foods in there are in packets or jars, then you are eating too much processed food, and not enough

there are in packets or jars, then you are eating too much processed food, and not enough whole stuff. If most of it is comprised of fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, whole grains and dairy, then you should be doing ok, allergies permitting.

It can be very hard to stay on track, and sometimes I too get caught up in the latest diet craze, finding myself lured in by the amazing weight loss promises and pretty people. But when I feel myself slipping, I ask myself, “Is it something my grandparents ate?” If the answer is no, then chances are it’s not too good for me. My advice is to forget the protein shakes, diet pills, and all the other gluten/fat/lactose free processed crap on the shelves, and just **get back to basics**. The foods you eat should have no more than 5 ingredients, and you should be able to recognise those ingredients (i.e. lots of numbers is a bad sign). If you want to know more about what to eat for good health, then I recommend seeing a registered dietitian, or visit <http://www.eatforhealth.gov.au> for more information.

*Fran Foulkes-Taylor*

Accredited Practicing Dietitian



# Hurt People, Hurt People

Trauma-informed understanding of  
violent and aggressive behaviours

Professional development for anyone working with children or  
young people who have experienced complex trauma.

The 'Hurt People, Hurt People' workshop aims to educate managers, social & community services professionals, support workers and direct carers in a variety of settings to understand the link between unresolved childhood trauma and violent & aggressive behaviours in youth & adults. Workers & carers of younger children may also find this workshop relevant.

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## Learning Outcomes:

1. Describe the psychobiology of violent & aggressive behaviours, including 'trauma triggers' and the connection between shame, guilt & displaced revenge.
2. Define 'Restorative Practice' to promote relationships & healing from trauma and apply to case studies from a range of settings.
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## Pop-Up Café in the Bush



You may have noticed that the wreath flowers at the bottom end of the Beringarra-Pindar Road are absolutely magnificent this year and have received a lot of publicity state wide.

Every time someone called in here to Yuin they'd report on the huge number of cars lining the road and mobs of people checking out the flowers. For a number of years now I have been threatening (not seriously) to set up a

coffee van down there and this year seemed like the perfect opportunity to do it.

So, a couple of weeks ago Julia and I packed the car with all that we needed to set up a pop up café on the side of the road; billies, a teapot, camp oven, water, scones, tea and coffee etc etc, and headed the fifty odd kilometres south to the wreath flowers.



Upon arrival we quickly lit a fire and got the billies on to boil while we set up our table, including a tablecloth and vase of flowers. I'd previously made a couple of batches of scones and we popped them in the camp oven to warm by the fire.



It wasn't long at all before we had our first customers and they were extremely appreciative of a cup of billy tea or proper coffee, made with rain water and served in a pannikin, with a warm scone topped with homemade jam and whipped cream. They couldn't believe their luck that they'd happened upon the one and only day of a pop up café in the bush!



I'd made up a couple of dry scone mixes (flour, butter, milk powder) so that when the pre-cooked ones ran low I mixed this with water and made some more (in the back of the car) and cooked them in the camp oven. This was slightly tricky because I'd forgotten to pack a spade and had to use a tin plate to both dig the hole for the camp oven and transfer the coals from the fire to the pit! In spite of this the scones worked really well and it was a great attraction for the tourists.



I was surprised at the number of cars and people we saw in the 3 ½ hours we were there. I'm guessing there would have been well over 100 people. We served smoko to about 60 of them and went home when we'd run out of scones!

*The following is an extract from a hand-written book titled, 'One More Year', circa 1946, by E. A. Foulkes-Taylor, aged 15. In the introduction she says, "I have tried to show some of the difficulties of living in the bush, as well as tragic and amusing things. All the facts are true and have been taken from the last few years so as to make the story more interesting."*

## Chapter 1

### The New Year

New Year's Day breaks with great merriment. The musterers and staff gather around the radio in the men's dining room. There is bright laughter till someone says "Sh!" They draw nearer to hear the chimes. Ten! eleven! twelve!...and the new year is broken. They join hands and heartily sing 'Auld Lang Syne'. The manager and his wife are also listening for the new year. They smile as the sound of singing dies away. "One more year over, and another begun," exclaims Bruce as he kissed Mary tenderly on the forehead. "Let's have a drink to celebrate and wish for a better year than the last."

Bruce Anderson was the manager of Yuin, a sheep station in the West. The last year had been very busy and rather unpleasant He and Mary had become engaged early in the year, but during May he had a serious internal haemorrhage and had been ill for quite a long time. They had been married in September and had flown by SkyMaster to Victoria for their honeymoon.

They had about a month in the east and returned to Yuin in early October. The boss (Mr Foulkes-Taylor), his wife and young Winston were up there at the time and a twenty four hour party was held in their honour.



## Chapter 2

### Work Begins Again

The weather was now cooling down. The men had mixed the ewes and now they were being separated. About the beginning of March it is lambing time. All hands are busy. The men set off in the ute at about five in the morning, for the other troops (musterers) are camped at the Bullawadgie yards.

The sheep had been brought in the night before. It is rather pathetic to see the poor little creatures grabbed by the leg and held up against the fence, where their tails are cut off and their ears clipped. They do not make a noise during the operation, but when it is over they run bleating pitifully to the furthest corner. This is a tiring part of the year and everyone is glad when it is over and they can return to the homestead.

There is excitement at the expected arrival of the boss and his family; also the Murgoo Races.

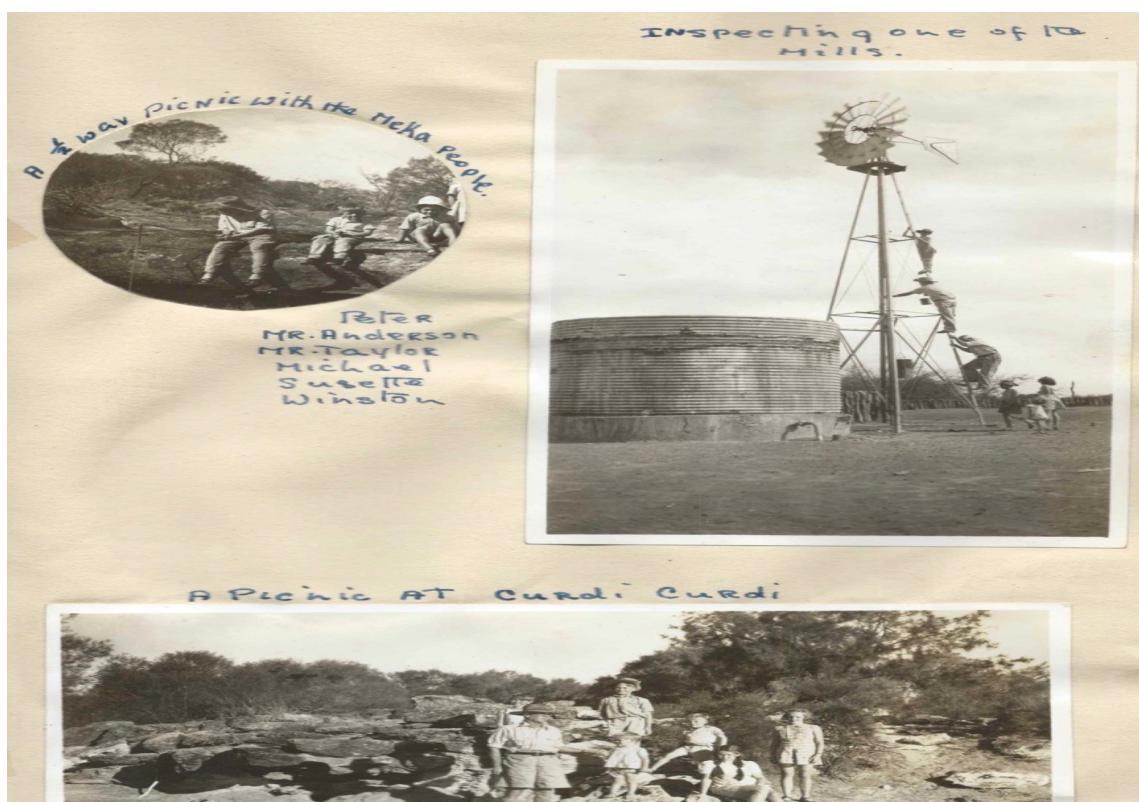
## Chapter 3

### The May Holidays

The Murgoo races are looked forward to for quite a few weeks. On the Friday before the race meeting the men come in small groups to collect their wages at the office. Next day almost everyone sets off for Murgoo.

The day before Henry had ridden ahead on Tony, whom he was to ride in the Murgoo Cup. All the Yuin folk had their money on him, but were disappointed when he sat up at the post before the winning post. It was a great disappointment as he had been far ahead.

That night there was a ball in the woolshed and those who went did not get home until seven the next morning. The station owners usually lose at least one workman from the race meeting, but the day is such fun that it does not aggravate them much.



## Pastoralists

The shire of Murchison has developed a wild Dog Bounty Scheme to aid in the control of wild dogs on properties. Details as follows:-

The Shire of Murchison Wild Dog Control Bounty Scheme has been developed to offer a bounty of \$100 per dog for every wild dog killed.

It covers all stations within the shire of Murchison. All claims are to be made by the station owner/manager. Persons destroying the dog must take the scalps to the property owner/ manager. The property owner/manager makes their own arrangements with the person who destroyed the dog regarding payment.

Scalps are defined as the two ears and the strip of scalp connecting them.

Property Owner/Manager must complete the form with all details and verify number of scalps.

Property Owner/Manager is then responsible for getting the forms and the scalps to one of the three regional coordinators for authorization.

Once regional coordinators have authorized payment the form is to be sent to the Shire of Murchison who will make the payment to the claimant and maintain a data base of all the details.

Regional Coordinators are:-

Mark Halleen

Boolardy Station Tel: 08 9963 7987

Andrew Whitmarsh

Byro Station Tel: 08 9961 3870

Reg Seaman

Murgoo Station Tel: 08 9963 7985



## ( Wild dog bounty scheme )

Bounty paid out in the months 5th September 2016 to 24th October 2016

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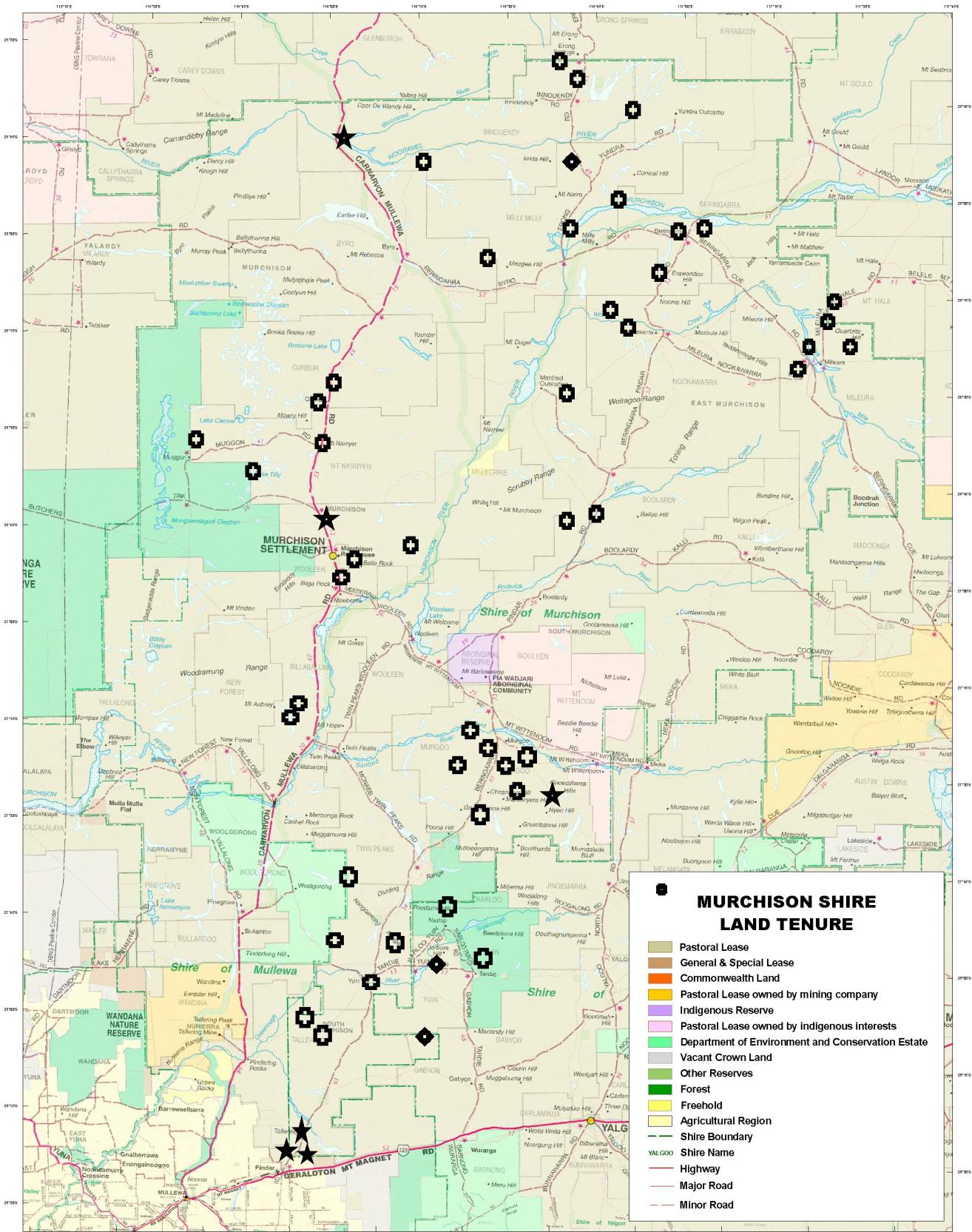
Murgoo Station 8

Mileura 12

Boolardy Station 2

Approximate Location of Wild Dog captures.

23rd Feb. 2015 - to 19th February 2016



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## Interschool Sports Day at Cue.

Pia Wadjarri RCS students were challenged by students from Yalgoo Primary and Cue Primary to an athletics carnival held at Cue Primary School on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September.

Twelve students and Five Staff were up for the challenge.

We travelled to Cue on the Thursday afternoon and stayed overnight at the Cue Primary school with the students from Yalgoo. Staff from Cue catered for us and provided a nutritious and delicious dinner, breakfast and lunch on the Friday.

On the Friday, four of our secondary students travelled to Meekatharra DHS to participate in the High School Sports.

Jandi Dwyer and Shayna Merry won Champion Senior Boy and Champion Senior Girl at Meekatharra, with an outstanding display of athleticism and sportsmanship against students from Meekatharra, Mt Magnet, Wiluna, Yulga Jinna and School of the Air.

At Cue, the primary students were grouped together and divided into two teams from three schools, so there was a red team and a blue team.

All of the students had a great day and participated in the events with many displays of sportsmanship.

Well done to all the students who participated and thank you to all the staff who organised and ran the events, catered for meals and helped supervise the sports. Thank you to Claudine Simpson, Kylie Simpson, Lisa Capewell and Eve McKenna for driving, organising and supervising the students.





Kevin McKenna  
Principal  
Pia Wadjarri Remote Community School

## SPORTS CARNIVAL AT CUE

Last Thursday Pia kids left to go to Cue. When we got to Cue we went to the school. At the school we played at the park . Next we got our bags and our rugs out of the bus. Soon after that we had dinner. After Dinner we watched a movie it was called The Big Friendly Giant (BFG). Next we had dessert and went to bed. On Friday we had breakfast and a shower then we had a race. I won the running races .It was fun then we had a long drive home. It was awesome.

By Rihanna Schwarze



# SPORTS CARNIVAL AT CUE

Last week Rihanna, Florrenza, Nanna, Miss Lisa, LJ, Jahlile, Jayeleen and Maddy went to Cue for a sports carnival.

First we drove there.

Next we took our stuff into the room.

After that we played on the swings.

Finally we had the sports carnival.

I felt happy because I got lots of ribbons.



By Patriannah Merry

A big thank you to all the children at Pia Wadjarri Remote Community School

For sharing their interschool sports day with us.

And to Patriannah and Rihanna for your stories

# Murchison Oasis Roadhouse

Proprietors: John Farrell and Marcia McIntosh

## Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 7am - 7pm

Saturday 8am - 4pm

Sunday 10am - 1pm

(Sunday opening hours from mid April will be extended 8am – 6pm)

## Kitchen open during opening hours

24 hour access to fuel bowser with card swipe facility available

## Accommodation

### Units:

Double unit with ensuite @ \$120 per night for up to two people

One double motel room @ \$85 per night for up to two people.

Two single units with three beds. First bed @ \$75 per night \$10 extra per person after that. i.e. 3 people = \$95 per night

Caravan Park: Powered sites @ \$25 per night for 2 people

(\$5 per extra person per night)

Unpowered sites @ \$15 per night for 2 people

(\$5 per extra person per night)

Shower only (no accommodation) \$5 per person.

Free BBQ available in gazebo for guests.

## Meals

New meals include T bones, Surf & Turf with creamy garlic sauce, sweet chilli mango chicken with rice and salad, and grilled snapper. Any sit down meals—please order by 2pm for preparation.

## Groceries and ice also available

Phone: 08 99613875

Fax: 99613876

Email: [murchisonoasis@westnet.com.au](mailto:murchisonoasis@westnet.com.au)

Best steak sandwiches ever...just call up on channel 7 to order .



## SHIRE OF MURCHISON 2016-2017

### PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

A **Prohibited** burning period is operational in the  
Shire of Murchison from the

**1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 to the 31st March 2017 (inclusive).**

### HAZARD REDUCTION WORK – BUSH FIRES ACT 1954

As a measure to assist in the control of bushfires or prevent the spread of a bush fire, all owners or occupiers of land within the Shire of Murchison are required to install and maintain firebreaks.

#### Rural Areas

Three metre wide trafficable firebreaks are required to be installed on the land and to be clear of all flammable material.

All buildings require a minimum twenty metre clearance of all flammable material and graded/ploughed/hoed or chemical applied firebreaks should be installed at the outer edge of that clearance.

#### Advice Is Available

Advice on how to protect your home from fire, and when and how to burn off, is available from the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (CEO). The CBFCO can be contacted at the Shire Office on 08 9963 7999.

#### Barbecues & Incinerators

Gas and electrical barbecues are permitted to be used at any time. Solid fuel barbecues, incinerators and camp fires are prohibited on days of VERY HIGH and EXTREME Fire Danger and during the PROHIBITED burning period.

#### Burning Off

Burning is prohibited on days of VERY HIGH or EXTREME Fire Danger and during the PROHIBITED burning period.

#### FIRE DANGER

Information on Fire Danger Ratings is available at [www.dfes.wa.gov.au/firedangerratings](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/firedangerratings) and

Information on Alerts is available at [www.dfes.wa.gov.au/alerts](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/alerts).

The ABC radio also issues information and alerts for your area.

## **BUSH FIRE CONTROL CONTACT DETAILS**

Please note, that under the Bush Fires Act 1954, it is the land owner's responsibility in the first instance to take all possible measures to extinguish a bush fire on your property.

If these measures prove in vain and you require assistance, contact your nearest Bush Fire Control Officer, the Captain of the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade or the Shire Office.

## **Chief Bush Fire Control Officer**

Dianne Daniels 9963 7999 (bus hrs) or 9963 7977 (a/hrs)

## **Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (north)**

Sandy McTaggart 9963 7972

## **Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (south)**

Tom Foulkes-Taylor 9963 7019

## **Captain Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade**

Brian Wundenberg 9963 7999 (bus hrs) or 9963 7216 (a/hrs)

Thank you for helping to keep the coming bush fire season event free.

Dianne Daniels

## **Chief Executive Officer**

Shire of Murchison

## November 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	Council meeting	19	20
21	22	23	24	Strategic Community Plan Workshop	26	27
28	29	30				

## December 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Office Closed	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26 Boxing day	27	28	29	30	31	



