



Western Australia

Murchison Monologue

June 2011

February Flood Relief Funding

Thanks to the efforts of Brian Wundenberg, Nigel Goode (Greenfields) Brenda Hipper and Sharon Wundenberg who ensured that all statistics and information regarding the February flood damage were provided in a very timely manner the Shire's full claim of around \$2.5 million has been accepted for payment.

John Deere arrives in Murchison

The Shire of Murchison's latest plant acquisition finally arrived in Murchison on Friday 3 June. The John Deere grader replaces Cat 12H grader MU121. Council staff attended a bar b que at the gazebo on Thursday, hosted by Hitachi from whom the grader was purchased.

Councillor Mark Halleen and Works Supervisor Brian Wundenberg are seen practicing for their calendar shoot.

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Important Dates

- Polocrosse Carnival 16/17 July 2011
- Astrofest 20 August 2011



Council Corner

To keep up with what is happening at your Council check out the Minutes of Ordinary Council Meetings each month on Council's website at www.murchison.wa.gov.au

In brief:

- Three Elected Members and the CEO attended Cue Parliament on Friday 6 May 2011.
- One Elected Member and the CEO attended a 'Planning for Change' Forum in Perth on Thursday 12 May 2011.
- It is probable that FESA will be supplying the Shire with two firefighting units for the Bush Fire Brigade—a final decision on this is yet to be made.
- Planning for the Shire of Murchison Astrofest is well under way and the event will take place on Saturday 20 August 2011. It is hoped to attract at least 150 people to participate in this inaugural event.



Murchison's Roads

- The Shire has received approval for approximately \$2.5 million funding to repair the February flood damage following approval for \$4.75 million funding for the December flood. These funds will ensure continued reconstruction of damaged areas throughout the Shire.
- A further 10kms of Carnarvon Mullewa Road has now been sealed taking the sealed section from Murchison Settlement to the Twin Peaks turnoff.
- New grids are under construction to replace broken ones around the Shire.
- General works being undertaken include—replacing depth marker signs at creek crossing; erecting/replacing signs and guideposts throughout the Shire; repair of low level crossing at Ballinyoo Bridge.
- Paul Smart, Council's maintenance grader driver is taking some time off for medical reasons and Mick Wall who has previously worked for the Shire will be undertaking Paul's duties pending his return. Paul is wished a speedy recovery and we look forward to him being able to resume his role here.
- Ross Collins is working with Stuart Broad in the general works around the Shire.

Think this is a frog?



Message from the CEO

As you are all aware the Shire of Murchison is a very large area with a vast network of roads, most of which are unsealed. In order that I can make a more informed decision regarding road closures during inclement weather I need to rely on information from the whole community regarding rainfall in each area and the effect that rain is having on the roads around you. This is particularly important at times such as long weekends when most staff are away from the Settlement and are unable to carry out any physical assessment on behalf of Council.

As CEO the ultimate decision regarding road closures is mine and it is an onerous task to try to assess correctly the condition of every road without benefit of inspection. There is frequently contention about whether a particular road should be closed to traffic or not and your ongoing assistance would be invaluable in allowing the most appropriate decision to be made to ensure that the roads are maintained to a good standard and the travelling public are safe.

Mike Sully
Chief Executive Officer

Do you have a high-chair?

Sue Graham from Muggon Station is looking forward to the birth of a grandchild in August.

Sue has asked for assistance in seeking a pre-loved or new wooden high chair.

Can you help? If so please contact Sue either by email or phone:

Muggon_calm@bigpond.com

Ph: 9962 9591

Nah, that's a frog!



The Dentist

Today I went to the Dentist
And cringed as I sat in the chair
Don't worry about a thing my dear
Said the Dentist patting my hair

These days we have all sorts of gadgets
That help to prevent your pain
We really want you to like it here
And come back again and again

I bet he does, I thought to myself
With the price that he's charging me
I wish in my job that I could command
Such an exorbitant fee

The money I'll owe him for four hours work
Will take me eighty to earn
They seem to think that people like me
Have plenty of money to burn

And so I sat there with my mouth open wide
While he said you will feel a small prick
That syringe took forever to discharge its load
Leaving me feeling quite sick

He then clamped my mouth with rubber and steel
So rubbish I would not ingest
With tools in hand he sat himself down
And attacked my poor tooth with zest

Okay? He enquired occasionally
I could only grunt in reply
He pushed and scraped with files in the roots
Till I thought they'd come out of my eye

At last he was done and took off the clamp
Leaving me free to speak
Then threw me a smile—said very good
We'll finish it off next week.

Joc

Who in the Community uses bottles of red wine as handweights when exercising?

Profile—Who is Trevor Hipper?

Trevor is the Head Gardener at the Settlement and takes care of all the gardening and ground maintenance requirements. Trevor is a man of many talents and is also responsible for maintaining the water supply and general maintenance tasks where required. This is just as well as the little pests pictured on the previous page don't seem to faze him and he will sink his hands into the frog infested waters of toilet cisterns and the like to effect repairs without thought for his own safety. Trevor has been working for the Shire for 12 months now and takes great pride in how the Settlement looks. Trevor loves life at the Settlement and hopes to be here for a number of years. His wife, Leanne will join him in a couple of weeks. His daughter, Brenda, has been living and working at the Settlement for the past 4 months.



Snippets from the Murchison Oasis Roadhouse



Well hello again and I cannot believe that it's June already! When did that happen! We are about to celebrate our sixth anniversary and what memories we have. From the first day till today, the Murchison has given us a real love for the area. Thank you, especially to all of you who have made us feel very welcome since we arrived. With the rain that followed us here to the frogs who will forever remain my nemesis, what a lifestyle we have fallen into—and we are loving it!

For those of you we haven't been introduced to yet I thought I would take this opportunity to tell you a little about ourselves. Dave (or Spider) 53 years young is the Manager of the BIS Depot in Geraldton currently and this has been the progress of many years of working within the transport industry. From Dairy farms to carting almost everything all over Australia, (we even spent our honeymoon taking a load of furniture to Queensland), there isn't much Dave hasn't tarped, tied, chained or shut the doors on. So apart from blaming the expanding waistline on relaxed muscle (apparently the '6 pack' went into the fridge a long time ago!) and Roadhouse food over the years, the many years of dealing with the public has given him an insight into the real way of life.

I met Dave while working in a Roadhouse in the southwest. He was carting wool from Esperance to Perth and I became his second love (at the time he was infatuated with the new Kenworth he was driving). I was brought up in rural WA with my parents running various bottle shops and a Pub finally in Quindanning. I was pretty adept at dealing with country people and this was the start of a lasting relationship.

We have three children, some of you already know our eldest Tahlia (23) another daughter Sianee (20) and our youngest, Daniel (18). All were brought up in Muchea and all have a love of sports. With my background in horses, the girls were kind of thrown into loving them while Dan turned to motorbikes. The girls and I have competed at Polocrosse tournaments all over WA. The girls have had the opportunity through their skill and horsemanship to have competed Interstate at the Australian National Titles. Tahlia since 2002 has travelled to all States with both Junior and Intermediate Teams and was honoured to receive the award for the Best Intermediate Number 2 player in Australia for the 2006 Sydney Nationals. Sianee played for the Tasmanian team in 2006 and both are still in the running for selections for next years' titles in Queensland. Daniel competed at the Australian National titles in WA at the Junior Motocross Championships (2008) and is still today a serious competitor within the Senior ranks.

My claim to fame is to have worked within the Racing Industry and be involved with some very talented Racehorses over the years. I spent the last 10 years working alongside Alan Mathews (Perth Cups King) experiencing the thrill of the win and meeting some very famous people along the way. We now have the honour of owning our own little racehorse (although paying someone else to do the work irks me a little) and sitting on the other side of the fence!

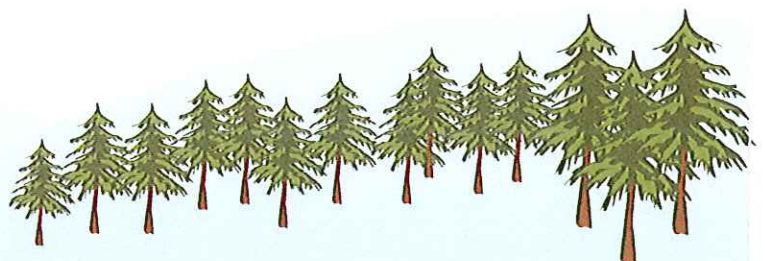
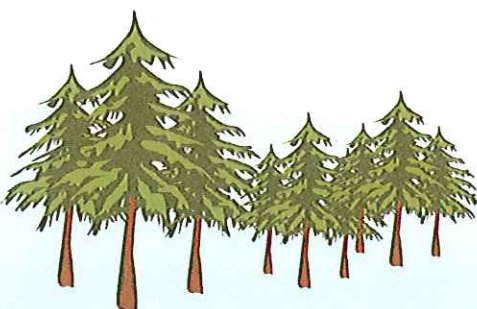
So there you go, nothing really extraordinary, but I thought you should know that we are just the everyday person and are very happy to be part of your Murchison community.

It was Sid's 77th birthday last month and he celebrated in fine form. He treated members of the Settlement to a little get-together, laying on the food and beverages in fine style.

From Poppy's corner she says Hi—cheeky girl thinks shoes are there for her to hide! It's a mystery, bit like the washing machine and socks, why does only one of a pair appear? Where does that other one go?

Also, we welcome a lovely girl who is working with us for a few weeks. Nicole is a German backpacker wanting to experience the outback lifestyle and she is enjoying herself immensely.

Cheers for now.....





EXHIBITION DETAILS

10am to 4pm daily, Monday 27 June to Friday 1 July 2011
Foyer, QV1 Building, 250 St Georges Tce, Perth

Enquiries to Nan Rickards on 0417 184 290

All artwork is for sale.

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GOOD HEART

MID-WEST ABORIGINAL
ART EXHIBITION 2011

ART FROM THE HEART

MONDAY 27 JUNE - FRIDAY 1 JULY 2011

Oakajee Port and Rail welcomes you to the Good Heart Mid-West Aboriginal Art Exhibition, proudly displaying contemporary and traditional Indigenous art.

THE EXHIBITION

Oakajee Port and Rail is delighted to host the Good Heart Mid-West Aboriginal Art Exhibition for the fourth consecutive year.

Good Heart 2011 is a community-based project that exhibits some of the finest work from contemporary and traditional Indigenous artists from Western Australia's mid-west.

THE ART WORKS

Good Heart was established in 2008 to showcase the works of Indigenous artists from the mid-west to a broad audience, and to promote their heritage and culture.

More than 50 artists from Western Australia's mid-west region will be showcasing more than 100 works of canvas, textiles, woodwork, ceramics and artefacts at Good Heart 2011.

All works may be purchased, with proceeds going to the artists.

To view the Good Heart 2011 catalogue, please visit www.opandr.com.

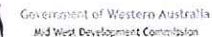
Many Aboriginal people preserve their connection with their country through expressive art forms, reflecting the radiant colours and culture that have been conveyed through lifetimes.

OUR PARTNERS

The Good Heart Mid-West Aboriginal Art Exhibition is a partnership project supported by members of the mid-west and Western Australian business community, and demonstrates their commitment to the development of community and economic benefits for the mid-west.

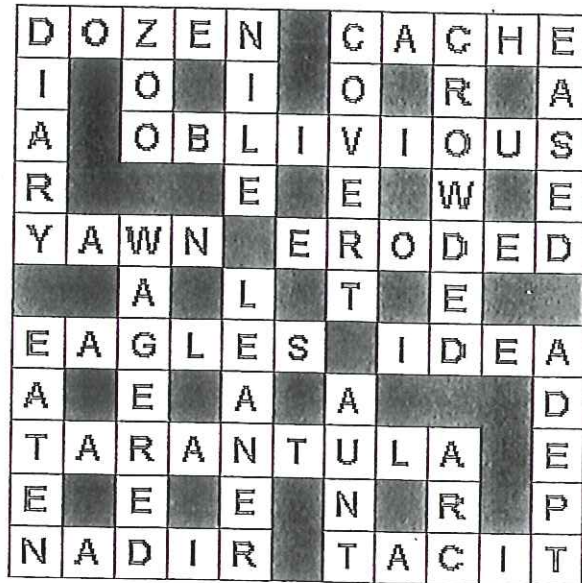
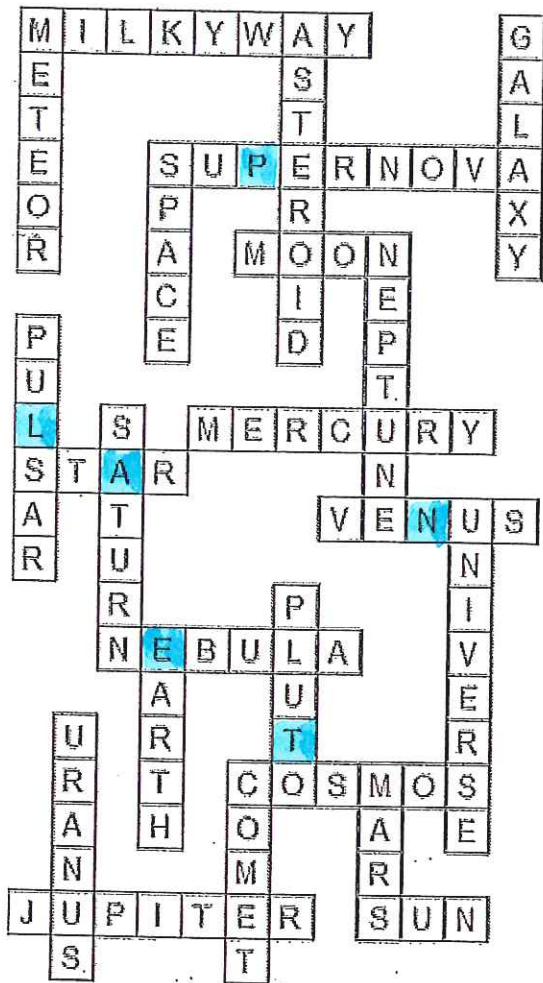
OPR acknowledges the assistance of Northampton Old School - Women's Textile Team, Winda Barna Artists Inc. Mi Magnet, MEEDAC, Yamaji Arts Geraldton, Jacksons Drawing Supplies, City of Geraldton-Greenough, Artsource and Project Manager Nan Rickards.

Partners



Artwork: Wundulgoo [Following in the Footsteps] | Artist - Dawn Hamlett, Morawa | © Dawn Hamlett 2011

SOLUTIONS TO MAY PUZZLES



A Police Officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her licence.

She replied in a huff, "I wish you guys would get your act together. Just yesterday you took away my licence and now today you expect me to show it to you!"

JUNE CROSSWORD (Solution in July's issue)

ACROSS

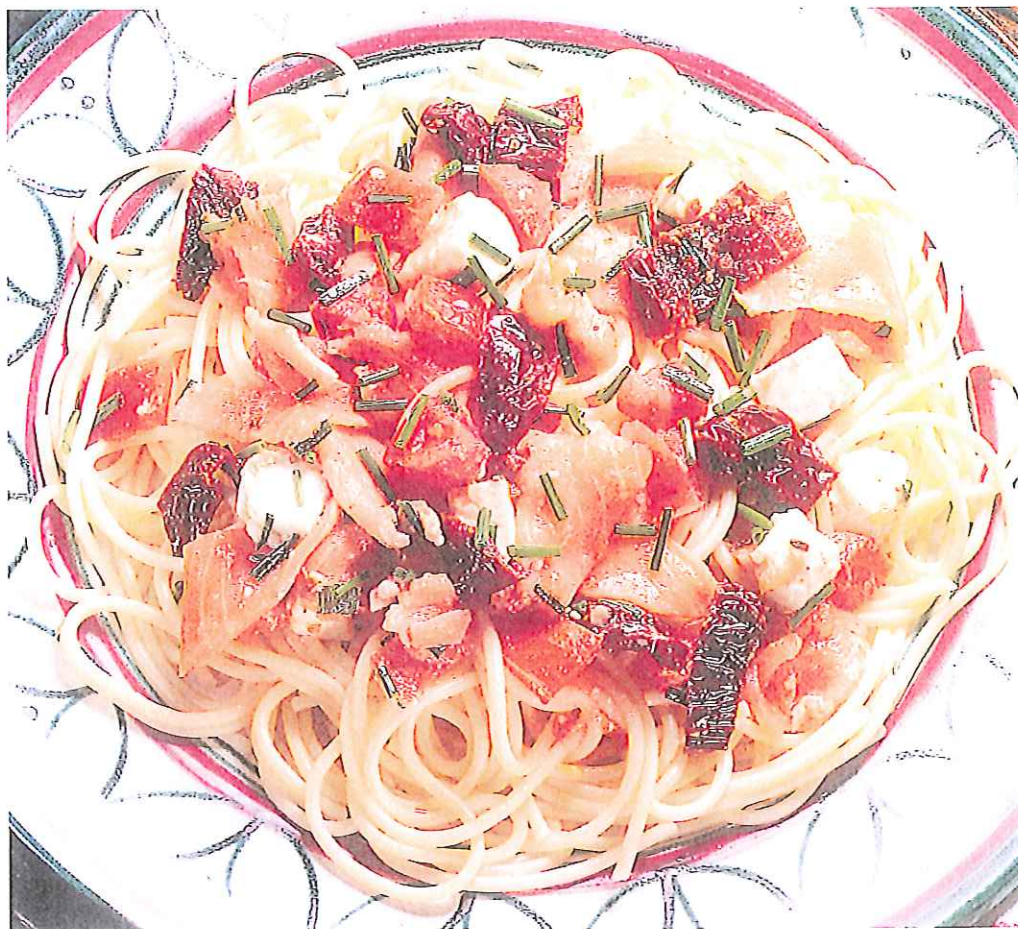
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- 6. Derived from the sun
- 11. Recent
- 14. Grain disease
- 15. Overweight
- 16. Muhammad _____
- 17. Conventional
- 19. Turf
- 20. Heaps
- 21. Open-mouthed
- 23. Hear
- 27. Purloined
- 28. Ungoverned
- 32. Got up
- 33. Homeric epic
- 34. Constrictor
- 37. Gait faster than a walk
- 38. Glisten
- 39. Streetcar
- 40. Standard operating procedure

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- 41. Annoy
- 42. Rodent
- 43. Pre-school
- 45. Effortless
- 48. Turmoil
- 49. In the midst of
- 50. Armadillo
- 53. Purge
- 54. Declarations
- 60. How old one is
- 61. Push
- 62. Imps
- 63. Father
- 64. Moldy
- 65. Cheer up

DOWN

- 1. Nevertheless
- 2. Miscalculate
- 3. Ottoman officer
- 4. 16 1/2 feet
- 5. Allowance
- 6. Potting need
- 7. Double-reed woodwind
- 8. Focusing glass
- 9. A painkiller (abbrev.)
- 10. Connected by kinship
- 11. Kind of spray
- 12. Run off to marry
- 13. Broaden
- 18. Hue
- 22. Deity
- 23. Strong sexual desires
- 24. Foreword
- 25. A large ladle
- 26. Honk
- 27. Strip of wood
- 29. Anagram of "Idler"
- 30. A yellow-green color
- 31. Large commercial ship
- 34. Savage
- 35. Fertile areas in deserts
- 36. Catkin
- 38. Heredity carrier
- 39. A unit of pressure
- 41. A Mayflower colonist
- 42. Sea cow
- 43. Family
- 44. Expert
- 45. Unit of capacitance
- 46. Spanish for "(girl) friend"
- 47. Encrypted
- 50. Vipers
- 51. Writer of verse
- 52. A friendly nation
- 55. Relative of an ostrich
- 56. Sick
- 57. Egg cells
- 58. Mesh
- 59. South southeast



Spaghetti With Smoked Salmon

1 tablespoon oil
2 sun-dried tomatoes, cut into pieces
100g smoked salmon,
sliced or chopped
100g feta cheese, cubed
1 large tomato, chopped
½ bunch chives, snipped
250g spaghetti

1. Heat oil in a saucepan. Add all ingredients except spaghetti, and stir over a moderate heat until heated through, about 2 minutes.
2. Cook spaghetti in boiling water until tender, about 8 minutes. Drain well, add to sauce, toss well and serve.

Serves 2

EVER WONDER

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?

Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?

Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word.

Why is it that doctors call what they do 'practice'.

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor and dish washing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why isn't there mouse-flavoured cat food?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

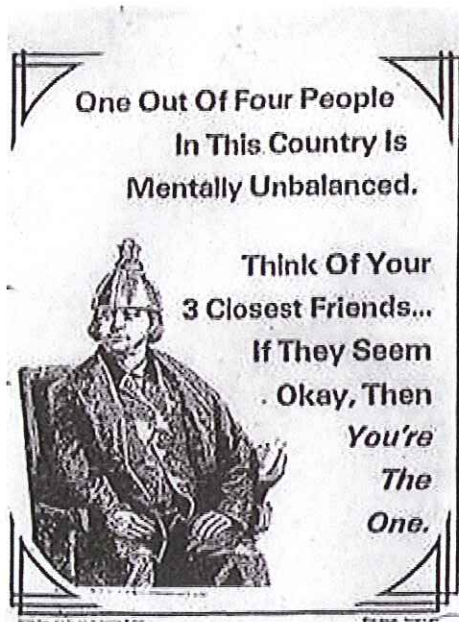
You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?!

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?



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