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Shire of Murchison Community Notices

MEETING DATE CHANGE

This is to advise that the December meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 20th December (in lieu of Friday the 21st)

10 am Council Chambers Murchison Settlement, Murchison.

Advice of Closure of Shire Office Over Christmas Period

Following Council meeting this is to confirm that Council approved of closure of the office from Monday 24th December up to and including Tuesday 1st Jan 2013. Opening again on Wednesday 2nd January 2013.

RESTRICTED AND PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES – SHIRE OF MURCHISON

Pursuant to section 18 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 the Shire of Murchison has declared the following restrictions:-

A **restricted** burning period within the Shire of Murchison from 1 October to 31 October and a **prohibited** burning period from the 1st November to the 31st March the following year (inclusive).

Jennifer Goodbourn

Chief Executive Officer

INTENTION TO IMPOSE FEES

Notice is hereby given that at the October meeting of Council it was resolved to introduce fees for public internet usage.

The fee has been set at \$5.00 per hour or \$2.50 for ½ hour.

The fee will come into effect from the 14th November 2012.

J Goodbourn

Chief Executive officer



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Greetings to the Murchison community.

It seems such a long time since I have reported in the Monologue, with many things happening - I'm not to sure where to start. I guess the top is as good a place as any. Jenny and Steve have settled into life at the Settlement as though they were both born there!!!! The office is operating at 120% and it is so lovely to go in there and see 3 smiling happy faces - well done ladies - you really are "jets" !!!! Brian has the construction team powering ahead on the roadworks between where the bitumen finishes and the Ballinyoo Bridge. This job appears to be running very harmoniously and the only question that remains is "Will they get to the Bridge".

Just recently the council donated a thousand dollars towards the making of the program Tracks of Ernie Dingo. Our CEO was interviewed by Ernie and was able to give a comprehensive overview of the Murchison Shire. Well done Jenny. I believe the thousand dollars was well spent and the coverage promoted a positive outlook towards the Murchison.

The interest shown by everyone in selecting a new tag for the Murchison Shire shows how important this is to you all. Even though, in the end the Shire with no Town was retained, I am sure that in the very near future there will be a move to test the waters again.

I was lucky enough to be invited to the opening of the ASCAP/MRO on the 5th of October. The Murchison has never seen so many dignitaries from so many countries gathered together in one place before. Congratulations to CSIRO and all those involved in making it a memorable day. If anyone is interested in watching the proceedings - it is on webcast at:

http://tinyvio.com/CSIRO_ASKAP_Opening_Ceremony.

Unfortunately Rex and Jeanette have decided to move on from the roadhouse and even though they have only been here for 12 months - I'm sure they will be sadly missed. I take this opportunity to wish them every good luck in their future endeavors.

You will all know by now that Darryl Grey did not submit a tender when they were called for the Geraldton to Murchison freight run, I would like to thank Darryl and Joan for their efforts over and above their tender requirements and wish them well with the new freight run they have started, servicing Cue and Meekatharra. I would also like to congratulate the Keynes family formally of Curbur Station, in being awarded the contract for the said freight run. We look forward to a continued good and reliable service !

Whilst on the subject of Curbur, I received some news recently that we have all been waiting for in that William and Colleen have been granted permanent residency in Australia. This is the best news possible as William and Colleen are the salt of the earth and the type of people that any community would be proud to have. At this stage the citizen ceremony will be held on the 15th of December (Christmas Tree Day) and I hope that the whole community can come together and help celebrate this very important day.

On a personal note, Georgina has graduated from the Geraldton Grammar School and made a wonderful speech on behalf of Greenough House of which she was captain. She was chosen to make the students address at the Geraldton Residential College, a feat which she performed admirably, She kept everyone entertained with her wit and humor of the shenanigans that go on behind the closed doors of a boarding facility. The College Manager, Mr David Smart made a special presentation to Georgina for being the only child to have spent 7 years at the Residential College. Natalie and I are now free of boarding and school fees, you don't know how happy this makes us, another chapter in our lives, closes!!!!

Here's hoping for thunderstorms with lots of rain and no lightening in them.

Cheers

Your President

Simon



Australian Government
Department of Broadband,
Communications and the Digital Economy



FACT SHEET: SATELLITE PHONE SUBSIDY SCHEME

The Satellite Phone Subsidy Scheme commenced in 2002 and is scheduled to cease on 30 June 2013.

Objective

For a large part of Australia's landmass, satellite phones are the only available form of mobile communications. However, satellite phones are generally more expensive than terrestrial mobile phones. The objective of the scheme is to improve the affordability of mobile communications for people living, working or travelling in areas without terrestrial mobile phone coverage by providing subsidies for the purchase of satellite phone handsets.

Eligibility

Individuals may apply for one subsidy. Small businesses, educational institutions and community groups may apply for two subsidies. Indigenous corporations, health and emergency service organisations may apply for more than two handset subsidies.

Two-tiered subsidy

The subsidy varies according to where you live and the cost of the phone you buy.

1. Live or work outside of mobile coverage area	2. Live in mobile coverage area, but work or travel outside mobile coverage area more than 180 days over a two-year period
85 per cent of the retail price of the phone, to a maximum of \$1000	50 per cent of the retail price of the phone, to a maximum of \$700

Replacement handsets

Applicants who live in areas without terrestrial mobile coverage are eligible for additional subsidies to replace handsets purchased under the scheme three or more years earlier.

Dealers

The scheme is currently supported by over 400 registered dealers. These dealers are predominantly small businesses, located in regional towns, who sell mobile communication equipment such as mobile phones.

Further details

Guidelines and application forms are available at www.dbcde.gov.au/satphone.

For further information, please contact the scheme's administrators by telephone on 1800 674 058, or email satphone@dbcde.gov.au.



Thank you

To the Murchison Shire community, We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have helped us through this tough time.


Kaz was not only a precious member of our families but also a loved and respected member of our community.

We will be forever grateful to you for your support.

From

Jox and Family

Trevor , Judy and Family





BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Murchison Oasis Roadhouse, Motel Units and Caravan Park

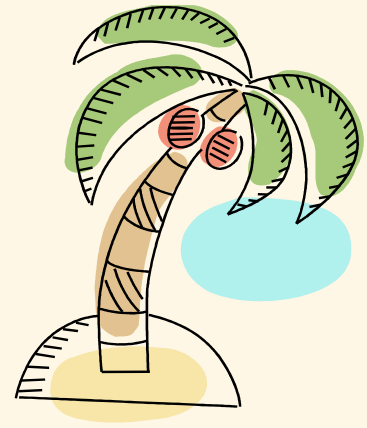
The Shire of Murchison is calling for Expressions of Interest from motivated persons to operate the Murchison Oasis Roadhouse, 3 Motel rooms, Caravan Park and Tourist information centre as your own business.

The business requires a two person team as these amenities operate 7 days per week. An unfurnished, modern three bedroom, air conditioned residence is included. Attractive terms for the right people. This exciting opportunity would suit those seeking a lifestyle change in the bush.

For further information please contact Jenny Goodbourn on 08 9963 7999 during office hours or email ceo@murchison.wa.gov.au before Friday 30 November 2012

Jenny Goodbourn
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Murchison





Murchison Oasis Roadhouse

New Opening Hours



The Shire wish to advise that as Jeanette and Rex are shortly leaving, the following hours will be effective from Tuesday 13th November until new operators are appointed.

7am – 6pm Monday to Friday

9am to 5pm on Saturday

Sunday — Closed

(24hr access to bowser with card swipe facility)

Accommodation Rates

Motel Units \$65 per night

Powered Site \$20 per night

Unpowered \$10 per night

Free BBQ in the Gazebo

Pia Energy Cards

Hot takeaway Food

Ice , Grocery Lines

icy cold drinks, ice creams

Clean Showers & Toilets

Roadhouse phone: 99613875



Vincent Catania MLA

MEMBER FOR NORTH WEST | CANDIDATE FOR NORTH WEST CENTRAL



9 October 2012

FLOOD LEVEE WORKS BEGIN

Member for North West, Vincent Catania today welcomed the commencement of works to complete the Six Mile Levee. Celebrating the event with a ground breaking ceremony at the site Vince Said "It's great to see machinery on the ground, I'm very happy that this important project is now underway".

Browns Range Alliance, an alliance between Main Roads and construction contractors Maca Civil and Tremor has been formed to construct the Carnarvon Levees and associated road works.

Completion of the six mile Levee is underway before the rest of the works to complete flood mitigation for Carnarvon and the horticultural district begin later in the year.

The Flood Mitigation works have been funded through the *Royalties for Regions* program and a contribution from Regional Development Australia.

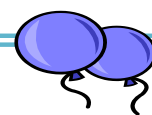
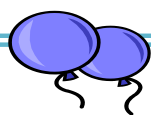
"It's been nearly two years since the flood season of 2010/11" said Vincent Catania "for most of us the memory of the devastation and destruction are still very vivid. I am proud to be part of the Government that has finally funded this essential project for the Gascoyne. The benefits of this project are many, both for those directly impacted by flooding waters and all of the businesses in the North West including Carnarvon, Coral Bay and Exmouth. "

Works on the six mile levee are expected to be completed in December 2012.

Contact: Vincent Catania 99412999



Vincent Catania MLA, Shire President Karl Brandenburg and Browns Range Alliance members at the commencement of flood mitigation works in Carnarvon



A mate of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid. When I quizzed him on it he reckoned he could stop any time....

My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were \$70!!! Blow this , I thought , I can get one cheaper off the web.

I was driving this morning when I saw an RAC van parked up. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable. I thought to myself that guy's heading for a breakdown.

Statistically , 6 out of 7 dwarves are not Happy.

My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30am this morning , can you believe that , 2:30am?! Luckily for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes.

Paddy says "Mick , I'm thinking of buying a Labrador ." "Bugger that" says Mick "have you seen how many of their owners go blind?"

Man calls 999 and says "I think my wife is dead" The operator says how do you know? He says "The sex is the same but the ironing is building up!"

My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker. Well , she's not exactly my girl-friend yet.

A wife says to her husband you're always pushing me around and talking behind my back. He says what do you expect? You're in a wheelchair.

The wife has been missing a week now. The police said to prepare for the worst. So I went down to the charity shop to get all her clothes back.

The wife was counting all the 5c's and 10c's out on the kitchen table when she suddenly got very angry and started shouting and crying for no reason. I thought to myself , "She's going through the change."

Local Police hunting the 'knitting needle nutter' , who has stabbed six people in the backside in the last 48 hours, believe the attacker could be following some kind of pattern.



Another successful day at the monthly MAC gathering!

Steve's welding class was a rioting success with participants proudly taking home their first attempts, and learning many things including solar charged automatic helmets kept in cupboards don't work in sheds!

I think the welding will be definitely repeated in the future with some artworks already on the go.

The Quiz night and barbeque went well, with many from the settlement arriving to join in for the evening.

With the 22 participants dividing into 3 tables, the evening proceeded with spot prizes and sponsored awards and of course Bundy's banter to cheer everyone on.

Sponsors of the night included Elders Geraldton, Landmark Geraldton, Greg Brown, of Mitchell and Brown and Dongara Building and Trade.

The larger prizes went to Quentin with a new pot for Shelly's garden, Maurie Beasley previously of Yunda, has some new boots and Reg took home the \$50 Mitchell and Brown voucher.

Thank you to all who could make it, it was great to see everyone in such high spirits and laugh on through the night.

The next MAC gathering will be a meeting day to discuss the Christmas Tree festivities. Via email RSVPs, the date will be the 17th of November, and the theme for this year's decorations is "The Night Sky".

Please bring a plate of your favourite Christmas food for lunch to share, and also feel free to work on your Night Sky decorations. Anyone looking for inspiration can check out a website Margaret from Yunda has bought to our awareness. It is called Pinterest and is suited to anyone looking for inspiration or how to achieve something.

The Christmas tree celebrations are going to be held on the 15th of December, an auction of an Onga Pump donated by Landmark is included in the evening events. Emails will be sent out regularly as we get closer to the date to keep everyone informed.

Best Wishes to Everyone and hope to catch up soon!

Cheers

Lynne
Secretary / Treasurer
MAC

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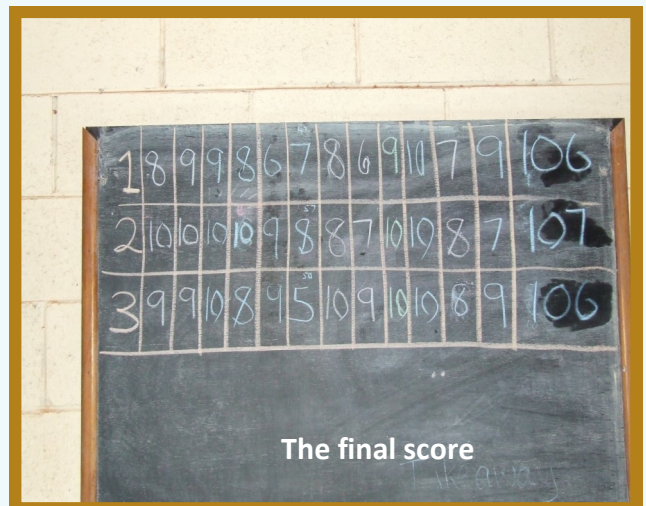
Steve's welding class



Spotted Around the Murch



It was a Night of Fun and Laughter at the Quiz Night





Support Farmers and Rural Communities

Subject: FOR ACTION: Social Media Campaign to support livestock exports

Dear All,

<http://www.nff.org.au/supportliveexports.html>

The above link will take you to a campaign page on the NFF website and a facility to allow people to send letters of support for the trade to MPs and Senators. I encourage you to distribute the link far and wide.

Please note that the Subject field of the email should read "Support farmers and rural communities", rather than "Support live or livestock exports". The reason is that MPs/Senators have spam filters set up on their inboxes and emails with the "live" heading are likely to be sent directly to these folders, rather than appear as an ordinary email in inboxes.

This is an important opportunity for industry and those people, wherever they come from, who support the trade to speak up like never before.

Regards

John Edwards

Chairman

[The Western Australian Livestock Exporters Association](#)

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From Jo Bloomfield Hodgson River station Katherine NT

Attention 4 Corners, Lateline, Sarah Ferguson and Tony Jones

It appears that yet again you wish to denigrate the live export industry with another program concerning the treatment of Australian animals sold to foreign countries. I would like to make some suggestions regarding potential stories the ABC may wish to pursue and a couple of retractions that as a taxpayer I would appreciate being made. I would also like an explanation as to the relevance of the points raised in regards to the ABC's Editorial Policies – Principles and Standards.

- Like many others in the live animal export industry my taxes contribute to the ABC via parliamentary funding. The ABC Editorial Policies – Principles and Standards state that they:

“are to be applied in ways that maintain independence and integrity, preserve trust and do not unduly constrain journalistic enquiry or artistic expression. However, all who are involved with content for the ABC are required to act with integrity and take account of likely harms in exercising their power and responsibility.”

Could the ABC please explain how it complied with the Principles and Standards outlined in the ABC Editorial Policies for both the Four Corners ‘A Bloody Business’ which aired 31st May 2011 and Lateline ‘New footage of abuse in Indonesian abattoirs’ which aired 28th February 2012.

Will these standards and principles be complied with when Four Corners airs ‘Another Bloody Business’ November 2012?


- At the Senate Inquiry, 14th September 2011, Sarah Ferguson admitted that interviewees were not shown the ‘A Bloody Business’ footage obtained in Indonesia prior to the interview. Sarah Ferguson only verbally explained the footage to the interviewees prior to the interview.

Please disclose publicly if it is standard practice when interviewing for a story you are filming to not show the interviewee the film footage that your questions are based on, considering standard 5.1 of the ABC Editorial Policies which states:

“5.1 Participants in ABC content should normally be informed of the general nature of their participation.”

- A formal complaint was lodged against the ABC by Rohan Sullivan, President of the Northern Territory Cattleman's Association, regarding his interview on ‘A Bloody Business’. Luke Bowen, Executive Director of the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association, has also spoken about his comments being taken out of context (QLD Country Life, 22nd September 2011)

Please disclose publicly if 4Corners will ensure that it complies with standard 5.3 of the ABC Editorial Policies which states:



"5.3 Where allegations are made about a person or organisation, make reasonable efforts in the circumstances to provide a fair opportunity to respond."

and ensure that a fair opportunity is given to these people and other industry representatives, to respond through your program, in regards to 'A Bloody Business'. Particularly in relation to the effects on northern Australia and improvements made in Indonesian cattle exports.

- **The animal shown in the 60Minutes footage shown on 'A Bloody Business' was not an Australian Animal and this was admitted by Sarah Ferguson at the Senate Inquiry, 14th September 2011.**

Sarah Ferguson stated:

"It is a small error based on taking something from somebody else's program and we can correct that easily".

Unfortunately Australian viewers thought it was an Australian animal and continue to do so.

Taking into account ABC Editorial Policies Principle 2 which states that:

"The ABC has a statutory duty to ensure that the gathering and presentation of news and information is accurate according to the recognised standards of objective journalism. Credibility depends heavily on factual accuracy."

and, standards 2.1 and 2.2, which state:

"2.1 Make reasonable efforts to ensure that material facts are accurate and presented in context.

2.2 Do not present factual content in a way that will materially mislead the audience."

please disclose this error publicly in 'Another Bloody Business' and make a retraction.


- **The footage filmed by Animals Australia was misleading:**


- **The abattoir located in Taliwang, West Nusa Tenggara, Lombok, had NEVER received Australian cattle and this was not clearly stated in your program.**
- **The abattoir Terpadu, Bogor, West Java, had not received any Australian cattle since early 2011, it had no plans to use Australian cattle and it was unlikely that footage taken there showed Australian cattle.**

Taking into account ABC Editorial Policies, Principle 3 which states that:

"A commitment to accuracy includes a willingness to correct errors and clarify ambiguous or otherwise misleading information. Swift correction can reduce harmful reliance on inaccurate information, especially given content can be quickly, widely and permanently disseminated."

and standards 3.1a and 3.1b which state that:





"3.1 Acknowledge and correct or clarify, in an appropriate manner as soon as reasonably practicable:

- a. significant material errors that are readily apparent or have been demonstrated; or*
- b. information that is likely to significantly and materially mislead."*

please publicly disclose that this footage was misleading and make a retraction.

Please also note that footage supplied by Animals Australia is not always what it is purported to depict. The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries found that the ear tag in the animal shown in the 'new' Indonesian footage supplied to Lateline by Lyn White in January 2012 was in fact from an animal slaughtered some weeks before the footage was supposedly filmed. This was confirmed by ESCAS. Additionally footage purported to be from ECAS approved abattoirs was in fact not from approved abattoirs.

"Two abattoirs were not part of approved supply chains controlled by Australian exporters, nor were the animals seen in the footage sourced from Australia".

<http://www.daff.gov.au/apis/export/live-animals/livestock/investigation-report>


- **In 2011 4Corners filmed in excess of 15 hours footage on Indonesian soil and in Indonesian abattoirs for 'A bloody business'. Approximately 15 ½ minutes of this footage was aired, with only 35 seconds shown of the 'stunning' process.**


Vast improvements have been made in Indonesia abattoirs, slaughter houses and exporter supply lines. For example, footage from the Jalan Abattoir, Near Medan, Sumatra, showed a black steer trembling in a raceway before slaughter. This abattoirs lairage has now been altered to ensure improved handling, with water and feed available right up to point of slaughter. Improvements have also been made in regards to knocking boxes dependent on the form of stunning used. Some exporters have adopted a policy 100% stunning with their clients.

Therefore, in the 'thoroughness of the journalistic effort' (Sarah Ferguson, Senate Inquiry, 14th September 2011) please return to Indonesia and film improvements made since June 2011. Please also publicly disclose and credit the improvements that had already been implemented by the industry prior to the Live Export Ban being put in place in June 2011.

Additionally, Animals Australia and RSPCA have stated their clear objectives to 'Ban Live Exports', please explain ABC's decisions to use so much of their film footage and views considering ABC Editorial Policies standards 1.3 which states

"1.3 Ensure editorial decisions are not properly influenced by political, sectional, commercial or personal interests."



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- **40% of the Indonesian population is involved with Agriculture in some way and the reductions in the animal import permits and loss of income in already poor rural areas has affected them adversely.**

Please return to Indonesia and shoot a 4Corners exposé on the effect of the reduction of animal import permits and the loss of income on an already poor rural population. Please interview the Indonesian public and workers in the agriculture industry

- **'A Bloody Business' has created a platform for political grandstanding by politicians and other public figures. Greens Senator Lee Rhiannon sponsored the Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2012. This bill would have a devastating impact on northern Australia. Recognising this, 25 questions regarding the effects of the proposed ban were posted on the Facebook page 'Ban Live Exports Now' created by Senator Rhiannon. These were posed to question Senator Rhiannon's understanding of the consequences of a ban on animals, land, economics and people. Senator Lee Rhiannon has made a half-hearted attempt to answer the first 14 questions and to date, has refused to answer anymore.**

Please visit northern Australia, and shoot a 4Corners exposé on the effect of a ban on live animal export. Please ensure the exposé covers all aspects of a potential ban, including the effect on animals, the land, economics and people, to ensure that the people of Australia gain a more in-depth understanding of this complex issue.

- **People will be watching the Four Corners Monday program 'Another Bloody Business' with great interest. Not only at the actual content of the program but how ABC portrays the industry. Some members of the industry affected by the live export ban imposed June 2011, which resulted from 'A Bloody Business' have begun legal proceedings in a class action against the Federal Government.**

Is the ABC concerned that the next Four Corners program 'Another Bloody business' may be regarded as damaging to the live export industry and that the ABC may also risk legal action from industry members for damage to their business and livelihoods?





Barry Haase

Federal Member for Durack

MEDIA RELEASE

09 October 2012

THE LIBERAL PARTY'S PLAN FOR SAFER STREETS IN DURACK

Mr Barry Haase, Federal Member for Durack said local communities in Durack will be able to apply for crime prevention infrastructure such as better lighting, CCTVs and mobile CCTVs, under a major plan announced by the Liberal Party.

Mr Haase said he welcomed the announcement that a Liberal Government will provide \$50 million to tackle crime hotspots and help local communities deal with the problems of gangs, graffiti and alcohol fuelled violence.

"What I like about this policy is that the best place to tackle crime is at the local level and this policy seeks to involve residents, shop owners and chambers of commerce, state and local government in identifying local projects to make our streets safer", said Mr Haase

"The Howard Government had a very effective grants programme to tackle local crime and it is disappointing that the Labor government scrapped it. Not only did they scrap it, but Labor cut \$400 million from the Australian Federal Police, the Australian Crime Commission and Customs inspections.

"If we make our communities safer, we will make our country stronger.

"The best way to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour is to prevent it happening. The prevention of crime means less senseless deaths and needless injuries, it means reduced costs in the justice system, and it means stronger communities.

Mr Haase said he would be talking with local residents, police, community and business leaders in identifying clear projects that are needed throughout Durack.

"I am also pleased that the Liberal Party has committed itself to once again commandeering money used under Proceeds of Crime legislation to use on crime prevention projects. The Labor Government has taken almost \$60 million collected from the proceeds of criminal actions and used it to prop up their budget black hole.

"As a matter of principle, I believe that money collected from criminals and their criminal activities should be used to fight crime. The Liberal Party's Plan for Safer Streets ensures it will happen again".

Mr Haase said the Liberal Party's commitment is for the grants programme to start in the first year of a new government and he would work with the community to identify and assist local projects needing support.

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Pia Wadjarri Remote Community

School News

School Phone: 99613842



Coming Term four

5th November Bike Excursion

The Be Active Cycle Instead Bike Skills Program aims to provide quality bicycle education to schools and community groups while promoting the message to 'Be Active Cycle Instead'. Our programs are designed to improve a rider's confidence and bike handling skills in an enjoyable and safe environment. Over a series of sessions riders are introduced to bike safety, bike handling, and basic bike maintenance skills, helping people ride better, more often and more safely.

6th November Pia-Melbourne Cup

The Pia Cup: Also known as Melbourne cup day and Guy Foulkes day. Parents will need to find items suitable for hats that children can bring to school to make their hat. There will be prizes for the best hats so you make like to make the hat at home and keep it as a surprise and better the chances of winning.

7th November Dietician HEALTHY COOKING SESSIONS

You are invited to come along to a fun, tasty cooking session at our school. At the session, we will:

Answer any nutrition questions you may have;

Share cheap recipes that we can cook for our whole families;

Cook some lunchbox, snack and meal ideas;

Take home some recipe booklets;

Give us a chance to have a chat while we cook and eat some nice food!

13th November Dentist visit

15th November pamper day for young adults

16th November Parent forum keeping children safe from harm

WEEK 6

Circus is coming to town

Two trainers will stay in Pia for a 5 day program. They will bring all their own Equipment to run workshops with the students. Skills include juggling, unicycle, human balances, tightwire, spinning plates, diabolo, hulla hoops, poi, mini bike, stilts, tumbling etc



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Jessica Guilfoyle
Courtney Whyte

Olympics in the Murchison Settlement

From Wednesday 19th to the Friday 21st September, Pia Wadjarri Remote Community School hosted an Olympic themed Interschool Carnival over three days at the Murchison Settlement.

Remote schools that travelled for the event included Burringurrah, Cue, Yalgoo, Gascoyne Junction and Yulga Jinna.

The focus was on participation with 100 very excited students divided into 4 teams/countries consisting of United Kingdom, Russia, Thailand and Jamaica . With Prime Ministers as captains and each having their own flag the student were keen for the games to begin.

Students competed for medals in track races, T-ball and javelin throwing, shot put and long jump.

United Kingdom were declared the winners and Friday morning saw some very weary students and teachers heading off for the long journey home.

Principal Elizabeth Sorrenson said it was a memorable three days and enjoyment was had by all as the children of the region showed their skills in a variety of sporting activities. All competitors showed outstanding skills as well as good sportsmanship and willingness to adapt to participating in a range of events. Pia Wadjarri were proud to host the games.





Shane Love
CANDIDATE FOR MOORE



LOVE: REGISTER NOW TO RECEIVE COST OF LIVING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT

26 September 2012

The Nationals WA candidate for Moore, Shane Love is urging households to register their eligibility for the Cost of Living Assistance payment.

"The Cost of Living Assistance (CoLA) payment, which is set to be distributed from October 1, will reduce electricity bills for a large number of Western Australian households," Mr Love said.

The CoLA payment replaces the current Supply Charge Rebate (SCR), and will see the yearly rebate to eligible recipients increase by more than 35 per cent from \$147 to \$200 per annum.

"Households must have their concession details registered with electricity provider, Synergy, to receive the rebate" Mr Love said.

Households which hold the following concession cards will be eligible for the CoLA payment:

- WA Seniors Card
- Department of Veterans Affairs Gold Card;
- Pensioner Concession Card
- Health Care Card; or
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card.

Households that have one or more of the above concessions and one or more dependent children will also be entitled to the Dependent Child Rebate (DCR).

"By way of an example, an eligible family with two dependent children will now receive the new CoLA payment of \$200 per year and then receive the DCR payment (for two children of \$307 – a total annual rebate of \$507," Mr Love said.

This means that for an eligible family with two children they will now receive a yearly rebate equalling about one third of the average households spending on electricity per year.

Eligible households who have not registered their details can do so by calling 13 13 53 or visiting www.synergy.net.au.

Existing recipients of the SCR will automatically be transferred to the CoLA payment from October 1, 2012.

For more information contact Candidate for Moore, Shane Love P: 0427 684 596
E: shane.love@nationalswa.com W: www.shanelove.com.au

Women's World



When a woman says "What?", it's not because she didn't hear you.

She's giving you a chance to change what you said.



Someone sent me an email about using **VODKA** for cleaning around the house.

IT WORKED!

The more vodka I drank, the cleaner the house looked!



Middle Age:

That time when you finally get your head together—then your **BODY STARTS FALLING APART!**

-Unknown Author



I will NEVER be **OVER THE HILL.**

I'm too darn tired to
CLIMB IT!



OMG, I'm rich!
Silver in the hair,
Gold in the teeth,
Crystals in the kidney,
Sugar in the blood,
Lead in the butt,
Iron in the arteries,
and an inexhaustible supply of natural gas!

I never thought I would accumulate such wealth!



Why are there never any "GOOD" side-effects?

Just once I'd like to read a medication bottle that says

"MAY CAUSE EXTREME **SEXINESS**".

-Unknown Author

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RE: September – October 2012 Update – Activities at the Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory (MRO)

Developments at the MRO

ASKAP Opening Ceremony – 5 October 2012

The ceremony was attended by over 350 guests at the Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory (MRO). Many of our invited guests travelled far and wide from the Mid West, national and international destinations.

The Opening Ceremony hailed the completion of the 36 ASKAP antennas and the start of preparations for the telescope to do science, as well as the formal opening of the MRO at which the telescope is located. All thirty-six (36) radio antenna now have Wajarri names. For the remaining infrastructure, we are planning to name them after famous radio astronomers and historically significant family names from the Murchison district.



Simon Broad (Shire President, Murchison Shire) speaking at the ASKAP Opening Ceremony. (Photo Credit: Steve Douglas, MWDC)



Wajarri dancers at the ASKAP Opening Ceremony (Photo Credit: Steve Douglas, MWDC)

If you didn't get the chance to see the live webcast of the ASKAP and MRO opening, you can now access the archived video here:

<http://webcast.viostream.com/?viocast=6134&auth=462ad6d8-6d19-4810-88a0-a38c8a1fe008>

Dr Lisa Harvey-Smith at the Western Australian Museum Geraldton – 04 October 2012



(Photo Credit: Flo Conway-Derley, CSIRO)

Dr Lisa Harvey-Smith (ASKAP Project Scientist) delivered a public lecture about the ASKAP at the Western Australian Museum Geraldton. The lecture was attended by approximately 60 people.

Rob Hollow (CSIRO Education Officer) was one of the presenters for the October school holiday activities at the Western Australian Museum Geraldton. Rob demonstrated how to make a pocket solar system, which was a big hit with the youngsters.

Our sincere thanks to the Western Australian Museum Geraldton for their support with our public outreach activities in Geraldton.

VIP Visits to the MRO

I hosted a visit to the MRO by 9 members of the International SKA Project Office on 16-17 October 2012. They were very impressed by the region and the site – its combination of remoteness (producing the wonderful pristine “radio-quiet” characteristic we need) and accessibility, in being a quite acceptable drive from Geraldton.

Neighbours BBQ and Tour - 13th September 2012

Our inaugural Neighbours BBQ was attended by many of you - 50 Murchison pastoralists, which is a fantastic turnout, given it was mustering time! Barry Turner (MRO Site Manager) and I welcomed guests, including Councillors and staff from the Murchison Shire. The Heritage Induction was delivered by Robin Boddington, while Wil Pena delivered the Site Safety Induction. Everyone was given the opportunity to view the ASKAP antennas, including a tour of the newly constructed MRO Central Control Building which will house our processing systems, network and computing equipment as well as workshops and staff offices.

At the conclusion of the MRO tour, guests joined us for a BBQ lunch at the CSIRO Accommodation Facilities. My thanks to Bubinyoo Catering for preparing the excellent food and CSIRO staff for cooking the BBQ. Since the BBQ, we have since received several emails from the Murchison community expressing their thanks; as a result look forward to hosting the next Neighbours BBQ in 2013. We will also be working on ways of expanding to include children and educational activities during 2013.



Murchison community members at the Neighbours BBQ *(Photo Credit: Ant Schinckel, CSIRO)*

Professor Philip Diamond – CASS Chief moves on!

Professor Phil Diamond will move from his current position as Chief of CSIRO Astronomy and Space Science (CASS), in October 2012 to lead the international Square Kilometre Array (SKA) Organisation from its new headquarters at Jodrell Bank near Manchester, UK. Professor Diamond will lead the pre-construction phase of the SKA, with the goal of realising construction readiness at the end of 2015, and preparing for the construction phase to follow. He will develop and maintain strategic relationships with national agencies, partners, governments, industry and other private sector entities, along with all other project stakeholders.

We send our best wishes to Phil in his new role as Director General of the SKA Office. His departure is that "double-edged sword" - disappointing from a purely internal CASS perspective, yet excellent in terms of SKA, as we know the office is in good hands and he takes with him an excellent knowledge and understanding of Australia.



Dr Philip Diamond, Chief CSIRO Astronomy and Space Science (Photo Credit: Wheeler Studios)

Ant Schinckel
ASKAP Theme Leader and Director
CSIRO Astronomy & Space Science
26 October 2012



**The Media interviewing Megan Clark - Chief Executive CSIRO
(Photo credit: DRAGONFLY)**



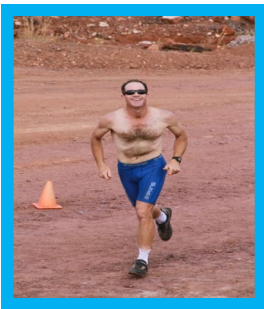
**Over 350 guests attended the opening ceremony
(Photo credit: DRAGONFLY)**

The Cue Outback Triathlon

Approximately 45 competitors, including a state triathlete, from as far and wide as Adelaide, Albany, Perth, Kalgoorlie and Geraldton took part in the Cue Outback Triathlon, which was held on Saturday October 6th.

The triathlon consisted of an 850m swim, a 31km cycle leg and a 6km run. The swim leg took place in the Tucker West open-cut mine pit, which is approximately 28km south east of Cue town site near the Sandstone road. Using old station tracks, competitors then cycled right into the teeth of a very strong, hot, north-westerly wind back to the Cue oval. The run leg started at the oval and included climbing 'Water Tank Hill' as part of a 6km circuit that finished back at the oval.

Murchison's Rossco Foulkes-Taylor had a good triathlon and won the race. Rossco was forth out of the water and picked up a couple of places on the bike leg to be second by about a minute at the final changeover. He overtook the leader during the run to win in a time of 2h 27m 19s. Geoff and Tom Foulkes-Taylor also had a successful race to win the team section in a time of 2h 40m 31s.



2012 PERTH ROYAL SHOW Rural Community Achiever Award

Jano Foulkes Taylor and Lou Giglia were named joint winners of the 2012 Rural Community Achiever Award. It is the first time in the 24 year history of the competition that there has been two winners.

The award recognizes the contribution of those in rural communities who work to promote regional development and support their local communities.

The Rural community Achiever receives \$2000 cash plus a further \$2000 is donated to a community project of their choice.

Jano plans to use her prize money to assist the Scholarship for Rural & Remote Further Education she has established.

Lou plans to use his winnings to assist the improvement of youth training facilities at Fairbridge.



Mullewa Community Street Festival

Friday 23rd Nov 5-8pm



Face Painting **Lots of Goodies for Sale** **Bungee Trampoline**

Bring all the family, dress for carnivals and join in the fun

5.00pm Roving Mad Entertainment **Food & Drinks**

6.15pm Kids Parade

7.00pm Visit from Santa **Youth in Motion Bus**

7.30pm Raffle Draws **3 on 3 basketball**

7.45pm Safijre Fire Show

Caterpillar Ride **Bouncy Castle**

Information Stalls **Drumming Circle**

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2012 YMAC Annual Regional Meeting

The 2012 YMAC Annual Regional Meeting is for all Yamatji members. The meeting is a great opportunity to meet up with your Regional Committee and other members, hear about the work we have done over the last 12 months and have your say about important issues.

Date: Saturday, 24 November 2012

Time: arrive 9:00 am for a 9:30 am start

Location: Woolshed Civic Centre, Camel Lane, Carnarvon

Agenda Items - If you have agenda items or topics of discussion for the meeting, please contact Donna Murdock, Yamatji Regional Manager on 9965 6222.

Catering - Lunch will be catered, although YMAC is not funded to pay travel allowance for the attendance of members at this meeting.

Proxies - If you can't attend, we do encourage proxies. For further information on proxies, please refer to the annual regional meeting package mailed to all Yamatji members, or contact the Geraldton office.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Fiona Mackenzie in our Geraldton office on (08) 9965 6222 or 1 300 712345

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Barry Haase

Federal Member for Durack

MEDIA RELEASE

01 November 2012

Durack Seeking Green Army Projects

A Green Army of 15,000 young Australians will take on environmental projects to clean up our community under the Liberal Party's Environment Plan.

Mr Barry Haase says the Liberal Party has a strong track record of delivering on-the-ground environmental projects.

Participants will receive a training wage and supervision.

"We are tackling environmental issues head on with a 15,000 strong Green Army which will enable teams to operate in nearly every community across the country," said Mr Haase.

The Green Army will be comprised of teams of up to 10 people including a co-ordinator to tackle local environmental projects.

"We are asking the community to submit ideas for worthwhile projects. It may be cleaning up a local creek, restoring a bushwalking path, establishing a boardwalk or planting mangroves for example," said Mr Haase. Each project may take up to 25 weeks to complete.

"We are keen for local environment groups or councils to be involved. They may work together with the Green Army to get the job done or they may act as co-ordinators for projects which they see as a priority for our area."

The Green Army will be a key part of the Liberal Government's environment policy if elected.

"Importantly, we want the community to come up with the projects to ensure they are locally driven and are the right priorities for Durack," said Mr Haase.

"The Green Army is part of the Liberal Party's environment policy to protect and enhance Australia's environment for future generations through direct action and engagement with our community."

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Media Release

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Thanks to Emails and Living in the 20th Century

I can no longer open a bathroom door without using a paper towel, nor let the waitress put lemon slices in my ice water without worrying about the bacteria on the lemon peel.

I can't sit down on a hotel bedspread because I can only imagine what has happened on it since it was last washed.

I have trouble shaking hands with someone who has been driving because the number one pastime while driving alone is picking one's nose.

Eating a little snack sends me on a guilt trip because I can only imagine how many gallons of trans fats I have consumed over the years.

I can't touch any woman's handbag for fear she has placed it on the floor of a public toilet.

I can no longer lick envelopes thanks to the email about rat poo in the glue, I also now have to scrub the top of every can I open for the same reason.

I can't have a drink in a bar because I fear I'll wake up in a bathtub full of ice with my kidneys gone.

I can't eat KFC because their chickens are actually horrible mutant freaks with no eyes, feet or feathers.

I can't use cancer-causing deodorants even though I smell like a water buffalo on a hot day.

I have learned that my prayers only get answered if I forward an e-mail to seven of my friends and make a wish within five minutes.

I now feel that, I can no longer drink Coca Cola because it can remove toilet stains.

I no longer buy fuel without taking someone along to watch the car, so a serial killer doesn't crawl in my back seat when I'm filling up.

I no longer use Cling Wrap in the microwave because it causes seven different types of cancer.

I no longer go to the cinema because I could be pricked with a needle infected with AIDS when I sit down.

I no longer answer the phone because someone will ask me to dial a number for which I will get a huge phone bill with calls to Jamaica , Uganda , Singapore and Uzbekistan ..

I can't even do any gardening because I'm afraid I'll get bitten by the Violin Spider and my hand will fall off.

My last email informed me, if I didn't forward the email to at least 1,000 people in the next 70 minutes, a large dove with diarrhea would land on my head at 5:00 p.m. the next afternoon, and the fleas from 120 camels would infest my back, causing me to grow a hairy hump. I know this will occur because it actually happened to a friend of my next door neighbor's Ex mother-in-law's second husband's cousin's best friend's beautician!



Shane Love
CANDIDATE FOR MOORE



LOVE WELCOMES FUEL CARD FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

23 October 2012

The Nationals WA candidate for Moore, Shane Love has welcomed the announcement that volunteer emergency service groups across regional Western Australia will receive a Fuel Card, should The Nationals WA retain the balance of power at the 2013 State election.

"Regional communities would not be the safe, vibrant places they are today without the tireless and often thankless efforts of emergency service volunteers.

"It is estimated that emergency service volunteering in WA exceeds more than 2 million hours annually and it is important that we recognise this contribution," he said.

The discussion paper, launched at The Nationals WA Campaign Launch in Toodyay, outlines a plan to provide emergency service volunteer groups with a fuel card valued at \$2000 per annum as an acknowledgement of the service they provide to regional communities.

Mr Max Osborn AFSM, Executive Officer of the WA Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services Association along with volunteers from local brigades attended the launch of the discussion paper.

"Volunteers across Western Australia do an outstanding job often under trying circumstances. I look forward to providing input on this and any policy that aims to support volunteers," Mr Osborn said.

Candidate for the Agricultural Region and former career and volunteer firefighter, Martin Aldridge knows firsthand the sacrifices that volunteers make in regional communities to provide this essential service.

"It was quite appropriate that The Nationals WA launched this discussion paper in Toodyay given the devastation that community experienced during the 2009 bushfires in the region," Mr Aldridge said.

"Toodyay, as with all regional communities, relies upon strong emergency service groups to respond in times of need and that is exactly what they did."

Mr Love said this is yet another way that *Royalties for Regions* is improving the lives of those living and working in regional WA.

"Community feedback at The Nationals WA stall at the Toodyay Show over the weekend was positive and volunteers were welcoming additional support to allow them to carry out their duties in the community," he said.

Feedback from the community on this discussion paper is an important part of our policy formation. To find out more about the Emergency Services Volunteer Fuel Card visit www.nationalswa.com.

For more information contact Shane Love on 0427 684 596.



Discussion Paper

VOLUNTEER FUEL CARD

*The Nationals WA proposal to support
Emergency Service Volunteers in WA.*



Policy Proposal

The Nationals WA will provide all volunteer emergency service groups in regional WA with a \$2000 fuel card on an annual basis as an acknowledgement of the incredible work they do to protect and support regional communities and the environment.

Discussion

Regional WA relies heavily on the services of volunteers for the provision of emergency services. It is the willingness of people to donate their time to train others, be trained, fundraise and provide essential services that ensures the ongoing success of these regional volunteer organisations.

“ **Emergency Service
Volunteers in our regions
do an outstanding job and The
Nationals WA recognise that
regional communities could not
exist without them.** ”

This volunteer fuel card will go some way to acknowledging the work of volunteers and making their job that little bit easier.

It was estimated in 2006 that volunteering in emergency services alone was some 2.2 million hours and valued at \$59 million.

Eligible volunteer groups will include:

- St John Ambulance Service
- Volunteer Bush Fire Service
- Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service
- Volunteer Fire Service
- State Emergency Service
- Volunteer Emergency Service
- Volunteer Marine Rescue Service

How many individual groups will receive the card?

Over 700 individual volunteer emergency service organisations throughout regional WA will benefit from this fuel card.

How will it work?

Eligible groups will receive a fuel card which at the discretion of the local management committee, can be distributed between volunteers and the community as a way to recognise the time and resources they give up for the sake of their community.

The Nationals WA welcome your feedback on this discussion paper:

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Australian Government

Get ready for VAST digital TV

Your town is switching to the new Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) service

VAST will provide viewers with access to 17 free-to-air digital TV channels, including:

High Definition channels		Standard Definition channels	
ABC News24		ABC1	
SBS HD		ABC2	
7mate		ABC3	
GEM		SBS ONE	
ONE		SBS TWO	
		GO!	
		WIN Television	
		West Digital (TEN)	
		ELEVEN	
		PRIME (GWN)	
		7 TWO	
		NITV	

The Australian Government has introduced a subsidy to assist households in making the transition to the VAST service. Households that receive the subsidised VAST installation will be required to make a household contribution of \$250. Households are encouraged to apply by 24 December 2012.

Where can you find out more?

For a full list of eligible towns in Regional and Remote WA and to learn more about the Satellite Subsidy Scheme visit www.digitalready.gov.au/subsidy or call the Digital Ready Information Line 1800 20 10 13 between 8am and 10pm (AEST).



It's time to get



for digital TV



Australian Government



Satellite Subsidy Scheme - Western Australia

Australia is well on the way to switching to digital-only TV. By the end of 2013 analog free-to-air TV signals will be switched off and replaced with digital-only signals. Perth will switch to digital-only TV on **16 April 2013** with the remainder of Western Australia to switch on **25 June 2013**.

Households in some towns across regional and remote Australia will need to move across to the Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) service to continue watching free-to-air TV. VAST is a direct-to-home digital TV satellite service that offers the same number of digital channels received in metropolitan areas. The Australian Government is providing practical and financial assistance to help eligible households switch to digital TV through the Satellite Subsidy Scheme and the Household Assistance Scheme.

Which channels will be on the new VAST service?

The Western Australian VAST service offers the full suite of 17 digital channels compared to the 4 to 5 analog channels received to date. Digital channels available on VAST are:

WIN	SBSONE	ABC2	ELEVEN	NITV
Prime (GWN)	GO!	SBS TWO	ABC3	
West Digital (Ten)	7TWO	GEM	SBSHD	
ABC1	ONE	7mate	ABCNEWS 24	

ABC News is available through ABC1 on a state basis so viewers in Western Australia will be able to see the ABC WA News.

What is the Satellite Subsidy Scheme?

The Satellite Subsidy Scheme offers a subsidised installation of satellite TV equipment (a satellite dish, VAST set-top box and associated cabling) for eligible households.

Applications for the Satellite Subsidy Scheme in regional and remote Western Australia open on **10 September 2012** and people are encouraged to apply before **24 December 2012**.

A list of eligible towns is on the Digital Ready website at www.digitalready.gov.au

Am I eligible for the subsidy?

To be eligible for the subsidy:

- households must rely on TV reception from an analog self-help TV tower not being converted to digital
- the applicant must be the owner, landlord or tenant of the dwelling where the equipment is to be

installed and be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia aged 18 years or over, and

- the dwelling where the equipment is to be installed must be a self-contained residential dwelling, at a distinct address. Commercial dwellings are not eligible for the subsidy.

Will I have to pay anything?

Eligible households in remote and regional WA will have to contribute \$250 to the cost of the VAST installation package payable directly to the installer on the day of installation. This is a one-off cost with no ongoing fees to access the VAST service.

How do I apply for the subsidy?

Eligible households may receive a letter inviting them to apply for the subsidy.

Step 1: Check your eligibility and apply online by visiting the Digital Ready website at www.digitalready.gov.au/subsidy or calling the Digital Ready Information Line on **1800 20 10 13** between 8am and 10pm (AEST), 7 days.

Step 2: If you have applied and are eligible, you will be sent a letter from the service contractor with details about how your installation will be arranged.

Step 3: A government-engaged service contractor will contact you by phone or letter to arrange an installation time.

Step 4: The VAST equipment will be installed. On the day of installation, you pay the government-engaged service contractor the household contribution amount of \$250.

What is the Household Assistance Scheme?

Some viewers in Satellite Subsidy Scheme towns may be eligible for assistance under the Household Assistance Scheme

The Household Assistance Scheme offers easy to use digital TV equipment (including VAST equipment), in-home installation and demonstration, and 12 months after-care support and equipment warranty at no cost to eligible people. To be eligible for the Household Assistance Scheme you need to own a TV, have not converted to digital and receive the full rate of one of the following pensions:

- Age Pension
- Disability Support Pension
- Carer Payment
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Service Pension, or
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Income Support Supplement.

The Household Assistance Scheme opens on **10 September 2012** and people are encouraged to apply before **24 December 2012**. People eligible for the Household Assistance Scheme will be sent a letter from the Department of Human Services inviting them to check their eligibility for assistance. If you think you are eligible for the Household Assistance Scheme call the Department of Human Services on 1800 55 64 43.

Where can I find out more?

For more information about the Satellite Subsidy Scheme visit the Digital Ready website at www.digitalready.gov.au or call the Digital Ready Information Line on **1800 20 10 13** between 8am and 10pm (AEST), 7 days.



Australian Government



Need help to get ready for digital TV?

The Australian Government is providing practical and financial assistance to help eligible households switch to digital television. Two assistance schemes are currently available to lend a helping hand; the Satellite Subsidy Scheme and the Household Assistance Scheme.

So which Scheme is right for you?

The Satellite Subsidy Scheme

What is the Satellite Subsidy Scheme?

The Satellite Subsidy Scheme (SSS) offers installation at a subsidised cost of satellite TV equipment for eligible households. This includes a Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) set-top box and satellite dish.

Who is eligible for SSS?

SSS is only available to households that rely on an analog TV signal from a self-help retransmission tower which is not being converted to digital TV. You will receive a letter from the Digital Switchover Taskforce asking you to apply for the Subsidy if you are in an eligible location.

The Household Assistance Scheme

What is the Household Assistance Scheme?

The Household Assistance Scheme (HAS) offers installation of satellite TV equipment or terrestrial TV equipment for eligible pensioners, this includes a digital high definition set-top box, antenna and cabling if required and you own your own home. This installation is free-of-charge.

Who is eligible for HAS?

HAS is for people who have a functioning TV, have not converted to digital TV and who receive the full rate of one of the following pensions:

- the Age Pension,
- Disability Support Pension,
- Carer Payment,
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Service Pension, or
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Income Support Supplement.

Digital Ready Information Line 1800 20 10 13

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How does SSS work?

Once your application has been approved, a Government-engaged service contractor will contact you to arrange an installation appointment.

In other locations, the household contribution amount has been \$200 to \$220 and the SSS will subsidise the remaining cost of the installation.

How do I apply for SSS?

You can also check your eligibility and apply online on the Digital Ready website www.digitalready.gov.au/subsidy or by calling 1800 20 10 13.

How does HAS work?

Once your application has been approved, a Government-engaged service contractor will contact you to arrange an installation appointment.

HAS is free of charge, you do not pay anything.

How do I apply for HAS?

Centrelink will write to eligible pensioners with information about applying for HAS. You can check your eligibility for the Household Assistance Scheme by calling 1800 556 443 or by visiting a Centrelink Service Centre.

Can I apply for both SSS and HAS?

No, it is important for you to think about which Scheme best suits your needs.

- Have you received a letter from the Digital Switchover Taskforce asking you to apply for the Satellite Subsidy Scheme?
- Do you receive a full rate pension from Centrelink?

If yes, you should apply for the Household Assistance Scheme.

If no, as you do not receive a full rate pension, you should apply for the Satellite Subsidy Scheme.

Where can I find out more?

Call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13 (8am-10pm AEST, 7 Days) or visit www.digitalready.gov.au.



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Support a new lifestyle magazine starting in Geraldton — sharing our stories with the world

Imagine a publication that brings stories about mining, agriculture and pastoral country to life. H&g: A Journal for Huntergatherers is a new quarterly lifestyle magazine that honours the people and life of regional WA and expands on the vital connections our regions are making with communities across the globe.

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An invitation to the LAUNCH of this first edition to be held in Geraldton in December, 2012.

ABOUT H&g

Writer & producer Amanda Rowland started her publishing career three years ago with JAM Magazine: A What's On Guide to the Midwest. Her concept and passion has expanded to sharing the stories of regional WA across the globe from her headquarters in Geraldton, Midwest, WA. "Humour and creativity are not attributes usually associated with stories on mining or agriculture," Amanda states, "and this is where H&g excels."

Amanda says "We are living in a time of great connectivity and reach. Through our mining and resource industries, WA communities are in a unique position to expand on the rich ties we share with peoples and nations across the world. H&g will take readers to the heart of regional Australia and shine a light on the amazing people and industries that underpin the viability and vitality of our cities."

Our mailing address is:

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AFS AUSTRALIA

AFS Australia has been arranging youth exchanges since 1959 and forms a part of the worldwide AFS network operating in more than 54 countries that is dedicated to building a more just and peaceful world through greater intercultural understanding and learning. AFS is one of the world's largest community-based volunteer organisations, organising programs involving over 11,000 students, young adults and teachers each year.

In 2013 AFS WA is looking for local communities from all corners of WA who would appreciate and benefit from the services of a committed and dedicated international volunteer (from Germany, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Costa Rica, and Denmark to name a few countries who will be sending volunteers to WA this year). AFS WA is seeking organisations or a group of organisations that would benefit from having a volunteer with them for a period ranging from 3 months, 6 months or 11 months?

AFS Volunteer Aboard participants come from many different countries and are committed to doing voluntary work for non-profit organisations in WA. The nature of volunteer work that AFS Volunteer Aboard participants are involved in ranges from community development, youth development, conservation and environment, sports development, organisation development, beautification projects as well as local community projects to name but a few of the fields that volunteers have expressed an interest in helping with while in WA.

In 2013 AFS WA is committed to receiving more volunteers, many of whom are expecting volunteer opportunities in regional, rural and remote WA. During their stay in the community, the AFS Volunteer lives with a host family who opens their house voluntarily and without financial payment. It is an expectation that the local community would welcome the volunteer to become 'a local' for their stay and in return the community benefits by having a volunteer who gives their services voluntarily. For its part, AFS makes all arrangements for visas and insurance all the while helping individuals from around the world to become a part of an Aussie community somewhere in WA.

In simple terms, the idea is to provide participants with a learning experience, sharing life and learning from those around them rather than coming as experts with all the answers. AFS Volunteer Abroad participant come not as outsiders to change the local situation but as participants in the process of mutual discovery. They come to learn about Australia, the community and the project they are involved in, and the culture of the family. Volunteers are encouraged to share information about their own country and culture during their stay too.

AFS WA is seeking organisations the Mullewa community and surrounds that could benefit from having an AFS Volunteer Abroad participant volunteering for them. The volunteer may dedicate their time to one organisation or may spend their time at a group of depending how a community chooses to involve and engage the AFS Volunteer Abroad participant. It is entirely open to the desires and imagination of the community and / or organisation. There are a few boundaries that must be worked within so please read on for some of the finer detail:

What type of organisation can benefit by hosting an AFS Volunteer Abroad participant?

Any of the following organisations are able to host a volunteer:

- A Commonwealth Government organisation;
- A State Government organisation;
- A Local Government organisation;
- A not-for-profit organisation; or
- Other types of organisation i.e.: an association, sporting club, childcare centre and the lists go on

What is the process of securing an AFS Volunteer Abroad participant for an organisation/community?

Identify an organisation(s) that will be the Community Service Provider (CPO);

The Community Service Provider (CPO) completes the an "Application Form" (available by e-mail from afs.wa@afs.org)

AFS WA works to match an AFS Volunteer Abroad participant with the Community Service Provider

The Community Service Provider views the profiles of the AFS Volunteer Abroad participants who have elected to come to WA

The Community Service Provider chooses the AFS Volunteer Abroad participant they would like to "host"

Complete on the organisation's letterhead, a letter validating the volunteer work (AFS provides a template for this letter which is used by Immigration to issue the appropriate visa)

The Community Service Provider and AFS WA work together to find a Host Family (using community newsletters, newspapers, community service radio announcements, e-mail lists, work-of-mouth, local community networks and the AFS network)

Once a Host Family expresses an interest - an AFS volunteer will call them and conduct a phone interview and complete reference checks.

AFS Host Family application form completed (online)

AFS WA arranges for an in-home visit to the Host Family home to complete an in-home interview

Host Family and CPO Representative attend "Orientation" in Perth for 2-3 hours on a weekend, if at all possible (highly desirable and encouraged but not always possible due to distance of some hosting communities).

Await the arrival of the AFS Volunteer Abroad participant

What must the host organisation provide for an AFS Volunteer Abroad participant?

- Provide supervision and feedback appropriate to the role
- Provide full time volunteer work (maximum 30 hours per week), for not more than five days a week; for a minimum of three months to maximum of eleven months.
- Be sensitive to the adjustments the volunteer may need to make in adapting to their new environment
- Willing to learn about a new culture
- Assist with finding a suitable host family
- Allow for a period of "annual leave" of not more than 25 days (timing to be mutually agreed between the AFS Volunteer Abroad participant and the host organisation)

What does AFS provide?

- a 24 hour contact and support network for the hosted AFS Volunteer Abroad participant and their host family
- a 24 hour contact and support network for the Community Service Provider (CPO).
- a designated contact person from AFS WA to constantly supervise the volunteer's work performance at the CPO.
- Visa documentation and arrangements
- Orientation camps for the hosted AFS Volunteer Abroad
- Orientation for the Host Family prior to the arrival of the AFS Volunteer Abroad participant (generally occurs in Perth)

Expenses & Insurance Matters:

- AFS ensures the AFS Volunteer Abroad participant is covered for all medical expenses.
- AFS provides indemnity insurance for each AFS Volunteer Abroad participant
- Host families provide meals at home with the family.
- All personal expenses such as clothes, entertainment, travel and meals out of the home are to be paid by the participant

Additional Information:

- AFS Volunteer Abroad participants are aged between 18 and 26
- AFS Volunteer Abroad participants come from Europe, Asia, North America, and Latin America (from any one of the 54 countries where AFS has operations)
- AFS Volunteer Abroad participants come to WA for a period ranging from 3 months to 11 months.
- A new group of AFS Volunteer Abroad participants arrive generally in February, April, July, and September
- It is expected the Community Service Providers (CPO) will work with AFS WA to help identify a local host family(s) who will open their home for the AFS Volunteer Abroad participant
- For insurance reasons AFS volunteers are forbidden to drive whilst in Australia . This may impose some limitations on the accommodation of volunteers particularly in rural area.

Finally, more information or have specific queries about this AFS program and how a community or organisation could become involved please don't hesitate to contact me via phone or e-mail as outlined below.

Many thanks.

Yours Faithfully

Graham Whitley

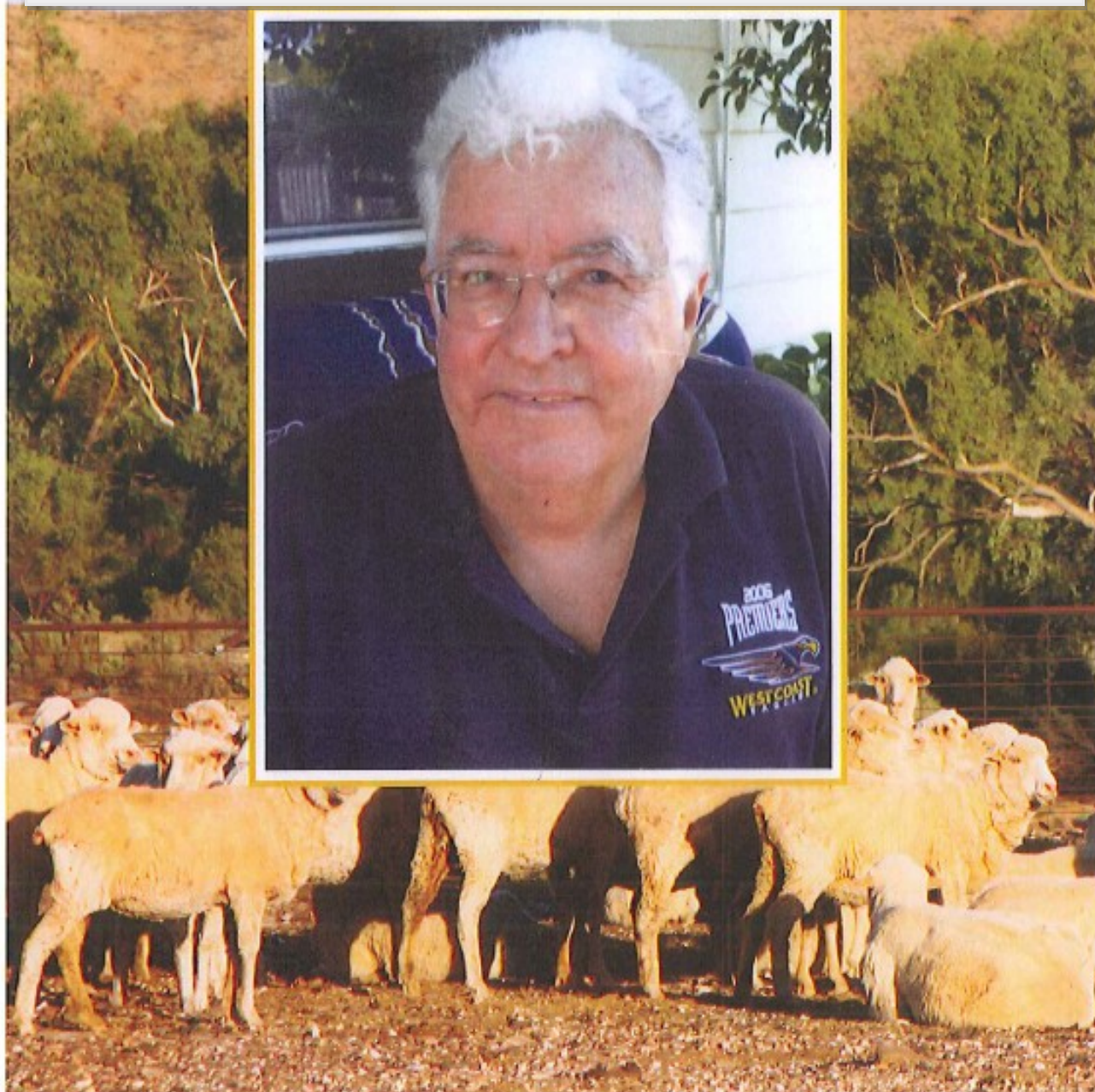
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| BLACK HAT | COWBOY | LASSO | RIDING | TEXAS |
| BLUE JEANS | COWGIRL | LEATHER | RODEO | TRAIL |
| BOOTS | COWPOKE | LEGEND | ROPING | TRAVEL |
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To answer the trivia question, look for a word or phrase that is hidden in the puzzle, but not in the word list.

Trivia: This American soldier, famous for his traveling "Wild West Shows," helped popularize the cowboy culture.

Answer: B _____ B _____ (2 words)

Crossword

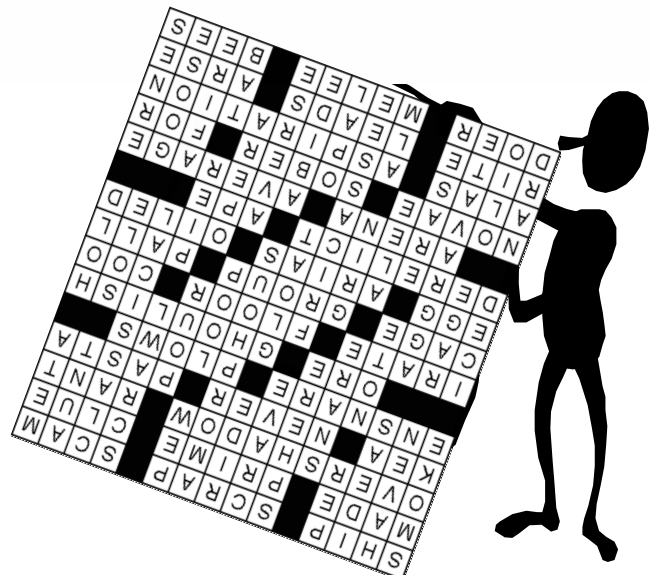
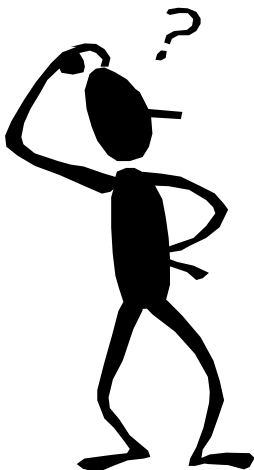
ACROSS

1. Transport commercially
5. Waste matter
10. Fraud
14. Fabricated
15. Choice
16. Hint
17. Eclipse
19. Deliver a tirade
20. New Zealand parrot
21. Not a single time
22. Noodles
23. Trap
25. A type of farm tool
27. Mineral rock
28. Morbid
31. Angry
34. Not the ceiling
35. Loving murmur
36. An enclosure
37. Throng
38. Gloomy atmosphere
39. It comes from a hen
40. Operatic solos
41. Lubricated
42. Homeless person
44. Gorilla
45. Sporting venue
46. Median
50. Exploded stars
52. Not drunk
54. Not against
55. "Oh my!"
56. A cherished desire
58. Liturgy
59. Conducts
60. Backside
61. One who accomplishes
62. Donnybrook
63. Honey insects

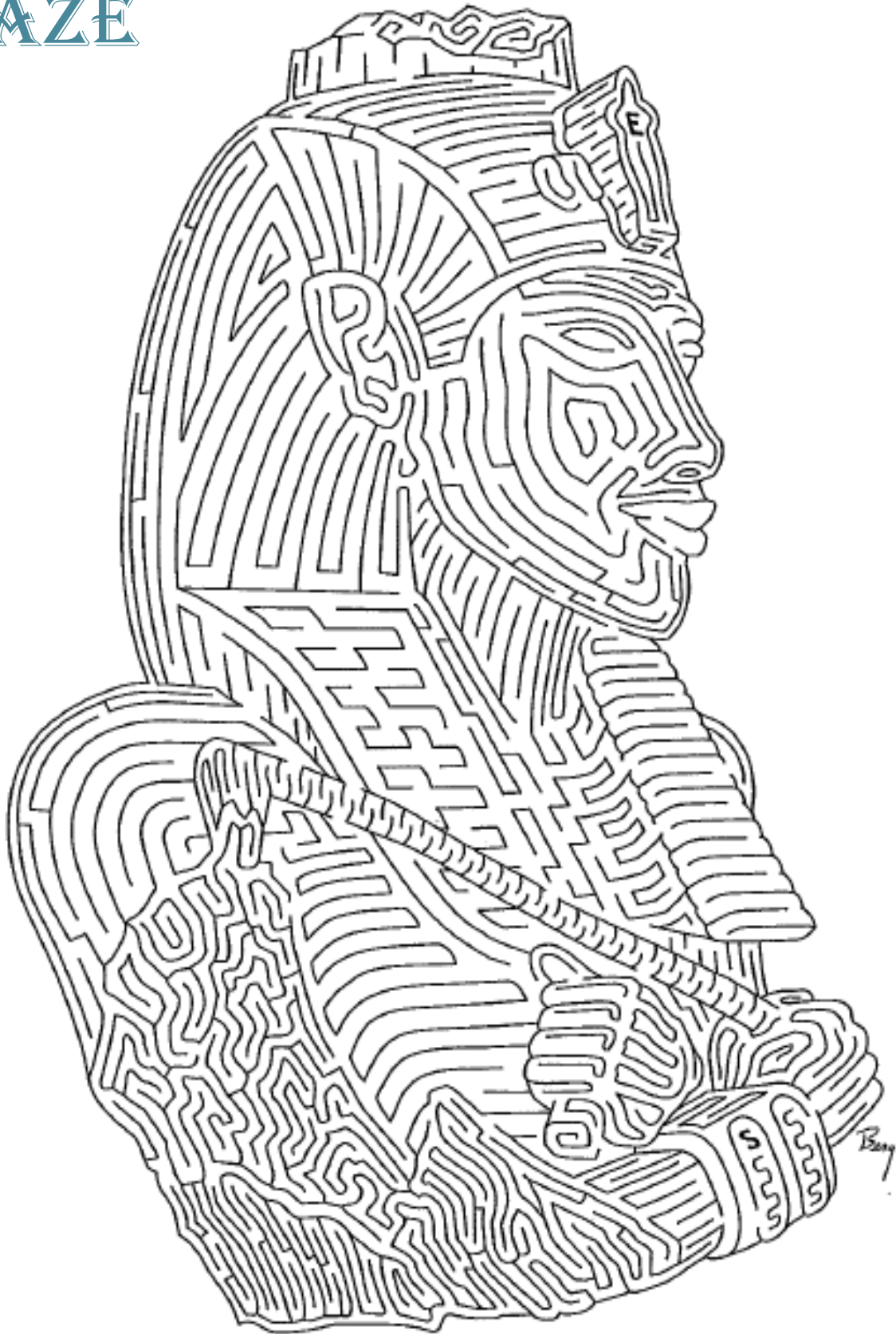


DOWN

1. A cloud of fine particles
2. Shelter
3. Notions
4. Apiece
5. Orb
6. Hunger for
7. Go on horseback
8. Shapeless
9. Church bench
10. Poor handwriting
11. Music genre
12. Parental sister
13. Anagram of "Meat"
18. Trap
22. Decant
24. Memo
26. Coil
28. Boast
29. Only
30. Grasp
31. Frozen
32. Anger
33. Exasperate
34. Stew
37. Smile
38. Jetty
40. Away from the wind
41. A drama set to music
43. Found at the end of a pencil
44. Reluctant
46. Put up with
47. All excited
48. Gander
49. Sea eagles
50. An aromatic ointment
51. Hodgepodge
53. Iridescent gem
56. A high alpine meadow
57. Bar bill



MAZE



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Upcoming events in the Murchison

November 2012

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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- ☺ Ordinary Council Meeting
- ☺ Support Live Export Rally being organised by WA Livestock Producers

December 2012

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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- ☺ Murchison Community Christmas Tree
- ☺ Ordinary Council Meeting + Council/Staff Christmas Function
- ☺ Shire Office closure over Christmas period