

Murchison Monologue



**Merry
Christmas**

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

IF YOU ARE TRAVELLING TO BE WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS OR TO GO ON HOLIDAYS THIS FESTIVE SEASON PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY AND TAKE CARE.

STEVE AND I ARE SPENDING OUR CHRISTMAS IN THE SETTLEMENT AND ARE HOPING FOR NO FIRES OR FLOODS TO MAKE IT A GOOD ONE.

MAY THIS CHRISTMAS END THE PRESENT YEAR ON A CHEERFUL NOTE AND MAKE WAY FOR A FRESH AND BRIGHT NEW YEAR.

HERE'S WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jenny Goodbourn, CEO, Shire of Murchison



From the Work Supervisor

Construction Crew

On Monday 17th December the construction crew will finish spreading out remaining floodways on the latest section of sealing works on the Crnarvon Mullewa road. All signs will then be erected to make sure road works are safe until the crew return after the Christmas and new year break

Work will recommence after Christmas. And this section should only need to do a light grade and roll in readiness for sealing which is scheduled for March/April.

Maintenance Crew

John and Glen have finished their maintenance and patch grading for this year. As of Monday 17th they will finish shoulder grading of bitumen road south of the settlement. They will then proceed to grade Errabiddy Bluff and around the settlement. Once completed they will then wash down their plant, ute and caravan in readiness for the Christmas break.

Flood Damage

Two thirds of the flood damage repairs have been completed on Butchers Track and the remainder will be done after the Christmas break.

Quotes for repairs to the low level crossing should be to hand this week and work will also begin after the new year.

Grids

The last of the three new grids scheduled for completion this year was finished by Rossco on the Boolardy-Kalli Road last week. Sandy McTaggart will now cart dirt onto the approaches and then open the grid to traffic.

In the new year I intend to look at repairs on some of the older grids. (welding and concrete)

Plant/Repairs

Bob and Pai have finished as our casual mechanics and Trevor is now in full swing ordering parts for maintenance on all plant over the Christmas break.

Staff

I would like to wish all staff and residence of the Shire of Murchison a safe and happy Christmas.

Brian Wundenberg





Media Release

30 November 2012

Rangelands NRM School of the Air Photo Competition winners announced

Rangelands NRM are pleased to announce the winners of the 2012 Kaz Collins School of the Air Photo Competition.

The overall first prize of a digital SRL camera goes to Jessica (Year 6) from Kalgoorlie School of the Air. Jessica's image 'Under the Eucla Jetty' with the sun's reflection impressed all of the judges.

Runner up was Matilda, a pre-primary student from Meekatharra School of the Air. Matilda's photo 'Amazing wildlife in the desert' captures birds taking flight. She will receive a telescope kit.

The competition, which started in 2011 invites children living in the bush to submit photos of their 'country'. Children from all five School of the Airs (Kalgoorlie, Meekatharra, Carnarvon, Port Hedland and Kimberley) took part.

Rangelands NRM Communications Manager, Teresa Belcher said the competition attracted 130 photos from 46 individual students.

"There were some great photos from all age groups and there are clearly a lot of talented photographers out there," Ms Belcher said.

The competition awarded a first and second overall prize and a first, second and third for the age groups Lower Primary (Kindy, Pre-Primary, Years 1 and 2), Middle Primary (Years 3, 4 and 5) and Upper Primary (Years 6 and 7).

"We've got some fabulous prizes including a digital camera, a telescope and various environmental and science kits and books from our sponsors Scitech, Creaa Direct Learning and Australian Geographic," Ms Belcher said.

Dr Brian Warren, General Manager of Rangelands NRM said the photo competition was the idea of Rangelands NRM Landcare Coordinator Kaz Collins who was tragically killed in a car accident in July of this year.

"Kaz was greatly respected throughout the rangelands and with the support of her family, we are aiming to make the competition an ongoing event in memory of Kaz and her contribution to the rangelands."

All winning photos can be viewed on the Rangelands website www.rangelandswa.com.au

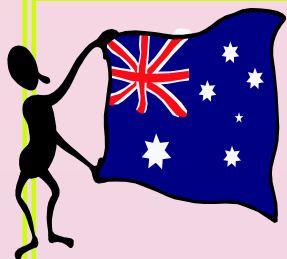
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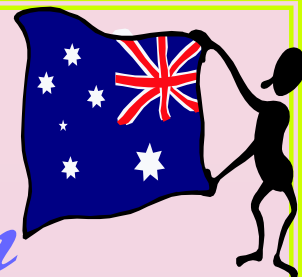
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Congratulations *Colleen and William*



On your

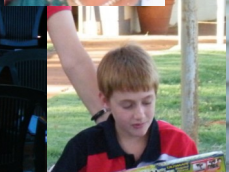


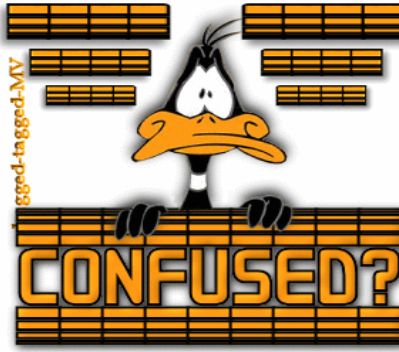
Australian Citizenship





Community Christmas Tree





Is it good if a vacuum really sucks?

Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?

If a word is misspelled In the dictionary, how would we ever know?

If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?

Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?

Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?

Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?

Why do "tug" boats push their barges?

Why are they called "stands" When they are made for sitting?

Why is it called "after dark" When it really is "after light"?

Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" Make the unexpected expected?

Why are a "wise man" and a "wise guy" opposites?

Why do "overlook" and "oversee" Mean opposite things?

Why is "phonics" Not spelled the way it sounds?

If work is so terrific, Why do they have to pay you to do it?

If all the world is a stage, Where is the audience sitting?

If love is blind, Why is lingerie so popular?

If you are cross-eyed And have dyslexia, Can you read all right?

Why is bra singular And panties plural?

Why do you press harder on the buttons of a remote control when you know the batteries are dead?

Why do we put suits in garment bags and garments in a suitcase?

How come abbreviated is such a long word?

Why do we wash bath towels? Aren't we clean when we use them?

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

Why do they call it a TV set when you only have one?

Christmas - What other time of the year do you sit in front of a dead tree and eat candy out of your socks?

Why do we drive on a parkway and park on a driveway?

How does carbon pricing work?

Generating pollution currently has no cost



A carbon price changes this. Around 500 of our biggest polluters must pay a price for every tonne of carbon pollution they create

Industry must factor in the cost of carbon pollution in their business



Businesses need to find new ways to reduce their pollution and find cheaper ways of operating



Some goods and services produced with lots of energy will be more expensive

Costs will rise for some goods and services but the overall impact on prices will be small



Nine in ten households will receive tax cuts or increased payments to help with cost of living impacts

For more information on how Australia is moving towards a clean energy future go to the website

www.cleanenergyfuture.gov.au



Australian Government

working together for a
cleanenergyfuture

How will a carbon price reduce pollution, create jobs and help the environment ?

How will these changes reduce carbon pollution?

Putting a price on carbon pollution creates an incentive across the economy to reduce pollution and invest in clean energy.

Paying for pollution means production costs increase for big polluters. It works as a financial incentive for them to become more efficient and invest in clean technologies. This way they can reduce their pollution, pay less and keep their costs down.

How will the carbon price create new jobs?

Increasing investment will make clean technologies more affordable, creating opportunities for new industries to be developed and new jobs to be created. This will help us move to a clean energy future.

Who pays a carbon price?

A carbon price is paid directly by around 500 of our biggest polluters. It is not paid directly by individuals or small businesses. It means carbon pollution will no longer be free, and big polluters will need to find cleaner ways of operating, or pay the extra cost. It means big polluters will no longer be able to pollute for free, they will need to find cleaner ways of operating or pay the extra cost.

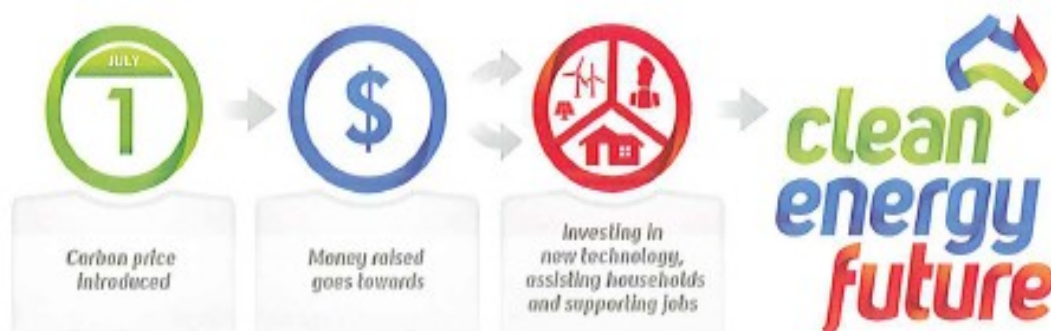
How will prices of goods and services be affected?

Some costs will be passed on from businesses. However overall price increases to consumers will be small – on average around \$9.90 per week for a household.

Is assistance available to households?

To help manage extra costs, the Australian Government is providing \$10.10 on average per week in assistance to households that need it most. This assistance is in the form of tax cuts and increases to family payments, pensions and benefits, for those who already receive assistance from the Government – and the assistance will be permanent.

More than half the money raised by the carbon price will be used to provide this assistance to households. The rest will support jobs and competitiveness in affected industries and regions, and the development of renewable energy technologies.



What will a price on carbon mean for cost of living?

Individuals do not directly pay the carbon price. It is a charge on our biggest polluting businesses.

However, if those businesses pass on some or all of their costs, it will mean a small increase to the cost of some goods and services.

It is expected that in 2012–13, the carbon price will increase the cost of living by 0.7 per cent, which is about 70 cents in every \$100 spent.

This will mean on average, household costs will rise by \$9.90 per week. This includes an average

increase of \$1.50 per week for gas and \$3.30 per week for electricity. There is no increase to household fuel costs.

The Government will make additional assistance payments to help manage these extra weekly costs.

The assistance is permanent, and after taking it into account, many households, particularly low and middle income households, will be better off.



How will everyday living prices change?

Average grocery prices will rise slightly after the carbon price.*



Milk and bread will cost less than **10 cents** extra per week.



Fruit and vegetables will cost around **10 cents** more per week.



Meat and fish will cost around **10 cents** more per week.



It could cost about **20 cents** more per week for take-away and restaurant meals.



Other items, like newspapers and magazines, clothing, footwear and accessories will each cost less than **10 cents** more per week.



The carbon price will not affect household fuel costs.

*Source: The impact of a carbon price on household expenditure as modelled by Treasury for the Clean Energy Future Package announced on 10 July 2011 by the Government, Treasury. Figures are estimated average price impacts across all households following introduction of a \$23 carbon price in 2012–2013 by CPI subgroup.

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What will happen to electricity prices?

Where every \$100 on
your electricity bill goes



Electricity prices are going up, mainly because of the significant investment needed to upgrade and replace ageing poles and wires (built 40 to 50 years ago) and to build new capacity to meet growing peak demand, to make sure power gets to your home reliably.

A lot of pollution comes from producing electricity. The carbon price will mean that electricity providers will need to change the way they operate or pay more for the pollution they create.

Some electricity providers may pass on their costs under the carbon price.

The carbon price will mean that the average Australian household will pay about \$3.30 a week more for electricity.

How will the Government help?

From May 2012, the Australian Government will provide assistance to those who need it the most, through its Household Assistance Package.

The Assistance will start with an initial payment in May–June 2012, paid automatically to more than 6 million Australians—including families and parents, seniors and individuals who already receive assistance from the Government.

This will be followed by new tax cuts from July 2012 which will increase the tax free threshold from

\$6,000 to \$18,200, benefiting millions of regular wage earners.

Millions of Australians with taxable incomes up to \$80,000 will receive tax-cuts of \$300, giving them more money in their pay packets.

Increases in regular payments will be ongoing from March 2013, benefiting more than 6 million Australians.

Being energy efficient can put your household even further ahead. Find out about the many small changes you can make in the home at:

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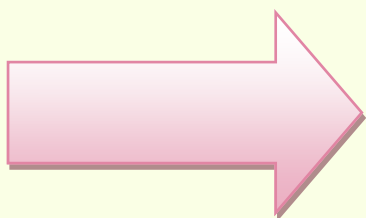
Murchison Oasis Roadhouse



The Shire wish to welcome Sam & Debra Stewart as our new Roadhouse operators.

Deb has been very busy baking fresh pies, sausage rolls and cakes which are greatly appreciated by those fortunate enough to be living in the settlement.

Please do call in and say hello if your passing through.



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Shane Love
CANDIDATE FOR MOORE

Martin Aldridge
CANDIDATE FOR AGRICULTURAL REGION



THE NATIONALS
for Regional WA

LOVE WELCOMES THE NATIONALS PLAN FOR TIER 3 GRAIN FREIGHT NETWORK

18 December 2012

Candidate for Moore, Shane Love has welcomed The Nationals' Grain Freight Network position statement, which outlines a plan to keep as much grain on rail as possible.

The Parliamentary National Party yesterday released the plan to support the retention of a competitive and safe grain freight network in regional Western Australia.

"The Nationals have always been committed to grain on rail and this paper sets out steps to achieve it," Mr Love said.

"The plan calls for an independent entity to review and provide advice back to Government in relation to further investment in the grain rail network."

The position statement recommends an independent review of the comparative cost, productivity and efficiencies of the tier 3 grain rail network with the road network and an examination of the operating and maintenance models of Brookfield Rail and CBH/Watco to ensure a least cost, sustainable business model is utilised for the benefit of industry and the safety of the community.

"The Nationals support further investment from Government, pending the outcome of this independent review."

"Most importantly, we recommend all lines currently in use remain open and maintained to a standard that allows CBH/Watco to utilise them until we have the outcomes of the review."

Mr Love said The Nationals were the only Party that ensured grain on rail stayed on the political agenda.

"This is an important issue for farmers and regional communities, which is why we have been strong advocates for investment in the freight network.

"Without The Nationals in government this issue would have been cast-aside and the needs of Wheatbelt communities would have been overlooked."

Nationals candidate for Agricultural Region, Martin Aldridge said he believes there is a case to review the decision to permanently close all tier 3 grain lines. He said industry and the community should be assured that this issue is a priority for The Nationals should they be returned to Government.

To read the position statement visit: <http://nationalswa.com/Portals/0/uploads/Grain%20Freight%20Network.pdf>.

For more information contact Shane Love on 0427 684 596.



THE NATIONALS *for Regional WA*

Your Nationals' team in the Agricultural Region

Colleen's 7 Layer Salad

This is a meal on its own and lovely with fresh bread. It lasts and can be made 2 days in advance

You will need

- 1 fresh lettuce, broken into pieces
- 1 cup cucumber chopped (optional)
- 1 cup celery, sliced (optional)
- 4 eggs, hard boiled and sliced
- 1 cup fried bacon, chopped
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 cup whole kernel sweet corn
- 1 cup frozen peas (2nd from top)
- 1 cup cheese, grated (on top)

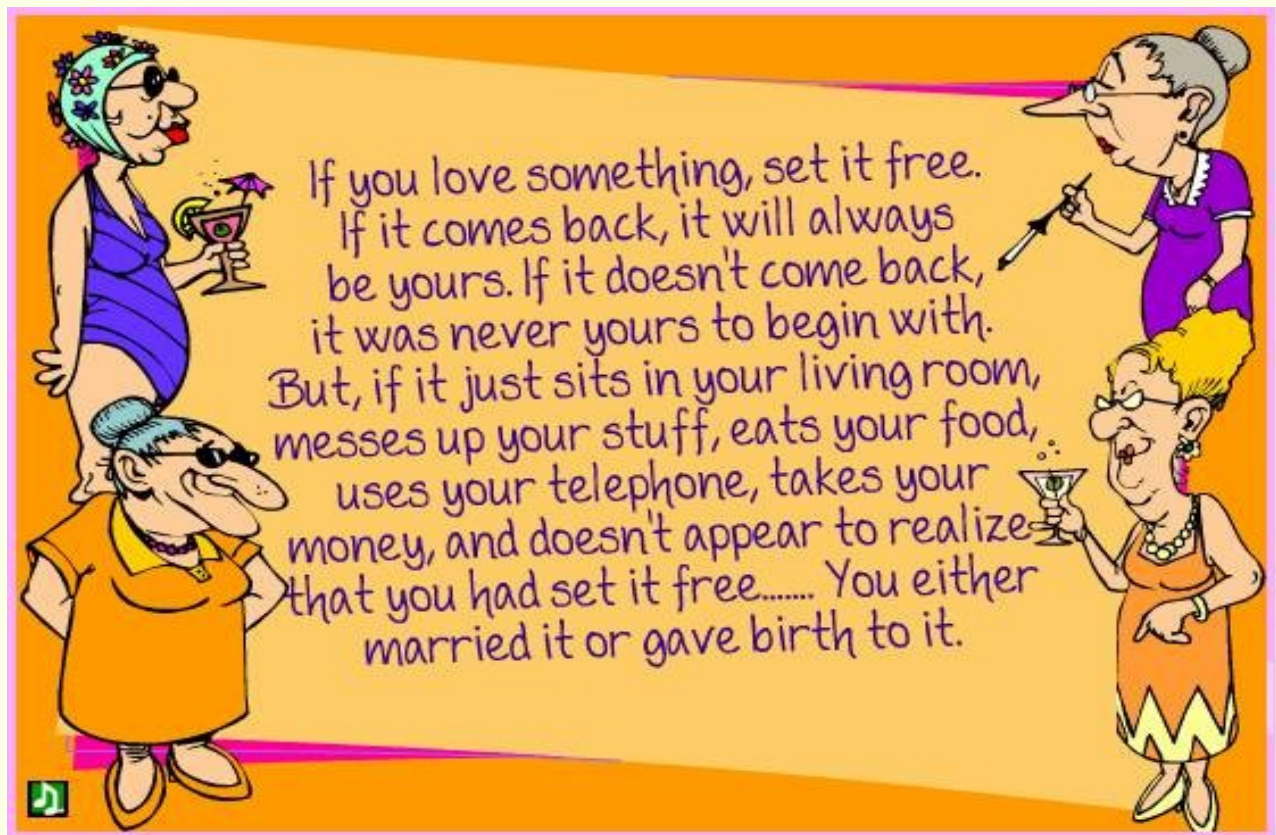
Method

Put all ingredients in layers with peas and cheese on top. Add bean sprouts if desired.
Mix 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups mayonnaise with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup thin plain yoghurt. Must be runny consistency.
Pour over salad and leave overnight before serving.

Hint: To prevent hard boiled egg yolks from turning dark/black, after boiling—crack the shell slightly and put into cold water immediately.



GOOD FRIENDS ARE LIKE STARS. YOU DON'T ALWAYS SEE THEM,
BUT YOU ALWAYS KNOW THEY ARE THERE!!!!!!



What Diet?

Breakfast

- 1 grapefruit
- 1 slice whole wheat toast
- 1 cup skim milk

Lunch

- 1 small portion lean, steamed chicken; or
- 1 small bowl of couscous with tomatoes, peppers, kidney beans, chick peas and salad
- 1 cup spinach
- 1 cup herbal tea
- 1 Tim Tam

Afternoon Tea

- The rest of the Tim Tams in the packet
- 1 tub of connoisseur ice cream with choc chips

Dinner

- 4 glasses of wine (red or white)
- 2 loaves garlic bread
- 1 family size supreme pizza
- 3 Snickers Bars

Late Night Snack

- 1 whole Sarah Lee cheesecake (eaten directly from the freezer)

Remember:

- Stressed spelled backward is desserts.



COMMUNITIES MUST PREPARE FOR FIRE SEASON NOW

28 November 2012

The Nationals WA candidate for Agricultural Region and former career and volunteer firefighter Martin Aldridge has welcomed the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee report on WA's Preparedness for the 2012-13 Bushfire Season.

"While Western Australia's fire response agencies are making progress on the recommendations of the Keelty Report, the work needed to prepare our communities and our emergency services for major incidents, including fire, will take much longer.

"People living in regional WA have no time for complacency this fire season and should act now to prepare their properties and their family for the impact of fire this summer," Mr Aldridge said.

The report made six recommendations, including reviewing technical issues associated with the new radio network, creation of a fuel load database, a strategy to deal with a drier South West region, and how to fairly assist victims of future natural disasters.

The Nationals WA candidate for Moore, Shane Love has supported the recommendations, in particular compensating and supporting victims of natural disasters such as those devastated by fire in the 2009 Toodyay fire.

"Despite the Government accepting that there was a link between the 2009 Toodyay fire and Western Power infrastructure, the level of compensation offered to Toodyay residents would appear to be substantially different to those affected by the Margaret River fire in November of 2011.

"The committee has recommended clearer communication from the Government about the assistance provided following a natural disaster and called for equitable arrangements across the State," Mr Love said.

Western Australia is protected by 33,000 firefighters, of which 32,000 are volunteers with the Bush Fire Service or the Fire and Rescue Service.

"Firefighter safety must be a priority to ensure they have the equipment they need to do the job and to come home safely to their families at the end of the day.

"Concerns in relation to the inadequacy of the radio network and personal protection in the event of an appliance 'burn over' must be immediately responded to ahead of this fire season really getting underway," Mr Aldridge said.

For further information on how you can be fire prepared this season visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au.

For more information contact Shane Love on 0427 684 596 or Martin Aldridge on 0427 972 028.



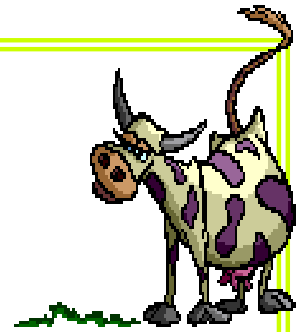
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Authorised by Shane Love, 2166 Watheroo Road, Badgingarra WA 6521.



I'm fine



A farmer named Paddy had a car accident. He was hit by a truck owned by the Eversweet Company.

In court, the Eversweet Company's hot-shot solicitor was questioning Paddy.

'Didn't you say to the police at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine?'' asked the solicitor.

Paddy responded: 'Well, I'll tell you what happened. I'd just loaded my fav'rit cow, Bessie, into da... '

'I didn't ask for any details', the solicitor interrupted. 'Just answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!''?

Paddy said, 'Well, I'd just got Bessie into da trailer and I was drivin' down da road.... '

The solicitor interrupted again and said, 'Your Honour, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the police on the scene that he was fine. Now several weeks after the accident, he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question. '

By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Paddy's answer and said to the solicitor: 'I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favourite cow, Bessie'..

Paddy thanked the Judge and proceeded. 'Well as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my fav'rit cow, into de trailer and was drivin' her down de road when this huge Eversweet truck and trailer came tundering tru a stop sign and hit me trailer right in da side. I was trown into one ditch and Bessie was trown into da udder. By Jaysus I was hurt, very bad like, and didn't want to move. However, I could hear old Bessie moanin' and groanin'. I knew she was in terrible pain just by her groans.

Shortly after da accident, a policeman on a motorbike turned up. He could hear Bessie moanin' and groanin' too, so he went over to her. After he looked at her, and saw her condition, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes.

*Den da policeman came across de road, gun still in hand,
looked at me, and said, 'How are you feelin'?'*

'Now wot da ell would you say?'



Shane Love

Candidate for Moore



**Wishing you and
your family a Merry
Christmas and a
Happy New Year.**

**If I can be of
assistance to you
please give me a
call or send me
an email.**



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IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT

Shark Bay Pastoral Voices- (hardcover)

by Sue Graham-Taylor

Tells the story - past and present - of work and life in what is now the Shire of Shark Bay, through the voices of those who have lived on pastoral stations and worked in the area. The book covers island and mainland pastoral stations, the Overlander and Billabong Roadhouses and the Hamelin Pool Telegraph Station. It tells of the hard times and the good, of dealing with the elements, of isolation and community, of raising a family. It tells of a way of life. There are many voices - but one story. A story of commitment to and respect for, a very special place.

It is a beautifully presented 380 page hard cover edition. Premier Colin Barnett wrote the forward and launched the book earlier this year. It was produced by the Shire of Shark Bay and community members.

The book is available from:

Shark Bay World Heritage Discovery Centre

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www.sharkbayvisit.com

Ph. 9948 1590

Price: \$50.00 (plus \$20 postage)

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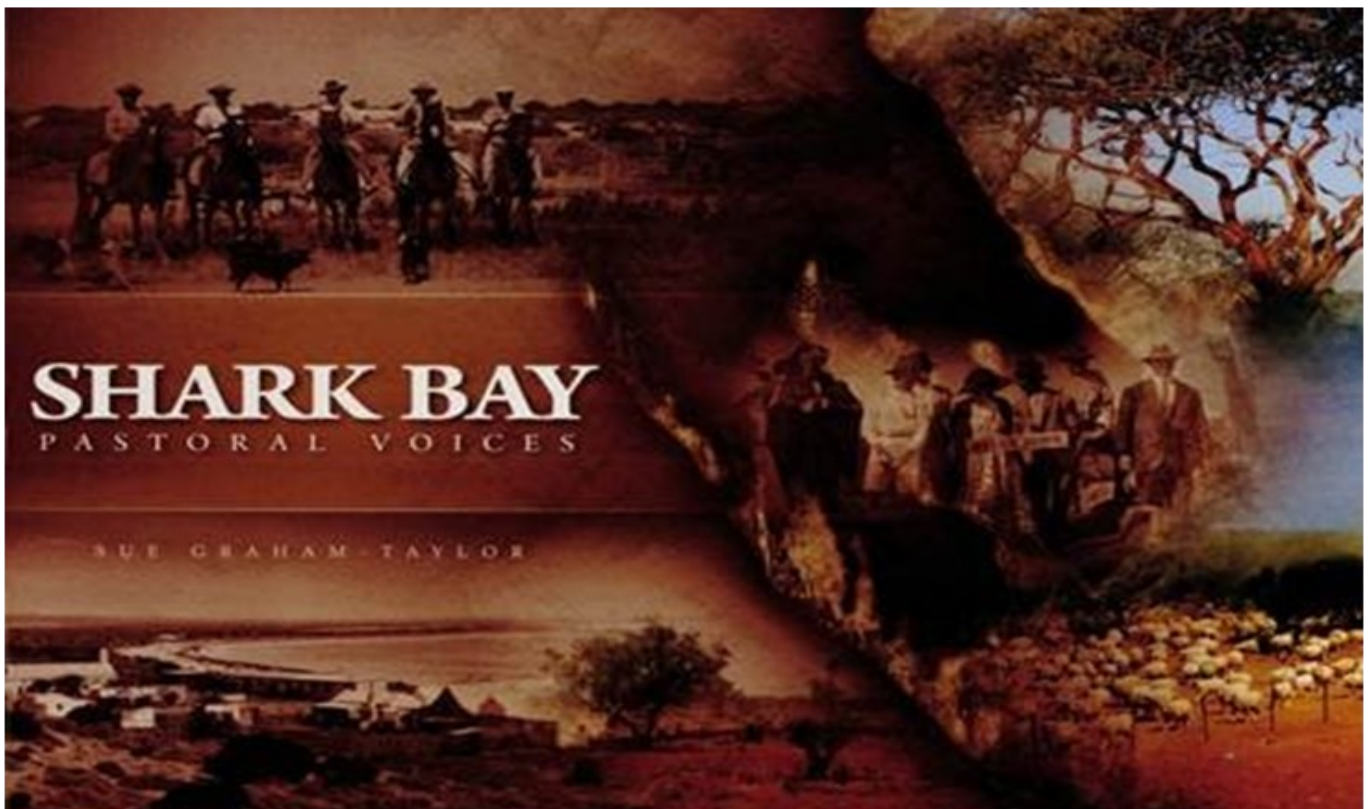
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Live Your Life

Have you ever put off the things that bring you joy just because you haven't thought about it, don't have it on your schedule, didn't know it was coming or are too rigid to depart from your routine .

I got to thinking one day about all those women on the Titanic who passed up dessert at dinner that fateful night in an effort to cut back .

How many women out there will eat at home because their husband didn't suggest going out to dinner until after something had been thawed?

How often have your kids dropped in to talk and sat in silence while you watched your favorite show?

How many times has a friend called to catch up for lunch and you stammer, 'I can't . I have clothes on the line. My hair is dirty . I wish I had known yesterday, I had a late breakfast, It looks like rain. “

Because we cram so much into our lives, we tend to schedule our headaches . We live on a sparse diet of promises we make to ourselves when all the conditions are perfect!

We'll go back and visit the grandparents when we get Steve toilet-trained . We'll entertain when we replace the living-room carpet . . . We'll go on a second honeymoon when we get the kids out of college .

Life has a way of accelerating as we get older . The days get shorter, and the list of promises to ourselves gets longer . One morning, we awaken, and all we have to show for our lives is a litany of 'I'm going to, 'I plan on,' and 'Someday, when things are settled down a bit . '

My lips have not touched ice cream in 5 years . I love ice cream . It's just that I might as well apply it directly to my stomach with a spatula and eliminate the digestive process. The other day, I stopped the car and bought a triple-Decker. If my car had hit an iceberg on the way home, I would have died happy .

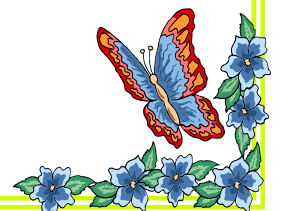
Now . . . go on and have a nice day . Do something you WANT to not something on your SHOULD DO list . If you were going to die soon and had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting?

Have you ever watched kids playing on a merry go round or listened to the rain hitting the ground? Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight or gazed at the sun into the fading night? Do you run through each day on the fly? When you ask ' How are you?' Do you hear the reply?

When the day is done, do you lie in your bed with the next hundred chores running through your head? Ever told your child, 'We'll do it tomorrow . ' And in your haste, not seen his sorrow? Ever lost touch? Let a good friendship die?... Just call and say 'Hi'

When you worry and hurry through your day, it is like an unopened gift Thrown away Life is not a race . Take it slower . Hear the music before the song is over .

'Life may not be the party we hoped for . . but while we are here we might as well dance'





Season's Greetings and best wishes for the New Year

*from the Team at
CSIRO Astronomy & Space Science, Geraldton*

Image: Stars crowd the sky above antennas of CSIRO's newest radio telescope,
the Australian SKA Pathfinder (ASKAP), in Mid-West Western Australia.
Credit: Alex Cherney/terraastro.com



Introducing Gavin Treasure

The Commission is pleased to welcome Gavin Treasure as its new CEO.

Gavin joined the Commission in October after eight years as CEO of the Shire of Morawa. He is a certified practising accountant and also holds a Master of Business Administration and Master of Commerce.

Gavin's early priorities include meeting stakeholders and making progress towards developing a new strategic plan to guide the agency's activities over the next five years. The transition of the Mid West Investment Plan implementation unit to the Commission will also be a priority in the short term, as will be the completion of the Mid West Regional Investment Blueprint.

Gavin can be reached at gavin.treasure@mwdc.wa.gov.au or 9921 0701

New Commission Board members announced

The Commission also welcomes four new Board members in:

1. Cr Ian Carpenter, Mayor of the City of Greater Geraldton;
2. Cr Michelle Bagley, President of the Shire of Mingenew;
3. Cr Ashley Dowden, President of the Shire of Mount Magnet; and
4. Kirrillee Warr, Chapman Valley farmer.

The new Board members fill vacancies left by the departure of long standing and valued Board members in Cr Simon Broad (Shire of Murchison) and Cr Pauline Forrester (Shire of Chapman Valley). Simon and Pauline have been on the Board for several terms and have provided an enormous contribution to the Commission. John Sewell and Vickie Petersen also stand down as Board members. We thank all former Board members for their commitment to MWDC in recent years and look forward to the contribution of new members going forward.

MWDC Contact: **Gavin Treasure** – 9921 0701

Planned and proposed Mid West projects top \$30 billion

The Mid West Development Commission has released its latest Major Projects Summary (MPS), which is an indication of construction activity throughout the Mid West.

The MPS provides an information snapshot on around 120 projects currently under construction, proposed or planned across the region, with a combined construction value of more than \$30 billion.

The MPS has been prepared by the Commission since 2004 to indicate new development activity across the region. It was initially developed to inform businesses of work opportunities, but has since grown to become a valuable tool for promoting the Mid West to potential investors nationally and internationally. For a copy of the latest MPS please visit the MWDC or download it from the [website](#).

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Mid West Investment Plan community infrastructure projects

The Commission's Mid West Investment Plan (MWIP) was developed through extensive consultation with the Mid West community and Federal and State Government agencies.

The MWIP was allocated \$220 million of Royalties for Regions funding available over five years for priority infrastructure projects that will help the region capture opportunity from various major projects. To date, 13 projects have been supported by the MWDC Board and subsequently endorsed by Cabinet to share in more than \$44 million of Royalties for Regions funding.

The 13 funded projects to date are:

1. Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory power station (Murchison): \$10 million (\$15.5 million project)
2. Depot Hill Springs Crossing Upgrade (Mingenew): \$0.64 million (\$1.58 million project)
3. Morawa Sportsground Facilities Redevelopment: \$0.85 million (\$2.587 million project)
4. East Ogilvie Road Upgrade (Northampton): \$1.2 million towards a \$2.002 million project
5. Morawa Aged Care Units: \$0.33 million (\$0.83 million project)
6. Place Road/Flores Road Intersection Reconfiguration (Greater Geraldton): \$2.815 million (\$4.5 million project)
7. Batavia Coast Marina stage 2 (Greater Geraldton): \$3.86 million (\$4.5 million project)
8. Silver Chain Eneabba Refurbishment: \$0.1 million (\$0.35 million project)
9. Geraldton Universities Centre: \$3 million (\$3 million project)
10. Yalgoo Community Sports Hub: \$0.286 million (\$0.73 million project)
11. Northampton Light Industrial Units: \$0.661 million (\$1.83 million project)
12. Wubin Mullewa Road: \$10.8 million (\$21.6 million project)
13. Meekatharra Wiluna Road: \$10 million (\$20 million project)

MWIP projects will be progressed by the Commission in partnership with project proponents and submitted for approval and endorsement periodically. The MWIP document and related information is available on our website.

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Morawa Growth and Implementation Plan launched

As one of the State's nine regional SuperTowns, Morawa has developed a comprehensive Growth and Implementation Plan to guide the community's economic and population growth over the next 30-40 years. The Plan has been endorsed by the WA Planning Commission and was officially launched by the Hon Grant Woodhams MLA in Morawa on 3 December 2012.



From right: Gavin Treasure (CEO, MWDC); Cr Karen Chappel (President, Shire of Morawa); Hon Grant Woodhams MLA (Member for Moore); Hon Murray Criddle (Chairman, MWDC)

The Growth and Implementation Plan also received a Planning Institute of Australia (WA) Commendation in the **2012 PIA Awards for Excellence**. The judging panel was "impressed by the extensive and detailed stakeholder engagement in establishing realistic but aspirational goals that had been further developed into implementable and measurable projects, programs and strategies".

The publication can be viewed on the Shire of Morawa's [website](#).

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2013 Geraldton Universities Centre courses

The GUC has released its 2013 Student Prospectus, with information about the six tertiary programs available from next year, as well as a university bridging program. Degree courses available from 2013 are:

- Accounting / business
- Communications
- Education
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Engineering / construction

2013 also marks the commencement of GUC's stage 2 building, which was allocated \$3 million in Royalties for Regions funding through the Commission's Mid West Investment Plan. The stage 2 building will provide extra classrooms and shared spaces to not only accommodate increased face-to-face delivery of existing and new course enrolments, but also to enable GUC and the Mid West take advantage of the high speed IT services that will be available through the new Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory Support Facility situated on the GUC site.



GUC students celebrating the Stage 2 funding announcement. Photo credit: Dragonfly Media

For details on GUC and its course options please visit the [GUC website](#).

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Inaugural Mid West International Mining Forum

The initiative of the Geraldton Iron ore Alliance and the Mid West Chamber of Commerce and Industry, this inaugural event was held on 21 & 22 November 2012 at the Crown Casino in Perth. The international event sought to:

- showcase opportunities and successes from the mining and resources industry in WA;
- examine international partnerships already occurring in the region and the explore opportunities for more; and
- provide updates on significant Mid West infrastructure and resource projects.

The forum Attended by around 200 delegates including representatives from the Australia China Business Council, large multinational project developers, the WA Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chamber of Minerals and Energy, Chinese Consul General, State and Federal politicians and various WA public and private sector entities.

At the forum, WA Premier Colin Barnett MLA, stated that the Oakajee project could be staged with a small scale port connected to the southern Mid West mines in the first instance, with an opportunity for northern mines to connect later. A number of large multinational companies also indicated an interest in providing finance for the port and rail project. The Premier also used the occasion to announce a proposed reduction in royalty obligations for magnetite miners.

Chinese Consul General, Madam Wang Yiner, explained the constraints and difficulties faced by China attempting to invest in the region, but confirmed China's willingness and desire to continue doing business with the Mid West.

The successful forum will become an annual event.

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H₂Omesmart program announced

The Water Corporation's new **H₂Omesmart program** is available to participating households in Geraldton. It offers people the opportunity to receive one on one coaching support to assist them achieve maximum water savings. The program commenced in October 2012 and will run until June 2013. Information on the program is available from the H₂Omesmart website - <http://h2omesmart.com.au/geraldton.aspx>

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Infrastructure snapshot

Congratulations to **Brookfield Rail** on the completion of the \$550 million upgrade of the Mid West region's rail infrastructure from Morawa through Mullewa to the Geraldton Port; the largest rail project in WA for 40 years. The upgrade effectively increases the rail capacity in the Mid West from 3 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) to 25 Mtpa and potentially up to 75 Mtpa in the future.



Congratulations also to **Karara Mining Ltd** for the successful commissioning of its Berth 7 export terminal at the Geraldton Port and for its first magnetite production. This was the first magnetite produced in WA. Development at Karara's iron ore project 80km east of Morawa continues, involving more than 1,500 construction workers. With a total construction budget of more than \$2.5 billion, recently completed works include a water pipeline from Mingenew, a rail spur to Morawa and power line from Three Springs. Once fully operational the mine will employ 500 people and export up to 2 Mtpa hematite and 8 Mtpa magnetite concentrate.



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Geraldton Health, Education and Training Accommodation Precinct

The GHETAP project seeks to provide affordable, quality accommodation for students and staff associated with the institutions within the Geraldton Health, Education and Training Precinct – ie Department of Health, Combined Universities Centre for Rural Health; Durack Institute of Technology, Geraldton Universities Centre and potentially CSIRO. The facility would make it more attractive for students and staff to study, train and work in the Mid West region.

The tender to undertake a feasibility study / masterplan for the student accommodation village has been advertised and will close mid December. The consultancy will be undertaken in two stages with the masterplan only progressed if the feasibility study is positive.

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Murchison happenings

The Commission joins Wirnda Barna in welcoming **Kristy Duque** (Doo-kay) to the Art Centre, who arrived in Mount Magnet in November. Kristy takes on the role as Art Centre Manager after experience in Arnhem Land, where she was engaged to assist with the Gunbalunya community Art Centre. Kristy hales from the Mornington Peninsula and is looking forward to several years in Mount Magnet to help secure a strong future for Wirnda Barna.

We also welcome **Pip Parsonson** to his new role as Community Development Officer (CDO) at Shire of Yalgoo. Pip comes to Yalgoo from the Clarence River region in NSW where he worked closely with the Yamba community. Pip has worked extensively with Aboriginal communities in previous roles and brings a wealth of experiences and knowledge with him to "the Goo".

Congratulations go to **Mulga Mail** (formerly Yamaji News) on a successful launch in November. The team at Mulga Mail is working towards producing and distributing a Statewide newspaper to all people interested in the advancement of Aboriginal people. Mulga Mail also seeks to provide training and employment opportunities for Aboriginal people in journalism, photography, marketing and related fields. We wish the enterprise well in its endeavours.

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Regional Mobile Communications Program update

The Regional Mobile Communications Project (RMCP) is supported by \$39.2million in Royalties for Regions funding. This will leverage around \$106 million in value across 113 sites along major roads and highways across the State, and in several regional communities.

Once operational, the project is expected to increase regional mobile phone coverage by 22% and boost access to Telstra's Next Gen broadband network.

Fourteen of the proposed sites are in the Mid West and will be progressively installed over the next 30 months. Most of these expand coverage on mainly major Mid West roads and highways. To date five Mid West sites have been completed with several others well underway.



Attendees at the launch of the Walkaway RMCP service

Please visit the Department of Commerce [webpage](#) for the RMCP for more information.

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Eligibility Extended on NBN Interim Satellite Service

NBN's Interim Satellite Services (ISS) will support homes and businesses located in regional, rural and remote areas where it is physically impossible or commercially unviable to reach with fibre or fixed wireless.

Recent changes were made to broaden the eligibility of the ISS to better meet the educational and health needs of people living in country and outback areas. The service is now available to eligible homes, small businesses, not-for-profit organisations, indigenous communities, schools, health clinics and local council facilities such as public libraries.

The ISS offers wholesale speeds of up to 6Mbps download and 1Mbps upload to internet service providers, giving eligible customers considerably faster access speeds than many Australians living in rural and remote areas can access today.

There is limited opportunity to access the ISS so interested users outside the existing fibre and fixed wireless areas (specifically in relation to government education, health or local government facilities) should contact the Department of Broadband Communications and the Digital Economy 1800 883 488.

NBN Co continues to release updated maps showing the priority installations for the roll out of fibre to the premises (FTTP) and fixed wireless services. To see the services planned for your area and the proposed installation timetable please refer to the [NBN website](#).

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Small community grants allocated

The Commission Board has recently confirmed Royalties for Regions funding for a number of important small community projects. These include:

- Coorow Golf Club - \$7,950 towards provision of new tanks to provide drinking water at the Club;
- Shire of Chapman Valley - \$10,000 for enhancements at the Chapman Valley cemetery;
- Binu Balla Progress Association - \$4,000 for a shade dome over the playground and the recently redeveloped Binu Hall;
- Geraldton Regional Community Education Centre - \$3,500 towards the installation of shade sails at OSCCA childcare centre; and
- Mount Magnet Race Club - \$5,920 to construct an outside running rail at the track;
- Northampton Districts Bowling Club - \$1,000 for equipment;
- Shire of Mount Magnet- \$10,000 for fitout of the new Mount Magnet fitness centre; and
- Northampton Friends of the Railway - \$4,028 for a heritage information board and shelter at the Northampton Railway Station.

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Harry's 'growing' passion

Dedicated local identity, Harry Taylor, has led a terrific community project to provide employment and training opportunities for around 12 Mullewa people. Under the auspices of the Mid West Employment and Economic Development Aboriginal Corporation (MEEDAC), the project involves an expanding horticulture venture, a small egg farm and the only cut flower operation in the region. An increasing variety of fruit and vegetables are being grown to market, including squash, spinach, zucchini, beetroot, celery, pumpkins, passionfruit, watermelon and rockmelon. Flowers include mainly gerberas (imported from Holland) and carnations, with species such as Geraldton wax and kangaroo paw also grown. The project was recently nominated for the Department of Indigenous Affairs Indigenous Service Award, part of the 2012 Regional Achievement and Community Awards. The Mid West Development Commission has provided funding to support the acquisition of various pieces of infrastructure for the project including shade houses, storage tanks, a solar water pump and a generator to maintain reliable power for the cool room. The project is also supported by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

The project has a strong focus on environmental sustainability, utilising solar technology, various water conservation strategies, innovative use of shade to simulate different seasonal conditions and the introduction of aquaponics (involving the symbiotic relationship between fish and plants).

The Commission congratulates MEEDAC on this excellent project, with particular acknowledgement of Harry Taylor for his drive and enthusiasm.

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Christmas Recipe's



Egg Nog

Ingredients

6 eggs
1 cup + 1 T sugar
½ tspn vanilla extract
¼ tsp nutmeg
¾ cup brandy
½ cup Jamaican rum
2 cups whipping cream
2 cups milk

Method

Beat eggs for 2-3 minutes until very frothy
Gradually beat in sugar, vanilla and nutmeg
Stir in brandy, rum, milk and cream
Pour into jug for serving.
(All ingredients need to be very cold, keep in fridge until time to prepare.
Makes about 1.5 Ltrs)



Dark & Stormy Rum Balls

Ingredients

1 x 250g packet ginger nut biscuits
½ cup coconut
½ cup x 395g tin condensed milk
3 T cocoa
2 T rum
Chocolate sprinkles or coconut for coating.

Method

Crush Gingersnaps in food processor until crumbly but not powdered
Add biscuit crumbs, coconut and cocoa to a large mixing bowl and combine.
Add condensed milk and rum and mix
Roll mixture into little balls and roll in coconut or chocolate sprinkles.



Baileys Irish Cream Truffles

Ingredients

1 cup plain sweet biscuits, crushed
½ cup coconut
1 T cocoa
½ cup sultanas
¼ cup Baileys Irish Cream Liquor
1 T water
1 T honey

Method

Mix all ingredients together and roll into balls with wet hands.
Roll in chocolate sprinkles or coconut.



Cherry Ripe Bites

Ingredients

4 cups desiccated coconut
400g glazed cherries
2T cherry brandy essence
3 drops red food colouring
1 400b tin sweetened condensed milk
375g dark chocolate
30g copha

Method

Combine coconut, cherries, essence, food colouring and condensed milk in a bowl. Mix well.
Roll heaped teaspoons into balls and refrigerate until firm.
Melt chocolate and copha together
Re-roll balls before dipping into chocolate
Dip in chocolate mix.



Banoffee Pavlova

Ingredients

6 egg whites
350g caster sugar
1 x 400g can caramel top n fill
300g thickened cream, whipped
2 bananas, sliced
Chocolate flake or grated chocolate to garnish

Method

Beat egg whites until soft peaks form, add the sugar gradually until dissolved, approximately 10 minutes.
Mark 25cm circle on two pieces of baking paper and line 2 trays.
Place mix evenly in two circles and bake at 100°C for 1 ½ hours, allow to cool in oven. When cool place one meringue disc onto serving plate, spread with half the top n fill then place 1 sliced banana evenly on disc. Spread with half the beaten cream, then repeat, finishing with flake or grated chocolate.





Christmas Recipe's



Banana and Date Self Saucing Pudding

Ingredients

1 cup pitted dates, chopped
1 cup water
1 ¼ cup plain flour
½ cup brown sugar
½ cup milk
3 ½ T unsalted butter, melted
2 tsp baking powder
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
1 tsp mixed spice
1 ripe banana, mashed
1 egg
½ cup brown sugar, extra
¾ cup boiling water
¼ cup golden syrup
Icing sugar mixture to decorate (optional)
Double cream to serve.

Method

Put dates and water into a pan, bring to boil and then simmer, uncovered, for 5 minutes.
Remove from heat, stir in soda, cover and stand for 5 minutes. Stir dates until they break down and mixture is almost smooth.
Cool for 10 minutes.
Put flour, baking powder, sugar and spice into a large bowl., add combined banana, milk butter and egg. Stir until combined.
Add dates. Pour into an ovenproof dish (5 cup capacity)
Place dish on a tray to catch any syrup that might overflow.
Combine extra sugar, boiling water and golden syrup, whisk until sugar is dissolved.. Pour over pudding mixture.
Cook at 180°C for about 45 minutes, or until cake layer is cooked through and golden.
Dust sifted icing sugar mixture over hot pudding, if desired.
Serve with double cream.

Cold Brandy Custard

Ingredients

2 T butter
2 T sugar
2T plain flour
1T golden syrup
300ml milk
¼ cup brandy
1tsp vanilla
1/3 cup whipped cream



Method

Melt butter in saucepan over low heat
Add flour, sugar and golden syrup and stir until combined
Slowly add milk and continue stirring until thickened
Allow to cool, then stir through vanilla and brandy

Chilli Shrimp Dip

Ingredients

350g cream cheese
2 T Worcestershire sauce
2 T mayonnaise
1T lemon juice
1 small onion chopped
1 tin prawns or fresh chopped prawns
Sweet chilli sauce



Method

Mix first 5 ingredients together
Spread into a shallow dish, spread a layer of sweet chilli sauce over the top then sprinkle with prawns.
Set aside in fridge until needed
Serve with crackers, celery and carrot sticks
(chopped onion can be replaced with a packet of French onion soup mix. Fresh prawns are best)



Chicken, Camembert and Cranberry Parcels

Ingredients

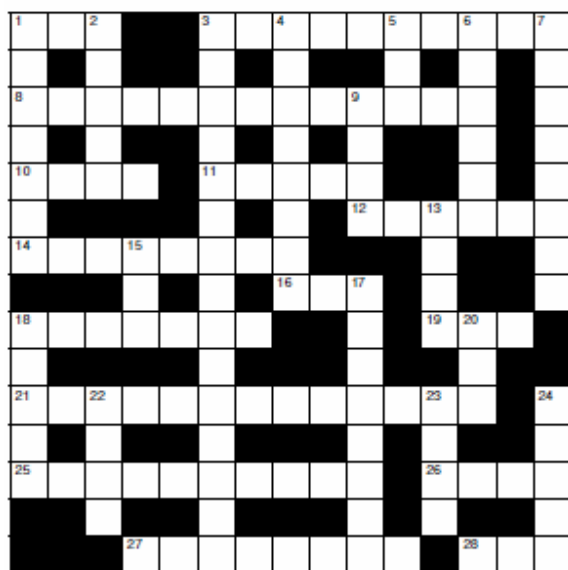
2 chicken breast fillets, cubed
2 T olive oil
4 sheets filo pastry
250g camembert cheese, sliced
Cranberry jelly

Method

Heat oil in a frypan and fry the chicken until lightly browned
Spray one sheet of pastry with oil and fold into half
Spread the cooked chicken evenly down the middle of the pastry and add slices of camembert
Top each filling with 2 tsp of cranberry jelly
Fold the pastry over the chicken to form a rectangular parcel, tucking the ends underneath, and place seam down on a greased tray.
Repeat with remaining 3 sheets.
Bake in a moderate oven for 15 minutes or until pastry is gold in colour.



GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PUZZLE



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Across

- 1 When a victorious team runs a circuit of a sporting field in celebration, they are said to do a what of honour? (3)
- 3 The term given to police officers at the lowest rank. (10)
- 8 Which Australian artist painted *The Cypriot* in 1940? (7,6)
- 10 A kiln is a type of what? (4)
- 11 In the carol, *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, six of these were 'a-laying'. (5)
- 12 Who was Australia's first Labor Prime Minister? (6)
- 14 According to the language of flowers, which flower represents regard? (8)
- 16 If a person has voted in the affirmative, they are said to have voted.... (3)
- 18 "The walrus and the carpenter walked a mile or so, And then they rested on rock: Conveniently low, And all the little _____ stood And waited in a row." Lewis Carroll, *The Walrus and the Carpenter*. (7)
- 19 "Darkness cannot drive ____ darkness; only light can do that." Martin Luther King, Jr. (3)
- 21 An extinct volcano in southern-central Mexico. (13)
- 25 Additional food eaten in conjunction with a main course. (4-6)
- 26 Which Norwegian city was called Christiania from 1624 to 1878? (4)
- 27 What is Australia's national animal emblem? (8)
- 28 What is the fifth sign of the zodiac? (3)

Down

- 1 Which Australian tennis player won the Men's Singles final at Wimbledon for the second year running in 1957? (3,4)
- 2 The rhythmical throbbing of the arteries as blood flows through them. (5)
- 3 "If you do not _____, you may end up where you are heading." Lao Tzu (6,9)
- 4 Which Australian bushranger's career of crime came to an end at the Victorian town of Glenrowan in 1880? (3,5)
- 5 A legal tennis serve which the opponent is unable to return; thus forfeiting the point. (3)
- 6 A hit song of 1945 was *We'll Gather _____ in the Spring*. (6)
- 7 Although short-lived, where was Victoria's first settlement established in 1803? (8)
- 9 Which racehorse won the Melbourne Cup in the year 2000? (4)
- 13 A musical composition for three performers. (4)
- 15 "The whole of science, and one is tempted to think the whole of the life of any thinking man, is trying to come to terms with the relationship between yourself and the natural world. Why are you here, and how do you ____ in, and what's it all about." David Attenborough (3)
- 17 What is the term for dining in the open air? (8)
- 18 "Ignorance is the first requisite of the historian -- ignorance, which simplifies and clarifies, which selects and _____, with a placid perfection unattainable by the highest art." Lytton Strachey (5)
- 20 The address of an Internet page. (3)
- 22 On which river is Alice Springs located? (4)
- 23 A jogging gait between a walk and a run. (4)
- 24 Which city was the capital of Japan between 784 and 1868? (5)



Jolly Snowman Maze

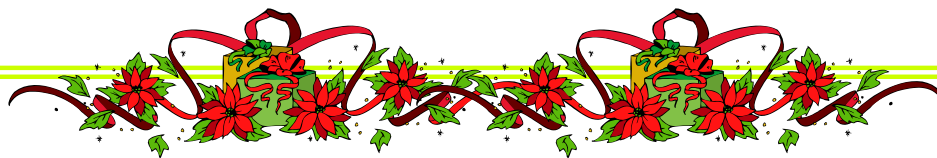
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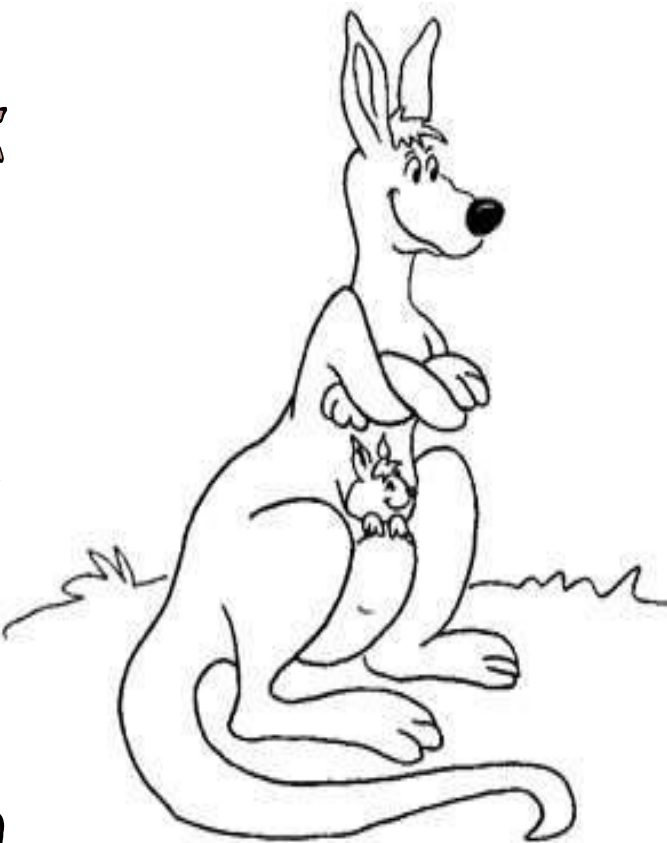
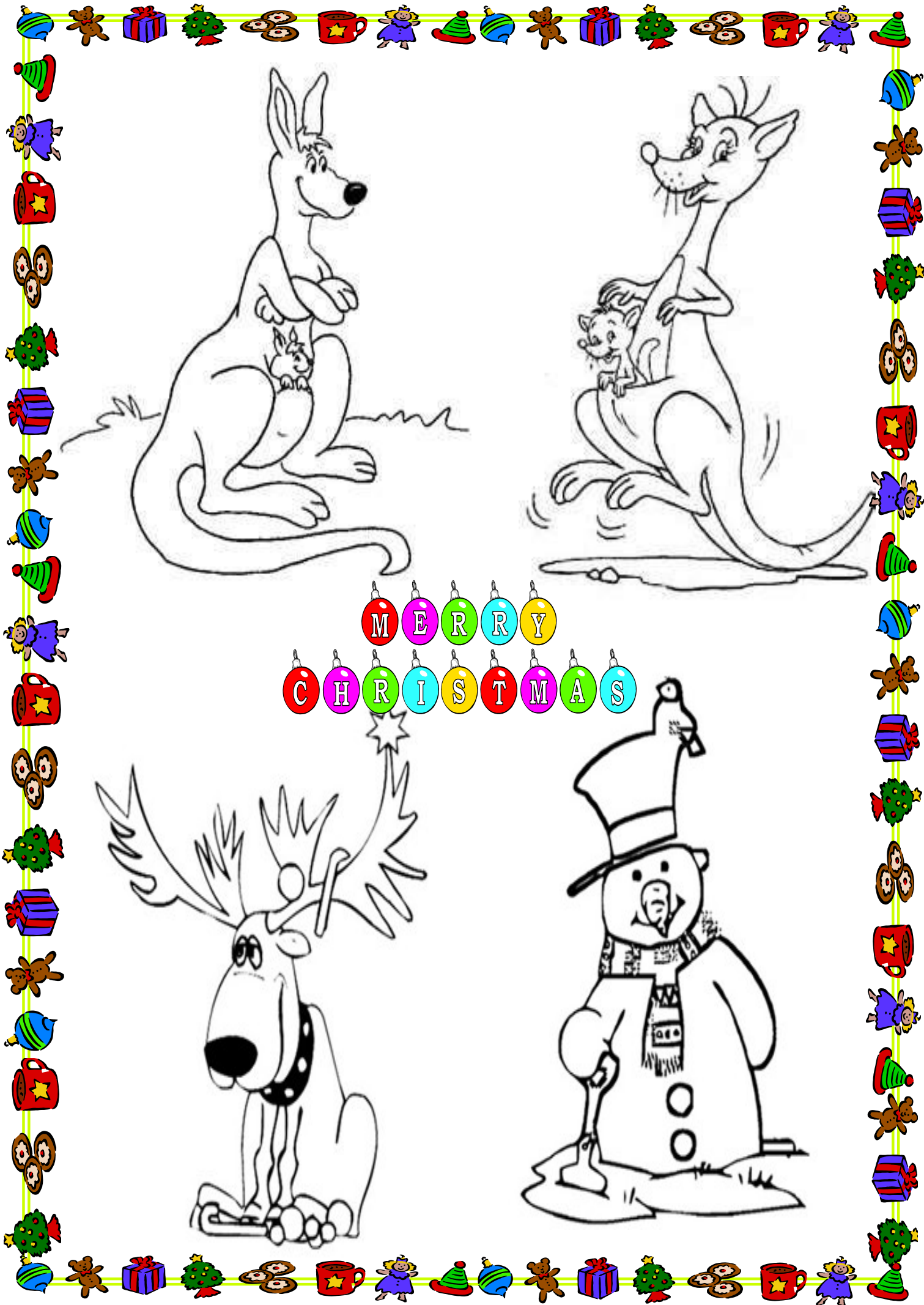


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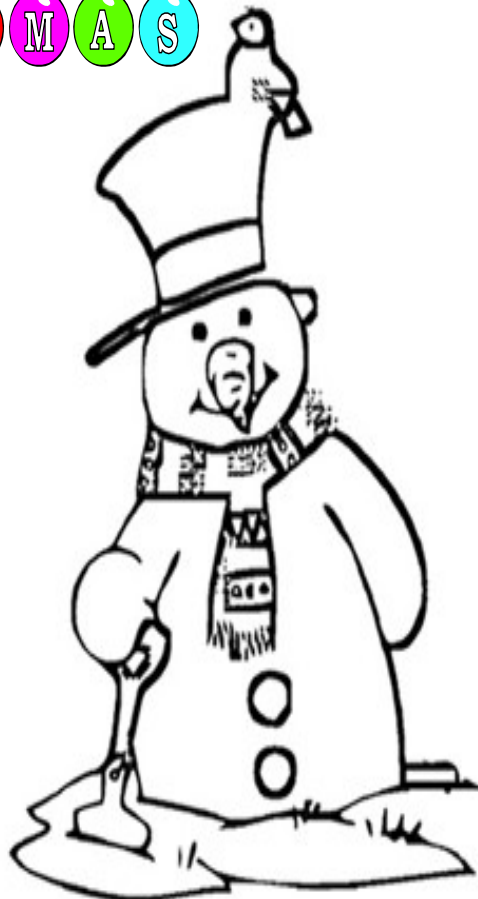
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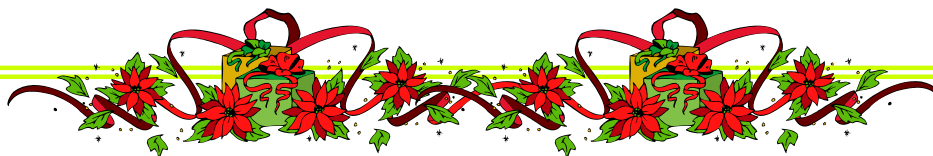






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☺ Murchison Community Christmas Tree

☺ Ordinary Council Meeting + Council/Staff Christmas Function

☺ Shire Office closure over Christmas period



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☺ Shire Office closure over Christmas period

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☺ Australia Day public Holiday

