



Murchison Monologue



Merry Christmas from the Murchison Shire



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



As I have been elected as your new president of this wonderful Murchison shire I would like to take this opportunity to thank Simon for the outstanding leadership he has given to the shire for the last 15 years. As both a shire and community we have faced some real challenges and Simon's job was often not easy.

I am sure we would all agree that it was only fitting that Simon received life membership, this year, from WALGA for his dedication to local government.

I am looking forward to the next two years as president of the Murchison Shire as it will be both challenging and rewarding.

I believe that there is always more to learn and to do this we have to work as a team including our community, council, CEO and shire staff members both inside the office and out. I also believe we have to work outside of the square and work with other shires, particularly our neighbours, looking at what they are doing and how they are getting finance for their community projects.

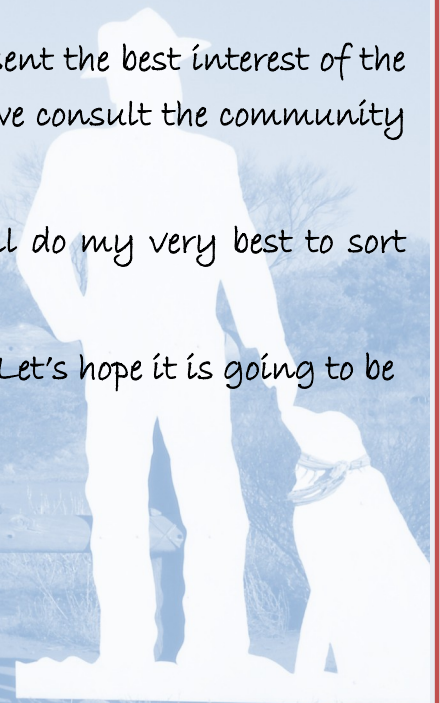
I believe that we as a council are very aware that we represent the best interest of the community as a whole and I think it is wonderful that we consult the community as much as we do.

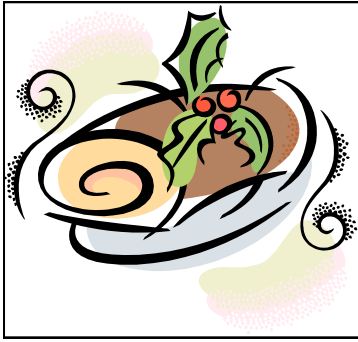
Do not hesitate in contacting me on any issues as I will do my very best to sort your issues out.

I wish everyone a merry Christmas and happy new year. Let's hope it is going to be a wet 2014.

WELCOME TO
MURCHISON

Mark Halleen
SHIRE PRESIDENT





A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

IF YOU ARE TRAVELLING TO BE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY. WE WANT TO SEE YOU ALL KEEP SAFE AND SOUND OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON.

STEVE AND I WILL BE STAYING IN THE SETTLEMENT AS WE'RE OFF TO TASMANIA IN JANUARY FOR A HOLIDAY.

HERE'S WISHING YOU ALL A COOL YULE AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL 2014

Jenny Goodbourn, CEO Shire of Murchison



SHIRE OF MURCHISON

LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME/STRATEGY



As you may be aware, the Shire is in the process of preparing a 'local planning scheme' and a 'local planning strategy', to help guide land use planning over the next 10-20 years.

At present, the Shire doesn't actually have a strategy or scheme – nor has one been historically necessary. Through funding assistance from the State Government, consultants Urbis have been engaged to assist with the preparation of the strategy and scheme. These documents will seek to further build on the vision established for in the Shire's Strategic Community Plan' being '**Working together to preserve the unique character of the Shire, supporting diverse and sustainable lifestyle and economic opportunities**'

In early 2014, we are hoping to have the consent of the Minister for Planning to proceed with a formal advertising period of not less than 90 days. During this period, it will be really important that everybody has their say on the future land use planning for the area, with key themes likely to include but not be limited to:

The challenges and opportunities associated with pastoral activities, to ensure that a suitable planning framework is in place.

The establishment of scientific research/radio telescopes in the areas

Planning for tourism activities

Planning to protect and celebrate heritage values

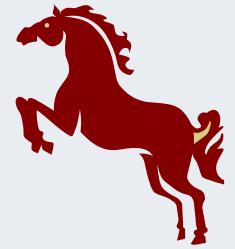
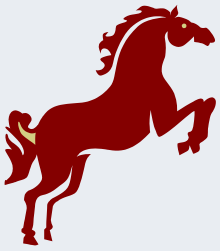
Ensuring that a suitable planning framework is in place for the Murchison settlement

Ensuring that a suitable planning framework is in place for the Pia Wadjarri community.

We'll be in touch in the new year to let you know when the documentation will be available for public comment and the opportunities there are for you to have you say on the future of the Shire.

If you have any questions at all about the strategy and scheme, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Shire.





A TRIBUTE TO DAVID HALLEEN

The Murchison Polocrosse Club would like to pay tribute to its patron, player and long time supporter, David Halleen, who passed away on the 30th October.

David grew up on Milly Milly Station, spent time in the Gascoyne and later managed Boolardy Station in the Murchison. He was renowned for his work ethic, his kindness, and his sense of humour.

A consummate horseman, he mustered with horses, raced them, played polocrosse on them, and endeavoured to make sure that all his children and grandchildren that showed interest rode good ones.

David played for Nicholson Ranges before that club merged with the Murchison Club. On his retirement, or relocation (as a workaholic never stops) to Geraldton, David made the A grade trophies for the Murchison Carnival. Wine glasses, clocks and table lamps were beautifully turned out of local Murchison wood.

The success and popularity of the Murchison Polocrosse Carnival is largely due to the Halleen family. The Murchison community and Polocrosse Club mourns the loss of a special person.



WD-40

'Water Displacement No.40' The product began from a search for rust preventative solvent and degreaser to protect missile parts.

WD-40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company.

Its name comes from the project that was to find a 'water displacement' compound.

They were successful with the fortieth formulation, thus WD-40.

Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you.

It's the first thing that has ever cleaned the spotty shower screen. Works on glass or plastic

Here are some other uses:

1. Protects silver from tarnishing.
2. Removes road tar and grime from cars.
3. Cleans and lubricates guitar 20 strings.
4. Gives floors that 'just-waxed' sheen without making them slippery.
5. Keeps flies off cows.
6. Restores and cleans blackboards.
7. Removes lipstick stains.
8. Loosens stubborn zips.
9. Untangles jewellery chains.
10. Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
11. Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
12. Keeps ceramic/terra-cotta garden pots from oxidizing.
13. Removes tomato stains from clothing.
14. Keeps glass shower screens free of water spots.
15. Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.
16. Keeps scissors working smoothly.
17. Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes.
18. It removes black scuff marks from the kitchen floor!
Use WD-40 for those nasty tar and scuff marks on flooring.
It doesn't seem to harm the finish and you won't have to scrub nearly as hard to get them off.
Just remember to open some windows if you have a lot of marks.
19. Dead insects will eat away the finish on your car if not removed quickly! Use WD-40!
20. Gives a children's playground gym slide a 20 shine for a super-fast slide..
21. WD-40 is great for removing crayon from walls. Spray on the mark and wipe with a clean rag.
22. Remove lipstick spots with WD-40 and rewash. Presto! The lipstick is gone!
23. Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open.
24. Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
25. Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers.
26. Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
27. Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.
28. Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons, and bicycles for easy handling.
29. Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly.
30. Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.
31. Removes splattered grease on stove.
32. Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.
33. Lubricates prosthetic limbs.
34. Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).
35. Removes all traces of duct tape.
36. Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.
37. WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a little on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one.
37. if you spray your garden pots around the sides it stops slugs/snails eating your plants :)

The basic ingredient is FISH OIL..

What would Christmas be without sweet treats?



Here's a favorite of mine for the Christmas table.

Frozen Strawberry Cheesecake

Serves: 10-12

Preparation time: 15 to 20 minutes



Ingredients

2x 250 g softened cream cheese

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup caster sugar

3 eggs, separated

2 tablespoons lemon juice

100 mL cream, heated to boiling point

2 punnets strawberries, pureed and stained

2 tablespoons sugar, extra

Method

Beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth.

Add egg yolks and lemon juice until just mixed.

Slowly add cream until mixed.

Fold through the pureed strawberries.

Beat egg whites until stiff.

Gradually add extra sugar, mixing until dissolved.

Fold egg whites through cream mixture until barely combined.

Pour into a 20 cm spring form tin.

Freeze over night.



Mark Lewis MLC

Your State Member for Mining and Pastoral Region

MEDIA RELEASE

Lewis welcomes the Government's decision to strengthen mandatory sentencing laws

9 December 2013

Mark Lewis MLC has welcomed the announcement that Western Australia's tough mandatory sentencing laws will be further tightened to ensure adult offenders serve the full minimum jail sentence before being eligible for parole.

The new measures will apply to any adult convicted of either assaulting a public officer or dangerous driving causing death or serious injury while evading police.

The Liberal-National Government introduced mandatory jail for assaults against police, ambulance officers, transit guards, court security officers, prison officers and youth custodial officers.

The Attorney General will introduce the Sentencing Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 into State Parliament today to ensure the protection of public officers and to deter offenders from fleeing police.

"These changes will mean that these criminals will no longer be able to get parole eligibility half way through their sentence, if they are serving less than four years," Mr Lewis said.

"As a Government we are making these changes because it is the expectation of the community that mandatory means mandatory – if you are sentenced under the laws for assaulting a public officer for example, then you should spend a minimum of six months in jail, not out on parole."

For assaults against police and other public officers, offenders face a minimum jail term of 12 months for grievous bodily harm, nine months for bodily harm (in circumstances of aggravation) and six months for bodily harm.

There is a mandatory minimum 12-month jail term for a driver who attempts to escape a police pursuit and engages in dangerous driving which causes death or serious injury.

The Liberal-National Government had moved swiftly to amend the legislation following a case earlier this year where an offender convicted of assaulting a police officer was granted parole after four and a half months in jail.

It is important that these laws function as intended, that is, to discourage violent attacks on public officers and therefore provide enhanced protection to those who put themselves in harm's way in order to serve to WA community.

For further information please contact Mark Lewis on 9226 3550.

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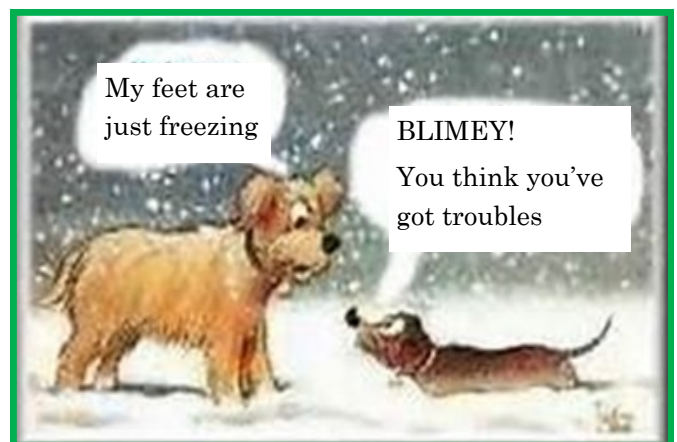
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Ho Ho Ho Ho...



Roadhouse Update



It is with great pleasure that we welcome Geoff and Debbie Gard to our community.

They are the new Roadhouse proprietors and come to the Murchison from Leeman on the coast.

On Sunday the 24th November Geoff and Debbie had a great get together at the roadhouse to meet some of the residents of the Murchison.

They have been in the retail business for some years having ran the Post Office in Woodanilling in the Great Southern for 7 years and the Highway Store in Coorow for 3 years.

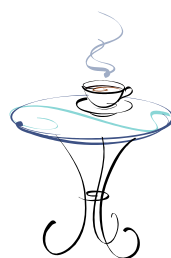
I learnt something from Debbie today - Woodanilling Shire is the smallest shire in Australia.

They have done their fair share of traveling as well and have been around Australia eight times, so they have a fair idea of what the tourists will require when the time comes.

When I interviewed Geoff and Debbie for our Monologue they told me that they wanted to make the Roadhouse a community place, where you can pop in at any time for a cupper and say hello.

They have two daughters, one living in Geraldton and one living in England and they will be traveling to England next year for their daughter's wedding in July. They also have two grandchildren.

Geoff & Debbie have some great ideas for the roadhouse when they get settled in, so please make the effort to come in and make yourself known to them.



THE MURCHISON OASIS ROADHOUSE/ CARAVAN PARK

A message from Geoff & Debbie



We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the warm welcome we have received since taking over our new venture.

We hope the community finds us to be helpful, and a good meeting place for coffee and a chat.

We will endeavor to stock items that are requested of us, so please ask, don't be shy.

May everyone have a safe and happy Christmas holiday season and call in and see us even if it's just to say G'day.



Geoff and Debbie Gard



Murchison Oasis Roadhouse

New Proprietors: **Geoff & Debbie Gard**



Opening Hours for the Summer

Monday to Friday—6.30am to 7pm

(Kitchen closes approx. 6.30 - if you ring we can accommodate for later)

Saturday—7am to 6.30pm

Sunday—8am to 6pm

(Kitchen will be open during opening hours on the weekend)

24 hour access to fuel bowser with card swipe facility available

Accommodation

Units: One double motel room @ \$75 per night for up to two people.

Two single units with three beds. First bed @ \$65 per night \$10 extra per person after that. i.e. 3 people = \$85 per night

Caravan Park: Powered sites @ \$25 per night for 2 people (\$5 per extra person per night)

Unpowered sites @ \$15 per night for 2 people (\$5 per extra person per night)

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

Free BBQ available in gazebo

The Roadhouse is doing hot food to dine in or take away.

We supply groceries, fresh meat, vegies, ice cold drinks , ice and confectionary. Pia energy cards and some medicines that our S2 license allows are also available.

If you can't see something you need PLEASE ask.

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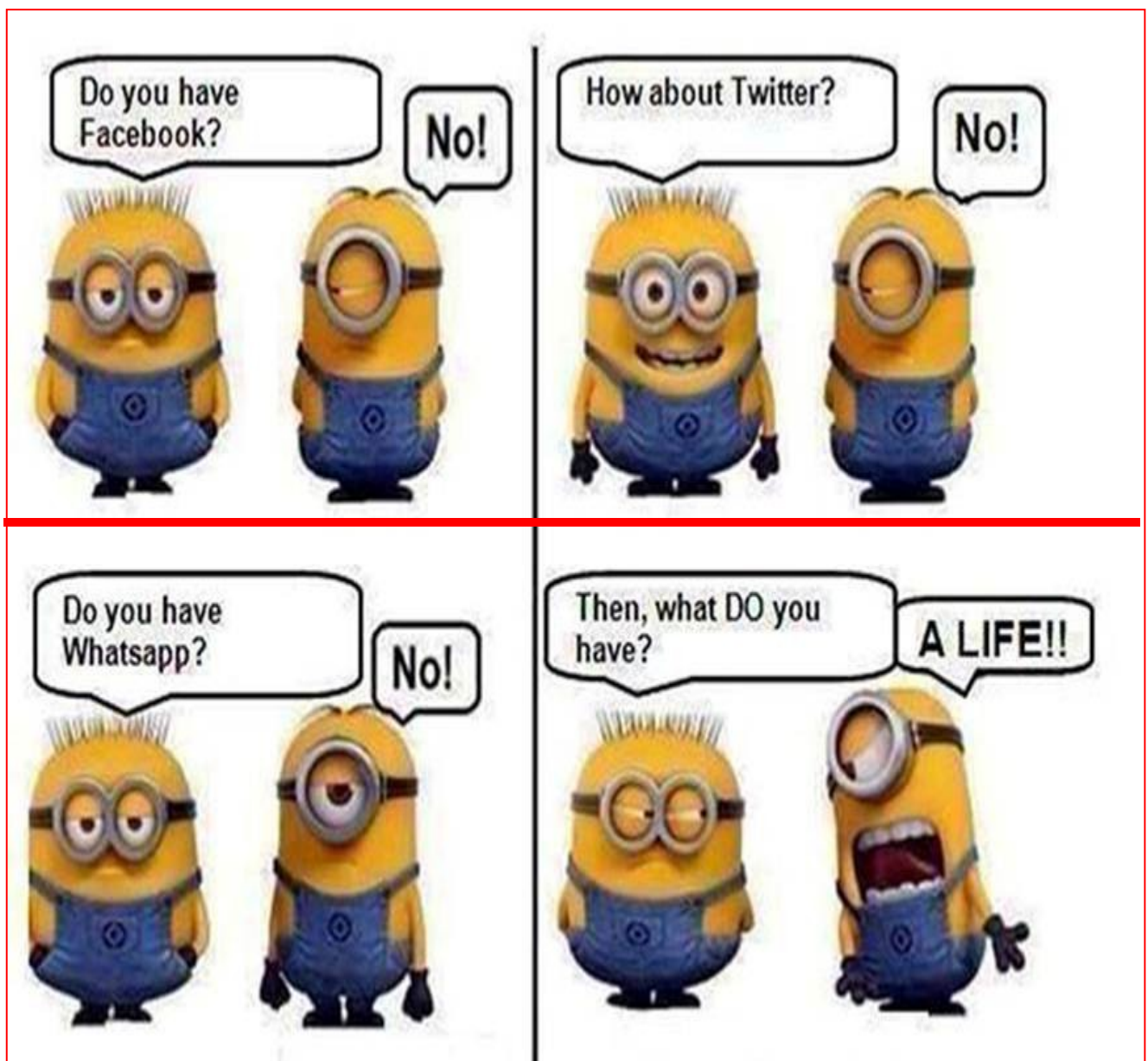
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I found this quite funny as it is becoming a way of life with all our technology.

Do People still write with pen and paper? I cant say when I last had a letter in the post.

Peta.





MELISSA PRICE MP
Federal Member for Durack
Media Release

Geraldton to get specialist breast cancer nurse

11 December 2013

A second McGrath Foundation Breast Care Nurse will be based at Geraldton Hospital under an expansion of the McGrath Foundation program funded by the Australian Government.

Federal Member for Durack Melissa Price said the breast care nurse would take up the position in the first half of 2014.

Ms Price said the nurse would support an estimated 350 women diagnosed with breast cancer in the Durack electorate over the next four years.

"These nurses act as a patient advocate, they coordinate care not only for women with breast cancer, but also for their families and carers," Ms Price said.

"They work to ensure the physical, psychological and emotional needs of those affected by breast cancer are met.

"I welcome Health Minister Peter Dutton's announcement that a second specialist nurse will be based in Geraldton."

The Australian Government will be providing funding for an additional 13 nurses over the next four years on top of the 44 existing Commonwealth funded positions across Australia.

The McGrath Foundation funds another 42 BCN positions.

Ms Price said these nurses had already supported around 14,000 Australian families affected by breast cancer, and over the next four years would assist a similar number.

"Unfortunately breast cancer afflicts thousands of Australian women each year," Ms Price said.

"I praise the McGrath Foundation for its work and I'm glad as a government we can support their efforts."

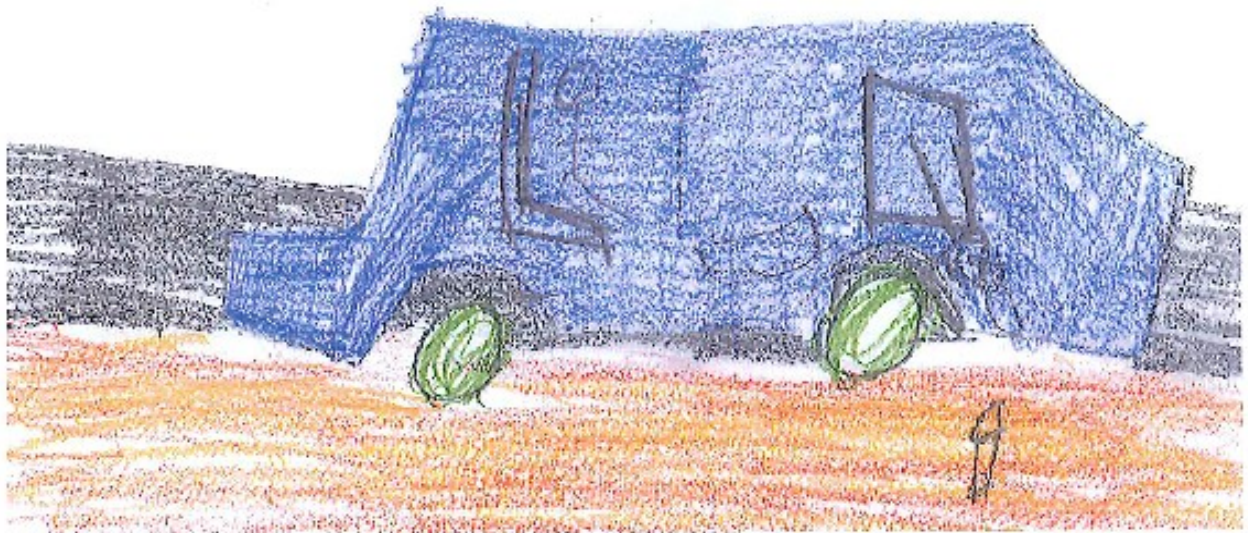
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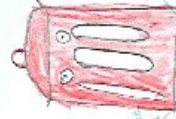
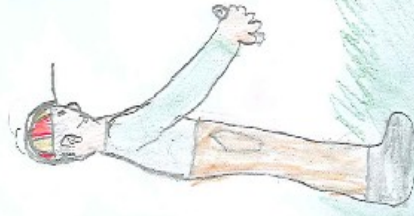
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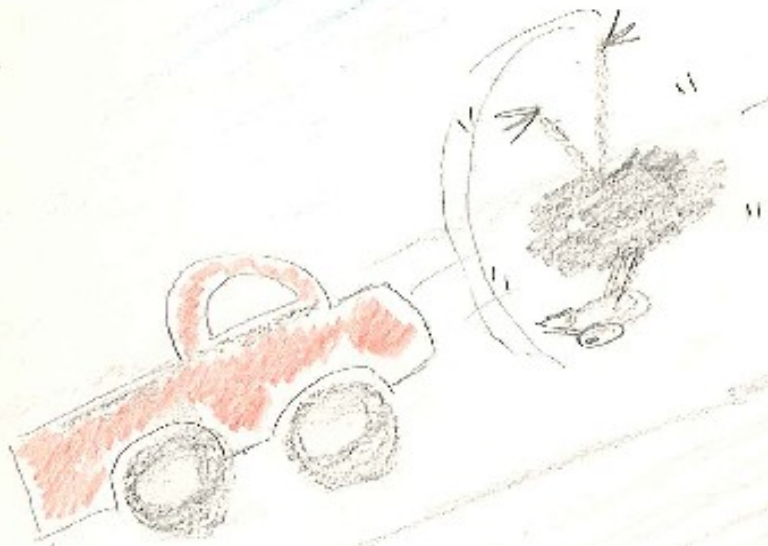


Put rubbish in the bin!



Rubbish can hurt our wildlife

“WHY DID THE EMU CROSS
THE ROAD?”



TO PICK UP YOUR LITTER

SAVE AN EMU!

What a Winner!!!

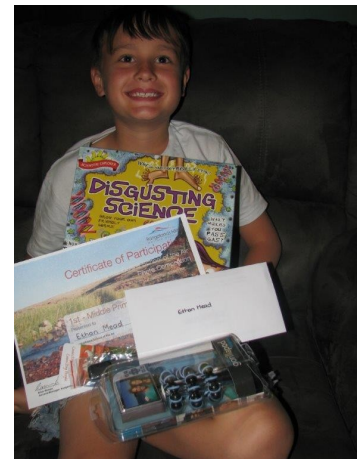
The October council meeting was held at Pia where the shire launched their anti-littering poster competition.

Tania Mead sent in this photo of Ethan with the body board he was able to purchase with the Willocks gift certificate he won for his entry.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Ethan also won 1st prize for his age group in the Rangelands Kaz Collins 2013 School of the Air photo competition. Rainbow over the Shearing Shed



It Must Run in the Family

Breanna won a highly commended award for her narrative in the 2013 Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards—Lower Primary prose. The Weird Looking Footprint

The Weird Looking Footprint

*Highly Commended - Breanna Mead
Meekatharra School of the Air*

One sunny summer's day, Steve, a keen outdoor person and his excited 10 year old son, Ben, drove to Lake Mud Crab to catch mud crabs for Christmas. This time they went through Forrest Irwin instead of going over the river because Steve thought it would be a nice change.

While they were hunting for mud crabs, they found a weird looking footprint. They decided to follow the tracks.

The strange looking footprints disappeared into the dense green forest.

'Dad, have you ever seen these tracks before?' asked Ben.

Then the bushes in front of them rustled before his dad could reply. Out from behind the bushes crawled a possum with plastic wrapped around its foot. It could barely walk.

Ben didn't know what to think. He thought he was tracking an alien!

They were upset to see the beautiful marsupial in such distress. They decided to take the sad looking possum to the Park Ranger to get the plastic off its right front foot.

After that day the Park Ranger organised rubbish bins in the forest and lake area to avoid this happening again.





MELISSA PRICE MP
Federal Member for Durack
Media Release

Smartphone App to improve emergency response

9 December 2013

Federal Member for Durack Melissa Price has welcomed the launch of the *Emergency+* smartphone app by the Australian Government.

“When activated, the *Emergency+* app provides users with their GPS reference which they can verbally provide to an emergency call taker to pinpoint their physical location,” Ms Price said.

“The increase in mobile phone use by Australians means that more than 65 per cent of calls to Triple Zero are made from mobile phones.

“Sometimes mobile phone users are not aware of their physical location – making it difficult for emergency call operators to accurately and quickly dispatch emergency services.

This app solves this problem by providing callers with the ability to verbally provide emergency call operators with their location information as determined by their smartphone’s GPS capability.”

The app also contains the emergency contact numbers and a short explanation of when to call non-emergency numbers such as the Police Assistance Line (131 444) and the SES national number (132 500). This is to help members of the public dial the correct number and reduce the number of calls to the Triple Zero (000) service that should be directed to another service.

The *Emergency+* app is available free of charge on iOS and Android devices through the Google Play store and the Apple App Store.

The development of the app was funded by the Australian Government through a National Emergency Management Project grant.

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Christmas



Find and circle all of the Christmas words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message.

E N A C Y D N A C H T A E R W S S
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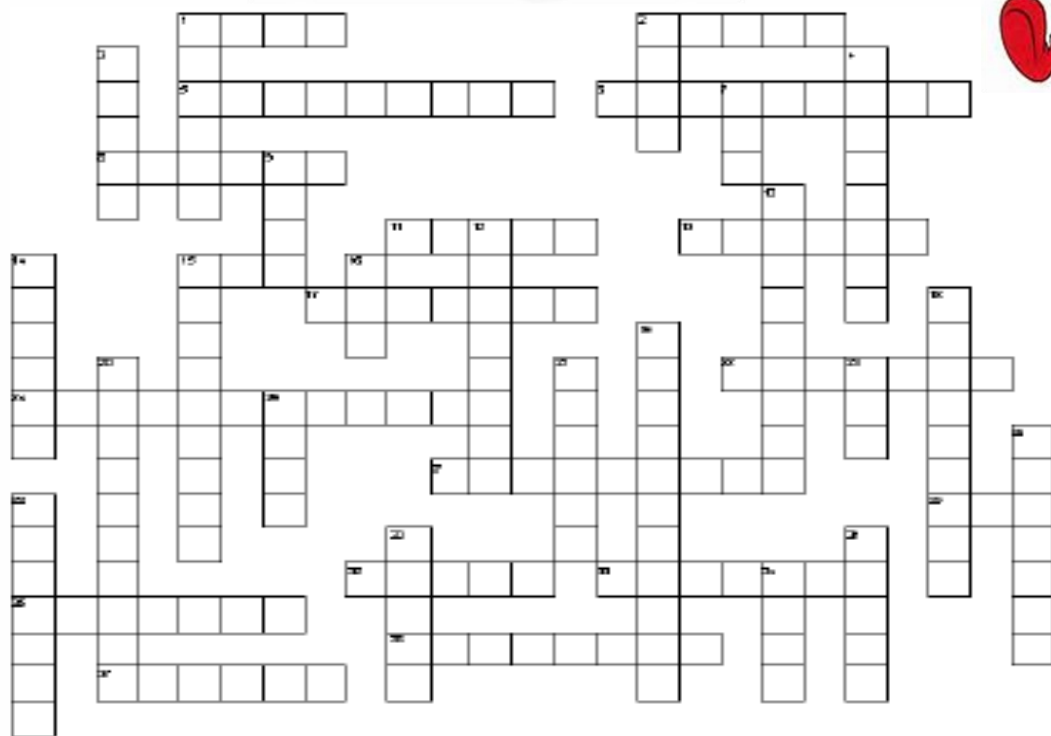
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SKATES
SLEIGH

SNOWFLAKES
SNOWMAN
STABLE
STAR
STOCKING
THREE WISE MEN
TOBOGGAN
TOYS
TREE
WREATH

Merry Christmas



ACROSS

- 1 The mother of Christ.
- 2 People often mail these to friends and acquaintances.
- 5 Santa's home and workshop are located here.
- 6 Traditional red-and-white-striped candy.
- 8 Santa's vehicle.
- 11 A Christmas song.
- 13 _____ Christmas.
- 15 If you _____ a live Christmas tree, you must throw it out after the holidays.
- 17 A treat commonly left for Santa.
- 22 They followed a star to find the Christ child.
- 24 The night before Christmas.
- 27 Decorations commonly hung on trees.
- 29 The color of Rudolph's nose.
- 32 _____ Claus.

33 Kris _____.

35 A "door" for Santa.

36 St. _____.

37 These electric decorations were introduced as a safe replacement for candles on Christmas trees.

DOWN

- 1 Baby Jesus had this for a bed.
- 2 Naughty children may find a lump of this in their stockings.
- 3 "not a creature was stirring, not even a _____."
- 4 People who go door to door singing Christmas songs.
- 7 If you _____ a live Christmas tree, you may plant it after the holidays.
- 9 Another word for present.
- 10 These should be hung by the chimney with care.
- 12 The animals that travel with Santa.
- 14 Christmas Eve services are held here.

15 "I'm dreaming of a white _____."

16 A colorful decoration often added to the top of a package.

18 Angels announced Jesus' birth to these people.

19 These spicy holiday cookies are often shaped as people.

20 This type of Christmas tree may be used year after year.

21 A round object often hung on a door.

23 A small person who helps Santa.

25 Santa's preferred beverage.

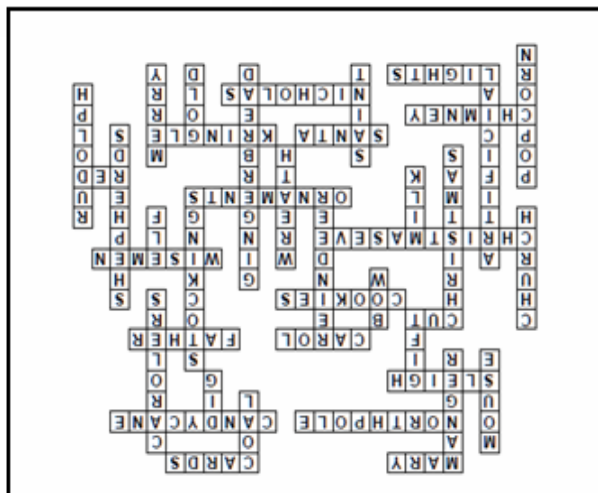
26 He guided Santa's sleigh one foggy Christmas Eve.

28 String this to decorate the Christmas tree.

30 Old _____ Nicholas.

31 _____ Christmas!

34 One of the three gifts the wise men brought to the Christ child.





November

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☺ Council Meeting 15th

December 2013

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☺ Council Meeting 19th

☺ Office closed