

# Murchison Monologue



Introducing Billy Bungarra

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# Murchison Shire Council & Staff 2014



## Shire Council

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Councillor: Andrew Whitmarsh  
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Plant Operator Stuart Broad  
Local Contractor William Herold  
Local Contractor Colleen Herold

## Maintenance

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Grader Operator Glen Pinnegar  
Local Contractor Sandy McTaggart

## Depot

Mechanic Trevor Barndon

## Gardening & Maintenance

Head Gardener Trevor Hipper  
Part time Gardener Leanne Hipper

## Road Works in the Murchison



### Construction Crew

On return from their Christmas break, staff attended to minor repairs and maintenance of their plant and camping gear and then moved down to Billabalong wool shed to complete the last 4km of road works (shaping up and gravel sheeting) from the end of the bitumen 7.5 km south of Billabalong homestead to bitumen 1.2km north of the bridge on the Carnarvon Mullewa Road.

While in this area a new park bay has been put in place on the east side of existing bay and crew have also carted gravel onto 6 patches of badly corrugated sandy sections from Murchison River to the south boundary.

With the completion of the 4km road works and corrugated sections, crew will move camp and equipment to Yuin on the Beringarra Pindar road. They will then commence work on 3 dust suppression jobs (reforming and gravel sheeting 1 km of road to be sealed) at Tallering homestead, Yuin homestead and Pia Wadjarri community.

Crew will also reshape one bad corner just north of Yuin -Twin Peaks boundary (commonly known as McNabb's corner) by lifting up 1m and gravel sheeting.

With completion of these works crew will then move to just south of Byro (15km) and commence gravel sheeting (6km) on the Carnarvon Mullewa road.

### Maintenance Crew.

John and Glen are going along at a good pace with their maintenance grading. Roads graded this year to end of March:

- Woodleigh-Byro
- Muggon
- New Forrest/Yallalong
- Yallalong/Coolcalalaya
- Twin Peaks/Wooleen
- Twin Peaks/McNabb

Crew will start a full maintenance grade on the Carnarvon-Mullewa road heading south from Murchison River on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

With the completion of this section (south) crew will finish off the Wooleen/Mt Wittenoom – Mt Wittenoom/Wooleen-Boolardy roads and then go back onto the Carnarvon-Mullewa road heading north from the settlement to north boundary and then all roads in the north of shire.

- Beringarra-Byro
- Erong
- Innouendy
- Yunda
- Mt Gould/Beringarra
- Beringarra-Cue
- Beringarra-Pindar
- Nookawarra-Mileura
- Boolardy-Kalli

### Heavy Maintenance

Sandy and Paul have finished their heavy maintenance programme for this year (building/repairs to bunds and small sections of roads requiring gravel sheeting) and are now forming up 3.5km section on the Carnarvon Mullewa road south of Byro in readiness for gravel sheeting by construction crew.

With all these road works in progress please do the right thing and slow down.

If you come across any recent storm damage it can be reported to the shire on 08 99637999 or email [works@murchison.wa.gov.au](mailto:works@murchison.wa.gov.au). Remember if you are travelling on gravel roads, please take care and drive safely.

*Brian Wurdenberg - Work Supervisor*

# Who is Billy Bungarra ??



Shires in the Murchison have routinely nominated tourism as a regional priority.

In September 2012 the Mid West Development Commission (MWDC) facilitated a workshop with Shires in the region to identify infrastructure priorities. Tourism emerged high on the list of regional priorities.

Over the past few years Frances Jones, proprietor of Woolleen station stay business in the Murchison and chair of the Gascoyne Murchison Tourism Inc (GMTInc.), has presented tourism marketing information to CEOs of the local governments in the Murchison Region.

In 2012, Frances was successful in gaining funding via Tourism Transition Funding, leveraged with contribution from regional Shires. The budget was used to complete a year round marketing campaign for the Murchison region and the Gascoyne Murchison Outback Pathways.

At a GMTInc meeting of local operators the idea of **Billy the Bungarra** was conceived. It was envisioned that Billy would be the mascot of the GMTInc and help guide visitor through the region. With the funding sourced in, Frances was able to further this concept to engage a professional to create Billy. This resulted in the design and adoption of Billy as the Gascoyne Murchison Tourism Inc. mascot.

The bungarra is uniquely representative of our region, and is an extremely versatile mascot that can be tailored to just about any particular situation. For instance Billy could be holding a telescope for the Astrofest, could point visitors into our caravan park or could be pictured riding a horse for the polocrosse.

Peter Backshall of Evolve Business Solutions is busy planning our Regional Tourism Strategy.

Shires that are involved in the Regional Tourism Strategy and will be using Billy for tourism promotion are :

Cue

Yalgoo

Mt Magnet

Sandstone

Meekatharra

Shire of Upper Gascoyne

and of course Murchison.

Billy has already started working for our region and you can check him out by visiting [www.outbackpathways.com](http://www.outbackpathways.com)

Keep an eye out for Billy as he is our mascot and I am sure we will be seeing a lot of him doing his bit to promote our area.





On behalf of the Shire of Murchison and the community, two presentations were to be made to two past councilors, Bridget Seaman and Sandy McTaggart, at the Annual General Electors Meeting held on the 8th February 2014.

Bridget served as a councilor for the southern ward for 4 years from 2009 to 2013.

Sandy served twice as a councilor one term in 1984 to 1987 and again in 2011 to 2013.

Bridget and Sandy both represented the shire on various committees both in and out of the shire district. Their hard work reflected their commitment to making the Shire of Murchison a better place for everyone living here.

Bridget and Sandy came onto the council at a difficult time but with their great effort and hard work our shire is back on track. It is people like Bridget and Sandy who help to make a united and progressive shire community.

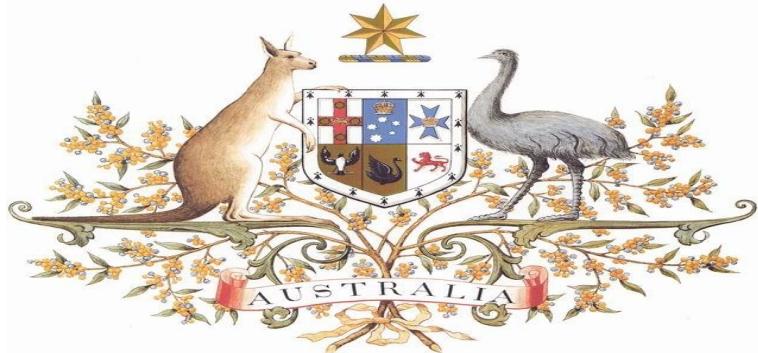
Due to unforeseen circumstances Bridget was unable to attend the meeting but her presentation will been made as soon as the opportunity arises.



Emma came across this link for a Living In The Regions 2013 report done by Dept Regional Development WA. and thought it might be interesting reading for some members of the community. <http://www.bankofideas.com.au/Newsletter/Jan14/downloads/boi-nl-pdf-2014-01-002.pdf>



# Congratulations



The Shire of Murchison had the great pleasure of holding a lovely evening to celebrate the Citizenship Ceremony for the Human's from Yallalong Station. Casper, Nita and their two boys Simon and Adriel.



Casper and Nita  
and our two new Aussie boys Simon and Adriel





## **SHIRE OF MURCHISON**

### **Project Officer – Working Group**

Expressions of Interest are called for anyone interested in being on a working group to look at the development of the project officer/community development officer position.

This was one of the priorities that came out of the integrated strategic planning completed by the shire last year.

Before we can look at sourcing someone we need to define exactly what the role would cover and what funding opportunities there might be available to support it.

Some areas of work suggested are LCDC, RBA, grant applications, project administration and museum operation.

If anyone has any ideas or would like to be a member of the working group please contact me by the 30<sup>th</sup> April so that an initial meeting can be scheduled.

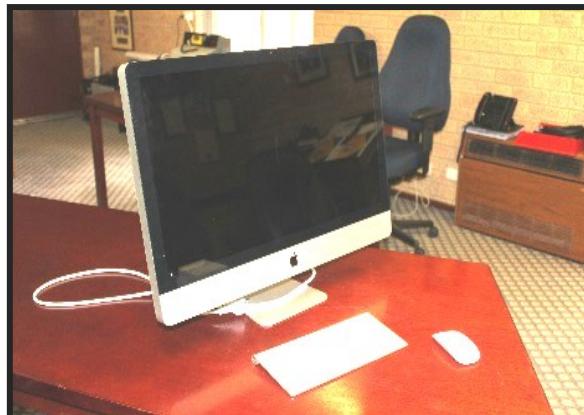
Jenny Goodbourn



## SHIRE OF MURCHISON

### Sale of Surplus Items Tender 3.2014

The following surplus items are offered for Tender by Council. Tenders close at 4.00pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2014.



**Apple IMAC Computer**

**Features** 27 inch 16:9 Widescreen LED display, wireless keyboard and magic mouse. Purchased from Mitchell and Brown on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010 for \$2,500.



**Makita BMR 100 cordless radio,**

**Features** Bumpers and Metal pipes protect against rough handling.

Shower proof up to 5 minutes exposure in rain.

AC or Makita battery.

FM/AM Band selection and mono-stereo change button.

Power on-off and off-time button.

Auto-scan and clock set button.

Sound volume and manual tuning button

AUX Adapter.

Carry Handle

Max output power 5W x 2 (24v Battery)

Power Requirements (AC power adapter DC 12 v 700 mA).

Net weight 4.2 kg.

This Radio has 1 battery BUT does not have a charger.

Inspection – Shire Office, 3007 Carnarvon-Mullewa Road, Murchison WA 6630.

Tenders are to be in writing and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer. Tenders will be accepted in person by delivery to the Murchison Shire Office, via the post or by fax or email.

They must be clearly marked Tender 3.2014 Sale of Surplus Items.

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# MELISSA PRICE MP

## Federal Member for Durack

### *Media Release*

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#### Price launches drive to boost volunteering in Durack

3 March 2014

In a push to get more people volunteering for community groups and events in Durack, Federal Member for Durack Melissa Price has linked up with the DoSomething! charity to launch a website that makes it easier for people to volunteer.

By typing in their suburb or postcode at [www.dosomethingnearyou.com.au/Melissa-price](http://www.dosomethingnearyou.com.au/Melissa-price) people will be able to find community groups and events that they can lend a hand to in their local community.

Ms Price said volunteers can then sign up for their local SES or local volunteer fire service, help out at their local charity op shop, volunteer for their local Meals on Wheels, join their local Rotary or Lions Club or help out with a myriad of other community programs.

"People can also find out how to get involved in events such as Clean Up Australia, Daffodil Day, National Tree Day, the Red Shield Appeal and much more," Ms Price said.

"By giving back and volunteering we can make our communities stronger and nicer places to live. I am excited to be working with DoSomething! to help our local community in this way.

"As a Director of the Cancer Council I have seen firsthand the valuable contribution that volunteers make to our community and the sense of wellbeing experienced by the individual volunteer.

"If your community organisation or not-for-profit event is not yet listed on the DoSomethingNearYou.com.au site, you can help the Durack community grow by registering your listing on the site at no cost."

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Did you know that you can view the latest edition of the Pia Wadjarri school newsletter online.

Go to <http://piawrcs.schoolzinenewletters.com/2014/20140404/>



# MELISSA PRICE MP

## Federal Member for Durack

### *Media Release*

#### **Apply now for your Local Sporting Champions grant**

**10 March 2014**

Federal Member for Durack Melissa Price has today announced that applications are open for the 2014-15 Round 1 Local Sporting Champions (LSC) grants for eligible Durack residents.

The LSC program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12-18 towards the cost of travel, accommodation or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation (NSO), endorsed state, national or international sporting championships or a School Sport Australia state or national championships.

"I encourage all eligible Durack residents to apply for the Round 1 grant funding, which is aimed at helping young people pursue their sporting dreams," Ms Price said.

"A number of changes have been made to the program to ensure that it continues to function as efficiently as possible, including changes to the age criteria and team grants.

- Changes to the age criteria will now require applicants to turn 12 to 18 in the year of the competition, rather than be between the ages of 12 and 18 (inclusive) at the start of the competition as previously required.
- The LSC program has removed Team grants, with funding instead being available for more individual grants. Fifty individual grants of \$500 will now be available for Durack applicants each year.

"These changes will streamline the application process and will ensure more young Durack residents are eligible to apply."

**Applications close 30 June 2014.**

To find out if you are eligible for Round 1 funding or to apply, please visit

[http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools\\_and\\_juniors/local\\_sporting\\_champions](http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools_and_juniors/local_sporting_champions)

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# Tidytowns

Tidytown registrations are now open for 2014 and the shire is looking at entering again.

Did you know that Murchison entered in 2012 and 2013 and won an award for the Murchison Region for Overall Appearance on both occasions.?

Below is an excerpt of what the judges had to say in 2013

## Special Commendations and Category Winners Results

On entering Murchison Settlement, it was obvious why the community won the award for general appearance in 2012. It is a beautiful oasis of well maintained gardens and buildings in an isolated location. Not only have the locals continued to work hard to maintain the settlement, but they have added a variety of fresh new features to the area that see them once again win the award for **General Appearance 2013**.



## Community Action and Partnerships

While this category was not entered, many projects around the settlement are an example of wonderful community action. The greenhouse, museum, construction of botanic walk and the relationship with the people at the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) are all examples that could have been included.

The 'Astro Fest' sounds like a wonderful community event which we look forward to seeing in next year's submission.

## General Appearance

Driving into Murchison Settlement is like taking a breath of fresh air. The locals do an incredible amount of work to maintain a beautiful setting and there is real pride among the community members to maintain this standard.

Many new features add to the lovely feel of the settlement. These include the addition of new shelters with tables around the roadhouse and caravan park as well as fire pits to warm the visiting tourists during a cold night in the caravan park! After recognising that noise impacts on those staying at the caravan park, an earth wall was built in front of the generator, to reduce the problem. The dedicated gardeners, always looking to improve the appearance of the surrounds, planted a variety of shrubs and flowers along this earth wall. The sports club also has a lovely new shade canopy.

The start of the botanical walk has had some work done, with the establishment of a native garden around the gazebo. A wonderful bird bath made out of recycled materials can be found here. A new crossing from the gazebo to the botanical walk has been installed.

# Tidytowns cont...

## Waste Management and Litter Prevention

While this category was not entered, we saw evidence of waste management that could have been included in the submission. There was abundant evidence of recycling old materials to make new features including the use of recycled materials to build a shelter over the old wool wagon, the use of an old satellite dish to plant flora and the use of scrap metal and an old tyre to build a delightful bird bath. We think Trevor should make and sell his very special bird baths!

Trevor and Leanne need to be commended for their commitment to driving the local roads and cleaning up roadside litter on a monthly basis.

## Natural Environment Conservation

Work is still continuing on the Botanical and Heritage Walk and some progress has been made with the creation of flora signage using paint on rocks and the planting of some native flora. It doesn't matter how little – any progress made on this project can be entered into this category.

## Heritage and Culture

An old wool wagon, originally from Boolardy Station has returned to the settlement and makes a great addition to the museum.



Trevor and Leanne with their General Appearance award for 2013

# Library News



As the Shires Library Officer I had a lovely day in Geraldton attending the Geraldton Regional Library Officers Meeting. These meeting are held in February each year.

One of the things we discuss is how do you get people to attend / use your library.

Apart from emailing the community about our new books, it's very hard to get them out to you.

If you know when you will be in you could ring or email Sharon or myself with the type of books you are interested in and we could pack you a selection ready for collection. There is also the Freight truck, or the postman going North.

If you do get a chance to come in we have a lovely new couch for you to relax on while you use the library.

*Peta Panting*



## Featured Selection From our Library

### I have picked out three books that may interest you

**Title :** The Pieces We Keep

**Author :** Kristina McMorris

The past collides with the present in this sensitive and multi layered story where the discovery of long-held family secrets lead to healing. The contemporary twist will be a treat for fans of World War II historical fiction.

**Title :** A Fatal Debt

**Author:** John Gapper

A satisfyingly old fashioned whodunit...Gapper offers an adroit guide to the mind-set of the super-rich and to the sharp practice that can make, and lose, fortunes'

A gripping tale of lethal intrigue in a high stakes world

**Title :** Sons of the Southern Cross

**Author:** Grantlee Kieza

"We swear by the Southern Cross to stand truly by each other and fight to defend our rights and liberties"

Since it first flew above a crowd of angry miners at the Eureka Stockade almost 160 years ago, the Southern Cross flag has stirred the hearts of generations of Australians.



**Vince Catania MLA**  
MEMBER FOR NORTH WEST CENTRAL

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Media release

February 17, 2014

### WA's oldest concrete bridge to be replaced

The replacement of the Ballinyoo Bridge will vastly improve the key Carnarvon-Mullewa Road access route thanks to \$3.5 million of Royalties for Regions funding announced last week.

The project, being delivered as part of the Mid West Investment Plan (MWIP), involves building a new bridge to span the Murchison River, replacing the existing 1929-built structure that has aged beyond repair.

Member for North West Central Vince Catania MLA said the bridge provided a lifeline for communities, industry, service providers and emergency services in the remote Murchison and Upper Gascoyne district.

"During times of flood lower level crossings of the Murchison River become impassable and without this bridge parts of the district can become isolated for extended periods," he said.

"A new bridge and upgraded road will increase the scope of tourism opportunities, provide an alternative route within the Gascoyne-Murchison Outback Pathways and ensure communities in the region stay connected."

Sections of the old bridge may be preserved and developed by the Shire of Murchison into interpretive material at the site, enriching the tourist experience.

Mr Catania said the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road was the main access route to the Murchison Radio-Astronomy Observatory, a project that has also received \$10 million in Royalties for Regions funding through the MWIP.

"As this project unfolds more sealing of the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road will be triggered, progressively improving road quality for all users," Mr Catania said.

Other road improvement projects in North West Central to receive MWIP funding include the Wubin-Mullewa Road (\$10.8m) and the Meekatharra-Wiluna Road (\$10m).

The \$220 million Royalties for Regions-funded MWIP aims to assist establishing a more sustainable social and economic base by implementing major infrastructure projects and initiatives that have been identified as essential to the Mid West region.

Royalties for Regions has committed \$72.778 million to 24 approved MWIP projects to date that have a total project value of \$152.447 million.

Visit [www.mwdc.wa.gov.au/MidWestInvestmentPlan.aspx](http://www.mwdc.wa.gov.au/MidWestInvestmentPlan.aspx) for more information.

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**Vince Catania MLA**  
MEMBER FOR NORTH WEST CENTRAL

**NATIONALS**  
for Regional WA

13<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Media Release

**Five Shires awarded group funding for construction of the Murchison region vermin cell**

The shires of Mount Magnet, Sandstone, Cue, Yalgoo and Wiluna are set to benefit from funding allocated from the Country Local Government Fund (CLGF) Projects – Regional Grouping Fund 2012-13 for the Murchison region vermin cell project.

The *Royalties for Regions* CLGF Regional Grouping Fund encourages local governments to come together to deliver projects that benefit multiple towns and regions.

Member for North West Central Vince Catania MLA said the regional grouping component of the CLGF is to provide financial assistance to local governments to fund large scale projects identified as priorities by the towns themselves. The Murchison region vermin cell project aims to construct a dog proof fence to create a fully enclosed Vermin Cell in the Murchison region to eradicate wild dogs within the cell and increase small livestock numbers (sheep and goats) in the pastoral industry.

"I congratulate the four shires for winning this competitive funding which clearly demonstrates the high level of collaboration and partnership among these agencies. Sharing financial and non-financial resources is central for communities in the remote and rural regions. I am excited about the additional benefits for the residents of the Murchison region as a result of their joint efforts", said Vince.

"Pastoral production has experienced a sharp decline of the past decade attributed to drought and wild dogs. The low stock numbers and productivity are considered to be largely caused by wild dog predation".

The completed fence will be 1,400km in length and will comprise 100km of fence (to be constructed through this funding) in conjunction with existing fence (450km of State Barrier Fence and 470km of the MRVC Vermin Fence 1 and 2). It is proposed that this group would manage and subsequently own the fence. It is anticipated livestock rates will be raised by this initiative.

**Fact File**

- The Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Fund (CLGF) helps local governments in regional WA build and maintain infrastructure.
- The CLGF Regional Grouping Fund is separate to the CLGF and encourages local governments to come together to deliver projects that benefit multiple towns and regions.
- Since 2008, more than \$306million has been allocated to CLGF, which has seen about 1200 projects funded across 109 country local governments.

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## WHY MEN ARE HAPPY



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    Their last name stays put.

    The garage is all theirs.

Wedding plans take care of themselves.

Chocolate is just another snack...

    They can never be pregnant.

They can wear a white T-shirt to a water park.

    They can wear NO shirt to a water park.

Car mechanics tell them the truth.

    The world is their urinal.

They never have to drive to another petrol station loo because this one is just too icky.

They don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.

    Same work, more pay.

Wrinkles add character.

Wedding dress \$3000. Top hat & tails rental-\$200.

People never stare at their chest when they are talking to them.

New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle their feet.

    One mood all the time.

Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.

    They know stuff about Star Trek.

A five-day holiday requires only one small bag.

    They can open all their own jars.

If someone forgets to invite them,

*He or she can still be their friend.*

Their underwear is \$4.99 for a three-pack.

Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.

Everything on their face stays its original colour.

The same hairstyle lasts for years, even decades.

They only have to shave their face and neck.

*They can play with toys all their life.*

One wallet and one pair of shoes -- one colour for all seasons.

They can wear shorts no matter how their legs look!

They can 'do' their nails with a pocket knife..

They have freedom of choice concerning growing a moustache.

They can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives

On December 24 in 25 minutes.





## Be Like a Dog

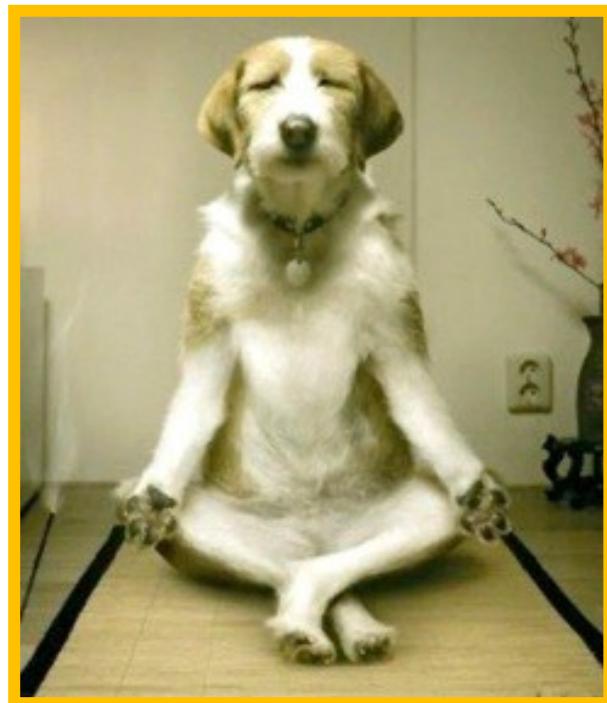
Can you start the day without caffeine,  
always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

Can you resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,  
eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

Can you understand when your loved ones  
are too busy to give you any time,

Can you take criticism and blame without resentment  
and conquer tension without medical help,

Can you relax without alcohol,  
and sleep without the aid of drugs,



Handle every Stressful situation like a dog.

If you can't eat it or play with it,  
Pee on it and walk away





# MELISSA PRICE MP

## Federal Member for Durack

### *Media Release*

#### Price welcomes assistance for farming families

21 March 2014

Federal Member for Durack Melissa Price has welcomed the passing of legislation that will see permanent assistance available for Durack farming families under the new Farm Household Allowance.

"The passage of the Farm Household Support Bill 2014 will give more farming families in Durack, and in particular those who are doing it tough in the Wheatbelt, access to income support when they need it, no matter what the cause," Ms Price said.

The allowance, paid at the same rate as NewStart Allowance, replaces Exceptional Circumstances arrangements from 1 July 2014. It will also replace the Interim Farm Household Allowance introduced to help farmers in the lead up to commencement of the legislated allowance.

"Until recently the asset test for this sort of payment has been an issue. In particular the value of on-farm assets has been a barrier to some farming families being eligible for income assistance," Ms Price said.

"The new payment has a higher asset test, making it more realistic for farming families in hardship to access assistance.

"The allowance will be available to farmers and their partners who meet the criteria – the funding is uncapped; we're not limiting how many farmers we help."

The Farm Household Allowance will be available to recipients for up to three years. Recipients will be automatically issued with a Health Care Card, and have access to \$8,000 for support or training.

This payment will come into effect on 1 July 2014. For those needing immediate assistance the Interim Farm Household Allowance is available.

For more information about assistance measures call 13 23 14 or visit the website [Assistance measures](#).

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# Wild Dogs Bounty Scheme

## Pastoralists

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

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

Doggers and professionals are excluded from the scheme.

It covers all stations within the shire of Murchison except for those covered by the state's trial scheme which is being established in conjunction with the Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association. Bounty payments for dogs killed on those stations can be claimed under that scheme.

All claims are to be made by the station owner/manager. Persons destroying the dog must take the scalps to the property owner/ manager. The property owner/manager makes their own arrangements with the person who destroyed the dog regarding payment.

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

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

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

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

Regional Coordinators are:-

Mark Halleen

Boolardy Station Tel: 08 9963 7987

Andrew Whitmarsh

Byro Station Tel: 08 9961 3870

Reg Seaman

Murgoo Station Tel: 08 9963 7985



**Scalps are not to be taken directly to the Shire of Murchison**

## Meat for Wild Dog Baiting

Meat for wild dog baiting has now been purchased by the Murchison Shire and is held in the community freight shed.

If anyone would like access for your baiting program then please contact Geoff at the Roadhouse on **99613875**.

There is a register also held at the freight shed which will need to be completed for shire records.



# Grandcarers Support Scheme

*for all enquiries call:*

## Wanslea Grandcarers Support Scheme

**1800 794 909**

10.00am - 4.00pm      Monday to Friday

### **What is the Grandcarers Support Scheme:**

- ◆ An annual payment to grandcarers who have the full-time care of their grandchild / grandchildren

### **Criteria:**

- ◆ Providing full-time care for grandchildren under 16 years
- ◆ Minimum of four months care in the past year
- ◆ Not receiving financial support from the Department for Child Protection and Family Support
- ◆ Willing to sign a Statutory Declaration confirming that the information provided is true and correct

### **How much is the payment:**

- ◆ Eligible grandcarers will receive \$400 for the first grandchild and \$250 for each additional grandchild under 16 years

### **How to apply:**

- ◆ Telephone Wanslea 1800 794 909 to apply  
*or*
- ◆ Online at: [www.wanslea.asn.au/gss](http://www.wanslea.asn.au/gss) to download the application form  
*then*
- ◆ Send your completed application form to:

**Wanslea Grandcarers Support Scheme**  
PO Box 1142 Cloverdale WA 6985

# Man V's Woman

## NICKNAMES

If Laura, Kate and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah. If Mike, Dave and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Shorty and Lofty.

## EATING OUT

When the bill arrives, Mike, Dave and John will each throw in \$20, even though it's only for \$52.50. None of them will have anything smaller.

When the girls get their bill, out come the pocket calculators.

## MONEY

A man will pay \$10 for a \$5 item he needs.

A woman will pay \$5 for a \$10 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale.

## BATHROOMS

A man has five items in his bathroom: toothbrush and toothpaste, razor, soap, and a towel.

The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 37. A man would not be able to identify more than 20 of these items.

## ARGUMENTS

A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

## FUTURE

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

## DRESSING UP

A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the bins, answer the phone, read a book, and get the mail.

A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

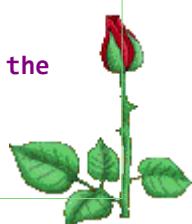
## OFFSPRING

Children. A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments and romances, best friends, favorite foods, secret fears and hopes and dreams.

A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A married man usually forgets his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing!



# Murchison Oasis Roadhouse

**Proprietors: Geoff & Debbie Gard**

## Opening Hours

**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.**

**Phone: 08 99613875**

**Email: murchisonoasis@westnet.com.au**

# Puzzle Page

## What colour boat?

At the local model boat club, four friends were talking about their boats.

There were a total of eight boats, two in each colour, red, green, blue and yellow. Each friend owned two boats. No friend had two boats of the same colour.

Alan didn't have a yellow boat. Brian didn't have a red boat, but did have a green one. One of the friends had a yellow boat and a blue boat and another friend had a green boat and a blue boat. Charles had a yellow boat. Darren had a blue boat, but didn't have a green one.

Can you work out which friend had which colour boats?

Alan had a red boat and a green boat.  
Brian had a green boat and a blue boat.  
Charles had a yellow boat and a red boat.  
Darren had a blue boat and a yellow boat.

## Cats

There is a very small room in which four cats are sitting on the four corners.

Opposite to each cat are three cats and at each cat's tail, is one more cat.

How many cats are sitting in that room all together?

Four cats.  
Remember that the room is very small. Each cat is sitting near the tail of the cat in the adjacent corner.

## Eskimos

Eskimos are very good hunters, but they never hunt penguins.

Why not?

Eskimos live at the North pole. Penguins at the South pole.

## How Many?

How many triangles in the picture below?



Thirty Five

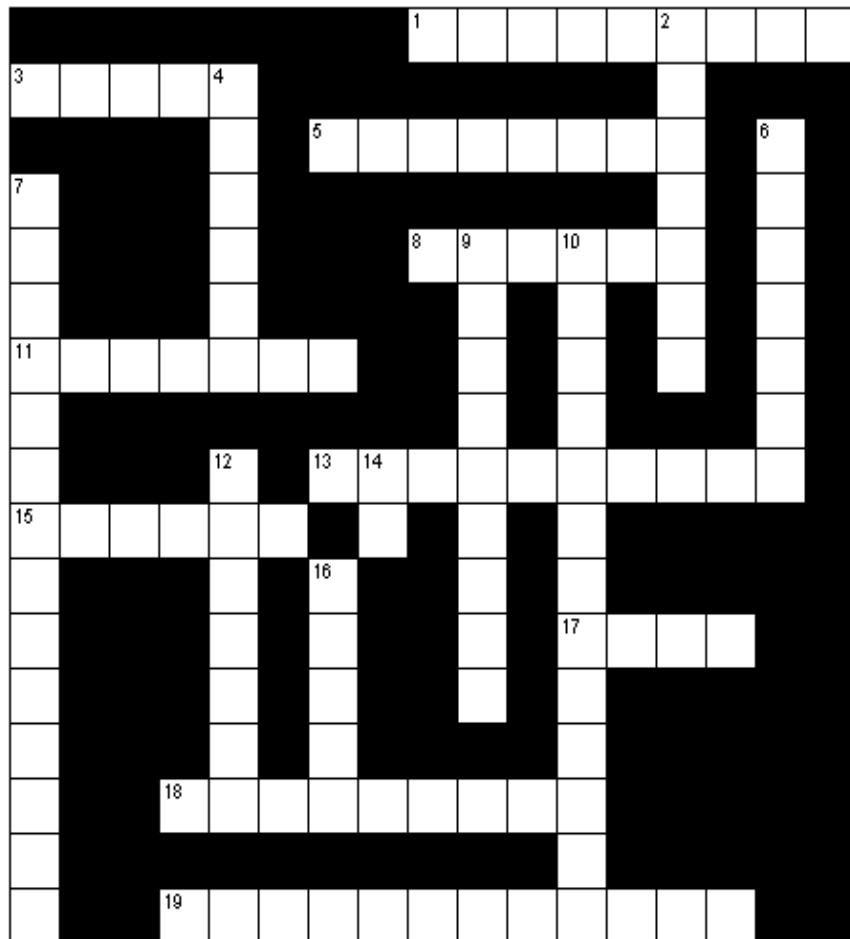
## What am I?

I am a five letter word that is under you.  
If you remove my 1st letter, then I am over you.  
If you remove my 1st and 2nd letters than I am all around you.

What am I ?

Chair

# Crossword Puzzle #2H



## Clues - Musical Groups

### Across:

- 1 hot blooded
- 3 legs
- 5 Eddie's name
- 8 desperado
- 11 stayin alive
- 13 Axel's band
- 15 more than a feeling
- 17 Gene's band
- 18 lost in love
- 19 Stevie Nicks

### Down:

- 2 Phil Collins' band
- 4 Sting's band
- 6 let it be
- 7 taking it to the streets
- 9 walk this way
- 10 sweet home Alabama
- 12 livin on a prayer
- 14 Bono's band
- 16 Paul's band



## Crossword Puzzle #2H - Solution





## April 2014

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	Council Meeting	Good Friday	19	20
Easter Monday	22	23	24	Anzac Day	26	27
28	29	30				

## May 2014

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	Council Meeting	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	Mullewa	

## June 2014

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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WA Day	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	Council Meeting	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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