

Murchison Monologue



Sunset on the Curbur Lake March 2018

Photo by Colleen Herold

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News from the CEO's Desk

Hello,

It has been almost a year since the last Monologue was published. I am happy to say we are back on track after a number of staff changes.

Similarly after various Council consultation community groups being in hiatus, they have been revitalised and are up and running. By way of information the following community members have agreed to donate their time and effort to the following groups:

Group	Community Members
Accident Prevention Group	Jo Squires
Community Advisory Group	Shelly Fowler, Vicki Dumbis & Paul Lukitsch
Murchison Community Fund Management Committee	Sandy McTaggart & Shelly Fowler
Settlement Drinking Water Working Group	Henry Foulkes-Taylor
Project Officer Working Group	Frances Jones
Settlement Power Supply Working Group	Tom Foulkes-Taylor & Frances Jones
Wild Dog Control Working Group	Sandy McTaggart & Peter Mahony

As you would be aware we suffered some major road damage in January 2018 following ex Tropical Cyclone Joyce. The Shire has received approval to undertake \$15,336,954.32 of repairs. The repairs will be funded by the Western Australian Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (WANDRRA).

In other news, the SKA access route upgrade is progressing albeit slowly. The international project budget has not yet been confirmed and as a result Main Roads will be limiting the work that they undertake this year on the route.

Rose Jones has joined us as Deputy CEO. Rose has extensive experience in Local Government and brings strong financial management skills to the Shire. Although only having started at the Shire at the beginning of April, she has already proved herself to be a valuable team member.

On a sadder note the time is approaching when Brian & Sharon Wundenberg and Barry and Peta Panting leave the Shire. They are retiring on the 10th July 2018 to travel around Australia. We are all very grateful for the years of dedicated service and wish them well on their journey.

This change offers opportunity for our staff to progress within our organisation. On a happier note we have recruited a young couple with 2 primary aged children to join us in late June early July. Tatjana holds both a teaching degree as well as an accounting degree and will join our administration team. Her partner Julian is an experienced plant operator and truck driver and will join our construction crew.



Peter Dittrich, CEO

Brief roundup of the past several months from Rossco Foulkes-Taylor - Council President

I feel Council is progressing along in reasonable shape, with a normal mixture of day to day and week to week Local Government issues being considered and dealt with, along with a few more major undertakings.

After a lengthy period of trying to make sure we considered all the different methods of road restoration and their associated effects on the Shire's financial viability/future, along with locals that live in the area, Council resolved to head down the path of returning the Beringarra-Cue Road back to a gravel surface. Anna and Mick of Mileura are the landowners directly impacted by the upcoming roadworks on their station and our plan is that, without using up too much of their time, they will be regularly consulted/updated during the job.

Two decent sized contracts for the restoration of roads badly damaged during localised heavy rain in late summer 2017 were awarded to THEM Earthmoving (West and Northwest areas of the Shire) and Robbro Earthmoving (south east and east). This work has progressed pretty well and should be almost wound up by the end of April.

The ill-advised decision to close down WA's Schools of the Air was announced in the lead up to Christmas and, for what it was worth, several letters of protest to relevant Ministers were dispatched from Council. The decision was reversed a few weeks later and, apart from common sense prevailing, I feel it was mainly due to the fantastic energy and resistance provided by people throughout the bush. I was not there in my role as Shire President but I did attend a protest rally on this issue in Geraldton and was impressed with the passionate and articulate conduct of some of the more prominent bush people present (several from within our Shire).

Decent rain was experienced through the majority of the Shire in mid-January, with the exception of an unfortunate dry area in the north east. I've often hoped to wake up one morning and learn that everyone in the Murchison has had a decent rain with no one missing out, but I suppose being such a big area this is a slightly unreasonable wish – I still live in hope though. This rain did a heap of severe road damage unfortunately, and in the upcoming months it looks like three different crews will be awarded tenders to get some road restoration underway. This roadwork will be paid for under the WA Natural Disaster Relief funding (commonly referred to as "flood damage").

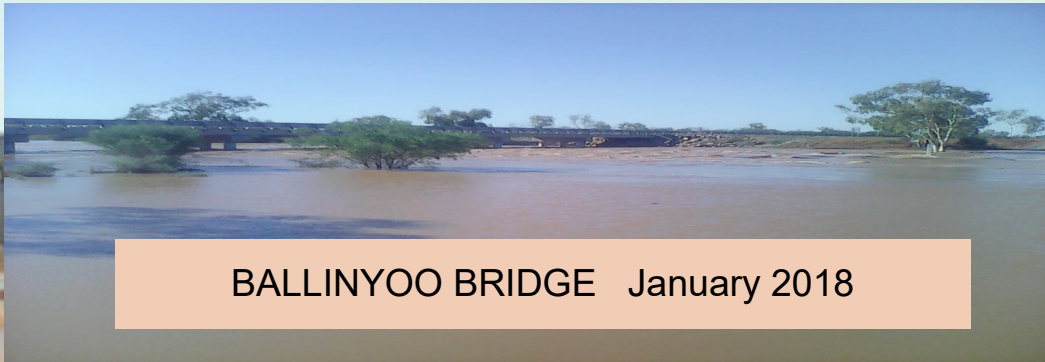
Council continues to work towards having CSIRO's SKA project, and other activities within the MRO, being more community inclusive with, it has to be said, limited success. We feel that more community awareness about this major project occurring within the middle of our Shire can only lead to a better relationship moving forward.

If you have any concerns, complaints, queries or suggestions about what your Murchison Council is up to please don't hesitate to give me (or any other Councillor) a call.

Rossco

*Photos of the damage following ex tropical Cyclone Joyce
—our thanks to Brian and Paul Lukitsch for these*





BALLINYOO BRIDGE January 2018



Decode of cablegram from the Secretary of State
for the Colonies, dated London, 11th November, 1918,
10.55 a.m.



Most urgent.
morning.

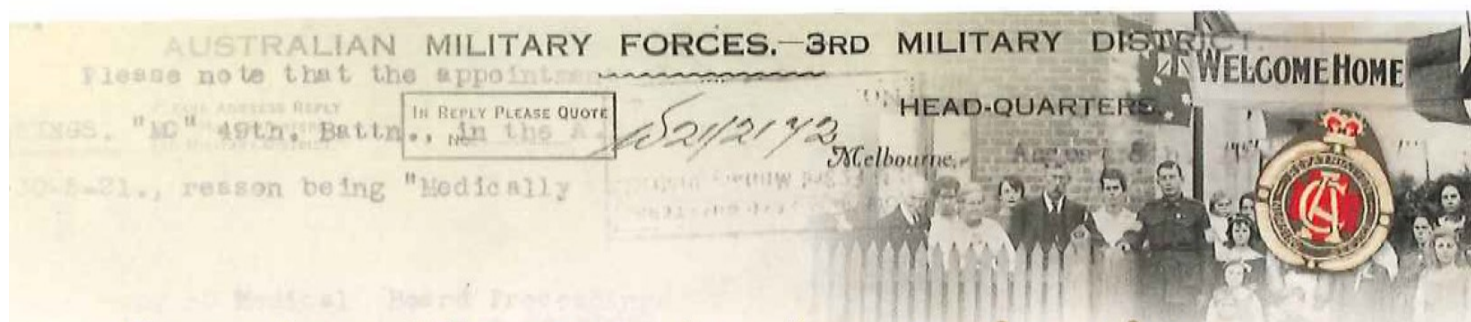
Armistice signed 5 a.m. this

COMING HOME

AN INVESTIGATION OF THE ARMISTICE AND REPATRIATION

Online 9 March 2018

www.anzacportal.dva.gov.au



Coming Home: An Investigation of the Armistice and Repatriation

Coming Home: An Investigation of the Armistice and Repatriation is a new educational resource designed for secondary students and is aligned with the Australian Curriculum. This DVA publication allows students to investigate the impact of the war on those who served and those who welcomed them home. The resource includes teaching activities that encourage students to investigate the roles the Repatriation Commission and the Soldier Settlement Scheme played in assisting returned servicemen to reintegrate into the Australian community. It also looks at soldiers' case studies and how the war contributed to the change in traditionally gender-specific roles. *Coming Home: An Investigation of the Armistice and Repatriation* is now available for free download from The Anzac Portal at www.anzacportal.dva.gov.au.



THE DISCHARGED SOLDIERS' SETTLEMENT ACTS.
Acquisition of Land for the Purpose of Settlement of Discharged Soldiers.

Report on Greildown not Lat. 31° 10' S. Long. 151° 14' E.

about 423 Acres, being allotments as per plan and coloured pink on accompanying plan.

Date of inspection

Distance from nearest market town

Distance from nearest railway station

Distance from seahoard

Distance from metropolis

Description of roads leading to property

Are adjoining lands occupied?

In district

From March 10 to March 16

14 Miles

6 Miles

100 Miles

Good initial roads

open



Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs

Murchison ANZAC Poem

By Carol McTaggart

WITH ALL AUSTRALIANS EVERYWHERE
WE GATHER ON THIS DAY
WE PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE ANZACS
WHO PERISHED IN THE FRAY
IN BATTLES FOUGHT ON MAY FRONTS
IN COUNTRIES FAR AWAY
TO PRESERVE AND GUARD THE LIBERTY
THAT WE ENJOY TODAY

SOME SAY THE DEAD WERE LUCKY,
THAT THE TRAUMATISED AND MAIMED
HAD STILL TO STRUGGLE ON THROUGH LIFE
WITH WOUNDS THEY HAD SUSTAINED
THE MEN WHO SEEMINGLY UNSCATHED
THAT LIVED TO MAKE IT THROUGH
THEY STILL HAD STARED HELL IN THE FACE
WERE SCARRED BY WHAT THEY KNEW

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO THIS YEAR
THE ARMISTICE WAS SIGNED
WHICH ENDED THE GREAT BLOODBATH
THAT HELL ITSELF DESIGNED.

IT HAS BEEN CALLED THE GREAT WAR
OR THE WAR TO END ALL WARS
FOR NEVER HAS SUCH CARNAGE
BEEN UNLEASHED FOR ANY CAUSE.

YET IN THIS HIDEOUS CRUCIBLE
WHERE MILLIONS FOUGHT AND DIED
THE ETHOS WE CALL MATESHIP
WAS BORN AND CAME ALIVE

FOR AUSSIES FORMED A CRUCIAL BOND
THAT ONLY DEATH COULD SEVER
THE TIES THAT BOUND THEM THERE
COULD BREAK THE THREAD OF FELLOWSHIP
THAT EVERY MAN THERE SHARED
FROM THE TRENCHES TO GALLIPOLI
TO THE MIDDLE EASTERN SANDS
FROM THE DESERTS OF NORTH AFRICA,
NEW GUINEA, VIETNAM

AN ANZAC KNEW HIS FELLOWS
WOULD NEVER LET HIM DOWN
WOULD NOT LEAVE HIM WOUNDED
OR FACING DEATH ALONE
AS LONG AS THEY WERE STILL ALIVE
THEY'D TRY TO HELP HIM HOME.

WE HONOUR ALL OF THESE BRAVE MEN,
WE LAUD THEM EVERY ONE
FOR WE KNOW THAT THEIR SACRIFICE
FOR US OUR FREEDOM WON

*Thank you Carol for delivering this
poem with such emotion at the
settlements ANZAC service —
very moving*

Anzac Day - Murchison Settlement - 2018



**Bowling Fun Day
Murchison Settlement
June 10, 2018**



A “bacon and egg” brunch will be provided by the Shire. Hope to see you all there !!



POLO CROSSE

JULY 7TH & 8TH

2018

MURCHISON SETTLEMENT

For further information please contact :

Tessa Harcourt

E: jp.taharcourt@gmail.com

Come to the Murchison Settlement and enjoy this fabulous event !!!!



CHARLES DARWIN RESERVE

BLUES FOR THE BUSH FESTIVAL



Save the date!

Fri 21-Sun 23 September 2018

Visit our website to learn all about this special celebration in a special part of the bush, and watch this space for more details.

bluesforthebush.org.au



The Randolph Stow Young Writers Award aims to encourage young writers in the Mid West region.

The award recognises the international achievements of Geraldton-born writer, Randolph Stow (1935 - 2010).



Geraldton Regional Library
37 Marine Terrace, Geraldton

Mullewa Public Library
Council Administration Centre
Corner of Padbury and Thomas Streets, Mullewa

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WEB library.cgg.wa.gov.au
EMAIL library@cgg.wa.gov.au



2018



Entry Form



Encouraging young writers in the Mid West Region

Presentation

- Use A4 paper, one side only.
- Adhere to the suggested length.
- Provide a title.
- Use the official entry form.
- Make sure each section is filled in completely.
- Check there is an entry form for each entry.

NOTE

Names and schools must not be included on student's work, only on the entry form supplied. Entry forms must be stapled, not glued, to student's work.

JUDGING

Judging will be independent. At least three finalists will be selected in each category.

PRIZES

All finalists receive a certificate. The first three prize winners in each category receive cash prizes. Schools with winning entries will be issued a complimentary copy of the Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards booklet for their Library.

CLOSING DATE

Entries must be received at the Geraldton Regional Library or Mullewa Public Library by **5pm Friday 29 June 2018**.

All entries must be accompanied by a signed entry form:

- post entries to PO Box 101, Geraldton WA 6531 or
- email entries to library@cgg.wa.gov.au or
- hand deliver entries to the Library at 37 Marine Terrace, Geraldton or
- hand deliver entries to the Mullewa District Office, corner of Padbury and Thomas Streets, Mullewa.

Winners will receive an invitation to the Awards ceremony

Eligibility

The competition is open to students years 3 - 12, studying in the Mid West Region.

The Award is for original works of prose or poetry. Students may enter both, but are limited to one entry per category.

CATEGORIES

Lower Primary - Years 3 & 4

Prose - Maximum 1000 words, Poetry - No minimum stipulation

Upper Primary - Years 5 & 6

Prose - Maximum 1000 words, Poetry - No minimum stipulation

Lower Secondary - Years 7 & 8

Prose - Maximum 1500 words, Poetry - No minimum stipulation

Middle Secondary - Years 9 & 10

Prose - Maximum 1500 words, Poetry - No minimum stipulation

Upper Secondary - Years 11 & 12

Prose - Maximum 2000 words, Poetry - No minimum stipulation

Entries will not be returned

Entry Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

School _____

School Year _____

(Please circle) Poetry / Prose

Title of Entry _____

Word Count _____

To the best of my knowledge this is the entrant's original and unaided work.

Parent or Teacher signature _____

I give permission for my work to be used in publications or performances if selected.

Entrant signature _____

Checklist

- ☐ My name isn't on my work
- ☐ My form is stapled, not glued
- ☐ I have one form for each entry
- ☐ My work is my own

Please staple this page
securely to your entry.





Carnarvon Horsemen's Club 2018 Gymkhana Competition

Four events to find this year's Junior and Senior Gymkhana Champion.

Senior - \$15 Entry
Prizes
\$100 per Gymkhana
\$500 Overall
Champion

Junior - \$10 Entry
Prizes
\$50 per Gymkhana
\$200 Overall
Champion

**Day
membership
\$35**

12th May – Junction Festival Gymkhana – Gascoyne Junction

12:00 - Registration

13:00 - Lead line / First Ridden

13:30 - Junior / Senior

9th June – Callagiddy Gymkhana – Callagiddy Station

1st July – Combined Show – Carnarvon pony Club

3rd / 4th November – End of year gymkhana – TBA

Contact Steven – 0428372964 for more details

Pictured below is Brian and his team.
Enjoy your travels



Brian was born on Boolardy Station. The article can be found in the book titled Road to the Murchison, an illustrated story of the District and its people. Authors Marion Nixon & RFB LeFroy. This publication can be purchased at the Shire office

*Years later when George was himself a grown man, he was called on to assist in the birth of another early arrival in the Murchison. He was staying at Boolardy at the time: a young woman named Ann Wunnenberg had been living in the bush with her husband, Roy, who was fencing. She came to the Boolardy homestead well into labour, too late even for the Royal Flying Doctor Service from Meekatharra to get there. Instead, the doctor gave instructions via the radio to Sadie Williams, who was a hundred and twenty miles away at Manfred. She relayed them by phone to George Clarke who was forty-five miles away at Boolardy, and he in turn gave the instructions to George Boddington, who then took them to a native woman, Rosie. The baby came safely into the world and all was well, before the plane with the doctor arrived.



Sharon began working at the Murchison Shire in May 2011— she has created many memories during her tenure here—the montage that follows indicate how much she contributed to Settlement lifestyle, embracing the great outdoors with her family and grandchildren—included in this montage are memories from Landor, her Polo Cross prowess (awesome photos of her skills riding her beautiful mare Ébony' , trips to the Mullewa Muster and cooling off at the Murchison.....?, Art in the Bush (My Narryer Station) and witnessing the moving of the last span of the old Ballinyoo Bridge—and this is just a few of Sharon's wonderful memories here at the Murchison Settlement—"the shire with no Town"!!

Thank you Sharon

A large collage of 28 photographs capturing various moments from Sharon's life in the Murchison Settlement. The photos include polo matches, community events like the Mullewa Muster, people relaxing by water, children playing in fields, and local landmarks such as the "WELCOME TO MURCHISON" sign and the old Ballinyoo Bridge.

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FAIRWELL TO THE WUNDENBERGS AND PANTINGS

Sharon, Brian, Peta and Barry are leaving the Murchison Shire and Settlement after many years of combined service. We wish them well for their caravanning trip around Australia and for their future retirement. Thank you for your contributions to our community.



Peta and Grandsons

Frogs, Frogs, Frogs, froglets?, plague of frogs!



Since my move to the Murchison Settlement in 2016, I have never experienced such a large population of frogs in my entire life!

When first arriving here I regularly found them in the shower. At first, finding them cute, I would remove the ones I could get to (even though some always new how high to climb to be out of reach). When showering it is quite an experience as you feel soft squishy things jump on your feet, and stepping on them at night when walking to the bathroom is not pleasant either.

I hoped that they would be an environmentally friendly mozzie eradicator for the mosquito's that also like living in our unit.

After good rain they can be heard making deafening noise as thousands call out looking for a mate. Just like the large cicadas that are excessively noisy during mid-summer. I am sure that they would be over the allowable noise level set by health department standards and OSHA.

In my role as Librarian / Cleaner they are my biggest problem. They seem to have a preference for residing in the toilets and drains of the ablution blocks, houses, office – in fact – everywhere!

They leave more mess than any human users and their tracks can be seen all over the mirrors, toilet cisterns, tanks, walls, and windows. Sometimes one flush will reveal up to 20 frogs clinging to the inside of the bowl, hanging on for dear life by all fingers and toes as the water flushes over them, then diving into the pipe when they see me with the toilet brush.

After trying all sorts of environmentally friendly methods, I have resorted to the bottle of Dettol, which I seem to have a morbid sense of glee as it sends them into a mad panic, jumping and kicking as it goes to work.

After a quick Google search, I think they are desert tree frogs, scientific name: *Litoria rubella*

Please refer to the article on the next page from the Back Yard Buddies website.

(Article by Vicki Dumbris)



Desert Tree Frog



Go Back

The Desert Tree Frog is a very unique species - you can see its internal organs through its skin. Their extremely translucent skin lends them their other name - the Naked Tree Frog.

This interesting frog lives in every Australian state and territory except Victoria and Tasmania. It mainly lives west of the Great Dividing Range.

They are fawn, grey or brown with a pinkish hue. They also have black or gold markings along their bodies. Adult Desert Tree Frogs from Cooktown in Queensland have a more metallic bronze or gold sheen to them. You are most likely to see them at night in trees and shrubs close to water. These frogs have sticky pads on their fingers to help them climb the trees along creek beds and ponds.

Unlike most other desert frogs, the Desert Tree Frog doesn't burrow into the ground to avoid the heat. They spend the daytime hiding under rocks, beneath the loose bark of River Red Gums, or in tree openings. At night they emerge to look for food.

Desert Tree Frogs need to stay close to a permanent water source. They conserve water by resting with a lowered head and legs held close to their body.

Groups of this frog often squeeze into rock crevices to prevent dehydration, or huddle in damp soil under rocks or in tree hollows, changing their position regularly within the group so that each frog spends time in the centre of the cluster where it is warm and moist.

Desert Tree Frogs can survive several years between rains. They squeeze into a small opening in a tree near a water course and sleep there out of the heat until there is water in the creek again.

Once it rains, males call from the ground, or from trees and shrubs beside still or slow-moving water.

They'll breed any time of year, so long as there is water. Their loud, screeching calls sound like seagulls, and make for a deafening chorus.

Desert Tree Frogs often live close to our homes, where water is available. They love the moisture in our sinks and drain pipes.

Did you know?

Female Desert Tree Frogs lay clusters of up to 300 eggs. The tadpoles are brown all over and begin to turn into frogs when they are 2 to 4 weeks old. The froglets are able to leave the water before they even lose their tails.

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MURCHISON SHIRE COUNCIL
MULLEWA - CARNARVON ROAD.
VIA MULLEWA

EDITORIAL

The Editor apologises for the lack of a Monologue for January and February. Holidays, Christmas and hot weather are to blame.

COUNCIL NOTES

1. The Annual Ratepayers meeting will be held at 4pm Friday 22nd March at the Sports Ground. Agenda will include annual accounts for 1983/84, Presidents report and review of building projects present and future. All ratepayers welcome. The meeting will be followed by drinks, cheese and biscuits.
2. Council offers for Sale by Tender the following items:
 - a) One large old cash register.
 - b) One Villiers Air Compressor.
 - c) Scrap rail iron off cuts.
 - d) One 1970 V8 Dodge Prime Mover registration 6YS-761
 - e) One 12 foot baby Quin four wheel trailer, needs repairs.

All tenders must be in writing and delivered to the Shire Office by 4pm on 20th March 1985. No tender necessarily accepted.

B.R. POLLOCK.
SHIRE CLERK.

3. Council took delivery in December of one "Hino" six wheel tipping truck which will really upgrade our truck fleet.
4. Private Works: Council has recently carted large quantities of blue metal to stations cost \$350 per 14 yard load delivered to your homestead. If you have any dozing, grading or carting requirements contact the Shire Clerk.
5. Roadhouse Project: Council is endeavouring to help set up a roadhouse at Murchison for Jim and Suzie Brown. The buildings have arrived and hopefully the project will be functioning by April.
6. Shire Administration Block: Council has accepted in principle plans for the new block and costings are being obtained for various building materials. This project is hoped to be built in the winter of this year.
7. Shire History Book is nearly to manuscript stage. Honourary historian R. Lefroy is doing an excellent job. Have you sent back to him your history questionnaire?

SOCIAL NOTES

Congratulations to Greg Keynes on announcing his engagement to Kim Freeman who are both presently living at Bullythanna.

Do you young nothers want a playgroup type building at the shire with quiet airconditioned rooms to let little ones sleep?? If you do say so now.

How are all the wind effected homesteads in the district. I do believe Mileura, Woolgorong, Byro, Billabalong and the shire horse stalls all had damage due to high winds. Jim Brown was in America when it happened so we cannot blame him.

Jim and Suzie Brown have returned all smiles.

Alexander Donald Scott and Marc Trenfield were christened recently at Billabalong homestead by the Rev. Bernard Buckland. All babies behaved themselves.

Chris and Sue Graham are in residence at Wooleen STn untill the property is sold. Tenders close March 15th, takeover date is 26th April 1985.

Congratulations to Bill and Jenny on the arrival of Allistair Mitchell, one councillor was heard to say that Bill may get mother of the year award. How did the change go at the recent Geraldton Mid - West Regional Development meeting Bill?

Peter and Flicky and Tom Keogh are happily settled in the Den - Barker area. They have now finished rebuilding their home and are still subscribers to the Monologue.

It is with regret that we noted the death of Mr Les Millar on 24th February 1985 who often hilped look after the council interests over the last six years.

Janie (Jackaroo) Royce was recently married in Geraldton late of Yuin Stn. The new face at Yuin is Kelly.

Another new face at Billabalong is Peter from the snowy mountains. Keith and Sally are on holidays at Kalbarri.

SOCIAL CALANDER

March 1985

22nd Friday	8.30 am	Council meeting.
	9.00	Sports Club Busy Bee. <u>CWA MEETING</u> .
	3.30	Talk by Commissioner for Soil Conservation.
	4.00	Annual Ratepayers Meeting.
	5.00	Sports Club Meeting.

FOLLOWED BY NIGHT TENNIS.

April

5th Friday Easter Berringarra Fun Trail Ride.

27th or 28th Official Opening Morawa Pastoral Course, probably at
April Yuin Stn.

MURCHISON SPORTS CLUB BUSY BEE : 9.00 am Friday March 22nd.

To Be Done: Painting
Stable Repairs
Boat Clean up
Play Ground Repairs
Weldmesh Around Bougainvillea
General Maintenance
Mark Tennis Court Lines

Lunch Free Carton cans.

Meeting Friday March 22nd 5.00 pm

To Be Discussed: Fazing out of the Chit System Bar Rostering.
Future functions for approval ie Motor Bike Gynkana,
Horse Gynkana etc.
Don't forget the Sports Club Committee must approve these events.
Please put them in writing for this meeting.

K. SCOTT

Secretary

Thankyou to Francis (Wooleen Station) for providing this nostalgic look at the Murchison Monologue

Community Questionnaire

Frances Pollock – Wooleen Station

What kept you busy most of the Summer?

Study. Trying to finish my diploma and degree

Which of the four seasons do you love the most?

Autumn

What was the best book/movie you read/watched in the last 3 months?

Just reading never ending course materials!!!

What is your perfect pizza?

Capricciosa, with lots of olives and anchovies

What cheers you up, if you've had a bad day?

Sunset drinks with Dave and the dogs

Are you a morning or a night person?

Definitely morning.

Jano Foulkes-Taylor – Tardie Station

What kept you busy most of the Summer?

Forever watering, raking and cleaning.

Which of the four seasons do you love the most?

Spring

What was the best book/movie you read/watched in the last 3 months?

“See How They Run” by Jerrard Tickell (old English story, 1st published 1936)

What is your perfect pizza?

Heaps of topping and not much base

What cheers you up, if you've had a bad day?

My faithful pussy cats and the garden

Are you a morning or a night person?

Seem to be mostly an all-day person

Rossco Foulkes-Taylor – Yuin Station

What kept you busy most of the Summer?

Fencing

Which of the four seasons do you love the most?

I like all the seasons for different reasons and think life is a bit short to be too choosy. Having said this though January is the one “hump” month I sometimes look forward to getting through if it comes in a bit hot.

What was the best book/movie you read/watched in the last 3 months?

A book called “The Shepherds Life” by James Rebanks

What is your perfect pizza?

Most that come out of our wood pizza oven but especially those with anchovies.

What cheers you up, if you've had a bad day?

Chooks - they are so enthusiastic.

Are you a morning or a night person?

I usually prefer the last half of the day.

Chris Graham – Ex-Muggon Station

What kept you busy most of the Summer?

Keeping cool!

Which of the four seasons do you love the most?

Autumn

What was the best book/movie you read/watched in the last 3 months?

The Man from Coolibah - Milton Jones

What is your perfect pizza?

Meat Lovers

What cheers you up, if you've had a bad day?

Couple of beers

Are you a morning or a night person?

Morning Person

Michael Foulkes-Taylor – Tardie Station

What kept you busy most of the Summer?

Mills and baiting

Which of the four seasons do you love the most?

Spring

What was the best book/movie you read/watched in the last 3 months?

“For Whom the Bell Tolls” (2nd time read) by Ernest Hemingway

What is your perfect pizza?

Lots of prawns, white sauce and buts.

What cheers you up, if you've had a bad day?

A single malt

Are you a morning or a night person?

Night person

David Pollock – Wooleen Station

What kept you busy most of the Summer?

Building a new set of cattle yards

Which of the four seasons do you love the most?

Summer – it's quiet!

What was the best book/movie you read/watched in the last 3 months?

Netflix series - Rake

What is your perfect pizza?

Anything homemade – with NO anchovies

What cheers you up, if you've had a bad day?

The dogs, with cheese and wine, at any grassy location on Wooleen

Are you a morning or a night person?

Night person

Mark Teale – Mid West Freight

1 What kept you busy most of the Summer?

The fire brigade

2 Which of the four seasons do you love the most?

Winter

3 What was the best book/movie you read/watched in the last 3 months?

The Name of the Wind - Patrick Rothfuss (3rd read through)

4 What is your perfect pizza?

Pepperoni

5 What cheers you up, if you've had a bad day?

Nice dinner with the family

6 Are you a morning or a night person?

Both, depends on how much sleep I've had

Quentin Fowler – Beringarra Station

1 What kept you busy most of the Summer?

Chasing water and drinking

2 Which of the four seasons do you love the most?

We only have 2 seasons here, summer and winter, so definitely winter

3 What was the best book/movie you read/watched in the last 3 months?

Blood, Tears and Folly by Len Deighton

4 What is your perfect pizza?

Any pizza that Shelly makes

5 What cheers you up, if you've had a bad day?

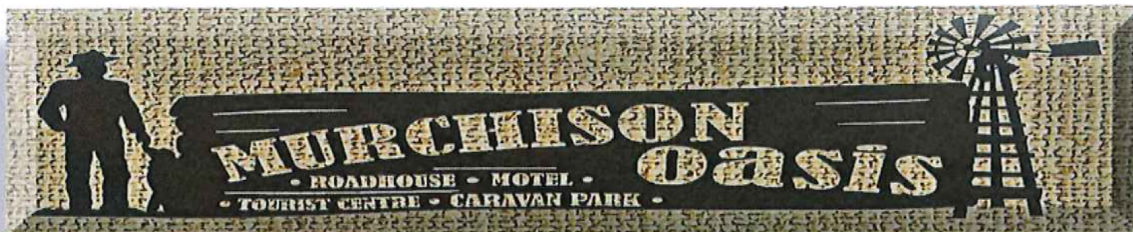
My family and alcohol

6 Are you a morning or a night person?

Morning

Thanks to the Federal Government and the Roads to Recovery Program we have been able to undertake reseal work of the Settlement area and various sections of the Carnarvon Mullewa Road.





Under New Management since 16/03/2017

Phone: 08 99 613875

Email: murchisonoasis@westnet.com.au

OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday 7am – 7pm (All year)

Saturday 8am – 6pm (April to October) (8am – 4pm November to March)

Sunday 8am – 4pm (April to October) (9am – noon November to March)

FUEL

24 hour access to fuel bowser with card facility.

Fuel purchase available by cash and eftpos during open hours only,

ROADHOUSE – free wifi. Dine In & Takeaway. Kitchen open during trading hours.

New dine in meals include Grilled Red Spot Emperor and Kangaroo Schnitzel (Schnitzel starts May)

New menu board includes Souvlaki, Wraps, Oasis Burger & Oasis Sausage Roll.

Friday night Fish & Chips - Saturday night Pizza. Local delivery Friday and Saturday 6pm – 7pm.

Park and room service Saturday & Sunday 5pm – 6pm.

Sunday midday - fresh homemade bread (starts in May)

Groceries, ice, drinks, ice creams, snacks, meat & fresh fruit and vegetables. Alcohol is not available.

ACCOMMODATION (Rates valid to end November 2018)

Units –

Three double ensuite units @ \$120 per night for singles or couples only.

One non ensuite unit with 3 single beds. First bed \$75/night & extra \$10 per person after that. ie. 3 people @ \$95/night.

After hours check in available through prior arrangement.

CARAVAN PARK –

Powered sites @ \$25/ night for 2 people (\$5 extra person/ night)

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

Laundry facilities available.

Disability access available throughout Park and Motel units.

Free BBQ for guests. BBQ packs (incl. salads) can be made to order if required.

After hours site check in welcome. Please reverse towards pathway either North or South of park & pay for your site before you leave.

Toilets and Showers – 24 hour access – to Park guests and Public - No charge.

Telstra Phone Box – Phone cards available in Roadhouse shop - \$5, \$10 & \$20.

Pets – We are a pet and family friendly park. ALL Pets MUST remain on a leash at ALL times and must be picked up after. Pets are NOT permitted inside motel rooms.

Playground – situated between Murchison Sports Club and Shire Offices.

Lawn Bowls or Tennis anyone? – enquire at Roadhouse for equipment for guests.

Murchison Museum – is open every day April to September 8.30am to 4.30pm. Step back in time...

On the run... need to order? Call up the Roadhouse on Ch7 duplex & try our one hander Burger

"WA's Best Kept Secret"

snip]The Murchison Oasis Roadhouse, Motel, Tourist Center and Caravan is Located on the Carnavon-Mullewa Road, approx. 200km North of Mullewa.

Catering is Available for Events/Functions at the Murchison Sports Club.
Our dining room can cater for 20 – 24 guests.
For further information, please email the roadhouse at:
murchisonoasis@westnet.com.au

We deliver evenings within the local settlement on Friday and Saturday nights.
We deliver to the Caravan Park and Motel rooms on Saturday and Sunday nights.
Latest delivery time is approx. ½ hour after closing time.

Motel room service as previously arranged at time of booking

Murchison Oasis Roadhouse
Carnavon-Mullewa Road
Murchison Settlement
Murchison, WA, 6630

The Oasis Team
Peter & Nicole Mahony – Managers
Eden, Clint & Jarrod – The Crew



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Dine In/ Take Away Menu

Phone Orders Welcome
Phone: (08) 99613 875

ROADHOUSE HOURS

1st April to 30th September
Mon – Fri: 7am to 7pm
Sat: 8am to 6pm
Sun: 8am to 4pm

1st October to 31st March
Mon – Fri: 7am to 7pm
Sat: 8am to 4pm
Sun: 9am to Noon

Kitchen Open during Roadhouse hours
Intolerances and Allergies Catered For

BURGERS

Steak-Onion-Sauce	\$12.00
Steak the Lot	\$16.00
Hamburger-Onion-Sauce	\$10.00
Hamburger the Lot	\$15.00
Chicken-Cheese-Mayo-Lettuce	\$12.00
Chicken the Lot	\$15.00
Oasis Burger	\$18.00

TOASTIES

Bacon-Egg-Sauce	\$7.50
Ham-Cheese	6.50
Ham-Cheese-Tomato-Onion	\$7.50
Chicken-Cheese-Mayo	\$7.50
Steak-Onion-Sauce	\$12.00
Steak the Lot	\$16.00

SANDWICHES/ ROLLS/ WRAPS

Sandwiches from	\$6.50
Rolls from	\$7.50
Wraps	\$9.00
Ham, Chicken, Beef, Corned	
Silverside, Crispy Bacon, salami	
Pickles, Mustard, Mayo, Relish	
Sandwiches with Meat & Salad	\$7.50
Rolls with Meat & Salad	\$8.00
BLT -Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato	\$7.50
Salad includes Cheese & Beetroot	
Extras – 50c	
Souvlaki – Chicken/Lamb	\$12.00

SNACKS

Pies/Pasties	\$5.00
Sausage Rolls	\$4.00
Big Country Pies	\$5.50
Oasis Sausage Roll	\$5.00
Chicken Nuggets (each)	.50c
Or 12 for	\$5.00
Wing Dings (each)	\$2.50
Or 5 for	\$10.00
Honey Satay Wings (each)	\$2.00
Or 6 for	\$10.00
Spring Roll	\$3.50
Chicken/Cheese Sausage	\$4.00
Beef Sausage	\$4.00
Mini Pizza	\$3.50
Pineapple Fritter	\$3.00
Banana Fritter	\$3.00
Crab Stick	\$3.50
Squid Ring (each)	\$2.50
Hot Chips	
Small	\$3.00
Large	\$5.00
Family	\$9.00
Pizza	\$16.00
Hot Dog	\$5.00
Super Dog	\$7.50
Fish and Chips for 1	\$14.00
Extra Fish	\$9.00
Seafood Basket	\$16.00
Salad Bowls Take Away ea	\$5.00

BREKKY

Eggs – fried-scrambled-poached	
Eggs on Toast	\$9.00
Bacon & Eggs	\$14.00
Sausages & Eggs	\$14.00
Big Brekky	25.00
Bacon, eggs, sausages, hash brown, choice spag/beans, mushrooms, grilled tomato & toast	
Oasis Big Brekky – Mixed Grill	\$35.00

MEALS

Scotch Fillet	\$35.00
T-Bone	\$35.00
Rump	\$25.00
Surf n Turf	\$40.00
Chicken Parma	\$30.00
Fish n Chips Barra	\$18.00
Red Spot Emperor – Grille	\$28.00
Pizza	\$16.00
Large Salad	\$10.00
Large Meat & Salad	\$20.00

All meals are served with a choice of Veg or Salad and Chips and choice of Gravy, Pepper, Garlic or Mushroom sauce.

PET OWNERS BEWARE



Under the wildlife recovery program *Western Shield*, the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) carries out 1080 fox and feral cat baiting operations on nearly three million hectares of land it manages. The program is working to bring native animals back from the brink of extinction by controlling introduced predators such as the European red fox and feral cat. As a result of baiting, many native animal species have increased in number or continue to persist in the wild.



1080 is poisonous to humans and will kill domestic cats and dogs.

1080 POISON RISK



Dried meat or sausage baits containing **1080 POISON** are regularly laid in this area to control **FOXES AND FERAL CATS**.



1080 is poisonous to humans and will kill cats and dogs. Please leave your pets at home or prevent them from entering this area.

Contact your local DPaW office for information on the *Western Shield* Wildlife Recovery Program.



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Pet owners please be aware that large areas of State forest, national parks and nature reserves are baited throughout the year and must be considered dangerous areas for pet dogs and cats at all times. If visiting these areas it is advised that you leave your pets at home. Do not take your pets into areas baited with 1080.

Baiting operations extend from Karratha in the north, through the forests of the south-west to areas east of Esperance.

All baited areas are signposted (see example above). Pet owners are asked to observe 1080 warning signs and remain vigilant in preventing pets from entering baited areas.



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Above 1080 meat baits used for introduced predator control.

1080 baits are made of meat and are extremely attractive to dogs who can detect the baits from many metres away. The baits will tempt both well-trained dogs and fussy eaters.

Please be aware that it is legal for DPaW and other neighbours to bait as close as five metres from your boundary and as close as 150 metres from your dwelling. Pets can travel these distances very quickly.

Take your pet to a vet immediately if you suspect it has taken a bait. Vomiting may be induced if there will be a reasonable delay in getting to a vet. Be aware that it is not easy for an untrained person to make an animal vomit. If you do succeed in inducing vomiting the pet should still be taken to a vet as some poison could have been absorbed and the pet may not be out of danger.

Maps of areas baited as part of the *Western Shield* program can be viewed on DPaW's website at dpaw.wa.gov.au/westernshield.

For further information about 1080 poison risk areas please contact your local DPaW office.



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Media Release

Vincent Catania MLA
Member for North West Central

MEDIA RELEASE

16 April 2018

Catania welcomes additional investment into regional airport upgrades

Nationals WA Member for North West Central Vince Catania has welcomed the overdue announcement that five communities in the Gascoyne and MidWest regions will be getting vital upgrades to their regional airports.

Minister for Transport, Rita Saffioti made the announcement last week that five regional airports in the North West Central electorate had secure funding as part of the Regional Airports Development Scheme (RADS).

Airports at Wiluna, Sandstone, Coral Bay, Shark Bay and Murchison will share in \$795,000 from the total of \$2.5 million allocated across regional WA.

Mr Catania said "This is an important investment into the future and continued growth of the five regional communities and the townships that are serviced by people and passengers using aircraft landing at these locations."

"Wiluna in particular is getting substantial funding of nearly \$320, 000 for important upgrades to runway lighting, replacement of security fencing and new airport CCTV equipment."

"This funding will also be helping to complete the preparation of the design and documents for a future airport terminal to accommodate the expected increase in passenger traffic," Mr Catania said.

RADS funding for the four other airports in the Gascoyne and MidWest will help to improve reliability, extend daily operating times and allow regional airlines additional capabilities for newer aircraft.

Mr Catania said "Coral Bay is also receiving substantial funding for solar lighting which will improve safety for night time landings of RFDS aircraft and will help to construct a small passenger terminal that will also have rest facilities for pilots and crew."

"The funding for the Shark Bay airport will enable widening of the runway so that the new commercial operator for that sector, Rex Aviation, will be able operate with greater safety from June this year."

"Aviation connectivity is vital to most regional communities for health, employment and economic sustainability. It is also an important factor when companies are looking to make substantial, long-term investments in the region," Mr Catania said.

Ends.

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