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MURCHISON

MONOLOGUE

The Shire of Murchison's "Banner in the Terrace" contribution above — hung in St George's Tce from July 22nd to August 4th. The creative artists are Catherine Prow (7 years of age), Bella Pumpa (6) and Eliza Pumpa (4). These talented girls are students of the Meekatharra School of the Air. Their inspiration came from travelling between the Settlement and Murgoo Station — they managed to be creative whilst working around their school schedules. Well done girls!

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If you have any articles or information about events or photo's you wish to share with our readers, then please do not hesitate to contact the office. We would love to include them.

News from the CEO's Desk

Hello Community Members,

The first thing that I would like to say is a BIG THANK YOU to the crew (Dianna Kempton, Erica & Jack Kellock, Sue & Monty Smith, and Lorraine Sartori) that came out to the Settlement at the beginning of June to help host a Bowls Fun Day. It started with a great brunch before a day of fun on the green. The day continued until well into the late afternoon.

My thanks also to Paul & Jo Squires for initiating the day and to the members of the community that were able to attend.

If you would like to have a game of bowls or just try it out the Shire has bowls and mats available for loan.

The Shire is willing to consider hosting similar events and would welcome ideas from the community. Who knows maybe a 10km fun ride and BBQ next? Please contact Bernie Peirl at our office with your ideas.

The Polocrosse weekend was held at the beginning of July. It was fairly well attended and I thank the Shire crew for their work in assisting to keep it running smoothly. Peter and Nicole, from the Roadhouse, arranged for Coral Coast Helicopter Services to offer flights over the settlement. It was a great idea to try and encourage visitors to experience the Murchison in a different way.

In relation to the SKA Project I would like to invite all members of our community to a meeting with the SKA/CSIRO to be held at the community centre at 11 am on the 22nd August 2018. The objective of the meeting is to discuss the impact of the SKA Project and the Radio Quiet Zone on the community and on the local economy. Some of the areas of concern that have been raised are:

- Road issues
    - Restriction of access to gravel pits and water for public works.
    - Road agreements and procedures in times of road closures and preventative measures
    - Compensation to shire for extra burden operations and admin.
- Status on Land Tenure
- Opportunities for R&D in the district
- Progress of fencing around Boolardy's boundaries
- Opportunities for local labour and businesses
- Interpretive centre
    - SKA/CSIRO input
    - Interaction of tourists and the actual site

The impact on rates for the Shire

Delay of road upgrades and maintenance

Notice of tradies, choppers for vermin control, etc coming to do work share resources

Position on stray cattle

Other impact on tourism and pastoral activities

- Use of drones for monitoring rangelands condition and soil carbon
- Future restrictions on solar pumps and electric fences
- RFI - Mobiles, UHF radios, mobiles, wifi and the restricted zones (RALI MS32) – impact on tourism, mustering and local businesses, especially safety
- Vermin control – CSIRO input and streamlining processes with pastoralists and CRBA
- Compensation for impact on pastoral/tourism activities

Finally, I will be away from the office in August. In my stead Rose Jones will be the acting CEO.

Regards

Peter Dittrich

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

Hello All,

There has been some pretty reasonable winter rain for the majority of the Shire since the last edition of the Monologue which has certainly

freshened the country up.

Unfortunately an area in the north east of the Murchison that missed out on decent summer rain has also not done that well with winter falls either.

I really feel for those that have not got some winter feed on the ground.

I recently drove to Kalgoorlie and back via Sandstone and from 50 odd km east of Yalgoo onwards the country showed no sign of any winter rain at all.

Council has been working through a number of different issues over the past months.

A few of these include:

· Working with Main Roads, to finalise the Twin Peaks Murchison River Crossing to MRO road design, for the upgrade required to facilitate the SKA construction and then maintenance traffic. Most aspects are sorted out but it would be fair to say that our council is considerably more conservative than Main Roads on what is an acceptable road height across flood country. We have a meeting planned to try and sort out a design we are all satisfied with.

· The Beringarra to Cue road being returned to gravel is a job that is progressing ok – gravel/ calcrete and water availability have been surveyed and following some final road design and drainage work we should be ready to call tenders for the work.

· Following the widespread road damage during Ex-Cyclone Joyce in January a significant claim was submitted through the WA Natural Disaster Relief system (more commonly referred to as Flood Damage). This claim was successful and having received a number of tender applications Council hopes to award the road restoration work contracts at the July meeting. The work has been split into three separate contracts – North, South East and South West.

Four of the Shire crew have headed off after many years of very good service. I wish Sharon, Brian, Peta and Barry all the best for whatever they plan to do next.

Cheers

Rossco

BOWLS FUN DAY

Whilst some of us bowled "pumpkins" - the Bowling Fun Day held on June 10th was a huge success. Peter our CEO—or should we refer to him as "Head Chef" and his "assistant" Andrew Whitmarsh cooked up a delicious breakfast at 10am - after we had enjoyed breaky, coffees and juices the Wonthella Bowling Club "enthusiasts" fitted us all with our "bowls" and off we strode to the bowling greens— full of enthusiasm—where instructions, guidance and tips for beginners were readily available—amongst lots of laughter and questions, questions and more questions !

Our special thanks go to :

Diana Kempton

Erica & Jack Kellock

Sue & Monty Smith

Lorraine Sartori

We thank you for driving to the Settlement, the amazing amount of patience shown and the laughter shared.

We know our bowling greens will be used more often now

Thank you very much

At the end of the day we put a Murchison team together—Andrew Whitmarsh, Peter Mahony & Stuart Broad played the visiting Wonthella Bowling Team –and we gave them a run for their money—however—they beat us…….till next time…….(thank you Paul Squires for those words)

JUNE 10, 2018

"Drone Photo" - with thanks to Kevin McKenna, Principal—Pia Wadjarri Remote Community School

Playing lawn bowls is for all age groups !!!!!

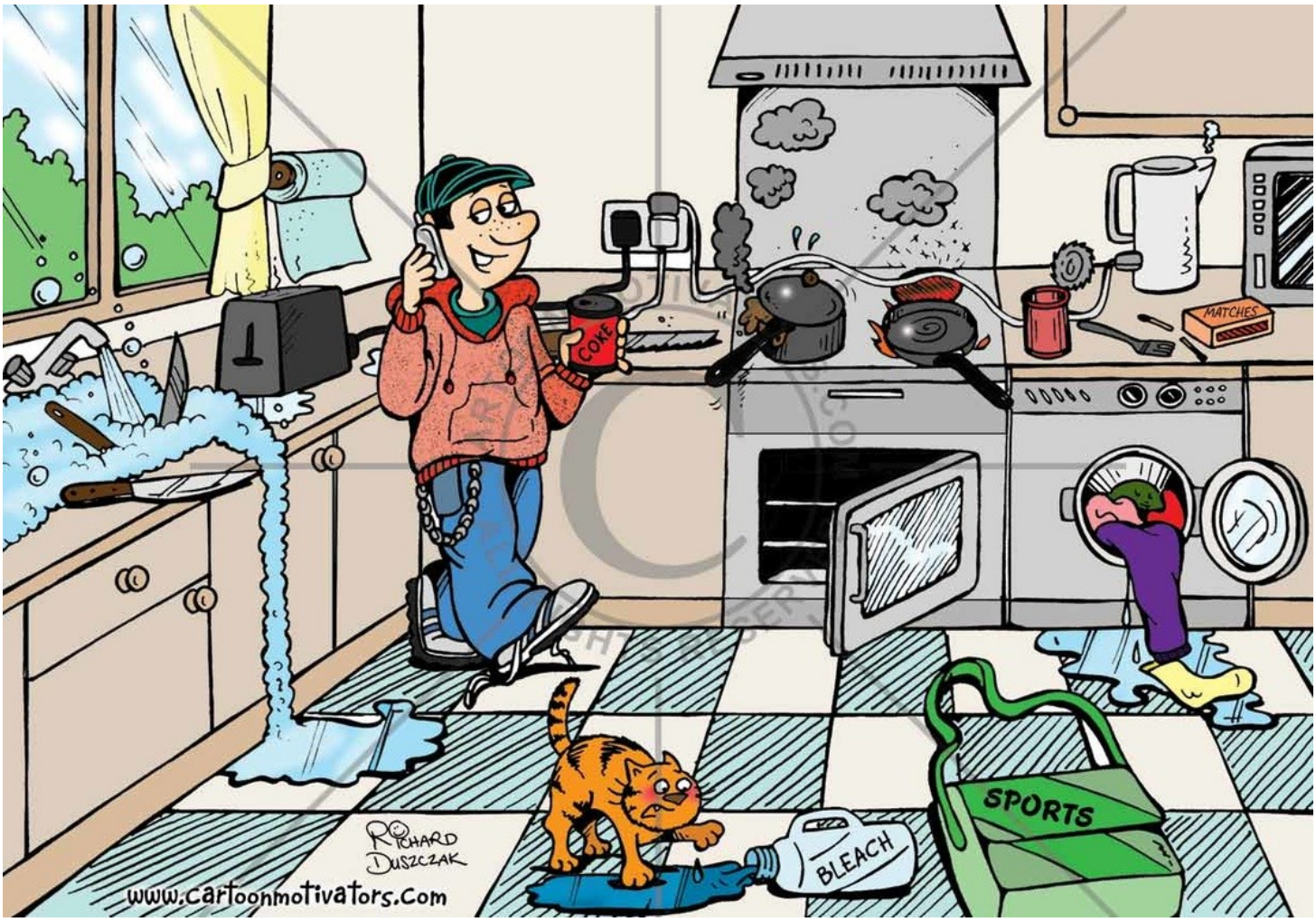
- why not try it at the Settlement……..?

Health & Well Being

……..Peter setting a fabulous example of getting out 'n about after a hard days work in the office

- this is one example of what a CEO can do for a community—mental & physical well being - what are you doing for your well being …..

SPOT THE HAZARDS



Health & Safety

- The Shire provided our Community and all employees the opportunity for Tetanus and Flu Vaccinations

- At our monthly toolbox meetings we are encouraging a healthy breakfast to begin the day

- Our admin personnel are encouraged by the CEO to 'take time out' from sitting whilst working on computers all day - take a walk—breathe in fresh air and divert the eyes from the monitors regularly

- We welcome ideas and feedback on how to make our Community a safe place to live and work

- We are encouraging our workforce to take advantage of personal protection equipment that is readily available — protect your eyesight, hearing and slip slop slap !!!!!!!!!

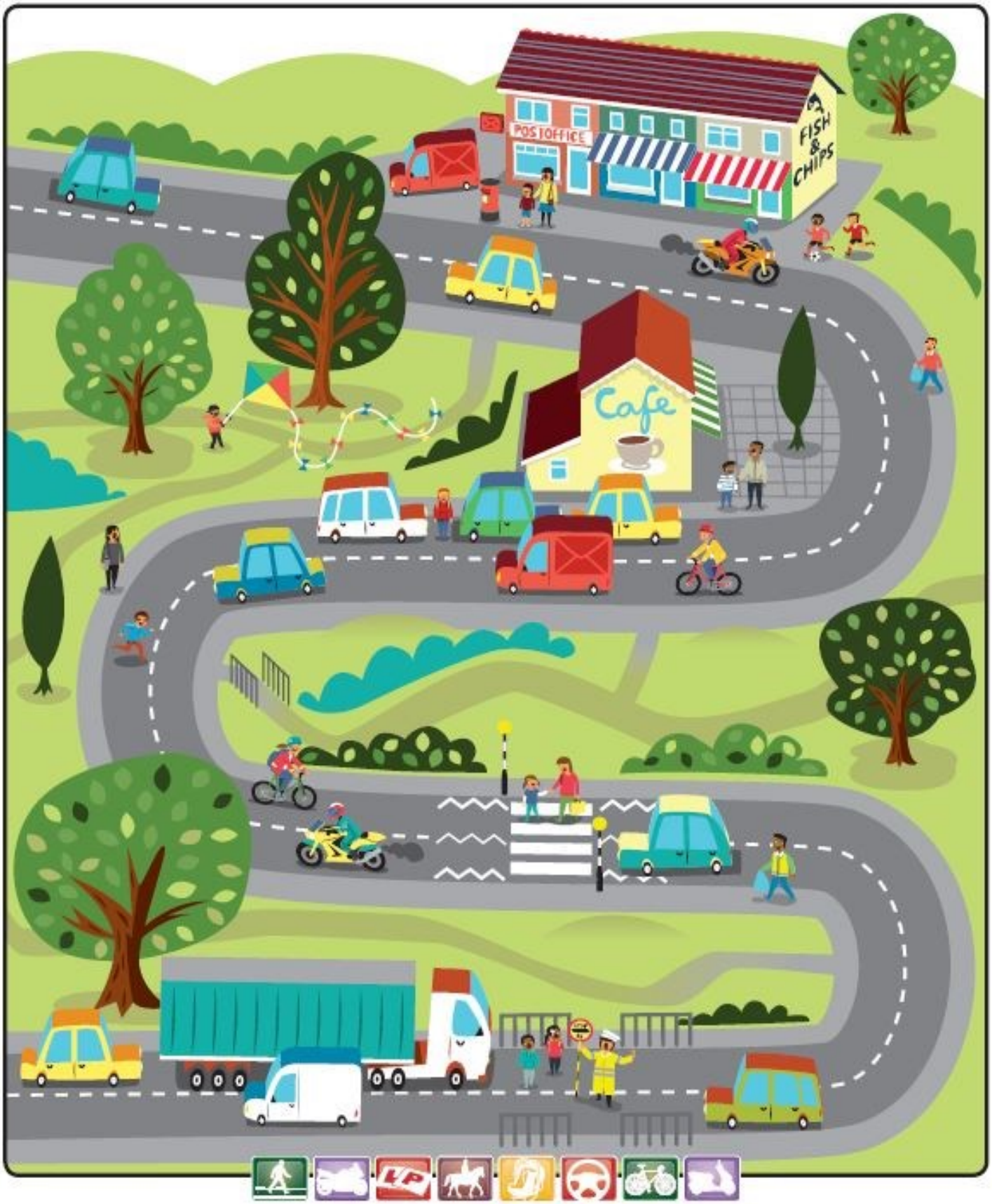
- Stay hydrated !

- Enjoy the great outdoors !

Fun Stuff for the little people in our Community

Spot the hazards

Circle each of the dangerous actions of pedestrians on or near the road.



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POLOCROSSE WEEKEND

JULY 7TH & 8TH, 2018

Aerial view of the Murchison with Neil Combe riding shotgun with Pilot "Ryan" from Coral Coast Helicopters, Carnarvon

Enjoy cocktailes and canapés while the sun sets over the World's biggest rock followed by a four course meal cooked on our massive Asado style wood fired barbecue by Chef Stuart Laws and his team. Succulent outback beef, accompanied with fresh Gascoyne procuce, followed by a sweet treat. Licensed bar and live music. Free morning after breakfast.

Great food, good company and live music in an extraordinary setting.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Tickets $90 ring 08 99430527

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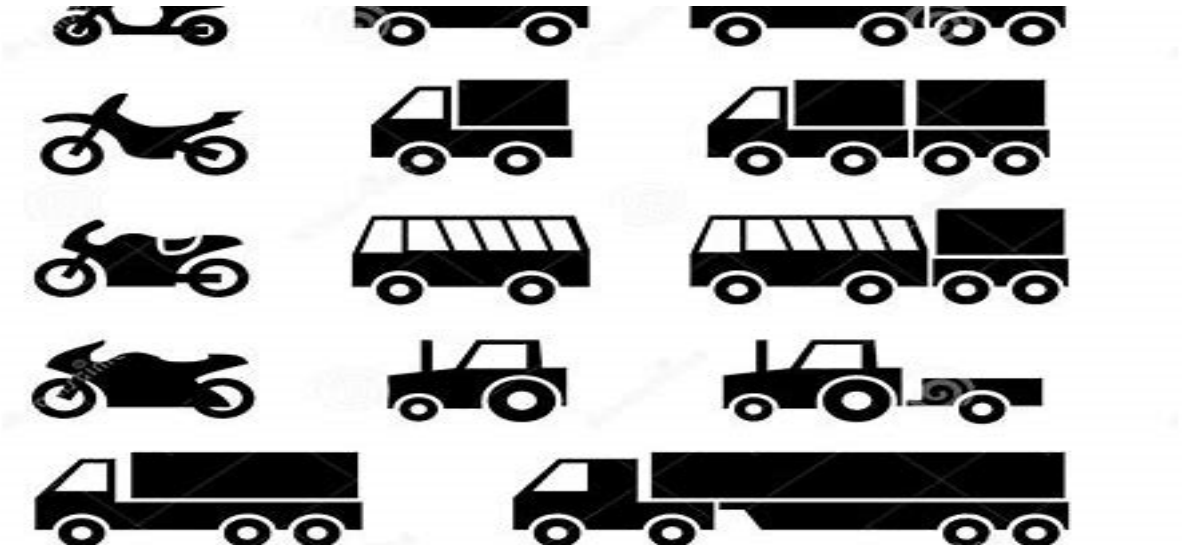
We'd like to advise there will be no Department of Transport transactions conducted on Fridays at the Shire office until further notice

Transactions can be conducted Monday—Thursdays

9am—3.30 pm



VEGIE TUNNEL

EAT FRESH !!!!!

Paul is growing a fabulous selection of fresh vegetables—don't forget to visit when next you are in the Settlement

THE MURCHISON SHIRE &

SKA/CSIRO

INVITE YOU TO A

Public Meeting

Community Centre 11am

The meeting is to address issues of concern to community members including:

Operational matters affecting pastoralists such as UHF radio, remote monitoring, electric / virtual fencing and drone usage.

Community development concerns – seeking support from CSIRO to develop infrastructure, services and job opportunities within the Settlement and Shire.

Good neighbour concerns including stock and vermin control and improving communications between SKA and stakeholders

Please RSVP to admin@murchison.wa.gov.au for catering purposes or if you would like more information