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Editor's Message

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the first edition of the Monologue for 2022.

While I don't want to wish time away I am relieved that we are now in autumn and very soon it's going to be lovely and mild. And on that subject, now is the time to be prepping your vegetable garden with compost etc. You can even start planting a few winter veg, as long as you are prepared to nurture them through the inevitable hot days still ahead. Most of the brassicas can go in now as well as silverbeet, peas, carrots, onions. You could get in a quick crop of beans too, before the weather gets too cool.

It's also a good time to think about planting trees and shrubs. Planting them in autumn gives them the best chance of being well established before next summer.

Our family are very grateful for all the lovely messages from everyone expressing their condolences at Jano's passing. It's been quite amazing how many people have come out of the woodwork to get in touch and tell us how much

Jano touched their lives and, in some cases, changed their lives. She will be sadly missed but I'm sure she will continue to inspire us with her legacy and achievements in our community and beyond.

Cheers

Emma

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Rosco's Rundown



Hello All,
I hope 2022 has been treating you well to date. I wouldn't call it a cool summer so far, with plenty of quite long runs of days close to the mid-forties.

For those of us that have lived in the Murchison for a fair while it has probably been quite acceptable really.

Given the terrible fires literally on our doorstep (I think the nearest ones were only around 80 km northwest of Muggon, spreading right through to close to Carnarvon) and the severe flooding upending people's lives on the east side of the country, I feel very grateful to be travelling relatively normally. I expect our turn to be tested one way or another will arise in due course but am appreciative of the current calm and my thoughts are with those not so fortunate.

On December the 18th at the annual Christmas function in the Settlement, Lucia and Steve Human from Yallalong were welcomed as Australian citizens in a short formal ceremony. Congratulations Lucia and Steve for travelling the various roads that have led to you becoming brand new Australians living in the Murchison.

The last few kilometres of road sealing on the Shire's current program, near Woolgorong, has finally been completed after several mishaps and delays by the asphalt contractor. Thank you to William and a couple of other crew who went above and beyond to keep the pre-prepared road surface up to scratch over the Christmas break so that the asphalt could be applied as soon as the supplier was ready.

Now that this is done the Shire plans to push on further south as we work towards our aim of having the road sealed from the Settlement to the south boundary.

You may ask, "What about the 40odd km of dirt in the City of Greater Geraldton which exists between our south boundary and Mullewa?"- to which I would reply, please rest assured that Council is trying our best to encourage the City to get stuck in and begin sealing their section. We are coming up against a fair deal of apathy regarding our encouragement and I'd like to suggest that if any of our Monologue readers

have a chance to articulate the logic and importance of sealing this section of road to anyone from the CGG please don't be shy in sharing your thoughts.

Council has several items on the table as we begin working through this year. A few of these include:

- ~ returning sections of the Beringarra/Cue road back to a gravel surface.
- ~ working with Main Roads WA to finalise our agreement which would see the Shire managing the public road construction/maintenance required for the SKAO project.
- ~ putting effort into Settlement power and water supply upgrade and,
- ~ trying not to let our extreme frustration at bureaucratic delays in getting some flood damage road restoration underway get the better of us.

As you may already know, a long-term Murchison resident, Jano F-T, died here at Yuin on January 31st. Thank you to those that have passed on your best wishes to Michael and our family.

Until next time.

Rosco

CEO's Desk

2022 has started off well

A particular positive aspect has been the growth and expertise from our Works Crew which has significantly transformed the Carnarvon Mullewa Road through excellent construction in the southern sections with significant sections with another section of 7.2m wide seal having been completed. Congratulations guys!!!

Our bit in converting gravel sections seal should be finished in late 2022. As Rosco outlined all that then will be required is for the City of Greater Geraldton to do their bit!!!

Meanwhile we are diligently working on a raft of Community Economic Development Projects including the Murchison SKA Interpretive Experience Project. The "Beyond Milky Way" current SKA interactive video AS outlined elsewhere in this issue is very impressive.

Ciao

Bill

Council Works

The works crews returned to work on January 28 and picked up where they had left off prior to the Christmas break.

Construction

The construction crew have been busy with the finishing touches to shoulders, drains and a general tidy up of the section along the new seal on the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road. At the time Council met they will have made a start on the next section. First job will be the installation of 450mm culverts on the southern end of the hill we will be blasting later in the year. The construction crew also have a new crew member, Michael Hodder who has replaced Peter Troy.

Maintenance Crew

Neil spent the first 2 weeks working on his own doing a tidy up of batters and drains along the Carnarvon Mullewa Rd. from the settlement south as far as the Ballinyoo Bridge. Finding a new crew member to join Neil is a work in progress at this point in time. The recent rain has caused a re-think in the maintenance program. Neil who has been joined by Glen Whitehurst from Walladar for now, have made a start on the Beringarra-Pindar Rd just south of Parkers Hill. They will do a patch grade as far as the Cockney Bill intersection, and then revert back to a full maintenance grade and patch up of severely scoured sections from the MRO intersection to Nookawarra.

Seal Job

Finally, I can report that this job has been completed. Unfortunately, I cannot say it went off without a hitch. The end result, however, looks more than acceptable.

10M Mine

10M presented their proposal to Council prior to the commencement of the February meeting. Following this it was resolved that at this stage 10M's initial response was deemed insufficient for Council to approve the initial trial. Council had previously identified a raft of preconditions that were requested to be undertaken as a precursor to Council making a decision. Further follow up will follow.

Semi Water Tanker

The semi water tanker has reached the end of its life. Discussion with the plant committee has resulted in the works manager looking for a

skeleton trailer to build the tanks, pump, and sprays onto. At the same time a dolly and flat top trailer will also be sourced.



Remote Roads Upgrade Pilot Program

On 2 November 2021, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, announced the Remote Roads Upgrade Pilot Program. The Australian Government is providing \$150 million of funding for projects which targets road improvements for regional communities.

The length of road in the project application is to be of significant length, with program objectives

targeting projects of 20 kilometres or more as an indicative guide.

In response, an application was lodged to stabilise and widen the existing 4.0m seal to 7.2m width, and where appropriate install floodways, for a section of the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road between the Twin Peaks Wooleen Road and the Murchison Settlement.

Funding is on an 80:20 basis over a three-year period of the program. Estimated Cost

\$4.85million made of \$3.88m Program Grant and \$0.97m Council.

We expect a raft of submission but at least we have put out hat into the ring.

Shire Library

The Murchison Shire website is not the only thing to receive a new face-lift. The library has now undergone a recent re-vamp with new flooring. Be sure to come inside and take a look when your next in need of some fresh reading materials...



End of Year Celebrations

The end of year community Christmas event was celebrated with a dinner and get together by staff, community members and our neighbours from CSIRO and SKAO'. Along with a fabulous dinner, we also formally welcomed Mr and Mrs Human who received their Australian citizenship and a hearty welcome.



These festivities were undertaken alongside our quite unique and spectacular Christmas tree (featured on the front cover of this edition)– a low-frequency radio telescope antenna. The antenna is about 2 metres in height and collects low-frequency radio waves.



There will be more than 130,000 of these antennas in the upcoming SKA-Low telescope, based here in the Murchison at CSIRO's Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory. The SKA low antenna makes a fine Christmas tree, but in reality, it will play a more important role in studying the universe.

The purpose of the arrays is to conduct research into one of the most interesting periods of the Universe, looking back to the first billion years of the Universe to look at the formation of the first stars and galaxies, providing valuable insight into dark matter and dark energy and the evolution of the Universe.

Earlier in the evening, the Shire was lucky enough to be greeted with a visit by Santa, who did not arrive on reindeers but funnily enough thought it would be better fit to swing by on a Water Truck!



Presents followed after Santa cooled everyone down with his Water Truck! Well Done Santa!
A wonderful end to the year!

Road Travelling Safety

However, lets not forget the importance of SAFETY when travelling in and around these Ancient lands, especially as we return for a new year with the extreme heat conditions upon us. Our very own Coombsy was not so lucky when his car battery decided to catch fire and ultimately reduce his car to ashes on Butchers Track!



Coombsy escaped without a scratch and we are all relieved! However his car is Toast!

I shall take this opportunity to remind everyone of the special care to be taken on our roads..

- * **Carry Adequate Fuel, Water, Food Supplies, Spare Tyres & Road Maps.**
- * **Carry a Satellite Phone.**
- * **Carry First Aid Kit.**
- * **Beware of Stock and Wildlife on Roads - Avoid Night Driving.**
- * **Drive to Conditions.**
- * **Do Not Camp in Waterways – Flash Floods Can Occur Without Warning.**
- * **Remain With the Vehicle in the Event of Mechanical Breakdown.**
- * **In the event of a medical emergency call the Royal Flying Doctor Service on 08 9417 6389.**

Minister visit to the Murchison

The Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Hydrogen Industry Hon. Alannah MacTiernan MLC had a visit to the Murchison on 23 February 2022. Shire Community Manager and DCEO Mr Steven Cosgrove joined the Minister along with many pastoralists and members from the MWDC as she spent her day at Wooleen Station discussing "The Southern Rangelands Revitalisation Pilot project and how it "provides a hands-on approach to building long-term sustainability and business

resilience for stations across the regions". 16 stations will participate in the innovative pilot program, which will develop individual roadmaps to revive rangeland conditions, while building business resilience. The group of pastoralists - nine from the Murchison, three from the Gascoyne and four from the Goldfields-Nullarbor - will explore a range of options and opportunities as part of the peer learning group. The Minister also took the opportunity to congratulate David and Frances on a successful grant to relocate the old Shearers kitchen , mess and turn it into a visitor hub.



David Pollock took a group of us on a bus tour where the Minister took some photographs and was interviewed by the ABC. before returning to a delicious lunch hosted by Frances.

Economic Security4Women Connection Program

The Economic Security4Women Connection Program is a one year leadership and mentoring program for 10 women owned or led businesses based in remote or very remote WA.

10 female business leaders located in very remote Western Australia have the opportunity to apply for The Economic Security4Women Connection Program. This exciting program is offered through Femeconomy Partner economic Security4Women (eS4W), and funded by the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund and applications close midnight Friday 25 March 2022.



Recent Passing of Community Member Janette Foulkes-Taylor

(Extract Taken from Farm Weekly, 9.6.18)

It takes a certain type of person to enjoy living and working on a station, being able to cope with isolation, lack of communication and drought – more than the average country folk or farmer would experience.

Although a love for the land and livestock is paramount, equally important is the need to be independent, self-reliant and determined.

The Foulkes-Taylor home at Yuin was the first homestead in the Murchison area, dating back to 1874.

The historic 130,000 hectare station has been in the Foulkes-Taylor family since 1928 when it was

purchased by Charles and Rosemary Foulkes-Taylor.



Janette Floyd Foulkes-Taylor (1940-2022).

Charles and Rosemary had managers on the station until their son Michael and wife Jano became partners/managers in 1960 and then sole owners in 1980 before a succession plan for Rossco and Emma to take over, started in 1998.

With the recent passing of Jano, her life was celebrated by many at the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club on 18.2.22.



A great deal of effort has been put into maintaining the homestead to represent its heritage, as well as maintaining the land of Yuin.

Goodbye's & Greetings

It is with great sadness that we say Goodbye to the one and only Grot! As we wave goodbye and send our best wishes with her I thought I could maybe get away with calling her by her real name just once ... but No, she is and always will be Grot.



Grot has been an integral part of the Shire operating as a whole, she has assisted in the Shire Office, the Roadhouse, Museum, Cleaning, and even filling in as a Returning Officer for Council Elections...and all whilst keeping the Depot (and Will) in tune!

Always willing to give others a hand – no matter what the job, Grot is a team player - seen by her crew as "one of the boys" at least that's the impression I got at the end of year celebrations haha– Good on you Grot, you will be missed no doubt!

Let's not forget Russell, who walks around with that "Pat Me Grin" 24/7 – A gorgeous dog and so friendly ... Look after Mum on your travels!



As we say Goodbye, we also say Gday!

Meet Mike and Lisa Keen



Hi all, we are Mike and Lisa Keen and we're excited to have joined the Murchison community! Originally from Adelaide, we packed up our caravan in August last year to set off on a long term working holiday around Australia with our dog, Callie. The first few months of our trip were spent exploring northern SA and central NT, then we came across the Great Central Road into WA and spent some time around Kalgoorlie and Meekatharra before we pulled up in Mt Magnet where Mike was driving a water cart for the last 3 months.

Lisa's working background is in admin and finance, while Mike has always been involved in mechanical work from race car builds to more recently focusing on diesel tuning and performance. We both worked for ourselves and owned our own businesses before leaving SA.

In our spare time we love to get outdoors- prospecting, fishing, 4wding and camping.

We are both eager to learn, expand our skillsets, meet new people and experience some of the amazing places that WA has to offer.

We look forward to getting to know everyone and exploring the Murchison region.

Lisa

Storm Chasers



Whether it's a hobby, profession or just simply one wants to get up close and personal with any severe weather phenomenon; storm chasing is bit of an adrenaline rush feeling. I seem to find myself under the category of part hobby and part curious with wanting to be close (but not too close as I'm not that fond of lightning) with my camera ready to take that epic shot of a thunderstorm.

I have always been mesmerised by the show of a thunderstorm that mother nature can put on for us, more so in the summer months when the landscape seems to open and wait in anticipation for those raindrops to wash away the dust and give everything a good drink.



We had a series of 4-5 days here at the Murchison Settlement of some extreme weather patterns. From the strong easterly wind that brought a not so invited dust storm to several storm cells heading from north to south one after another. Bringing with them a spectacular show of lightning the rumble of thunder which would go on for kilometres and the much-needed rain. It was over these few days that I was in my prime, running and/or even driving around chasing these storms to get as close as I could and whipping my camera out and snapping away.

Sammy Walton

A Blast from the Past

Ballinyoo Bridge Opening

I was looking through past editions of our Monologue and when I stumbled across this piece , I thought it has to worth another look... Enjoy 😊 How amazing this would've been! Perhaps it is something we could consider doing again- at the Settlement.





Beyond the Milky Way

Journey to the edges of the Universe in this spectacular 360° VR film.

Experience one of the greatest international scientific endeavours in history as you step onto Australia's future site of the incredible SKA telescope in an immersive 25-minute, 360° virtual reality cinema experience.

Travel to the radio-quiet Western Australian outback to explore where the world's largest radio telescope will be capturing the corners of the Universe and breaking new ground in astronomical research.

Narrated by physicist Professor Brian Cox (Universe, Horizon, Brian Cox's Adventures in Space and Time), join the quest for answers as the telescope enables us to see further into space-time than ever before and presents our greatest chance of discovering extra-terrestrial life.

Guided by scientists, experts, and ancient astronomers, see the sky in unprecedented 360°, witness our world from a new perspective and be transported to the edge of what's possible.



"Beyond the Milky Way" is now finishing up at the Perth Museum, however it will be showcasing again at the Museum of Geraldton later this year...I am hearing it may be around September so keep your eyes and ears open ...



Pulse oximeter

What you need to know!

- ☐ Are you non-Aboriginal and over 65?
- ☐ Are you Aboriginal and over 50?
- ☐ Are you pregnant?



If you answered YES to any of the above – collect a free pulse oximeter from your local government today!

What is a pulse oximeter?

It is a small, peg-like device that clips onto your fingertip to read your heart rate and blood oxygen level. It takes only one minute to work, is reusable and can be shared between other people in your household.



Why do I need one?

If you become COVID-19 positive, you may need to be remotely monitored through the WA COVID Care at Home program. By having a pulse oximeter already in your home, a health professional can assess you and provide health advice from the comfort of your home. Visit [WA COVID Care at Home](#) for more information.

Where do I get one?

Visit your local government to collect a free pulse oximeter for you and your household (each eligible household will receive one pulse oximeter).

Do **not** pick up a pulse oximeter if you are already COVID-19 positive. If you have already received a positive COVID-19 test result, the Department of Health will contact you and provide further information.

Visit [COVID-19 \(coronavirus\) \(healthywa.wa.gov.au\)](#) for more information.

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Leftover Chicken and Sour Cream Quesadillas

Method

1. Dice all of the leftover roast chicken and place it in bowl with the rest of the ingredients.
2. Mix well.
3. Spread the mixture evenly over half of the tortillas.
4. Place another tortilla on top and place in a sandwich press for 5 minutes or until golden.
5. Cut into four slices and enjoy piping hot.

Summary

Servings 4

Time Needed 2 mins Prep

5 mins Cook

Ingredients 6



Brazil nut & almond brittle

Preparation Time: 5 - 25 minutes

Cooking Time: 10 minutes



Ingredients (Serves 8)

- ~ Vegetable oil, to grease
- ~ 100g (1 cup) Brazil nuts,
- ~ coarsely chopped
- ~ 130g (1 cup) slivered almonds
- ~ 315g (1 1/2 cups) caster sugar
- ~ 50g butter

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Brush a 19 x 29cm (base measurement) slice pan with oil to lightly grease.
2. Spread the Brazil nuts and almonds over separate baking trays. Bake in oven for 5 minutes or until toasted. Set aside to cool slightly.
3. Cook the sugar in a medium non-stick frying pan over medium heat, stirring, for 5 minutes or until sugar dissolves and mixture is golden brown.
4. Remove from heat. Add the Brazil nuts, almonds and butter and stir to coat. Pour into the prepared pan and set aside for 20 minutes to set. Break into large shards to serve.

This brittle will keep for up to 4 weeks. Store in an airtight container in a cool, dry place. Humidity will affect this brittle.



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Emma & Sarah

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March Word Search



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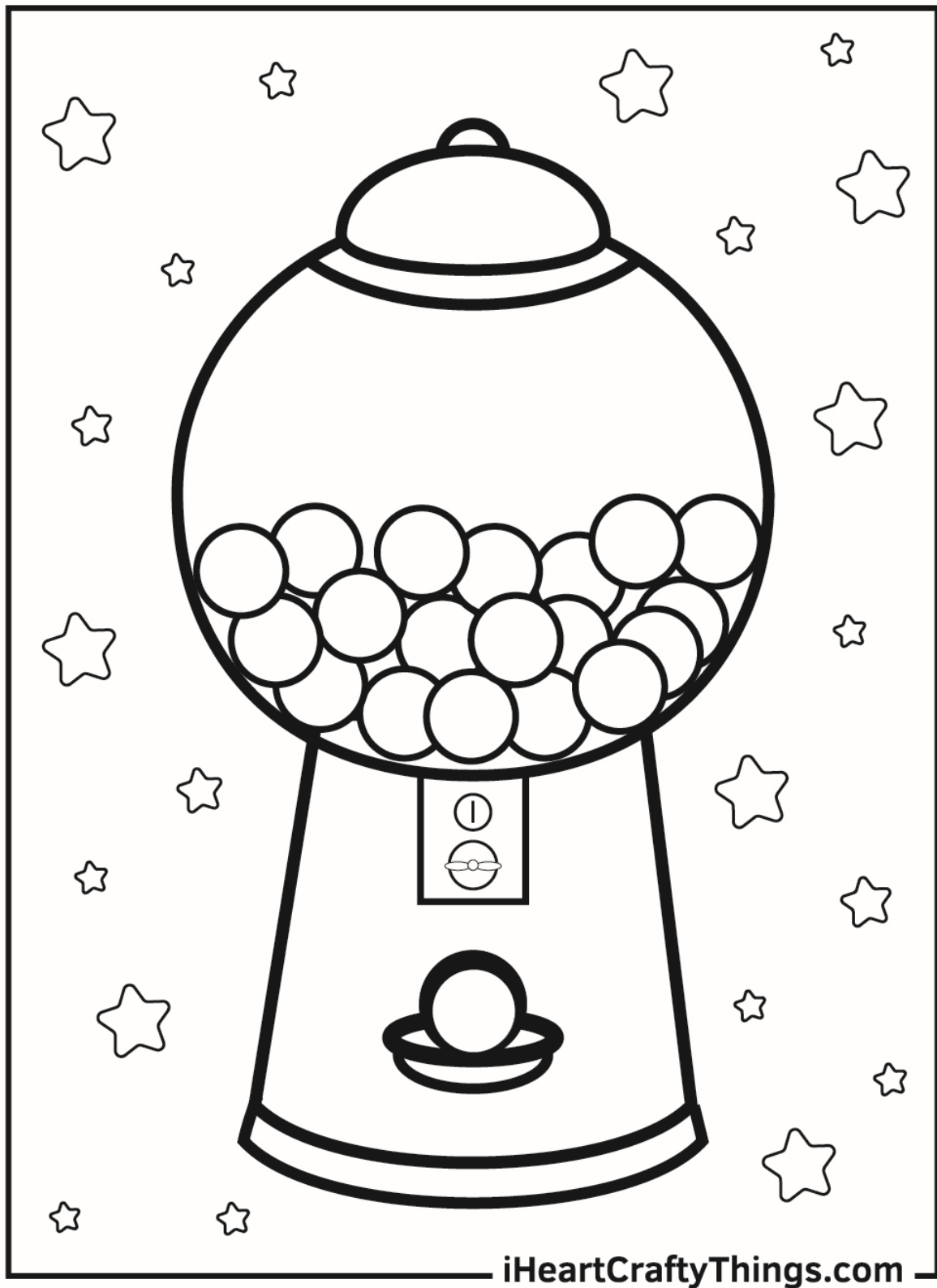
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