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MERREDIN EMERGENCY SERVICES CHRISTMAS PARADE

By Senior Sergeant HEATH SOUTAR

The Christmas Spirit was well and truly on show in Merredin on Sunday 19 December when the Merredin Emergency Services conducted their first ever Christmas Parade.

Police, Fire and Rescue, Bushfire Brigade, St John Ambulance and the State Emergency Services were all represented on the parade by staff in their vehicles. With Father Christmas's services kindly donated by the Merredin Community Resource Centre and with him being escorted by volunteers from the Merredin Military Museum in an opened air Military vehicle.

The children of Merredin were visited at specific locations, including Recreation Centre, Merredin College, Swimming Pool and Apex Park, and given some sweet treats by the man in the big red suit.

The Merredin Youth Committee kindly donated the cash to

purchase the lollies that were given out to the eager and happy kids.

The parade was organised to spread some Christmas cheer to the community of Merredin but it was also designed to highlight the fantastic work our emergency

services do in the community, specifically our volunteers who give up their time to attend all kinds of incidents to attempt to keep our community safe.

"Our volunteers are the true heroes when it comes to our

emergency services, they are always there, rain, hail or shine and it does not matter what time of day.

They are the people who help our community and make Merredin, the great place it is to live.



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See you at the car park opposite Merredin
Community Resource Centre (CRC).

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20-22

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CHAMBERLAIN TRACTOR RESURRECTION

By ROMOLO PATRONI

The members of the Merredin Mens Shed have long been known to turn their hand to most tasks with some spectacular results.

In late July a request was made from David Geraghty, General Manager of Mineral Resources, if it would be possible to provide a Chamberlain tractor of early 1960 vintage for the purpose of display over at the Koolyanobbing minesite.

The display was to portray the evolution of the Koolyanobbing iron ore mine dating back to its early days of the 50's when ore was carted by road to Southern Cross by a fleet of Bell Bros trucks, loaded on to the narrow gaugerail and transported to the State Government furnace at Wundowie.

The steel produced from this furnace was used by the Chamberlain Industries in Welshpool for the manufacture of tractors.

Chamberlain Industries was established after the war years with Government assistance in an old munition warehouse, its purpose to manufacture Australian made tractors.

The tractor of that time were Super 70s, then later, the Super 90, both with GM diesel motors. Also produced were Chamberlain Countryman with a meadows diesel and the Champion with a Perkins diesel engine well known at that time as "Tail end Charlie".

This task seemed simple enough all that was needed was to find a tractor to fit that era.

A number of suggestions came forward - every farm in the Wheatbelt must have had a Chamberlain tractor on their farm at some time and these models were popular. Not so, they were either too early, too late, not suitable due to modification or not available or not for sale.

"There's some old chamberlain tractors in a shed on the Bruce Rock Road" Sam an old cocky reported, "I am sure one is a Super 70".

Yes, there was and on inspection there was concern at the condition it was in. But Shed Members weren't deterred, a decision was made to bring it to the Shed along with bits and pieces laying around from several other relics.

In **September**, an agreement was reached to rebuilt the Super70 to a 'show like' condition to reflect the tractors of that time for display purpose.

Mineral Resources agreed to some start-up capital with an expected hand over date sometime prior to Christmas.

The task began, cleaning dismantling finding missing pieces.

By **October**, the tractor was stripped to a bare chassis, old paint work and grime cleaned, parts welded, refabricated panels beaten and straightened.

In **November**, work goes on the two Pac paint purchased, advice sort from Merredin Panel and Paint as to how to go about the paint work.

A surprise visit to the Shed from Mineral Resources General Manager inspired some

much needed confidence.

With the first layer of undercoat paint followed by a two Pac spray of Chamberlain orange, things were starting to look up and renewed enthusiasm saw the tractor slowly be reassembled.

By **December**, the tractor now largely reassembled and main painting finished under the advice from Dan at Merredin Panel and Paint

New tyres were fitted, trimmings attended to with the seat expertly made by Kim from Merredin Upholsterers.

On the 14 December the task was completed, advice relayed to Mineral Resources that their tractor was now ready. Shed Members would await further instructions as to where from here?

All very keen of course to a handover and witness their final result on display.

Overall the comment from Shed Members was it was a challenging task. The transformation was remarkable, and a truly satisfying result, occupying many skills patience and perseverance.

Chalk this one up to the Shed and its Members.



COVID-19 coronavirus

COVID-19 WA Statistics

As at 12 January 2022

Tested 2,141,065

Confirmed Cases 1,254

Recovered 1,145

Deaths 9

Active cases in WA 100

COVID-19 in Australia

Vaccinations 19,544,139 (94.8%)

Fully Vaccinated 19,004,667 (92.2%)

WA—Cases 1,254—Deaths 9

ACT—Cases 13,248 —Deaths 15

NSW—Cases 501K—Deaths 754

NT—Cases 2,737—Deaths 1

QLD—Cases 117K—Deaths 11

SA—Cases 47,725—Deaths 19

TAS—Cases 12,080—Deaths 13

VIC—Cases 444K—Deaths 1,593

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in this
together.*

Merredin

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Western Australia

2,715

15+ population
ABS 2019 ERP

87.3%

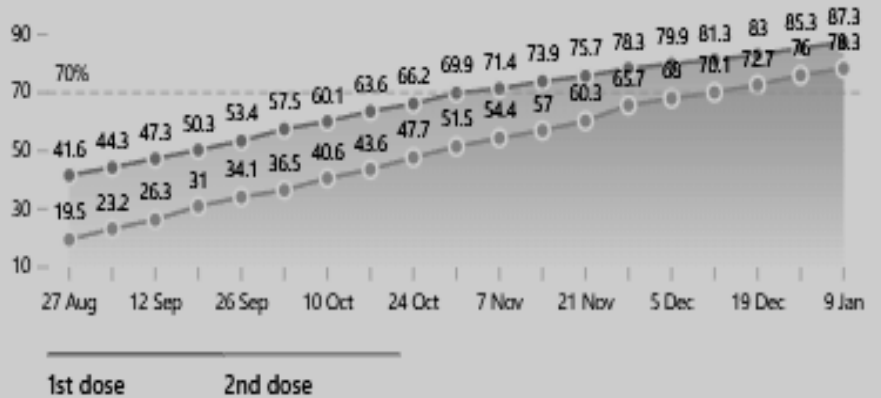
1st dose
(+2.0% 7d)

78.3%

2nd dose
(+2.3% 7d)

Vaccination over time

Last updated 9 Jan 2022



Merredin COVID-19 vaccination clinic

**Roll up
for WA**
COVID-19 Vaccination

Merredin Regional Library 22 Coronation Street

17 Jan 12:30pm - 5:00pm
18 Jan 10:00am - 6:00pm
19 Jan 8:30am - 4:30pm
20 Jan 8:00am - 12:00pm

**No appointment
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We acknowledge the traditional owners
of the land and pay our respects to their
Elders, past, present and emerging.



**Government of Western Australia
WA Country Health Service**

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Double dose vaccinated arrivals only (those eligible for a vaccine), and G2G Pass required

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Negative PCR test within 72 hours before departure

If your trip into WA is 6 days or more, undertake a PCR test within 48 hours of arrival

If your trip into WA is 5 days or less, no PCR test is required on arrival

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If your trip away is 6 days or more, a negative PCR test within 72 hours before departure and a test within 48 hours of arrival is also required

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Masks to be worn for some high risk indoor settings

- public transport, taxis and rideshare
- visitors to hospitals, residential aged and disability car facilities, and custodial corrections facilities
- airports and on flights

Proof of vaccination required

- large events (1000+)
- nightclubs
- Crown complex
- Optus Stadium
- RAC Arena
- HBF Stadium - Main Arc
- HBF Park

9th December 2021

Perth Central Law Courts

William Riley appeared on charges of assaulting public officer, unlawful assault and thereby did bodily harm with circumstances of aggravation, being armed or pretending to be armed in a way that may cause fear, criminal damage or destruction of property, and unlawful wounding. He was remanded to appear in Perth on the 28th February 2022.

13th December 2021

Bunbury Courthouse

Jimayne Williams appeared on a charge of unlawful assault and thereby did bodily harm with circumstances of aggravation. He was remanded to appear in Bunbury on the 23rd December 2021.

Northam Courthouse

Kenneth Farnhill appeared on a charge of breach of protective bail conditions. He was remanded to appear in Northam on the 14th April 2022.

Perth Central Law Courts

Kyle Brown appeared on charges of no authority to drive (disqualified from holding or obtaining), and reckless driving. He was remanded to appear in Perth on the 17th January 2022.

16th December 2021

Perth Central Law Courts

Brandon Welshman appeared on a charge of aggravated grievous bodily harm. He was remanded to appear in Perth on the 16th February 2022.

20th December 2021

Bunbury Courthouse

Sean Munns appeared on charges of burglary and commit, and stealing. He was remanded to appear in Bunbury on the 17th January 2022.

21st December 2021

Merredin Courthouse

Michelle Abrahams appeared on a charge of reckless driving. The matter was adjourned to appear in Merredin on the 9th February 2022.

Kenneth Bullock was convicted on charges of possessing a prohibited drug (cannabis), and possessing

drug paraphernalia in or on which there was a prohibited drug or plant. He received a \$600 suspended fine, suspended for 6 months.

Shane Bushell was convicted on charges of common assault and criminal damage or destruction of property. He received a 6 month community based order.

Locklyn Carroll appeared on a charge of unlawful and indecent assault, and appeared on two charges of breach of bail (failing to appear soon after). He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 9th February 2022. He also appeared on a charge of attempted aggravated home burglary with intent. The matter was dismissed.

David Engelbrecht appeared on a charge of exceeding speed limit between 10 and 19km/h. The matter was adjourned to appear in Perth on the 31st January 2022.

Leigh Ferris was convicted on a charge of breaching a family violence restraining order. The matter was adjourned to appear in Collie on the 19th January 2022.

Cameron Flint was convicted on a charge of criminal damage or destruction of property. He received a \$500 suspended fine, suspended for 3 months and was ordered to pay compensation of \$750.

Tyrone Hayden was convicted on charges of disorderly behaviour in public and criminal damage or destruction of property. He was fined \$1000 and ordered to pay costs of \$134.50.

Dale Laws appeared on a charge of failing to comply with notice issued under subsection (1) of this act. The matter was dismissed.

Jamie McCarthy was convicted on charges of reckless driving, and driving with prescribed illicit drug in oral fluid or blood. He had his licence suspended for 6 months, was fined \$2000, ordered to pay costs of \$259.30 and an analyst fee of \$200.

Richard Miller appeared on charges of unlicensed person possessing firearm/ammunition, inadequate storage facility for firearms, possessing drug paraphernalia in or on which there was a prohibited drug or plant, and possessed a prohibited drug. The matter was adjourned to appear in

Merredin on the 18th January 2022.

Jake More appeared on charges of possessing a prohibited drug (cannabis), possessing a prohibited drug (methylamphetamine) and possessing drug paraphernalia in or on which there was a prohibited drug or plant. The matter was adjourned to appear in Bunbury on the 17th January 2022.

Paul Nicholls failed to appear on charges of stealing as a servant, use of unlicensed light vehicle, drove, caused or permitted a vehicle with a forged, replica or false plate to be driven on a road, and possessed a prohibited weapon. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Mahima Oneroa was convicted on a charge of no authority to drive – cancelled. He had his licence suspended for 9 months, fined \$1000 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Michael Paron appeared on charges of unlawful and indecent assault and disorderly behaviour in public. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 10th March 2022.

Scott Paton appeared on a charge of no authority to drive – suspended (other than fines suspension). The matter was adjourned to appear in Merredin on the 18th January 2022.

Brodie Pope appeared on a charge of being armed or pretending to be armed in a way that may cause fear. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 18th January 2022.

Lennard Wallam appeared on charges of aggravated home burglary and commit, and assault occasioning bodily harm. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 10th March 2022.

Megan Watterston appeared on a charge of with intent to defraud forges a record. The matter was adjourned to appear in Merredin on the 9th February 2022.

Robert Wynne appeared on five charges. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 7th April 2022.

Marcus Hayden was convicted on a charge of behaving in a disorderly manner in a public place or in sight or hearing of any person in a public place. He was fined \$700 and ordered to pay costs of \$251.50.

Jason Hill appeared on charges of being armed or pretending to be armed in a way that may cause fear, common assault, threatened to kill, in circumstances of aggravation, and criminal damage or destruction of property. He was remanded in custody to appear in Perth on the 25th February 2022.

Clinton Murray was convicted on charges of common assault in circumstances of aggravation or racial aggravation, and breach of protective bail conditions. He was fined \$1200 and ordered to pay costs of \$134.50. He also appeared on a charge of impeding another person's normal breathing or blood circulation by applying pressure to neck. The matter was dismissed.

22nd December 2021

Collie Courthouse

Sheaylee Jeanes was scheduled to appear. She failed to appear. A warrant has been issued for her arrest.

Perth Central Law Courts

Matthew Jetta appeared on a charge of criminal damage or destruction of property. He was remanded to appear in Bunbury on the 10th February 2022.

Supreme Court

Vernon Murphy was convicted on a charge of manslaughter. He was sentenced to six years imprisonment, backdated to 26 November 2019 to take into account time already spent in custody. He will be eligible for parole.

23rd December 2021

Bunbury Courthouse

Jimayne Williams appeared on charge of unlawfully assault and thereby did bodily harm with circumstances of aggravation. He was remanded to appear in Bunbury on the 20th January 2022.

Kalgoorlie Courthouse

Rommel McGrath appeared on charges of reckless driving speed of 155 km/h or more to escape pursuit by police, stealing, driver of a vehicle failed to comply with a direction to stop (circumstance of aggravation), and reckless driving speed of 155 km/h or more. He was remanded to appear in Kalgoorlie on the 13th January 2022.

CRC RECEIVES AUSTRALIA DAY COMMUNITY GRANT

By **DEBBIE MORRIS**

The National Australia Day Council's Community Grants program provided funding to a number of local governments and not for profit organisations throughout Australia for new Australia Day events or to expand previous smaller events, with the aim of bringing people together to reflect on our history, respect the contributions of all those who have come before us and celebrate our shared future 'Reflect. Respect. Celebrate. We're all part of the story.'

Merredin CRC host the annual Australia Day Breakfast and were successful in receiving Australia Day Community Grant to expand the event with additional activities after the breakfast that showcase our history, including free Njaki Njaki Bus Tour by Mick Hayden, both the Railway and Military Museums open with free entry and Martin Morris from Discover the Wheatbelt's free Bus Tour of Merredin.

The CRC also purchased an Australia Day promotional marquee depicting Reflect Respect Celebrate and will be having 'Gift Bags' for all attendees at the breakfast with Australia Day merchandise and local business, Merre Granola, produce.

We look forward to seeing lots of people coming along to the Australia Day Breakfast and taking the opportunity of visiting the Museums or partaking in the Bus Tours after the Breakfast.

Museums open from 11am – 4pm; Njaki Njaki Bus Tour commences 11.30am (2 hours); Discover the Wheatbelt Merredin Tour commences 2pm (1½ hours). Bus tours leaving from Merredin CRC.

Anyone wanting to help with the Breakfast are most welcome, please contact Merredin CRC on 90411041 or email administration@merredincrc.com

From the History Room

By **ANITA METCALF**

The following snippets appeared in the local JANUARY newspapers of the time.

22nd, 1942: Mr Max Brinkworth, of the Agricultural Bank staff, having joined the A.I.F. went into camp last week. Mr Gib Carson, late of Dalgety & Co was amongst the latest batch of recruits.

1949: If you want to live to 90, don't look for it on the speedometer.

12th, 1950: The very hot spells of the past few weeks have had their effect on water consumption in Bruce Rock. So much so that the ration of 84,000 gallons weekly (317,974 litres) were exceeded by something like 20,000 gallons (75,708 litres) last week.

11th, 1951: The trainee nurses new quarters have been completed and occupied at the Merredin Hospital, which is greatly appreciated by the Matron and staff.

21st 1970: SEC has arrived in Babakin. The Babakin general

store has had the power connected.

2nd 1971: Spiralling prices and huge gold reserves have led to the recommissioning of the Marvel Loch treatment plant south of Southern Cross. Work on the 90 year old mine is expected to start immediately.

30th, 1980: From a list of 4000 newspapers published throughout the world, there are many named "The Mercury" but Merredin is the only place in the world with a newspaper called "The New Mercury". The popular title for a newspaper is named after the Roman god of merchandise.

31st, 1980: There were 12 days when the mercury passed the century mark of 38degC.

13th, 1991: A top yield of 2.9 tonnes a hectare was harvested from a CSBP and Farmers' trial on Reg Gethins Bodallin property. A trial at Gerry Kent's property realised a top yield of 2.6 tonnes a hectare.



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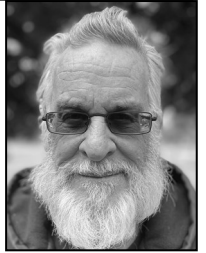
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CLEARING THE AIR



Peter Barrett

When the “greenhouse effect” began to grab headlines back in the 1990’s I was a sceptic. How is it possible for human activity to emit more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere than humongous volcanoes or bushfires such as those that regularly razed millions of square kilometres of Kimberley tallgrass in the dry season? I watched the debate unfold in a welter of hyperbole from both sides as they sought to over emphasise the dire consequences of either doing nothing or too much. Who can forget the dreadful visions of New York City submerged by the year 2000, or Tony Abbott’s monotonous “toxic tax” mantra?

Statistics, maths and chemistry changed my mind. I learnt for instance that world coal production back in 2005 was about six billion tonnes per annum. I assumed that 100% of this coal was burnt to produce heat and power. I knew from high school chemistry that carbon dioxide was roughly 27% carbon and 73% oxygen by weight, phew! That worked out at about 22 and a half billion tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. It was quickly apparent that geothermal activity does not come near this figure, even if you include the half a billion tonnes emitted by Mount Pinatubo, which was the biggest eruption of the 20th century in terms of volume.

OK, so we make a lot of CO². So what? Basically what’s going on is this: Molecules that consist of two different atoms are particularly able to absorb infrared radiation. Water, Carbon monoxide and dioxide and methane are good examples. They stay warm, unlike single atom molecules like hydrogen oxygen and nitrogen which cool off quickly. These heat-collecting molecules also tend to be more dense and therefore gravitate to ground level where us humans live. Technically this is a different mechanism altogether to that employed by a real greenhouse, which uses glass to prevent heat escaping by convection. The poorly named “greenhouse

effect” actually causes warming by mixing in gases that do not radiate the heat away.

Burning concentrated carbon (coal) is the biggest producer of carbon dioxide but other carbon-based fuels such as those distilled from crude oil and natural gas also contribute significantly. Our favourite food, cows, sheep and pigs produce prodigious amounts of methane, which absorbs more infrared than carbon dioxide but is considerably less persistent in the troposphere. Water vapour is the strongest “greenhouse gas” but tends to condense out of the atmosphere even faster than methane, falling as rain or dew etc before it can really do too much damage. Oxides of nitrogen, gaseous by-products of concentrated fertiliser are also a problem.

The records of temperature and rainfall around here over the last 100 years show an unmistakable warming and drying trend. Although the annual precipitation figures for Merredin appear hardly to have changed on paper, every farmer knows more and more of that rain is falling in summer, rather than in the growing season.

So... it seems like it might be time to, maybe, stop burning coal....

In 1997 leaders from around the world including Australia met in Kyoto Japan and formulated a system for bringing about such a change. The concept of international emissions trading was born, whereby a price was put on every tonne of carbon emitted into the atmosphere, so that those individuals and organisations that were actively removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere could have a tangible credit for doing so, and that these credits could be purchased by those who were emitting the most greenhouse gases as a way of offsetting the mess they were considered to be making.

For Australia, this was a serious problem: we were and still are the third biggest coal exporters in the world. This international

emissions trading scheme amounted to a huge tax on our second biggest export earner.

In 2015, 196 international leaders met again in Paris to thrash out a treaty that became known as the Paris Accord. Australia agreed to a significant 1.46% of responsibility for carbon reduction. Remember this is 1.46% of 196 signatories, certainly more than an equal share.

Have we been pulling our weight? What is the Federal government actually doing?

If you are a farmer you have no doubt heard of the Carbon Farming Initiative Act of 2011. This is a major plank of the Liberal government’s Emissions Reduction Scheme. For the average Australian non-farmer, this is how it works:

Step 1 - Prove that you are a “Fit and Proper Person” to be conducting emissions reduction projects.

Step 2 - Open an Australian National Registry of Emission Units account.

Step 3 - Obtain Eligible Interest Holder Consent.

Step 4 - Provide a Forward Abatement Estimate.

Step 5 - Bid for Carbon Credit Units, which the Federal government auctions off to the biggest projects.

Step 6 - Sign the contract and prepare to be audited regularly.

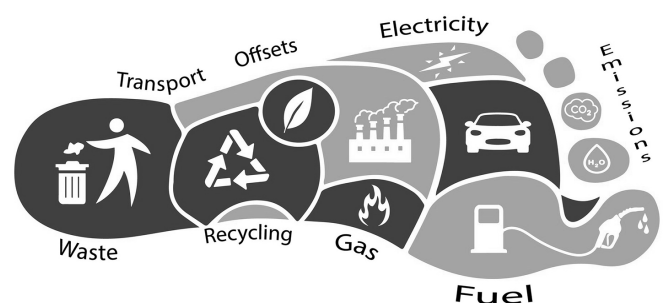
If all this sounds completely meaningless to the typical

Australian with a 9 to 5 job and bills to pay, that’s because it is. As far as the Australian Government is concerned, a “fit and proper person” to be doing climate mitigation does not include us, and is restricted to those with plenty of resources, as well as profound business, legal, engineering and/or agriculture experience.

Australians have been at the absolute cutting edge of renewable energy technology. Many of the advances in photovoltaics were pioneered at the University of New South Wales. Zinc Bromide battery technology is an Australian initiative which promises to revolutionise electricity storage but the inventors, like so many Australians before them have found government support non existent and have gone overseas to develop their products.

For people like me who have worked hard to embrace renewable energy, water conservation, recycling and minimising my carbon footprint the Federal Office of the Clean Energy Regulator seems like an elite bureaucracy shimmering on the hill.

It’s hot, my air conditioner has maxed out my batteries again. Elon Musk is going to Mars. Perhaps I could hide in the cargo bay....



Tales from the Train

A modern take on travelling by train

By LADY RANTHAM

Today's smorgasbord of humanity is brought to you by the scabbiest of trains. The three-car commuter special. Not only is it too short to accommodate today's late-for-work-slightly-panicky-watch-watching crowd, but all three carriages are the sideways travelling uncomfy ones with a bench seat that runs down each side of the carriage. This means that the few lucky ones who score a seat spend their half-hour commutes wearing a sweaty woman covered in flecks of cereal on one hip and a man in a suit with a broadsheet newspaper on the other and with their arms sucked in towards their centreline, usually culminating in a smartphone. Males try to dislocate and point their shoulder blades

straight towards the windows, looking like uncomfortable Transformers whose joints aren't aligned, but the unluckier females are in a similar position, but get neck strain trying to peek over the sheer mountain of bosom that the sideways elbow-pressure is achieving what their overpriced brassiere arrangements have failed to do. An impressively-endowed lady opposite me this morning took an incautious, unscheduled breath and very nearly disappeared into her own cleavage when the nasal suction unexpectedly encountered the expansive surface area of one of her 'girls'. The comedy of this was only trumped by the frantic embarrassment of her Suited Broadsheet who tried to assist with the Extrication Process.

Library Musings

By WENDY PORTER, Merredin Librarian

Happy New Year to all! 2022 is a new year with all new possibilities. The Merredin Library continues to receive new stock, and here is a small taste.

'Acting up' is the autobiography of 'Home and Away' star Lynne McGranger. Lynne writes about an Aussie childhood full of fad diets, relationships, career disasters and more. Lynne landed a 'guest role' in 'Home and Away' that has now lasted over 29 years. In her own words, Lynne realized in her twenties that "lying is a lot like acting..."

As of late, it seems that every time you turn on the news there is another fire. 'Firestorm: battling super-charged natural disasters' by Greg Mullins combines thrilling stories about what it is like to be on the front-line of a giga-fire. It looks at raging fire, political evasion, settled science and more.

Remember the Merredin Library is operating under reduced hours throughout January. Come in on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10am to 2pm, Wednesday from 1pm to 5pm and Saturday from 10am to 12 noon. All eResources are available 24/7 during this period.

If you can't find what you are looking for, ask the library staff for help. If we can't borrow the item from another library, we may be able to buy it. If there is anything you would like to see in the library, also let staff know.

Throughout January, the Merredin Library is participating in the Summer Reading Quest. Come to the Merredin Library to pick up your Logbook and some adventure cards. Prizes are available for the number of hours spent reading, as well as prize hampers for the state winners.

See you soon.



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UPDATES IN ST JOHN WA - MERREDIN

By **JOHNNO BOWRING**

For many years Merredin has been well served by a hard-working St John sub centre committee run entirely by volunteers, delivering an around-the-clock ambulance response for our community when they needed it most.

Earlier this year, Merredin was identified as a critical ambulance response location and paid positions were funded by WA Country Health Service as part of a \$10 million investment to boost country ambulance services by supporting local paramedic crews and volunteers.

For my part, I'm thrilled to take up the posting in Merredin. I have strong family connections to Merredin - particularly broadacre farming - and have been welcomed with open arms, most of all by the dedicated team of St John volunteers.

Volunteers working side-by-side with people like me who have made paramedicine a career is at the heart of Western Australia's regional ambulance service. The commitment volunteers have to their community is incredible, and I am fortunate to have the opportunity to work with, and provide clinical support and education to this team.

There has been a few myths and a bit of confusion about what having paid paramedics in Merredin means - which is understandable, transitioning to a hybrid station is a complex process.

Our funding

Prior to becoming a hybrid station, Merredin ambulance service was self-sufficient meaning everything from vehicle repairs to utility bills were funded locally through fundraising and ambulance activity.

Under the new hybrid model, these expenses are dealt with by St John WA. Our ambulances are still serviced locally, and we support local Merredin businesses at every opportunity.

In reality, the main change has

been moving the administrative burden of managing finances to the St John regional office in Northam.

Volunteer leaders

We have transitioned our volunteer committee to a Volunteer Leadership Group which engages with community, supports training opportunities and develops rewards for volunteers. This is the same model currently in operation everywhere from Albany to Karratha, and the team has carriage over funding raised through attending and supporting local events.

Clinical support

My colleague Ben Throp and I bring more than 30 years of paramedicine experience to Merredin and work alongside volunteers in 12-hour shifts from 7am to 7pm daily, when the vast majority of call-outs occur. We also provide the ongoing clinical training and support to our volunteers.

After hours, Merredin remains supported by volunteers who are dedicated to responding to local emergencies.

Looking towards 2022

Over the next year I aim to send through occasional updates about our activities at St John Merredin.

- If that's not something you wish to receive, you can unsubscribe below.
- If you know someone who might be interested in receiving these updates, please forward this on and we can add them to our subscription list.

We're also:

- Activating our social media accounts to keep our community up-to-date, so feel free to follow us on [Facebook](#).
- Looking for more volunteers to join St John to learn lifesaving skills and support our community, so please get in touch on the contact below.

Getting in touch

In an emergency, always call Triple Zero (000). If you'd like to get in touch to discuss our services in Merredin or ask any questions: Duty paramedic number: 0498 355 878 or Email: merredin@stjohnwa.com.au

(Just to reiterate - always call Triple Zero (000) for an ambulance response!)

I hope this provides a bit of context to the St John service in Merredin, and that like me you're looking forward to the next year.



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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS PARTICIPATION RAFFLE

By **DEBBIE MORRIS**

It was great to see so many entries in the Christmas Lights Participation Raffle, with over 30 houses and 11 businesses.

The aim of the Christmas Lights Raffle to create a real Christmassy atmosphere and spread some community spirit throughout the town. It is not a lights competition, so anyone with any Christmas lights up were eligible to win.

A huge thank you to Merredin Energy for supporting this initiative and for increasing the amount of prize money for the 5 houses and 1 business raffle winners.

The lucky house winners were Corey Nelson, Darrel Kett, Kathy Beilken, Jasmin Holmes and Aub Tompkin, with the relatively new business, Inspire Merredin winning the business raffle, who all received \$100.



Corey Nelson



Mrs Kett



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WTF 14th—27th JANUARY 2022

By PETER BARRETT

Welcome to 2022, Watchers of The Firmament! Heatwave conditions are ideal for sleeping under the stars, under a mozy net, with your favourite binoculars, as stars meteors moon and planets put on a show above you. Since the last issue Venus has completed its evening reign and quickly disappeared. Mercury has been seen nearby but the speedy little planet has also completed its eastern elongation. Meanwhile lazy Mars is still feeble in the early morning, and so now these three closest planets are all converging in the pre dawn sky. The last quarter moon also joins them next fortnight making observing conditions quite poor.

Jupiter and Saturn are still dominant evening objects in the Western sky but they too are moving toward conjunction sometime in autumn.

The summer sky is always dominated by the bright constellations of Orion and Taurus, which are rich in clusters and nebulae. Following Orion are the two dogs Sirius and Procyon as well as the Gemini twins Castor and Pollux further to the North. Sirius the Big Dog is the brightest star in the night sky. Only the Sun the Moon, Venus, Jupiter and occasionally Mars outshine it. The very bright star directly south of Sirius is Canopus the second brightest star. A line drawn through these two beacons always leads almost exactly to the South pole.

The biggest news in astronomy for 2022 is the launch of the James Webb Space Telescope on Christmas Day. Looking something like a satellite dish perched on a stack of kites, this instrument would have to rank amongst the most complicated machines ever built. The “kites” are roughly the size of a tennis court, and the whole thing is folded intricately to fit inside the

cargo bay of the Ariane launch vehicle. As I write this column the telescope is in the process of unfolding as it hurtles toward its final position. Dozens of small motors remove covers, position antennae and solar panels, unfurl and tension sail-like structures designed to shield the instrument from the sun’s heat, unfold and position parabolic reflectors and focusing apparatus with tolerances measured in millionths of a metre and direct small thrust rockets designed to exactly align the whole thing in space. This telescope will not orbit the earth in the way Hubble and most other satellites do. James is heading to a point way beyond the moon called “LaGrange-2”. This point has been calculated to keep the earth permanently between the sun and the instrument to help keep it nice and cool. This is roughly 1,400,000 km from earth. While the earth facing side is expected to reach something like 100 degrees Celsius, the telescope side is expected to be a

very chilly -250 degrees! Why so cold?

Unlike the Hubble Space Telescope, James Webb is not designed to look at visible light. Rather, it’s intended to detect infrared radiation, the invisible light given off by things when they get hot. A kind of giant night-vision camera looking out into space. Therefore, any heat near the camera will simply dazzle it. Astronomers believe this infrared radiation given off by the most distant objects holds the key to understanding the evolution of the entire fabric of space and time, as well as the possibility of more accurately defining exoplanets and other phenomena that are yet to be quantified.

Just what the images produced by this marvellous new contraption will look like I have no idea, but I’m looking forward to them anyway. in the meantime, for sheer beauty and gorgeous reality I shall continue to use my trusty binoculars and keep looking up.

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USED COOKING OIL FOR EV FAST CHARGERS

By **ROY BUTLER**

On the morning of Monday 10 January, a small convoy of vehicles paused in Merredin on their way to Caiguna. They had three Biofil generators that run on used cooking oil, to fast charge electric vehicles.

One of the vehicles was a Tesla towing a trailer with generator, weight about 2 ton. Later in the week there will be approximately

8 EVs coming through Merredin, also heading to Caiguna.

These fast chargers are fuelled by old waste vegetable oil, will fill the gap, by providing a charging solution that doesn't need to be connected to the grid.

The system has been designed and developed by engineer John Edwards, specifically so roadhouses—initially across the Nullarbor—can filter their waste

fryer oil and then use it to run in generator to power an EV fast charger.

It has been reported that the West Australian Government plan to build the world's longest intrastate EV charging network ignored a stretch of some 720km between Norseman and the South Australian border.

The ABC (from Kalgoorlie) and the West Australian will be publicising

this great private enterprise initiative – to place EV fast chargers powered by used cooking oil at Caiguna and perhaps Southern Cross. On Tuesday 18 January, the convoy will return to Perth and stop in Merredin, sometime in the afternoon, if anyone is interested in having a look at the generators and an EV or two, please contact me for the details.

Exciting times in EV world.



SERVICE WA APP LAUNCHES TO HELP KEEP WA SAFE

The McGowan Government has launched the ServiceWA app - a free, convenient and secure mobile application that will help Western Australians with WA's Safe Transition.

The app allows people to show proof of vaccination, check in at businesses and venues with SafeWA and access their G2G Pass for interstate travel - all in one convenient place.

It helps people access important COVID-19 information, including how to prepare your household for COVID-19, where to get tested, where to get vaccinated and exposure location sites.

The ServiceWA app requires the user to set up or use a Digital Identity to create an account to prove who they are online - meaning the app is safe, secure and not accessible by anyone else.

The app will make proof of vaccination requirements more robust because of features like the live clock timer, shimmering coat of arms and animated certificate tick that proves the user's COVID-19 digital certificate is authentic.

People won't be required to show additional identification to enter certain businesses and venues if they use the ServiceWA app, as opposed to COVID-19 digital certificates stored in smartphone wallets or hardcopies.

Setting up the ServiceWA app and Digital Identity takes some time, and people should allow at least 30 minutes to complete this new process at home, where they have easy access to forms of identification like a passport, driver's license or Medicare card.

The setup process only needs to be completed once and ensures the user's information is verified and protected at all times when they use the app.

People will be able to continue to use the SafeWA app to check in at venues, however eventually

this app will become out-of-date, so it is recommended Western Australians download ServiceWA and begin using this app to check in on SafeWA.

For more information about the ServiceWA app, visit <http://www.wa.gov.au/servicewaapp> or telephone support 13 33 WA (13 33 92).

ServiceWA can be downloaded from the following links:

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NEW SIGNAGE FOR MERREDIN RAILWAY MUSEUM

By **DEBBIE MORRIS**

Merredin Museum and Historical Society received funding from Heritage Council of WA and Collgar Wind Farm to have a Signage Style Guide produced and two exterior signs installed at the Railway Museum.

Creative Spaces was engaged to complete these projects and the Committee were pleased to have the Style Guide completed in December 2021.

The signage is almost complete and should be installed within the next month, following approval

by Council, PTA and Heritage Council. One sign will be located along the fence adjacent to the railway lines and the other replacing the current sign on the south east corner of the Museum.

The Railway Museum is always looking for volunteers, so if anyone has any spare time and would like to get involved with the Museum, please contact Chairperson, Jane Patroni 0417 860 046.



KEEPING YOUR PET COOL DURING THE SUMMER

By **RSPCA**

1. Provide plenty of fresh drinking water

You should always have plenty of fresh, cold water for your dog.

Before you go on a walk you can fill and then freeze a dog bowl or ice cream container with a quarter of water. Once the bowl is frozen you can fill the rest up with water. This will make the water on the top nice and cool while the ice slowly melts at the bottom.

Most importantly you'll want to make sure you have enough water to last the whole trip.

2. Water to play in

Playing in water can help to lower a dog's body temperature in the scorching summer heat. Your dog only needs to be in enough water to get their paws and belly wet and should be supervised if they swim in deeper water.

A wet dog is a cool dog and involving some water play with your dog under sprinklers, in pools or lakes can all be fun and cool for you and more importantly your dog!

3. Shade and a cool spot to lie down

Dogs will instinctively look for the

coolest spot to lie down. And if there isn't one you can create shade by using portable sun shades, patio umbrellas and pop-up canopies.

If you're looking for something smaller than a shaded pet bed maybe your best option. They'll provide reliable shade for your dog in the summertime and are elevated off the ground to help with air circulation and keeping them cool.

4. An ice pack, cooling mat or wet towel to lay on

Offering an ice pack, cooling mat or a wet towel to your pet will help to lower their body temperature when it's hot outside.

Use an ice pack wrapped in a blanket to put in your dog's bed or place of rest to help your dog cool down and relax.

Cooling mats can be filled with cold tap water, ice packs that you may have to freeze overnight or cooling gel. They work best when laid on the ground for your dog to sit on.

While wet towels work best when they're drenched in cool water or draped over your dog.

5. Use a cooling collar or vest

Cooling collars and vests are

similar to cooling mats. They are filled with a special cooling gel and are designed to keep your dog's body cool for up to a few hours.

There are also cooling vests that aim to move heat from your dog's body to the environment. These types of coats should be regularly doused in water.

Cooling vests are a great option when walking or hiking with dogs on warmer days.

6. Avoid the midday heat

Your best option at this time of day is to stay indoors.

This is why early morning or evening playtimes, walks and time spent outside will help you to avoid the midday heat whilst still giving your dog enough exercise throughout the day.

7. Avoid exercising on hot days

Make sure to assess the heat and humidity each day before taking your dog out for an activity. If it's hot, 30C with high humidity then it's best that you avoid any form of exercise with your dog on this type of day.

Even on a cooler day, you should also remember to check the temperature of the pavement before walking your dog. Asphalt can specifically get extremely hot in direct sun!

A great way to check if the ground is too hot for your dog is by using your hand. If it's too hot for your hand then it'll be too hot for your dog's bare feet.

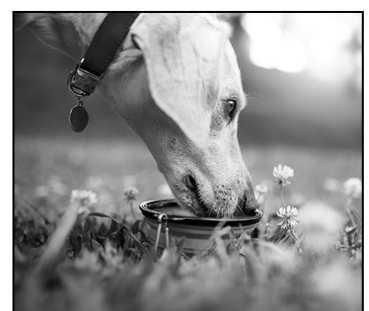
8. Never leave your dog in a parked car

Even on cooler days, the temperature inside a car can rise dangerously high!

If you're looking to take your dog on a road trip or start [travelling with pets](#) in the car this summer then here are some handy tips:

- Keep the air conditioning on when driving with your dog and/or when you are in a parked car with your dog
- Don't park in direct sunlight with your dog in the car

Keep an eye on your dog if they start to show signs of heatstroke i.e. panting, salivating, discomfort, or disorientation.



PUPPY FARMING ENDS IN WA

By RSPCA

RSPCA WA has welcomed the passing of legislation on the 15th December 2021 to stop puppy farming in Western Australia, hailing it as the biggest single animal welfare improvement in WA in 20 years.

The Dog Amendment (Stop Puppy Farming) Bill 2021 includes important checks and balances to end irresponsible and indiscriminate dog breeding.

RSPCA WA Chair, Lynne Bradshaw, said the animal welfare organisation had worked with government to get the new laws introduced.

'This is a very welcome day indeed and I congratulate the State Government on its commitment to improving animal welfare,' Ms Bradshaw said.

'The stop puppy farming legislation is vital in preventing cruelty, neglect, overbreeding, and abandonment of dogs.

'Until now, dog breeding in WA was unregulated, meaning irresponsible breeders and puppy farmers were able to breed and supply dogs without having to comply with any regulations.

'This leads to long-term health and behavioural issues in dogs, with the pieces often picked up by our inspectors and other animal care staff.'

Genetic faults often don't become apparent until the dog gets older and new owners who bought a cute looking puppy often face massive vet bills for corrective surgery as the puppy grows and issues are identified. Sadly, when the health problems become too great, owners are faced with the heartbreaking reality that their dog must be euthanised to save it from a life of pain and suffering.

'Many dogs coming into our care are simply unplanned and unwanted, dumped, neglected or abandoned,' Ms Bradshaw said.

'This will also be addressed by the new laws.'

So far this year, RSPCA WA has cared for 280 puppies.

The four key pillars to this legislation will have a big impact on the number of unwanted dogs and puppies in WA each year:

- mandatory sterilisation
- registration of anyone wanting to breed from their dog

- a centralised registration system
- pet shops that sell dogs to become adoption centres.

Another welcome component of the legislation is an end to muzzling requirements for pet or retired racing greyhounds when in public places.

Ms Bradshaw said obtaining an 'approval to breed' will be a one-off registration meaning the new laws are not onerous for current reputable breeders.

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2021/22 SEASON LADDER - U12 BOYS

Team	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Adj	Points	%	For	Against
TEAM 2 (SKY BLUE)	10	7	3			14	126%	268	213
TEAM 3 (YELLOW)	10	5	4	1		11	120%	216	180
TEAM 4 (GREEN)	10	5	5			10	99%	174	175
TEAM 1 (LIGHT GREY)	10	5	5			10	87%	154	177
TEAM 5 (BLACK)	10	4	5	1		9	97%	178	183
TEAM 6 (RED)	10	3	7			6	62%	101	163

2021/22 SEASON LADDER - U12 GIRLS

Team	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Adj	Points	%	For	Against
TEAM 2 (ORANGE)	10	9	1			18	228%	223	98
TEAM 4 (WHITE)	10	6	4			12	153%	181	118
TEAM 3 (ROYAL BLUE)	10	3	7			6	58%	126	218
TEAM 1 (LIME GREEN)	10	2	8			4	53%	108	202

2021/22 SEASON LADDER - BOYS U16

Team	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Adj	Points	%	For	Against
TEAM 2 (ORANGE)	10	9	1			18	134%	493	368
TEAM 4 (RED)	10	7	2	1		15	124%	395	319
TEAM 8 (PINK)	10	6	3	1		13	114%	417	367
TEAM 3 (ROYAL BLUE)	10	4	6			8	84%	322	382
TEAM 7 (LIGHT GREY)	10	3	6	1		7	99%	291	294
TEAM 5 (YELLOW)	10	5	5		4	6	84%	290	344
TEAM 1 (BLACK)	10	3	7			6	82%	248	301
TEAM 6 (GREEN)	10	1	8	1		3	78%	284	365

2021/22 SEASON LADDER - GIRLS U16

Team	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Adj	Points	%	For	Against
TEAM 2 (SKY BLUE)	10	6	3	1		13	135%	382	284
TEAM 3 (LILAC)	10	9	1		6	12	166%	399	241
TEAM 4 (WHITE)	10	3	6	1		7	101%	361	357
TEAM 1 (LIME GREEN)	10	1	9		4	-2	53%	202	378

MERREDIN SHOW

2nd April 2022

Stallholders Debbie Morris or Amanda Cash 9041 1041

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A BID TO HELP ENDPLASTIC WASTE

By ZOE CARR, End Plastic Waste

adidas continues to build a more sustainable future with the launch of the adidas Tennis apparel range Made With Parley Ocean Plastic, which is set to make its debut on the courts of the Australian Open in Melbourne from January 17, 2022.

On 12 January 2022, adidas sporting greats Ian Thorpe, Jess Fox, Nathan Cleary and Steph Claire Smith stepped aboard the ocean tennis court, swapping their sport of choice for a hit of tennis. adidas ambassador Ian Thorpe said he is proud to partner with the adidas family and that the new range ensures that more Aussies are talking about eco-innovative solutions to one of today's most pressing environmental challenges. "The design of the new adidas Tennis range Made With Parley Ocean Plastic, is inspired by the Great Barrier Reef, so it was appropriately launched in the stunning heritage-protected Queensland marine park today to raise awareness and positive

discussion around how we can help End Plastic Waste. It was a day that none of us will ever forget.

Plastic is a problem that has reached unfathomable proportions: Unless we change course, there will be more plastic waste in the sea than fish by 2050. This waste is destroying the oceans," Thorpe said. adidas has worked side-by-side with GBRMPA (Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority) and one of the Authority's approved tug and barge operators to transform the top surface of a working barge into a tennis court surface.

A week out from the Australian Open, the barge - that regularly travels through the Great Barrier Reef for important environmental marine construction & diving projects - was transformed into a floating tennis court. In talking about the new range, adidas Pacific Senior Director of Brand, Shannon Morgan said, "at adidas we believe through sport we have

the power to change lives. We live this purpose everyday by looking at all possibilities to include and unite people in sport to help create a more sustainable world. We need to continue to implement sustainable solutions now, so that we can help create a new era of sport for future generations. We're committed to help end plastic waste and, by 2024, we'll eliminate virgin polyester in our products completely and use recycled

polyester wherever possible. To achieve these goals, we foster open-source partnerships and put a high value on collaboration over competition to create sustainable solutions that go beyond our own business and influence," Morgan said. The adidas tennis court surface will be fully recycled into a sports court, donated to a local Townsville school, paving the way for school kids to unite through sport and play a part in creating a more sustainable world.



BEIJING 2022 WINTER OLYMPICS SPORTS

There are 15 major sport categories for the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing China.

There have been no new sports added to the program since the Sochi Olympics in 2014 when skeleton was added. However, in 2022 there are seven events added to sports already on the program: women's monobob, mens and women's big air, and mixed team events in aerials skiing, ski jumping, short track speedskating and snowboardcross.

The 15 sport disciplines of the Winter Olympics are categorized into three main categories: (1) ice sports, (2) alpine, skiing and snowboarding events, and (3) Nordic events.

List of Sports:

Bobsled (Women's monobob, Two-man, Two woman and Four-man)

Luge (Men's Singles, Women Singles, Mixed Doubles and Mixed Team Relay)

Skeleton (men's and women's)

Ice Hockey (men's and women's)

Figure Skating (Men's singles, Ladies' singles, Pairs, Team and Ice Dancing)

Speed Skating

Short Track Speed Skating (500m, 1,000m, 1,500 m and Relays)

Curling (men's, women's, and mixed doubles)

Alpine Skiing (Downhill, Super G, Giant slalom, Slalom, Super Combined, mixed team)

Freestyle Skiing — Aerials, Moguls, Ski Cross, Ski halfpipe and Ski slopestyle
Snowboarding — Parallel Giant Slalom, Halfpipe, Snowboard Cross, Big Air and Slopestyle

Biathlon — individual, sprint, pursuit, mass start & relay events

Cross-Country Skiing — individual and team sprint, freestyle, pursuit, classical and relays

Ski Jumping

Nordic Combined — ski jumping and cross-country skiing combined event

Australian athletes competing include:

Brittney Cox (Skiing—Freestyle Skiing)

Matthew Graham (Skiing—Freestyle Skiing)

Jarryd Hughes (Skiing—Snowboard)

Belle Brockhoff (Skiing—Snowboard)

Laura Peel (Skiing—Freestyle Skiing)

Harley Windsor (Skating—Figure Skating)

Scott James (Skiing—Snowboard)

Jakara Anthony (Skiing—Freestyle Skiing)



Horoscopes

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ARIES 21 March—19 April
January could be an enriching time for you if you take the time to reset your principles.
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TAURUS 20 April-26 May
The start of the new year you may feel the need for change, whether it's study or what your ambitions.
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GEMINI 21 May-20 June
Someone close to you may need you to help them through an emotional time.
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CANCER 21 June-22 July
The new year starts with a positive focus on relationships. January will be intense but exciting.
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LEO 23 July-22 August
2022 has a strong focus on work and changes that could affect colleagues or clients.
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VIRGO 22 August-22 September
Progress will be slow this month until you help someone close to you deal with a personal issue.
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LIBRA 23 September-22 October
You need to disengage from any problems to avoid exhausting yourself.
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SCORPIO 23 October-21 November
You are determined and highly motivated to solve problems and connect with those around you.
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SAGITTARIUS 22 November-21 December
Unexpected source of income reap great benefits for you by the end of January.
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CAPRICORN 22 December-19 January
A focus on relationships for you, both personal and professional.
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AQUARIUS 20 January-18 February
Finances are on the up but be careful not to overspend.
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PISCES 19 February-20 March
You want to follow your dreams but take care they are anchored in reality.

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Media and Communications Officer
10 Month Parental Leave Cover
Commencing: Immediately
Position Status: Full Time

The Shire of Merredin is seeking a dynamic Media and Communications Officer to be responsible for delivering a broad suite of media services while our existing officer takes Parental Leave.

The role is diverse and will require someone with exceptional time management skills that can work as part of our broader team. Daily tasks will include responding to media enquiries, drafting media statements, organising proactive media opportunities, coordinating media and communication campaigns and coordinating the development of corporate documents.

The right person will have a can-do attitude and be able to develop content for both digital and traditional media. They will also have a relevant qualification (in either marketing, journalism, communications, or public relations) or the equivalent experience. They will also have excellent written communication skills, a proven ability to develop and implement communications strategies, and a track record in fostering productive working relationships.

The successful applicant will report directly to the CEO and will be able to juggle the competing needs of different departments within the Shire, the community and is expected to liaise regularly with local and state media.

The role requires occasional work on evenings and weekends throughout the year. The successful candidate will occasionally need to attend events, assist in communications during an emergency, and moderate the Shire's social media channels.

Starting salary will be Level 7 (depending on qualifications, skills and experience). A position description is available on our website: www.merredin.wa.gov.au. Please forward your resume and covering letter to careers@merredin.wa.gov.au. Applications close 4pm on Friday, 28 January 2022.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Kohdee Swinwood on (08) 9041 1611.

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Applications close 4pm, Monday 24 January 2022,



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FOR SALE



For Sale - \$450,000
30 Golf Road

4 x 2 Double brick and tile home

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For Sale - \$255,000
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If you're looking for a solid investment property this double brick and tile home is the one for you. With long term tenants paying \$280 per week this lease is secured until September 2022. Loads of room for parking plus drive through access to well fenced rear yard and carport attached. This home has 3 bedrooms and 1 bathroom, lounge with built in wood fire and ducted evaporative air con throughout. The kitchen has a breakfast bar to dining area which opens onto paved gable patio, great for entertaining. Plenty of room for the kids to play and such a short walk to the Merredin College and Swimming Pool.

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Beds

1



Bath

2+



Parking



71 Haig Road, MERREDIN

\$195,000 - WEB ID 23314024

This gorgeous house feels just like home the moment you walk in. The original jarrah floorboards lead you down the entrance hall to the renovated kitchen which over looks the formal lounge with reverse cycle split system air conditioning. There are 2 good sized bedrooms at the front of the home and 1 at the rear plus a study nook opening onto the back yard. To the side of the house is a huge gable patio paved for entertaining. There is a double garage at the back of the property with access from a rear lane-way, plus a single car garage at the side of the house.



87 Kitchener Road, MERREDIN

\$73,000 - WEB ID 23315670

This renovator home is vacant and ready for a quick sale. Ideal for a young first home-buyer who has some tradie mates or a tree change down-sizer looking to scale back. The home is fibro and tile construction on timber floor boards and stumps. Consisting of 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, lounge entry, eat in kitchen, laundry and WC are under main roof but outside of back door. Reverse cycle split system A/C to lounge, electric oven/stove and 125L electric HWS. Big block of 1037m2 and well fenced yard. Older rear shed with lean too. Excellent and quiet location.



3 Throssell Road, MERREDIN

High \$300k's - WEB ID 23316639

This beautiful family home is a class above the rest. With 3 good sized bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a separate studio this home has plenty of space for everyone. The master bedroom has built in robes and ensuite. The kitchen has large breakfast bar separating it from the dining room which features a beautiful raw timber barn door. The formal lounge room with timber look floors has a tile fire in the original open fire place. The separate studio is nicely presented with timber look floors and french doors. The back yard is fenced with lush lawns and gardens plus a paved area.



30 Mitchell Street, MERREDIN

\$325,000 - WEB ID 23300021

Large character style family home centrally located to all of towns amenities. Full quarter acre (1012m2) title with two road frontages and passing rear lane-way. Loaded with character features the original 1930's home has been extended and renovated retaining its style. Four bedrooms, two bathrooms, formal lounge, large galley style kitchen including original wood fired Metters stove opening onto dining. Ducted evap A/C cooling and built in wood fire to lounge. Timber deck front ramp and veranda. French doors opening to full length paved rear gabled patio with ceiling fans.

