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PAINT PARTIES' PERMANENT NEW HOME!

By **SHEREE LOWE**

Paint Parties now have a permanent new home!

Three years ago almost to the day, I held my first ever Paint Party (known back then as “Arty Farty Parties”) in Merredin. It began as we came out of COVID lockdown in 2020, as an excuse for all of us who had spent months all but confined to our homes to get out and about and mingle again.

That first event sold out in less than 24 hours. Due to the popularity of the event, we expanded to 2 events in a weekend, and then 3. We opened up family classes in addition to the adults only classes. I started taking the Paint Parties outside of

Merredin – to date, my Paint Parties have been to Burracoppin, Muntadgin, Kellerberrin, Bruce Rock, Westonia, Southern Cross, Hyden and Dowerin. This year I added craft classes to the Paint Parties, where we’ve so far made polymer clay jewellery, alcohol ink plant pots and hand woven baskets.

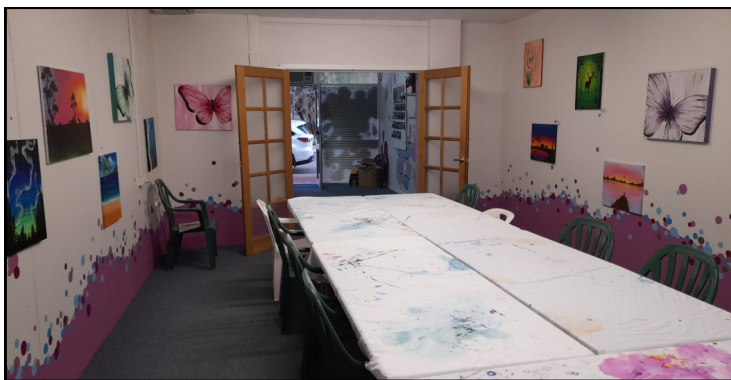
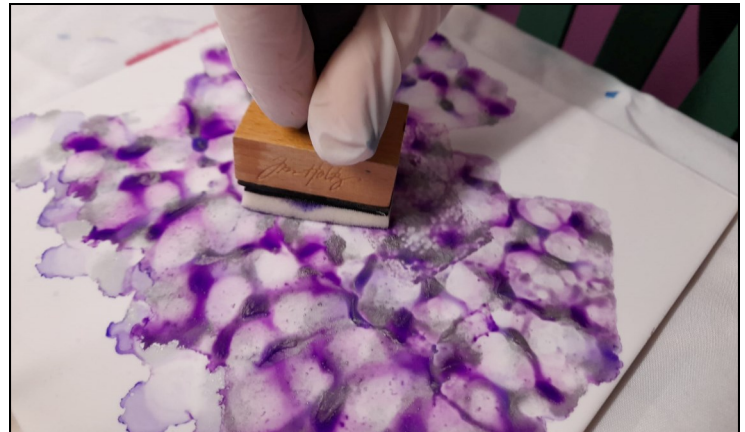
And last weekend, I took the massive step of opening the doors to a permanent workshop space on Barrack Street.

The opening weekend Launch Party started with a polymer clay jewellery making class on Friday night. We hand coloured polymer clay, and then layered it with silver leaf to imitate a stylised wood grain look.

On Saturday morning the doors were thrown open (metaphorically – it was too blimmin’ cold to actually throw them open!) for anyone to come in and have a look, and children were able to decorate plaster figurines with paint and glitter.

Saturday evening saw the return of the super popular alcohol ink pot painting classes. A number of attendees had planned the class as part of a “Girls’ Night Out”, rolling on to the pub afterwards – it was really fun to be part of that!

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COVID-19 STATISTICS

COVID-19 WA Statistics

As of 12 June 2023
 Tested—4,790,840
 Confirmed Cases—1,341,369
 Recovered—1,338,607
 Deaths—1,110
 Active cases in WA—1,652

 Vaccinations—Australia
 Vaccinations—22,231,907
 Fully vaccinated—21,648,824
 Booster—14,368,201
 2023—2,901,526

COVID-19 Australian Statistics

WA—Cases 1.3M—Deaths 1,110
 ACT—Cases 240K —Deaths 244
 NSW—Cases 4.06M—Deaths 7,107
 NT—Cases 107K—Deaths 100
 QLD—Cases 1.7M—Deaths 3,005
 SA—Cases 921K—Deaths 1,505
 TAS—Cases 297K—Deaths 295
 VIC—Cases 2.9M—Deaths 7,892
 Total Cases—11,653,091

We're all
 in this
together.

FREE Reusable Masks at the Merredin CRC!



PYJAMA FREE DRESS DAY

St Mary's School raised \$204.65 for LifeLink by having a Pyjama Free Dress Day on 7 June. Thank you to everyone for their contributions.



My Thoughts

WHOSE THOUGHTS?

What makes us human? Is there a faculty unique to our species that sets us above the rest of Earth's organisms in terms of influence, adaptability, and dominion over them? Our ability to co-operate in enterprises with rapid planetary-scale consequences seems unmatched. What sets us so far apart from the rest of the biosphere? Many animals have sensory powers way beyond those of humans.

A dog seems capable of telepathy when hunting, anticipating the behaviour of the rest of the pack as they seem to silently round up the prey as a single co-ordinated unit. Crows appear to understand the laws of physics as they casually sidestep speeding cars and deploy tools to get what they want. So, what do humans have that the rest don't?

I would say it is our sense of symbolism, when one thing references another completely different thing. The ability to recognise and interpret symbols begins in our second year when

infants begin to use sounds to indicate objects, actions and ideas with increasing precision. By the third year we have begun to deploy visual symbols to represent sounds. Toddlers begin to understand metaphors, abstractions, parables, and mathematics.

Children as young as six have mastered computer programming. This innate sense of symbolism I believe is the foundation upon which our epistemic world is built. More than anything it enables profound introspection, the ability to watch ourselves watching ourselves as we watch ourselves operating.

As such we have developed the science of neurology, and learnt about things like dopamine, serotonin, reward pathways and reflex speed.

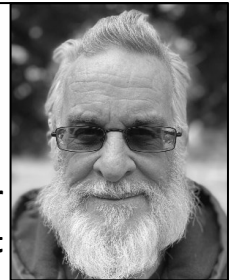
Computers are the machines we build to interpret and process more and more symbols faster than our biology permits. As our knowledge of the physics of miniaturisation improves, so the density and therefore the

capabilities of these computers also improve.

This assistance becomes self-propagating, and so we have the phenomenon of "machine learning", ML. Examples are everywhere. Auto-focusing cameras have been around since the 1980s. Mobile "devices" and social media have raised ML to a whole new level. Computer programs that constantly monitor our behaviour and adapt their output are now commonplace. "Recommenders" are the engines that drive Facebook, TikTok and the rest of the interactive cyberspace.

Advertisers pay for favourable "recommendations". The next level up from ML is "artificial intelligence", AI. This is where the machine itself is permitted to supervise its own learning. How many of you have been impressed by the general knowledge and problem-solving abilities of Chat GPT? How many times do you think you have been fooled by extraordinary stunts on an Instagram reel?

Peter Barrett



Every day I see friends and acquaintances reacting emotionally to internet fakery as if it were real. These deep fakes are getting more and more difficult to detect. Did I write this article you are reading now, or did I ask Chat GPT to compose it? The worry is that as autonomous decision-making systems become larger, they may develop novel problem-solving algorithms that we might find undesirable, dishonest or overbearing.

Computers already do much more than just compute. They have already been handed control of much of our communication and energy networks. Infrastructure upon which we increasingly rely for our day-to-day survival.

How long before we hear a critical system telling us, "I'm sorry, Dave, I'm afraid I can't do that".

SECONDARY CROSS COUNTRY

Today we held the 2023 Cross Country event where this year ALL students participated.

Congratulations to the Champions and Runner-up Champions on the day and to Growden House for being the overall winners on the day.



Upper School—Charlotte & Keira



Upper School—Todd & Jack



Year 7—Bonnie & Harper



Year 9—Toby & Brody



Year 9—Chloe & Temily



Year 10—Bailie & Emily



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WINTER RECIPE

By MERREDIN CRC

1st of June marked the start of winter for 2023. Whilst the outdoors may be chilly, you don't have to be!

Enjoy this warm winter recipe to keep your kitchen smelling amazing and your stomach full!

Hearty Chicken and Vegetable Soup

20 minutes prep
1hr15m cook
6 servings

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 leek, halved, washed, thinly sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 large carrot, peeled, diced
- 2 celery sticks, diced
- 2 small zucchini, diced
- 1 swede or turnip, peeled, diced
- 1 1/4 cups dry soup mix, rinsed (see note*)

- 8 cups Massel chicken style liquid stock
- 1kg skinless chicken lovely legs

Method:

1. Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. A leek and garlic. Cook, stirring, for 2 minutes or until soft but not coloured. Add carrot, celery, zucchini, and swede. Cook for 2 minutes. Stir in soup mix, stock, chicken and 1 cup cold water. Increase heat to high and bring to boil.
2. Reduce heat to low. Simmer, partially covered, stirring occasionally, for 1 hour or until soup mix and vegetables are tender.
3. Remove chicken legs from soup. Allow to cool slightly. Remove meat from bones. Roughly chop chicken meat and add to soup. Season with salt and pepper. Ladle soup into warmed bowls. Serve.

*Packet dry soup mix is a combination of split peas and lentils.



**MUKINBUDIN GOLF CLUB
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11 MAY 2023

6 JULY 2023

To book a free 20-minute consultation please email evelyn@bailiwicklegal.com.au or call 9321 5451

AGED CARE TASKFORCE: GREAT EXPECTATIONS

NATIONAL SENIORS AUSTRALIA MEDIA RELEASE

National Seniors Australia welcomes the terms of reference and the announcement of the members of the Aged Care Taskforce which includes former CEO of National Seniors Australia Professor John McCallum. The primary function of the taskforce is to review funding arrangements, including consumer contributions to aged care.

“National Seniors Australia called for an independent body to examine funding in past budget submissions, so we hope this taskforce goes some way towards achieving this goal,” said National Seniors Australia Chief Advocate, Ian Henschke.

“Whatever funding model is put forward must be fair, transparent, and efficient. Critically, no older person will be willing to contribute more unless they can be assured, they will receive better and higher quality care.”

“There are rightly great expectations from today’s announcement but also trepidation, and it will be up to government to put forward a credible and fair plan and be willing to engage in a conversation with the community.”

National Seniors welcomes the Ministers recognition that dementia care is core to aged care with the majority of people in aged care living with dementia. We have long argued that dementia care must be a part of training. National Seniors looks forward to contributing to the development of the Ten-Year Dementia Action Plan. We also need action to address the deficiency in palliative care and end of life care.

“We welcome the Ministers recognition that the workplace shortage remains the biggest issue facing the sector. As National Seniors has said many times before, increased recruitment, better training and retention of workers are the keys to overall success,” Mr Henschke said.

“While the recent 15% pay increase helps, government needs to do more to attract and retain workers. A dedicated mature age traineeship scheme, such as the one trialled in South Australia, will help attract more mature workers to the sector.”









“The government must now consider our Let Pensioners Work proposal to reduce the income test taper rate for people in the care sector. This will make it more attractive to keep working past pension age and give care workers more income and savings in later life.”

**Have you advertised in the
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2023

| SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| 17 Merredin Fine Arts Society 9am – 2pm. Community Garden 8am. Seventh Day Adventist 11am. St Mary's Catholic Church-6.30pm. | 18 A Chaired Taste-workshop with Luke 1-3 Church of Christ 17 Throssell road Merredin. Uniting Church 9am. Church of Christ 10am. St Marys Catholic Church 8.00am. International Sushi Day  | 19 Boot-scooting 6-8 pm at Cummins Theatre, first night is free see Lyn at the post office or call Sue on 0409 612 997. | 20 Gentle Gym at Senior Centre Merredin at 2pm  International Surfing Day | 21 Craft Group at Seniors Centre 9am-12pm.  Carers support group- Dimensions café 10am-11.30am Wildflower society meeting- Old North Merredin Primary School @ 7pm Mal Harper 0437 388 292 or Tracy Scott- 0427 465 185 | 22 Senior Centre morning tea 10 am – 11.30am Merredin Fine Arts Society 9 am-12pm  Men's Shed 9.30am-5pm Ross 0417300893 Dennis 0411984123 World Rainforest Day | 23 Kids club, Ages 4-12, 3-5pm at Merredin Church of Christ, 17 Throssell Rd, gold coin donation 0429108241 |
| 24 Merredin Fine Arts Society 9am – 2pm. Community Garden 8am. Seventh Day Adventist 11am. St Mary's Catholic Church-6.30pm. World UFO Day  | 25 Uniting church 9am All Saints Anglican church 10am Church of Christ 10am St Marys catholic church 8.00am | 26 A Chaired Taste-Rehearsal, 7pm-9pm Church of Christ 17 Throssell Road Merredin Boot-scooting 6-8 pm at Cummins Theatre, first night is free see Lyn at the post office or call Sue on 0409 612 997. | 27 Gentle Gym at Seniors Centre Merredin at 2pm  | 28 Craft Group at Seniors Centre 9am-12pm.  | 29 School Holidays Begin- St Marys Senior Centre morning tea 10 am – 11.30am Merredin Fine Arts Society 9 am-12pm  Men's Shed 9.30am-5pm Ross 0417300893 Dennis 0411984123 | 30 Kids club, Ages 4-12, 3-5pm at Merredin Church of Christ, 17 Throssell Rd, gold coin donation 0429108241 |

If you would like your community notice included, email it to administration2@merredincrc.com

MERREDIN LITTLE ATHLETICS AGM 2023

DATE: MONDAY 26 JUNE 2023

TIME: 6PM

WHERE: MERREDIN REC CENTRE MEETING ROOM

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE MERREDIN LITTLE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE, COME ALONG TO THE AGM!

If a committee is not elected, there will be no 2023 season

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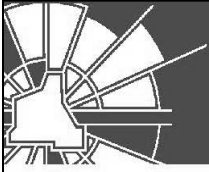
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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Salary range \$54,544 - \$58,116 (pro rata for part time)*

Tourism Support Officer/s

*Level 4/5 - casual
Casual Pay Rate: \$32.46 - \$36.76 p/h (inclusive of casual loading)*

The Shire of Merredin is seeking candidates with strong customer service experience and an interest in tourism and visitor servicing, to support our Visitor Centre team.

The successful applicant/s for the Tourism Officer role will have experience in the tourism industry (or similar) and be able to provide quality and professional customer service in visitor servicing, Transwa bookings and Eastern Wheatbelt regional tourism, and administrative support to the Visitor Centre Manager.

Ideally, candidates for the Tourism Support Officer role will have experience in the delivery of customer services in a similar environment, have knowledge of the local area and have a desire to share this with visitors to the region.

Both roles require the ability to work under pressure at times, particularly through the wildflower season, and to demonstrate they can work in a supportive team environment - a degree of flexibility on working days and hours is a must.

To ensure the successful candidates are able to take up their roles effectively, there will be 3 weeks full-time training. Casual work is available through the peak wildflower season, July-September 2023, and during this time casuals will be required to support a 7-day rotational roster. Note: it is expected that there will be some ongoing employment for casual staff after October 2023, however this will be on an ad hoc basis.

Copies of the Position Descriptions can be downloaded from the Shire website here: bit.ly/merredinemployment

If you are interested in either (or both) position/s, but are concerned about meeting all the requirements of the

position description, please contact Robyn McCarthy on (08) 9041 1666 for a confidential discussion. We are keen to talk to people that are open to learning and we offer a supportive workplace where you can further develop your skills.

If you wish to apply for both positions, please state this in your application and forward your resume and covering letter outlining your ability to meet the selection criteria (no more than 2 pages) to careers@merredin.wa.gov.au by 4:00pm Friday, 23 June 2023. The Shire will be assessing applications as we receive them and may undertake interviews prior to the closing date.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on (08) 9041 1666.

Lisa Clack

Chief Executive Officer

The Merredin Shire Council is an equal opportunity employer.

PUBLIC NOTICES

July Ordinary Council Meeting 2023 Change of Meeting Date

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

The Shire of Merredin wishes to advise that the July Ordinary Council Meeting to be held at 4:00pm on Tuesday, 25 July 2023, has been rescheduled.

The new date for the July Ordinary Council Meeting is as follows;

- Tuesday, 18 July 2023 at 4:00pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend the Council Chambers located on the corner of King and Barrack Streets.

For further information, please contact Olivia Mellor, Governance Officer at the Shire of Merredin, on (08) 9041 1611 or by email at go@merredin.wa.gov.au.

Lisa Clack

Chief Executive Officer

8 June 2023

From the History Room

By **MERREDIN LIBRARY**

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

18th, 1913: The game of football is fast losing ground in our district and does not reflect credit to our club. Generally, on a Sunday, Merredin is as dead as the proverbial doornail.

4th, 1930: The new Merredin Courthouse was officially opened when Mr. F.M. Read, R.M. presided.

3rd, 1946: You must have your Identity Card and the Registration Form CR7 filled in when applying for your new Ration Book.

9th, 1968: At Nunyarri, about 100 miles from Roebourne, is located a little-known enterprise – mining for asbestos. The plant is capable of producing 50 tons each month.

16th, 1965: Western Australia is standing on the doorstep of a spectacular new era in telecommunications development, brought about by the provision of what are known as broadband systems.

26th, 1966: PUBLIC SERVICE NOTICE: National Service registrants turning 20 between January 1 and June 30 this year will be eligible for indefinite deferment of call-up if they were married on or before June 12.

29th, 1966: The new Babakin Primary School will be opened on July 8. For years teachers have had to put up with old fashioned windows, blackboards, open smokey fires and poor sanitation.

17th, 1970: Stan Lonsdale's Modern Meat Store recently closed in Bruce Rock after 60 years of business.

23 May 2023

Fremantle Courthouse

Joe Izakovic appeared on the charges of steal motor vehicle (as defined in section 371A Criminal Code), stealing, breach of bail (fail to appear soon after), breach of bail undertaking, two counts of possessed drug paraphernalia in or on which there was a prohibited drug or plant, two counts possession of stolen or unlawfully obtained property and four counts of person who breaches Cro or community order without reasonable excuse. He was remanded to appear in Fremantle on 19 June 2023.

30 May 2023

Merredin Courthouse

Meegan Browne appeared on the charge of drove with a prescribed illicit drug in oral fluid or blood. She was remanded to appear in Northam on 26 June 2023.

Kiara Gravel appeared on the charges of drove with prescribed illicit drug in oral fluid or blood and no authority to drive (fines suspended). She was remanded to appear in Merredin on 5 July 2023.

Corey Holdem appeared on the charges of drove with prescribed illicit drug in oral fluid or blood. He was remanded to appear in Midland on 19 July 2023.

Keith Roberts appeared in the charges of possess a prohibited drug (cannabis) and no authority to drive – suspended (other than fines suspension). He was remanded to appear in Merredin 5 July 2023.

Kevin Adriaens appeared on the charge of fail to give way at a give way sign/line. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on 5 July 2023.

Gary Buller appeared on the charge of exceed 0.08g alcohol per 100ml of blood. He was

remanded to appear in Merredin on 5 July 2023.

Chelina Day appeared on the charges of criminal damage or destruction of property and common assault. She was remanded to appear in Merredin on 5 July 2023.

Cameron Flint appeared on the charge of breach of protective bail conditions. He was remanded to appear in Perth on 6 June 2023.

Riverlee Guess appeared on the charges of disorderly behaviour in public, re-enter licensed premises within 24hrs and unlawfully assault and thereby did bodily harm with circumstances of aggravation. She was remanded to appear in Merredin on 5 July 2023.

Jacqueline Hayden appeared on the charge of took park in a riot. She was remanded to appear in Merredin on 5 July 2023.

Kevin Humphries appeared on the charges of re-enter a licensed premises within 24hrs and fighting in public causing fear. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on 5 July 2023.

Leigh Lawrence appeared on the charges of disorderly behaviour in public, being armed or pretending to be armed in a way that may cause fear and assault occasioning in bodily harm.

Tahlia Lawrence appeared on the charge of assault public officer. She was remanded to appear in Merredin on 5 July 2023.

Thomas Lawrence appeared on the charge of common assault in circumstances of aggravation or racial aggravation. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on 5 July 2023.

Juwan Little appeared on the charges of stealing and aggravated burglary and commit. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on 5 July

Court Report

2023.

Thomas Broughton appeared on the charge of no authority to drive (never held). He was remanded to appear in Merredin on 5 July 2023.

Midland Courthouse

Ian Stirzaker appeared on the charge of (Att) gains benefit by fraud. He was remanded to appear in Midland on 23 June 2023.

31 May 2023

Armadale Courthouse

Kinhode Degbey appeared on the charges of no authority to drive – suspended (other than fines suspension), exceed 0.08g alcohol per 100ml of blood, reckless driving and driver of a vehicle failed to comply with a direction to stop. He was remanded to appear in Armadale on 25 July 2023.

30 May 2023

Merredin Courthouse

Sharon Downes appeared on the charges of breach of bail undertaking, disorderly behaviour in public, assault public officer and obstructing public officer. She was remanded to appear in Merredin on 5 July 2023.

Tramain Ward appeared on the charges of breach of bail (fail to appear soon after), disorderly behaviour in public, assault public officer, obstructing public officer and being armed or pretending to be armed in a way that may cause fear. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on 5 July 2023.

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Library Musings

By MERREDIN LIBRARY

Libraries have changed over the years and Merredin Library is no different. We still have our books, but we also have large print, DVD's, audiobooks, music scores, newspapers on microfilm and a whole suite of e-resources. There's more!

Special Collections

The Merredin Library holds a few special collections. We have a large collection of classics (think 20,000 Leagues under the Sea, The Potato Factory, Pride and Prejudice); an Indigenous Collection (featuring art and culture, genealogical information, and stories); an Australiana Collection (books written about Australia or by Australian authors). There is even a section of fantasy and sci-fi series.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's reading Challenge is on again. The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program

established in 2022 to encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading and improve literacy levels. There are over 7000 books on the list, and the Merredin Library has over 400 and counting.

Join the challenge. Who knows, you may win a prize. There are just over 100 days to go.

Home Delivery

Not feeling well? Did you know that staff at the Merredin Library can deliver books to you if you live within the town? You don't have to do without reading material. Ask staff about deliveries or how to access e-books from home.

Not sure what to read next. Ask staff for a recommendation or check out our 'New Book', 'Movie/TV Tie-in' or 'Staff Picks' displays. You may find your next favourite author, or a new hobby. Check out the latest photographic display. There is a new one every month. Come in and see us soon.

MERREDIN SENIOR CENTRE MORNING TEA

On Thursday 8 June our regular Morning Tea turned into a wonderful 96th Birthday celebration for Mrs Joan Crook. Many of Joan's family and friends joined the regular guests of the Centre to enjoy a cuppa and some fellowship.

A special cake with a few candles was enjoyed by all and "Happy Birthday" sung. Joan was thrilled to have so many lovely people around her and particularly her youngest Great Grandchild, seven week old Daisy Bowman from Esperance.

Joan's family expressed their appreciation to the Senior Centre for hosting a lovely morning in honour of their wonderful Mum, Grandma and great Grandma.


The Senior Centre would like to

invite everyone to their Thursday Morning Teas and the Committee would welcome any new volunteers onto the Roster to help serve the Morning Tea.

We have a special treat coming up at Morning Tea on 22 June with a visit from the year 1/2 Class at St Mary's who will be visiting on that day - hope we have a good crowd of Seniors to enjoy this interaction with the young ones.

The Merredin Senior Centre Inc. Annual General Meeting is being held on Tuesday 11 July at 3.30 p.m. at the Senior Centre - we would welcome anyone interested in joining our Committee to assist our small band of volunteers with the running of our Centre and the programs we offer.






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PAINT PARTIES' PERMANENT HOME cont.

(Continued from page 1)

On Sunday we welcomed Glenda and Murray from Geraldton, who taught us all how to hand weave baskets using weeds, grasses, palm fronds and other natural fibres we tend to sweep into the bin or throw on the fire. It was a lovely, relaxing way to while away the Sunday.

More Paint Parties and craft classes are scheduled for the remainder of the year (including some fun new ideas for the July school holidays), and I'm already working on new projects for next year. You can see what's coming up on my website (www.PaintTheTownWA.com/book-your-class).

The new, permanent venue will also enable new opportunities for office team building events, birthday parties and hen parties.

A lot of people provided essential support in the lead up to the Launch Party Weekend, and I'm incredibly grateful to all of you – for your emotional support, advice and

encouragement, for installing shelving, and for donating mugs, chairs, wine glasses and other essentials I completely forgot about until the last minute. I'd like to especially thank Shara from Arcade 94 for going above and beyond several times over in the weeks before the opening.



FUEL TO GO AND PLAY ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

By CENTRAL WHEATBELT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

After our success last year winning Division 3, we found ourselves with the challenge of being promoted into Division 2. After meeting each other (some for the first time), we took this in stride with the knowledge that we will have a tough weekend.

Saturday saw us play some great netball. Although we were beaten on the scoreboard, all lifted and played like we belonged in Division 2.

We headed out Saturday night to gain some tips and watch the West Coast Fever play Gold Coast Lightning.

Sunday, we faced three games. Someone could have warned us to take a boat, the rain was truly relentless and so was our opposition. CWNA are tough though and continued to show some great passages of play and some fine form.

Monday was our final game

where we faced Mortlock in a 5 V 6 final. We gave our all and left nothing in the tank. Full credit to the nine amazing players who represented Central Wheatbelt and made us proud. We faced solid opponents and played great netball.

Thank you, Shannon, Chloe, Jess and Lauren, for all the work getting us to the Champs and keeping us on court all weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Coach's Award:

Bella White: Her never back down attitude and who didn't shy away from a challenge. She took on many taller opponents and managed to come away with multiple intercepts and rebounds. Bella had a fabulous weekend and was a pleasure to coach.

Runner up Fairest and Best:

Tanya Turner: Tan received about 90% of our centre passes,

sometimes needing to take on numerous opponents at a time. Her circle feeds were spot on all weekend. A great captain and a steady presence on the court. Always a pleasure to have on the team!

Fairest & Best:

Mirrante Ryder: What an extremely versatile athlete with grit and determination. She will always be an asset to every team she joins. From defence to attack, her skills, speed and ability were amazing.



NANGEENAN NATTERS

By JUILE TOWNROW

How good is it to see some decent rain? The cold wind, however, seems to be blowing off the South Pole and it reminds me of Dad saying, “the wind is blowing so fast you can smell the Eskimo farts”.

It’s the memories of our loved ones, that sustain us over the years, they may no longer be with us in the physical sense, but they never leave us, I find a little smile from time to time as I remember all the little sayings that our parents had. Like one of Mum’s favourites, “If you don’t stop crying, Ill give you something to cry about” well I mean to say, I wouldn’t have been crying in the first place if I didn’t think there was something to cry about, generally we don’t cry for no reason.

A skip down memory lane is always a sobering trip, we remember those special moments with the people we have loved and lost. This year has been an exceptionally hard year. Saying goodbye to many of our peers, people of the district who have been so much of our past, they may not have been in our close friendship circle but certainly in our life.

I remember as kids, going to farm sit at Merv and Beryl Geier’s so they could take their family on holiday. It was hot and we spent much time on the swing out the back, running under the sprinkler. The passing of Kevin Cahill gave rise to the stories that Kevin’s Dad, Vin Jnr told of Vin Snr, packing his kit to go down the back of the farm to clear the paddocks ready for cropping. He would stay there all week, coming back to the house on weekends.

When Mike worked at Cahill’s there were lots of shenanigans. I recall Dennis and Mike making acetylene bombs, one of which landed close to Kevin one day, when he was under a machine, making him sit up, banging his head, they were told in no

uncertain terms that there would be no more bombs made. I ran over a snake one day, on my way to the shearing shed to take Mike’s lunch, thinking it was a good idea, I picked up the snake and draped it down the shearing shed steps, only to be severely reprimanded by Vin Jnr, explaining that there would still be venom in the fangs and it could still kill someone if they kicked their foot into its mouth.

The last twelve months has seen the loss of many of the wonderful people who we consider to be our peers and our pioneers, so many of them having touched my life in one way or another, they may not have known how much they were valued. As sometimes we forget to say those powerful words, like ‘I love you’, ‘I can’t wait until we can catch up’, ‘I so enjoy our chats, thank you for sharing with me’. There are many ways we can show people that we appreciate, value, and respect them. Life is so busy, and it seems to get busier by the day, we often don’t stop to say thank you.

Whenever my kids told me they loved me I would reply “Ditto”, taking the short cut, until one said to me “Mum! Do you realise that it’s just as easy to say I love you, and it’s nicer to hear the words, rather than ditto”. Point taken. These days I find it so much easier to tell people I care about them and never end a phone call to my family without telling them I love them, as we never know just what might be around the corner.

I can’t believe how fast time flies by, we are at the beginning of June, the start to Winter and boy, don’t we know it! The planning for the ‘Back to Nangeenan’ weekend is in full swing. We hope that we have given people enough pre warning to set the weekend of 4th-6th of August aside for what we hope will be a weekend where we start making

memories at the Hall again. The pile of wood for the Friday night bon fire is growing steadily. Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals have been ordered for the competition awards. The entry forms for the Beautiful Baby and Ugliest Man competition are in the process. Saturday evening Dinner menu has been set. Fire pits are in hand. Advertising will start next week and Banners are in the pipeline.

Through the month I have been doing a bit of research on the Burracoppin Hall, yes, thank you Ron Adams for the heads up, it is still standing and for the information. “The Uglies” competition which has been running for four months in Burracoppin to provide funds for the erection of a Hall, which is badly needed has come to a finality. Mr Henry Adams topped the poll and to show his appreciation he tendered a social and dance to his supporters and the general public. The full transcript of this newspaper article can be viewed on Messenger

“Nangeenan History Group”. What a great idea, and how much fun could we have with this. The rules of engagement will be available soon. The process being a nomination form, with a photo and \$5.00 nomination fee, for both the baby and the ugly competition. Voting will be \$1 per vote. With the winner of both competitions announced on the Saturday evening the 5th and the Medal presentation on Sunday morning of the 6th of August.

The making of memories is a very important part of life. The memories are what makes our eyes twinkle again after we have stopped crying, it’s the importance of remembering the love and sharing with that special person who we have lost from the physical world, but who’s memory lives on within us for eternity, it is the stories we tell, that keep our loved ones with us, sustaining our soul and allowing us to continue our journey, until we too, will rest in peace.



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WTF 15th —28th June 2023

By **PETER BARRETT**

It's winter solstice time again, when the sun reaches its furthest point from us, on the Tropic of Cancer, and turns for home. The exact moment this year will be Thursday the 22nd at 10:57am.

It's difficult to detect this from the tables because the Equation of Time causes the sun to also move sideways at this time of year. Because the earth's axis of rotation is tilted by 23.4 degrees to its axis of orbit, a sideways pulsing effect occurs similar to that of a driveshaft universal joint. Combined with the fact that earth's orbit is an ellipse not a circle, this means the noonday sun describes a

figure-8 pattern in the sky, and the top and bottom of the 8, where sideways movement is greatest, occurs at the June and December solstices. This is called the Analemma, or equation of time.

A new Moon this fortnight means dark evenings can be expected. The thin crescent will look attractive setting in the early evening near Mars and the Beehive cluster in Cancer.

Jupiter now dominates the eastern sky before dawn. Saturn will be found almost directly overhead before sunrise. A few meteors should be around as well in the mornings.

The June Bootids radiate from the North and are typically just one or two per hour, however they are caused by a very short period comet and some years they go berserk. 1989 was the last time. Might be due for a flare up again...

Speaking of flare-ups, Betelgeuse is in the news again, having recovered from it's recent dimming to be now 50% brighter than usual. These extreme fluctuations have inflamed the supernova excitement even more, and at just 600-odd light-years away such a detonation would be the phenomenon of the century. Although it is now almost completely a daytime object a

Betelgeuse supernova would be easily visible at noon, rivalling the moon for brightness.

By the time Orion resumes its domination of the night sky next summer it would be a dazzling spectacle, but don't raise your hopes too much. Eta Carina began an eruption in the mid nineteenth century that was expected to become a supernova, and still is today.

But the scale of the universe is such that a hundred trillion miles is considered nearby, and a thousand years is equivalent to the blink of an eye. Keep looking up. You can see the infinite.

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| Fri 16 | rises7:04am sets5:10pm in | rises5:07am sets3:29pm in | rises5:43am sets4:08pm in | rises10:07am sets8:34pm in |
| Sat 17 | rises7:04am sets5:10pm in | rises6:09am sets4:12pm in | rises5:48am sets4:10pm in | rises10:05am sets8:34pm in |
| Sun 18 | rises7:05am sets5:10pm in | rises7:09am sets5:01pm in | rises5:53am sets4:13pm in | rises10:04am sets8:34pm in |
| Mon 19 | rises7:05am sets5:10pm in | rises8:05am sets5:55pm in | rises5:59am sets4:16pm in | rises10:02am sets8:34pm in |
| Tue 20 | rises7:05am sets5:11pm in | rises8:54am sets6:51pm in | rises6:04am sets4:19pm in | rises10:01am sets8:34pm in |
| Wed 21 | rises7:05am sets5:11pm in | rises9:37am sets7:49pm in | rises6:10am sets4:23pm in | rises9:59am sets8:34pm in |
| Thu 22 | rises7:06am sets5:11pm in | rises10:14am sets8:47pm in | rises6:16am sets4:27pm in | rises9:57am sets8:34pm in |
| Fri 23 | rises7:06am sets5:11pm in | rises10:46am sets9:43pm in | rises6:22am sets4:31pm in | rises9:55am sets8:34pm in |
| Sat 24 | rises7:06am sets5:12pm in | rises11:15am sets10:38pm in | rises6:28am sets4:35pm in | rises9:53am sets8:34pm in |
| Sun 25 | rises7:06am sets5:12pm in | rises11:42am sets11:33pm in | rises6:34am sets4:40pm in | rises9:52am sets8:34pm in |
| Mon 26 | rises7:06am sets5:12pm in | rises12:07pm in | rises6:40am sets4:44pm in | rises9:49am sets8:33pm in |
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THE BATTLE RAGES ON MANY FRONTS!

At the CWHRC on the 4 June so many stories emerged, which one to write. Would it be the success of the locals, the beating of the Tom Toms or the battle for the annual awards. At the end of the day the headline wrote itself Cody Wallrodt scores a double.

Not only taking Race 2 with Blazin Beauty but backing up by winning the main race of the day, The DKT RURAL AGENCIES KELLERBERRIN CUP with Alta Hurrah, both of which he trained and drove. Well Done Cody.

It was great to see the local trainers doing well with wins by Dennis Dale in Race 1 with Hot Cinder driven by Kyle Harper.

Tom Elliott Race 4 with Bells Fool driven by Hayden Charles and Tom Groves Race 6 with Hilo Louisa driven by Deni Roberts.

The trainer awards are really heating up with Hayden Reeves having a win in Race 7 with Peeping Tom driven by Donald Harper and Lang Inwood winning Race 3 with Batavia Streamline driven by Cory Peterson. This puts Batavia Streamline in front of the Horse of the year and with both Reeves and Inwood scoring places in other races on the day the battle of the Trainer of the Year is too close to call.

You have Two weeks to plan for our next meeting on the 18th of June which is the Trayning Cup, so if you miss this one I will expect an apple for the teacher!



By Craig Anderson.

MERREDIN GOLF CLUB

By TREVOR WATERHOUSE

Murray Frost with thirty-four points was the winner of Merredin Panel and Paint's sponsored stableford competition held on Saturday the 3rd of June and Matt Jacobson with thirty-two points was the runner up on a countback from Jim Campbell.

Novelties for the day were nearest the pin on hole number two Warren Crook, best third shot on hole number three Joel Roke, nearest the pin hole number four Warren Crook, best second shot on hole number fourteen Murray Frost, lonest putt on hole number fifteen Alex Manning and the birdie hole was number seven and has jackpotted because no player had a birdie and next years winner was Rob Broomhall.

The Great Southern sponsored

two—person Ambrose was held on Saturday the 10th of June and the winners were Justin Watts and Darren O'Neill with 66.5 nett from runners up Rob Gearing and Matt Jacobson with 67.75 nett and third were Warren Crook and Glenn Crees with 69 nett.

Novelties for the day were best third shot on hole number three Alex Manning & Brian Bush, best second shot on hole number six Warren Crook & Glenn Crees, best second shot on hole number nine Jim Campbell & Alby Koper, best third shot on hole number eleven Matt Jacobson & Rob Gearing, best second shot on hole number fourteen Darren O'Neill and Justin Watts and best second shot on hole number eighteen Darren O'Neill and Justin Watts.

A highlight of the day was when

the first drive of the day by Tube on hole number nine finished on the oval, from all accounts was nearly a goal.

Saturday the 17th of June is a club day in Merredin due to the Rhys Della Bosca Ambrose Day at the Southern Cross Golf Club and the Club Foursomes will be played over thirty-six holes on Sunday the 2nd of July with an 8am hit off, name to be in by 7.30am.



Football

CENTRAL WHEATBELT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

**Round 7 Results
Saturday 27 May 2023**

Kalannie (88) d. Beacon (59)

Goals:

Kalannie: R. Ekert (3), N. Adler (3), B. Low (2), M. Dinsdale (1), V. Oldham (1), L. Chapman (1), B. Cowdray (1), L. Coleman (1)

Beacon: K. Indich (3), C. Junk (2), S. Morton (2), A. Abdulle (1), A. Munns (1)

Best:

Kalannie: N. Dowe, D. Acres, K. Harms, N. Adler, L. Meldrum, M. Dinsdale

Beacon: C. Collins, A. Munns, A. Solomon, B. Dunne, J. Poole, S. Morton

Bencubbin (78) d. Koorda (53)

Goals:

Bencubbin: J. Richardson (7), A. Sachse (3), D. Murphy (1), K.

Beagley (1)

Koorda: Z. Rankin (4), H. Cooke (3), T. Henning (1)

Best:

Bencubbin: K. Woods, B. Matera, D. Manuel, J. Richardson, K. Gillett, R. Gobbart

Koorda: Z. Rankin, R. Greaves, R. Boyne, K. Mactaggart, T. Henning

**Round 8 Results
Saturday 10 June 2023**

Bencubbin (85) d. Beacon (56)

Goals:

Bencubbin: J. Richardson (4), K. Beagley (2), M. Putt (2), K. Woods (2), B. Matera (1), J. Rinaldi (1)

Beacon: S. Morton (3), K. Indich (2), B. Beard (2), C. Fawcett (1)

Best:

Bencubbin: K. Woods, B. Matera, D. Manuel, N. Hube, J. Richardson

Beacon: A. Solomon, S. Morton, A. Munns, B. Dunne, N. Dunne, H. Sinclair

Think Mental Best on Ground: Kayd Woods

Koorda (133) d. Mukinbudin (24)

Goals:

Koorda: R. Edwards (3), C. Green (3), B. Derbyshire (2), H. Cooke (2), M. Smythe (2), M.

Applegate (1), J. Applegate (1), R. Wells (1), A. Miles (1), T. Henning (1), B. Quade (1)

Mukinbudin: D. Farmer (2), J. Beagley (1)

Best:

Koorda: A. Miles, K. Mactaggart, R. Greaves, J. Applegate, M. Smythe, R. Wells

Mukinbudin: C. Shadbolt, C. Brandis, J. Lockyer, E. Walker, L. Shadbolt, A. Squire

Think Mental Best on Ground: Ryan Edwards

| | Team | P | W | L | D | % | PTS |
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| 2 | Koorda FC | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 182.19 | 16 |
| 3 | Bencubbin FC | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 117.80 | 12 |
| 4 | Beacon FC | 6 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 75.70 | 4 |
| 5 | Mukinbudin FC | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 14.53 | 0 |

NAREMBEEN AND BRUCE ROCK DARTS ASSOCIATION

**Round 2, Week 5
Friday 2nd June 2023**

Royals (6) def. Magpies (5)

MC Sharks (8) def. Jets (3)

Wizards (6) def. Bruce Rock (5)

High Scores (101+)

(180) Rueben Hayden

(140) Gavin Brownley, Steve McConachy, Damien Bow, Josh Irving, Rodney Okely Jnr, Lindsay Brown, and Dean Whitley

(135) Kaleb Roissetter

(130) Paul Hutton

(125) Danny Gray and Vinne

McCraken

(123) Andrew Nation

(121) Shane Butler

(120) Wyatt Verhoogt, Rhys Cousins, Kris Hayden, and Ron Rojas

(111) Mal Higgins

(105) Ross Ferguson and Jeikwjuan Brown

High Averages (50+)

Rueben Hayden (86.67)

Steve McConachy (68.20)

Josh Irving (68.00)

Vinnie McCracken (66.05)

Gavin Brownley (62.90)

Kris Hayden (59.81)

Kaleb Roissetter (59.33)

Ron Rojas (58.43)

Lindsay Brown (58.32)

Dean Whitley (57.50)

Lindsay Hill (56.13)

Keith Butler (54.00)

Mark Brown (53.36)

Rodney Okely Jnr (52.83)

Danny Gray (50.64)

Rhys Cousins (50.40)

Justin Watts (50.13)

Tom Latham (50.06)

100 Club

(4) Justin Watts and Rueben Hayden

(3) Gavin Brownley, Josh Irving, and Keith Butler

(2) Steve McConachy, Danny Gray, Kaleb Roissetter, Gavin Cole, and Lindsay Brown

(1) Shane Butler, Wyatt Verhoogt, Rhys Cousins, Rodney Okely Jnr, Kris Hayden, Mark Brown, Ian Butler, Jeikwjuan Brown, Ron Rojas and Andrew Nation

Netball

MERREDIN NETBALL ASSOCIATION

**Round 6 Results
Thursday 1 June 2023**

A1 Senior Women

Jets (15) d. Blues (forfeit)

Karni Jewels (59) d. Titans (21)

Bye: Gems

A2 Senior Women

Gems (26) d. Karni Jewels (25)

Titans (68) d. Jets (27)

Karni Jewels (39) d. Blues (37)

**Round 4 Results
Thursday 1 June 2023**

Junior A

Titans (52) d. Karni Jewels (50)

Jets (53) d. Gems (23)

**Round 7 Results
Thursday 8 June 2023**

A1 Senior Women

Titans (54) d. Gems (17)

Karni Jewels (69) d. Blues (31)

Bye: Jets

A2 Senior Women

Karni Jewels 1 (54) d. Karni Jewels 2 (20)

Titans (68) d. Gems (9)

Jets (46) d. Blues (34)

**Round 5 Results
Thursday 8 June 2023**

Junior

Titans (58) d. Gems (33)

Jets (47) d. Karni Jewels (33)

| | A2 Grade Ladder | P | W | L | D | % | PTS |
|---|-----------------|---|---|---|---|--------|-----|
| 1 | Titans A2 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 301.67 | 14 |
| 2 | Karni Jewels 1 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 150.97 | 10 |
| 3 | Jets A2 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 122.97 | 10 |
| 4 | Blues A2 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 81.37 | 4 |
| 5 | Karni Jewels 2 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 43.21 | 2 |
| 6 | Gems A2 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 33.66 | 2 |

CENTRAL WHEATBELT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

**Round 7 Results
Saturday 27 May 2023**

Kalannie (76) d. Beacon (13)

Kalannie: Players' Choice: Mirrante Ryder

Coach's Award: Kayla Moore

Beacon: Fairest & Best: Georgia Maddock

Coach's Award: Tayla Beagley

Bencubbin (42) d. Koorda (35)

Bencubbin: Player of the Day: Lauren Yates

Coach's Award: Sally Putt

Koorda: Best Player: Lois Kowald

Coach's Award: Lara Dunning

**Think Mental Round 8 Results
Saturday 10 June 2023**

Bencubbin (66) d. Beacon (20)

Bencubbin: Player of the day: Danelle Folley

Coach's Award: Shannon Waters

Beacon: Fairest & Best: Anna McGillivray

Coach's Award: Anna McGillivray

Mukinbudin (49) d. Koorda (48)

Mukinbudin: Best Player: Chloe King

Coach's Award: Tanya Turner

Koorda: Player of the day: Kristy Storer

| | Team | P | W | L | D | % | PTS |
|---|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|--------|-----|
| 1 | Kalannie Netball Club | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 184.00 | 18 |
| 2 | Koorda Netball Club | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 194.90 | 16 |
| 3 | Mukinbudin Netball Club | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 138.60 | 12 |
| 4 | Bencubbin Netball Club | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 124.68 | 10 |
| 5 | Beacon Netball Club | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 13.39 | 0 |

Football

EASTERN DISTRICTS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

LEAGUE - Round 7 Results
Saturday 10th June 2023

Hyden/Karlgarin FC 10.8 (68)
def. Bruce Rock FC 10.7 (67)

Goals:
Hyden/Karlgarin FC: C. James 4, A. James 2, T. Edwards 1, I. Haslam 1, T. James 1

Bruce Rock FC: S. Omodei 4, J. Norrish 3, L. Farrow 1, F. Neeson 1

Best:
Hyden/Karlgarin FC: T. James, L. Mouritz, T. Brien, D. Biglin, A. James

Bruce Rock FC: B. Terima, J. Duckworth, M. Flowers, L. Farrow, A. Decke

Nukarni FC 11.11 (77) def. Kulin/Kondinin FC 11.9 (75)

Goals:
Nukarni FC: B. Duffield 4, B. Giles 2, M. Geier 1, A. Ayles 1, M. Deering 1, A. Harris 1, C. Malone 1

Kulin/Kondinin FC: None Provided

Best:
Nukarni FC: C. Shaw, J. Granich, B. Giles, B. Duffield, C. Creek

Kulin/Kondinin FC: None

Provided
Narembeen FC 19.10 (124) def. Burracoppin FC 3.6 (24)

Goals:
Narembeen FC: T. Baldwin 3, J. Hooper 3, T. Latham 3, D. Mortimore 3, C. Duncan 2, J. Kennedy 2, R. Green 1, C. Shaww 1, C. Spinks 1

Burracoppin FC: P. Withers 2, H. Stockman 1

Best:
Narembeen FC: T. Baldwin, C. Shaww, J. Hooper, C. Duncan, T. Latham

Burracoppin FC: P. Withers, D. Lowe, J. Everett, Z. Mcquistan, R. Ferguson

Corrigin FC 23.14 (152) def. Southern Cross FC 9.9 (63)

Goals:
Corrigin FC: M. McLeod 11, J. Bootama 8, T. Smith 2, J. Sullivan 1, K. Wittwer 1

Southern Cross FC: M. Russo 5, F. Chrisp 1, J. Della Bosca 1, J. Steel 1, L. Williams 1

Best:
Corrigin FC: J. Bootama, M. McLeod, B. Dixon, D. Crossland, D. Crossland

Southern Cross FC: D. Stephen, J. Beck, E. Bromley, M. Russo, T. Wells

RESERVES - Round 7 Results
Saturday 10th June 2023

Hyden/Karlgarin FC 7.9 (51)
def. Bruce Rock FC 4.2 (26)

Goals:
Hyden/Karlgarin FC: None Provided

Bruce Rock FC: A. Beel 1, D. Kalejs 1, J. Strange 1, D. Verhoogt 1

Best:
Hyden/Karlgarin FC: None Provided

Bruce Rock FC: D. Kalejs, J. Beurteaux, J. Cotter, A. Beel, B. Evans

Nukarni FC 8.16 (64) def. Kulin/Kondinin FC 2.5 (17)

Goals:
Nukarni FC: None Provided

Kulin/Kondinin FC: None Provided

Best:
Nukarni FC: H. Shaw, K. Beilken, S. McGuinniss, B. Zwarecz, A. Osborne

Kulin/Kondinin FC: None Provided

Narembeen FC 11.14 (80) def. Burracoppin FC 2.4 (16)

Goals:
Narembeen FC: K. Della Vedova 4, C. Hills 2, M. Poultney 2, R. Cousins 1, W. Crane 1, B. Kennedy

Burracoppin FC: T. Beck 2, J. Burrell 1

Best:
Narembeen FC: A. Saunders, B. Kennedy, K. Della Vedova, N. Brown, M. Mortimore

Burracoppin FC: G. Brown, L. Withers, S. Watson, A. Freebairn, A. Townrow

Southern Cross FC 10.4 (64) def. Corrigin FC 1.4 (10)

Goals:
Southern Cross FC: T. Iredale 2, S. Lawrence 2, N. Simmonds 2, T. Wells 3, M. Della Bosca 1, M. Thomson 1

Corrigin FC: K. Mellow 1

Best:
Southern Cross FC: M. Thomson, N. Simmonds, C. Hardwood, M. Della Bosca, J. Dal Busco

Corrigin FC: T. Di Fulvio, B. Swithenbank, N. Bowden, L. Rendell, B. Talbot

| | RESERVES LADDER | P | W | L | D | % | PTS |
|---|--------------------|---|---|---|---|--------|-----|
| 1 | Nukarni FC | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 426.50 | 28 |
| 2 | Narembeen FC | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 175.34 | 20 |
| 3 | Burracoppin FC | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 150.73 | 20 |
| 4 | Hyden/Karlgarin FC | 7 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 138.60 | 16 |
| 5 | Bruce Rock FC | 7 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 92.11 | 12 |
| 6 | Corrigin FC | 7 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 47.62 | 8 |
| 7 | Southern Cross FC | 7 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 50.57 | 4 |
| 8 | Kulin/Kondinin FC | 7 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 22.41 | 4 |

| | LEAGUE LADDER | P | W | L | D | % | PTS |
|---|--------------------|---|---|---|---|--------|-----|
| 1 | Narembeen FC | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 304.82 | 28 |
| 2 | Hyden/Karlgarin FC | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 132.53 | 18 |
| 3 | Bruce Rock FC | 7 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 119.53 | 16 |
| 4 | Burracoppin FC | 7 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 63.07 | 16 |
| 5 | Corrigin FC | 7 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 81.60 | 12 |
| 6 | Nukarni FC | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 94.74 | 10 |
| 7 | Kulin/Kondinin FC | 7 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 89.49 | 8 |
| 8 | Southern Cross FC | 7 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 57.72 | 4 |

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Horoscopes



ARIES 21 March-19 April
A change is in the air, go with it. It may be rewarding in a way you are hoping for.



TAURUS 20 April-26 May
It's time to focus on the financial matter at hand, just deal with it.



GEMINI 21 May-20 June
Something new will appear in your life. This isn't always a good thing though.



CANCER 21 June-22 July
It's time to put you first, stop hanging out in the backgrounds shadows.



LEO 23 July-22 August
A tad bit of romance may be in the air soon, go for it! You deserve it after all.



VIRGO 23 August-22 September
Doing something with or for the community may be what you need.



LIBRA 23 September-22 October
Staying organised will give the best results, but don't let it control you.



SCORPIO 23 October-21 November
A piece of relaxation may be what you need after a busy day.



SAGITTARIUS 22 November-21 December
Stop putting pressure on yourself, you can't change your already written pages.



CAPRICORN 22 December-19 January
It's time to let your guard down and let people know you on a deeper level.

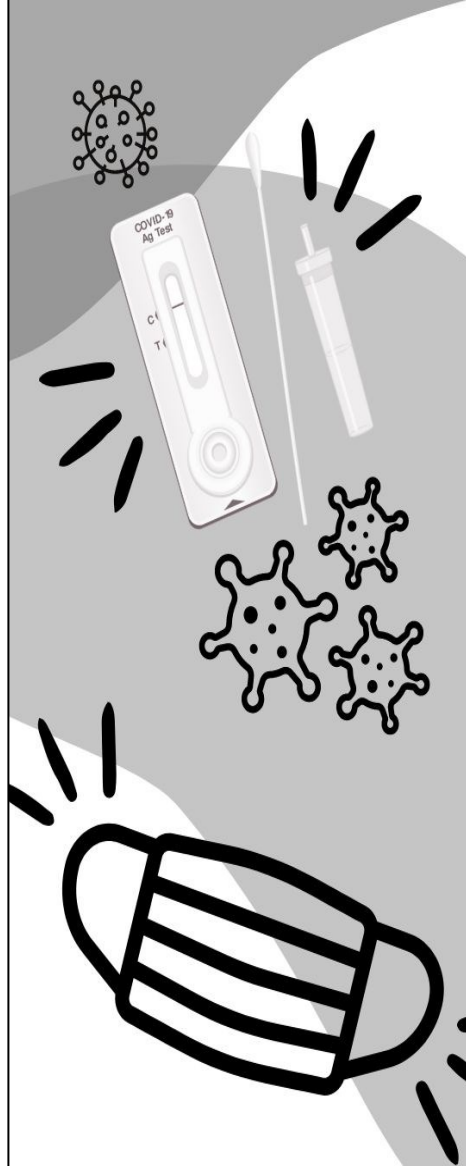


AQUARIUS 20 January-18 February
Find that healthy balance between work and home.



PISCES 19 February-20 March
Remember to look on the bright side of life, it isn't always rainy.

Free Masks & RATS at the Merredin CRC!



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Merredin, WA

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Responsibilities

- Building and maintaining strong relationships with clients, recommending the Elders range of products and services that will strengthen the growth of their business
- Proactively source new business to achieve KPI's and targets
- Supporting inventory management, including in stocktake and dispatch
- Processing sales and performing sales quotes

About you

- Are comfortable and thrive in a collaborative working environment
- Are passionate about effecting real change for both your clients and your community
- Have technical seasonal and rural products knowledge to support clients
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- Have an ability to provide a high level of customer service and cultivate relationships with current and future clients
- Have a driver's license. A forklift license is preferred however we can support you to obtain one.



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Contact Christie on 0414 221 744 for more information, or to book a viewing!

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Tony Maddox Real Estate are seeking **expressions of interest** for a potential **Sales Representative** position in the **Merredin** area.

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Our team is currently made up of 7 members who pride themselves on working together and have extensive knowledge and expertise in the real estate industry. You'll be part of a very supportive, and fun team, have flexibility with your hours and offered competitive earnings.

Give us a call to discuss this exciting opportunity!

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Houses are varying in size, from 2-bedroom homes to 4-bedroom homes, available on 6-month lease agreement. Conditions will apply.

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- One: 3-bedroom, 1 bathroom
- Two: 4 bedroom, 2 bathrooms

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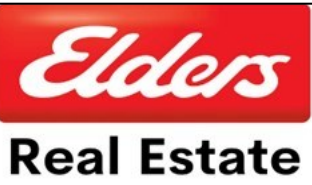


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6 Solomon Street, Merredin

PRICE: \$49,000
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LARGE RESIDENTIAL BLOCK!

If you have dreams of building a massive home with a massive shed this large residential block is the one for you. On 1,384 square metres in a good location within the townsite and mains power and water available this property presents great value at \$49,000.

Merredin offers every convenience needed. Medical, education, entertainment and recreation just to name a few and an easy 2.5 hour drive to Perth. It's the place to be if you're looking for a relaxed, laid back lifestyle with an awesome community.



Beds



Bath



Parking



57 Caw Street, Merredin
\$180,000 - WEB ID 300P107742

This tidy 3 x 1 is perfect for investors with the most recent lease on this home returning \$360 per week. With a strong rental history and full rental records available you really cant go wrong. Situated on a 1,012 square metre block with excellent colourbond fencing all round the back yard provides a large and safe place for kids and pets to play. The north facing lounge room with quality carpets and built in fan forced wood fire is super cozy and flows through to the dine in kitchen.



63 Bates Street, Merredin
\$499,000 - WEB ID 300P107516

This beautiful property presents like a brand new display home with a massive quality built shed at the rear. You won't find a better property in Merredin! With 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and an awesome playground in the back yard this is the home you will never grow out of. All the bedrooms have BIR's with the master having an open ensuite with double vanity, double shower and separate WC. The second bathroom located centrally to 3 of the 5 bedrooms also has a double vanity, shower and separate bath.



2 Draconis Street, Merredin
\$450,000 - WEB ID 300P109622

This is an extremely well presented property. From the minute you drive in you will be amazed by the huge area of land you have to enjoy before you even enter the stunning 4 x 2 home which oozes character and charm. The main living area of the home features an open plan design with gorgeous timber ceilings and stunning wood floors. The modern kitchen with stainless steel gas cook top and electric oven offers ample storage and bench space with a large breakfast bar over looking the living and dining areas.



56 Railway Avenue, Nungarin
OFFERS WANTED - WEB ID 300P107246

Here's your chance to purchase the famous award winning WOOLSHED HOTEL as seen on TV! This beautiful fully renovated property oozing with character offers a thriving business and residence in the quaint little town of Nungarin with the friendliest community in the wheatbelt. Nungarin is home to some of the most beautiful wild flowers and landmarks in the state. Tourism is alive here with visitors from all over the world coming to enjoy the picturesque landscapes, rock climbing and caves.

