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THE STORY OF ARTHUR UPFIELD AND THE MURCHISON MURDERS

BY JO MILLINGTON

The Murchison Murders is the true story of three murders committed in the late 1920s/early 30s on the No 1 Rabbit Proof Fence 183 miles north of Burracoppin and at Challi Bore north of the Dromedary Hills Homestead by an itinerate stockman, Snowy Rowles.

Arthur Upfield was a fence runner, or boundary rider, based at Burracoppin. His run took him from his Burracoppin base to Dromedary Hills Station 163 miles north. This was owned by State Government for its camel breeding programme.

Here he met up with Snowy Rowles (born John Thomas Smith) from nearby Narndee Station.

Arthur was an author of detective novels whose main character was Inspector Napoleon Bonaparte, or "Bony", and was working on a novel "The Sands of Windee". In this he described a foolproof way to dispose of the body and thus

commit the perfect murder.

Rowles adopted this method to murder three of his acquaintances for personal gain.

He was eventually arrested, tried and convicted and executed at Fremantle Prison 13th June 1932.

On hearing of this story when our family moved to Burracoppin in 1984 I subsequently, though much later, completed a series of seven paintings depicting this story. As a result, I was contacted by Arthur's grandson, William Arthur Upfield and his wife Francesca, and we became friends on social media.

William and Francesca recently travelled to WA and spent some time with us. This included sitting next to the Rabbit Proof Fence having a wine and being spotted by an avid Arthur Upfield fan, Craig, who joined us and we all took lots of photos.

The Upfields have generously
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William Arthur Upfield, Francesca Upfield and Jo Millington



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
18 June	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>Seventh Day Adventist Church 11am</p> <p>Merredin Fine Arts Society 9am-12pm</p> <p>Community Garden 2pm 0427 701 655</p> <p>St Mary's Catholic Church – Mass 6.30pm</p>	<p>Merredin Uniting Church 9am and 6pm</p> <p>Merredin Church of Christ 10am</p> <p>All Saints Anglican Church AGM at St Thomas Nungarin after a 10am Morning Prayer Service</p>	<p>Bootscooting 7pm at Cummins Theatre 9041 3005 (leave a message), 0409 172 259, or see Lyn at the Post Office</p> <p>A Choired Taste 7pm rehearsal at Old North Merredin Primary School</p>	<p>Gentle Gym at the Senior Centre 10am</p> <p>Carer's WA Social Support 10-11.30am at Dimensions Cafe</p> <p>1300227377 socialsupport@carerswa.asn.au</p>	<p>Craft Group at the Senior Centre 10am</p> <p>Merredin CRC Meeting, 5.30pm. All welcome.</p>	<p>Men's Shed 2-5pm 0427 831 024</p> <p>Merredin Fine Arts Society 9am-2pm</p>	<p>Kids club, Ages 4-12, 3-5pm at Merredin Church of Christ, 17 Throssell Rd, gold coin donation 0429 108 241</p> <p>Merredin Rep Club "Mid-year show goes terribly WRONG?" at Cummins Theatre 7pm</p>
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<p>If you would like your community notice included, email it to administration3@merredincrc.com</p>						

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COVID-19

COVID-19 WA Statistics

As at 15 June 2022

Tested 4,000,849

Confirmed Cases 832,371

Recovered 795,447

Deaths 322

Active cases in WA 36,602

COVID-19 in Australia

Vaccinations:

1 Dose 22,332,746 (86.9%)

Fully Vaccinated 21,637,279 (84.2%)

Booster 13,790,767 (70.2%)

COVID-19 Australian Statistics

WA—Cases 832K—Deaths 322

ACT—Cases 142K —Deaths 68

NSW—Cases 2.67M—Deaths 3,322

NT—Cases 74,485—Deaths 52

QLD—Cases 1.23M—Deaths 1,126

SA—Cases 551K—Deaths 476

TAS—Cases 173K—Deaths 81

VIC—Cases 1.99M—Deaths 3,645

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donated the complete set of Arthur's books to the Merredin Library for all Arthur's fans to enjoy.

The series of paintings are now housed in the beautiful Mt Magnet Museum and Visitor

Centre which features this remarkable story of the Murchison Murders.

This includes a replica of the Dromedary Hills Homestead which was made for the filming of "Three Acts of Murder" which is available through the Library System of WA.



William Arthur Upheld with Craig Downsborough



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FAREWELL AND WELCOME

By DEBBIE MORRIS

After 11 enjoyable years as Manager of Merredin CRC, I have made the big decision to retire.

Over the years, I have seen the CRC grow into a real 'community hub' which offers the community lots of events, services, information, facilities, The Phoenix and more.

It has offered employment and traineeships to a number of people, who have all contributed to the success of the CRC, as have the amazing volunteers that support the CRC in various ways, including the fantastic Men's Shed members.

Our CRC could not operate without a Management Committee and I take this opportunity to thank the Committee for their time, effort and support over the years, it has been enjoyable working with you all.

To the staff, thank you for all your support.

I am really pleased to welcome and introduce the new CRC Manager, Melinda Brown, who commenced this week. It's great to know the CRC will be in very capable hands. Melinda has previous experience in CRCs, having previously managed the Nungarin CRC.



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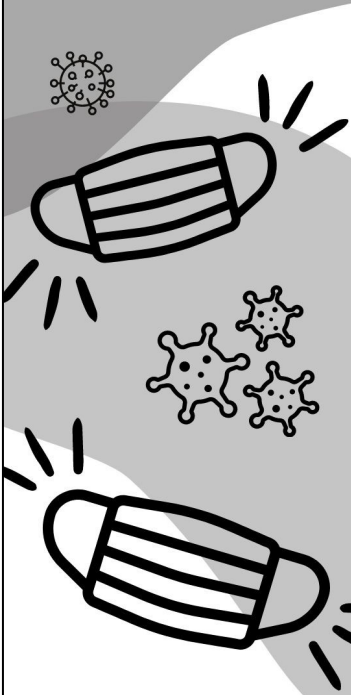
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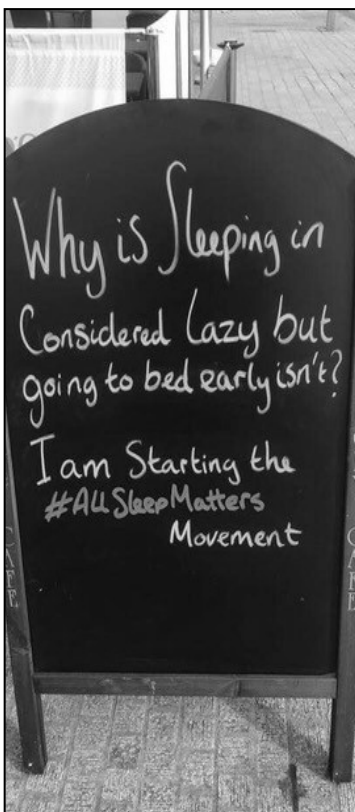
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JUST A THOUGHT

Every year on the 25th of April, we celebrate and honour those who fought and those who died in, initially the Great War, World War One but also, all wars and campaigns that have come after.

We show how we appreciate those who fought for their country, what they achieved and what they gave, by remembering them, on this special day each year.

Some of us have direct connections to Anzac Day.

My grandfather, on my Dad's side, fought in WW1 and thank God he came home.

Not so lucky was my great uncle, on my birth mother's side, who lost his life at Chunuk Bair and is honoured on the New Zealand memorial wall.

My Uncle Jack fought in WW2 and until his death in 1968, lived with shrapnel still in his body, too dangerous to remove. Two other uncles fought in the Korean war.

Friends went to Vietnam and Afghanistan. Those that came home, brought their personal scars and their private demons with them. It changed them in ways we were, and still are, unaware of.

The families they came back to, had their own adjustments to make because their sons and now daughters too, weren't the guys they knew before they left. Because of that, some families were and are, forever fragmented.

Over the last couple of years, Anzac Day has changed from the usual format that we are used to, to one governed by the COVID pandemic.

First, there was the driveway Anzac service. Very special in its own way. The Shire of Merredin did a live feed from our cenotaph. And standing at the end of my driveway,

watching the service, with my laptop balancing in one hand and a lit candle in the other, it felt special and personal.

The following year, we had a bit more freedom, here in Western Australia, to observe close to what we are used to, due to our border closures that were keeping us safe. Again, the Shire did the live broadcast.

This year we had a beautiful dawn service, with the most spectacular sunrise I have ever seen at a dawn service. That, in itself, made it all the more special.

The large local crowd, of all ages were boosted with visitors from Perth, on their bikes, who after the service, had breakfast at a local business and then rode onto Nungarin to attend their service.

This year we were also privileged to have a sole bagpiper. The poor man was very frustrated that the reed on his pipes kept misbehaving. But it was beautiful, nevertheless.

Sprigs of rosemary were offered to those who wished to place one at the base of the cenotaph. And yummy Anzac biscuits, individually wrapped, were offered to all those that were there.

People stayed longer at the cenotaph this year and talked and mingled with others. No one seemed to rush off, straight after the service. Maybe this was due to the fact the gun barrel breakfast was cancelled this year. As was the street march that precedes the eleven o'clock service and the service itself, that is normally held at the Cummins Theatre. This was because of the limited number allowed in the theatre, due to the COVID restrictions.

My question then, is why was the eleven o'clock service, not transferred out into the open air and held at Roy Little Park, like it

My Thoughts



**Susan
Clark**

was a few years ago when the Theatre was having its upgrade?

Not all that like to observe Anzac Day, can attend the 6am service.

Our very own World War II veteran, Mr Eddy Johnston, is unable to attend that early in the morning, and is the same for a lot of our Senagers (senior citizens).

But every year not too many of them miss the 11am service. The last couple of years with the restrictions, they have found it difficult not to be able to join with others to honour the Anzacs and the service of their mates.

So, a big thank you goes out to the CRC, for stepping up and filling the void of no 11am service.

But the CRC get together, was not an Anzac service as such, but a coming together with a cuppa, some light refreshments, a catch up and a chat. Showing respect for our local Vets and to all those Australians and New Zealanders that gave, some their all. And to those that we wish to remember and say a big thank you to, for our freedom.

There was a display of memorabilia and awards were presented for community achievements. And Mr Bob Harrison did the Ode, that honours our fallen.

So, once again, thank you to the Merredin CRC, for filling in that void at such short notice too.

So, I hope the Shire, never cancel such an important part of our life and our history again.

Need to think outside the box. Lest We Forget.

Court Report

Monday 30th May 2022

Geraldton Courthouse

Sheldon Little appeared on two charges of criminal damage or destruction of property and a charge of damaging property. He was remanded to appear in Geraldton on the 20th June 2022.

Tuesday 31st May 2022

Central Law Courts

Melville Verhoeven appeared on two charges of being armed or pretending to be armed in a way that may cause fear and charges of driving with prescribed illicit drug in oral fluid or blood, possessing a prohibited plant and assault occasioning bodily harm. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 9th June 2022.

Wednesday 8th June 2022

Merredin Courthouse

Patricia Binion appeared on charges of possessing drug paraphernalia in or which there was a prohibited drug or plant, possessing a prohibited drug, cultivating a prohibited plant, re-entering licensed premises within 24hrs and assault occasioning bodily harm. She was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 3rd August 2022.

Denver Carter appeared on charges of possessing a prohibited drug, common assault and failed to leave licensed premises when required to do so by an authorized person. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 5th of July 2022.

Shane Cull appeared on a charge of failing to comply with requirement to provide a sample of oral fluid. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 5th July 2022.

Daniel Dyson appeared on a charge of failing to comply with a direction. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the

5th July 2022.

Christopher Drayton appeared on charges of stealing a motor vehicle (as defined in section 371a criminal code) and burglary and commit. He was remanded to appear in Perth on the 29th June 2022.

Hayley Davis appeared on charges of unlawful assault and thereby did bodily harm with circumstances of aggravation, careless driving and without lawful excuse trespassed on a place. She was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 5th July 2022.

Roberta Foley appeared on a charge of unlawfully wounding with a circumstance of aggravation. She was remanded to appear in Kalgoorlie on the 2nd August 2022.

Shauna Hansen appeared on a charge of breached a family violence restraining order. She was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 5th of July 2022.

Josephine Hayden appeared on charges of criminal damage or destruction of property, assaulting a public officer and disorderly behavior in public. She was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 6th September 2022.

Joshua Jenkins appeared on a charge of no authority to drive – suspended (other than fines suspension). He was remanded to appear in Midland on the 6th July 2022.

Colin Jones appeared on charges of disorderly behavior in public, carried an article with intent to injure (disable), without lawful excuse trespassed on a place and criminal damage or destruction of property. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 3rd of August 2022.

Richard Krause appeared on charged of being armed or pretending to be armed in a way that may cause fear and assault occasioning bodily harm.

He was remanded to appear in Northam on the 27th of June 2022.

Johnathan Papertalk appeared on charges of no authority to drive (never held), stealing, aggravated burglary and commit, criminal damage by fire and steal motor vehicle (as defined in section 371a criminal code). He was remanded to appear in Geraldton on the 4th August 2022.

Donna Ryan appeared on charges of possessing drug paraphernalia in or which there was a prohibited drug or plant, cultivating a prohibited plant, possessing a prohibited drug, and offer to sell or supply a prohibited drug to another. She was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 5th July 2022.

Tremaine Ward appeared on a charge of criminal damage or destruction of property. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 5th July 2022.

Ashley Taylor appeared on a charge of breached a family violence restraining order. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 5th July 2022.

Thursday 9th June 2022

Merredin Courthouse

Leanne Skewes appeared on a charge of common assault. She was remanded to appear in Northam on the 17th June 2022.

Melville Verhoeven appeared on two charges of being armed or pretending to be armed in a way that may cause fear and

charges of driving with prescribed illicit drug in oral fluid or blood, possessing a prohibited plant and assault occasioning bodily harm. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 5th July 2022.

Jason Hill appeared on charges of criminal damage or destruction of property, unlawfully assault, and thereby did bodily harm with circumstance of aggravation, threaten to kill, in circumstance of aggravation, common assault and being armed or pretending to be armed in a way that may cause fear. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 10th of June 2022.

Bradley Hayden appeared on a charge of common assault in circumstances of aggravation or racial aggravation. He was remanded to appear in Perth on the 23rd June 2022.

Leanne Skewes appeared on a charge of common assault. She was remanded to appear in Northam on the 17th June 2022.

Friday 10th June 2022

Merredin Courthouse

Shauna Seabrook appeared on charges of exceeding speed limit between 10 and 19km/h. She was remanded to appear in Joondalup on the 7th July 2022.

Aaron Matthews appeared on charges of breach of protective bail and unlawful wounding with a circumstance of aggravation. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 6th July 2022.



CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation was held on Sunday 12 June and three Year Six students, Tomas Kraske-Beck, Archie Gethin and Skye Wilson were confirmed.

They celebrated the day with family and friends by participating in a special Mass and having morning tea at the school hall.



Library Musings

By **WENDY PORTER**, Merredin Librarian

The Merredin Library is always refreshing stock to keep it new and interesting, come down and take a look.

Did you see the news about observing Pluto from the Outback this week? What else can be seen in the skies above Australia? *'Pearls of the Southern skies'* by Dieter Willasch and Auke Slotegraaf looks at those formations that can only be seen in Southern skies, from the String of Pearls Galaxy to the Helix Nebula. The explains how to find them in the sky using either binoculars or a telescope and when is the best time to look.

Looking for your next LEGO challenge? LEGO has become such a phenomenon in Australia. The Merredin Library has many books with designs and ideas for models. Did you know we also have *'How to build brick airplanes'* by Peter Blackert?

Find plans for building a SR-71 Blackbird, a Supermarine Spitfire and even a Sopwith Camel. The book includes simple and more detailed builds. Get inspired.

Grow your own vegies this winter! Have you ever thought about growing your own fruit and vegetables? Don't have much space? *'Grow your own crops in pots'* by Kay Maguire shows what can be grown successfully in pots, what pot is best for each crop and even identifying and solving problems when things go wrong. There's even a plan for a metre-square year-round planter. Grow you own fruit, vegetables, herbs, and edible flowers.

Remember to ask staff about the free e-resources available to all library members. Never run out of reading material again. Can't find what you are looking for? Ask staff for help or check out our *'Staff picks'* shelf for ideas. See you soon.

LIFE LINK DAY




Lifeliink is celebrated on the first Wednesday in June each year and this year we all gathered together to learn about the many Church social service agencies.


These agencies reach out to provide practical care and direct assistance to thousands of people in need each year.

To help raise funds for these agencies we all got to wear out pyjamas for the day and made a gold coin.






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My Wessie Chilli Rules

Teams of 2 will compete to cook the best chilli in the wheatbelt! 2022





Date: 30th of July
Where: Westonia Recreation Centre
Time: Cook off starts 5.30pm


Free BBQ, drinks and chilli tastings with a raffle and auction on the night

Prizes for Judges Choice Award & People's Choice Award

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UNIVERSITY OFFERS FOR 2023

Year 12 students Olivia Downsborough and Emma Irving from Merredin College were pleased to receive 'Unconditional Offers' to UWA (University of Western Australia) in 2023. Students who receive an 'Unconditional Offer', have met or exceeded the entry requirements for their chosen course using their Year 11 predicted ATAR score, with the condition of achieving their

WACE and completing their ATAR Courses.

Olivia has accepted the offer to complete a Masters' Degree in Teaching – via the Bachelor of Arts (English and Literacy Studies). Emma has been offered to complete a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Sciences.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



STUDENT LEADERS TRAINING DAY – 2022

The primary student leaders worked with Mrs Smith (Deputy Principal) last week to learn about being an effective leader.

and also giving and receiving positive feedback and acknowledgement of their strengths.

The training revolved around the research of Posner and Kouzes and their book titled "The Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership."

The five practices are:

- Model the way
- Inspire a shared vision
- Challenge the process
- Enable others to act
- Encourage the heart

The leaders enjoyed participating in team challenges



FOUR PRIORITIES FOR THE ATO THIS TAX TIME

With the end of the financial year looming, the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has announced four key focus areas for Tax Time 2022 which include:

- Record keeping
- Work Related Expenses
- Rental property income and deductions, and
- Capital gains from crypto assets, property and shares.

Assistant Commission Tim Loh explained that "The ATO is targeting problem areas where we see people making mistakes".

Often there are mistakes in July as people rush to lodge their tax returns and forget to include everything such as bank interest, dividend income, payments from other government agencies and private health insurers. By the end of July most of this

information will be pre-filled in their tax return however not everything is pre-filled so you need to be sure to include it all.

With the pandemic there are many people working from home and claiming working from home expenses. There are several methods available to claim working from home expenses, all of which have eligibility and record-keeping requirements. Seeking advice from a registered tax agent can help and there is a vast amount of information on the ATO website www.ato.gov.au

Most important is to ensure all the information is correct and provided as should the ATO notice a discrepancy, it may delay the processing of your refund as you may need to be contacted to correct the return. The ATO can also ask for supporting documentation for any claim that you make.



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Tales from the Rails

By JANE PATRONI, Chairperson

RECOGNISING OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS..

Across Australia, the most recent estimate of dollar value on volunteer work sourced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (2006) was \$43 billion! In 2014, 5.8 million people (31% of Australian adults) participated in voluntary work, contributing 743 million hours to the community.

Few organisations in Merredin would be successful without the trusty and enduring assistance of volunteers. Think sport, community events and social

support. Many volunteers donate time and energy across multiple organisations. To all our community volunteers, especially our Railway Museum volunteers – we say a collective “Thank You”.

The volunteers at the Railway Museum are continuing the work of those committees that have gone before in maintaining buildings and infrastructure as well as working towards new projects that will highlight the importance of our collection. We have been able to use the availability and expertise of many supporters who have assisted us in our endeavours to

move forward with our strategic planning as detailed in the **Interpretation and Design Concept Plan (2020)**.

On Saturday 25 June we again welcome **Philippa Rogers (President Rail Heritage Bassendean)** to Merredin who will conduct a *Significance Workshop* to help us more critically assess the way we present our collection items and possibilities of incorporating information in digital form.

Philippa was instrumental in co-ordinating key events around last year’s celebrations of **RailWA – 150 Years**. She also

represented Rail Heritage when we hosted the highly successful **Prospector – 50 Years** event in Merredin last November. We are looking forward to again hosting Philippa at the Railway

On Friday 24 June at 6pm Philippa will give a presentation to Railway Enthusiasts, Museum Tragic and all interested Community Members at the Railway Refreshment Rooms on the history of the Railways in WA. We cordially invite you all to come along. Refreshments provided.



Volunteers—John Simmonds and Ross Duffield erecting new banner on Museum fence



Museum Committee —Kaye Duffield, Roy Butler, Mal Harper, Jane Patroni, Megan Simmonds,



Museum Committee member — Julie Nicoletti

STEP RIGHT IN, WANDERLAND IS WAITING

For the first time, thousands of rare and remarkable items in museums, cultural centres and private collections across Western Australia have been brought together in a new online portal.

WAnderland is packed with hidden treasures and tales - from the cultured to the kitsch and everything in between. The website opens a doorway to WA’s fascinating regional collections - inspiring you to hit the road and experience them for yourself.

Discover the collections on your device and add things that intrigue you to an online

itinerary planner, building a bespoke bucket list for your next real-life adventure.

Head upstairs above a Chinese restaurant in Broome to find an unexpected and mesmerising personal collection featuring items from five generations of the Yu family.

Experience the culture of WA’s diverse Aboriginal peoples at centres like Bilya Koort Boodia in Northam, where a bold and beautiful display of the region’s Ballardong Nyoongar culture is revealed through a mesmerising mix of projected video art, light and sound that evokes the Dreamtime.Marvel at little-

known places like the Dolly Mix in Esperance, which holds a huge collection of large dolls presented amongst swathes of red velvet and sparkling chandeliers.

The WAnderland project, led by the WA Museum, is the culmination of two years’ work and more than 10 weeks on the road. Project director Roz Lipscombe travelled with a photographer and regional writers across a third of Australia to identify and document rarely seen items from private and public collections.

WAnderland not only

showcases locations and the surprising items you can see, but it shines a light on the people behind the collections. You’ll find interviews with some of the warmest and most knowledgeable people from across the State as they share their stories. The website, which can be found at www.visitwonderland.com.au, has written articles from collection owners and a series of five mini-documentaries, from Perth film producer Paul Barron.

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Tales from the Train

A modern take on travelling by train

By LADY RANTHAM

lever arch file and a calculator.

It is fascinating to watch a random group of commuters react to disruption of something they take for granted. With the electrical storm last night and the rain this morning, several things in the well-oiled clockwork of our public transport have gone *ping* and flown off into corners of a very large room.

The countdown clock on the platform is obviously observing its own chronology, as the 10 minutes to the next train lasted a good 18 by my watch. Thankfully there was a seat available next to a handsome young fellow wearing headphones that would put Princess Leia to shame, they're ENORMOUS! The reincarnation of Hotblack Desiato perchance?

And now I look about me and see the people who have accepted what they cannot change and have snuggled down with laptops, phones, books and in one case, an enterprising student has spread himself out on the floor with a

We are currently stationary for the second time, mid-track between stations. The polite but pained voice of our driver broadcasting updates every few minutes.

There is the anxious blonde businesswoman who is barely holding onto her composure, but slowly massaging her temple with shaking fingers, a high-powered man in an immaculate, high-powered suit who is checking his watch every three seconds and nose breathing with intense concentration, a nanna who has an impatiently jiggling knee and the beautician next to her is committing incentive murder in her mind while she tries to get her winged eyeliner even.

From somewhere behind me, the cloistered silence is broken by an unidentified female voice who is losing it as quietly as she can, down the phone to a receptionist who doesn't get paid enough to take that sort of language.

From the History Room

By ANITA METCALF, Merredin Library

RECIPES OF YESTERYEAR

From the history room at the Merredin Library, this recipe is from the—Ladies' Column in the Merredin Mercury and Central Districts Index 1929.

Most housewives know how to make the ordinary, simple curries, below is a recipe that is a little different.

Curry is always better when made the day before it is required.

This curry requires to be cooked for a whole day.

AN UNUSUAL CURRY

1½lbs fresh beef steak, 3 large

onions, 2 heaped tablespoons cocoanut, 2 tablespoons sugar, 6 teaspoons curry powder, 1 tablespoon sultanas, 1 large apple, ½ cup chutney, 1 teaspoon salt, little pepper, juice of half a lemon, large tablespoon butter, hot water.

Slice the onions and fry in butter in pan till a nice brown colour then add meat, add curry powder till a good brown colour, add cocoanut, sugar, salt, pepper, chutney and lemon juice, apple cut fine and sultanas.

Just cover with hot boiling water in a saucepan and bring to the boil then simmer slowly all day.

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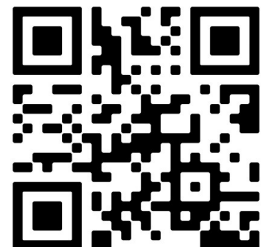
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NEW BRANCH MANAGER FOR MERREDIN TOYOTA

Merredin local Guy Withers has become Merredin Toyota's new Branch Manager after returning home for good following a 15 year stint as a FIFO worker.

The change from FIFO life came about after the opportunity was made available at Merredin Toyota to gain further knowledge by starting an Adult Apprenticeship in the Workshop.

As fate would have it, not long after this hard working and multi-skilled team member started, he received the tap on the shoulder to see if he would like to apply for the position of Branch Manager.

Eager to expand his knowledge, Guy accepted the new role with Merredin Toyota with a truck load of enthusiasm. While Sales is a new field to Guy, he's no stranger to being a team leader having spent many years leading large groups of employees as well as designing & building haul roads for dump

trucks.

Guy spent the last 5 years being apart of a team at BHP that was tasked with getting the Autonomous Haul trucks up and going.

With a very large portion of the remaining 15 odd years as a Mining Supervisor or Excavator Operator for BHP.

Dealer Principal Leonie Knipe says "We're excited to have Guy on board with us at Merredin Toyota and to have a long term local return to the community on a full time basis. We're working on several projects in the background which Guy is excited to be assisting with."

Guy notes that he is "delighted with the new opportunity and to improve, learn and grow my skills and work with the great team at Merredin Toyota under the guidance of Leonie" and that he loves being back in the Wheatbelt full time giving he and his family freedom, wide

open spaces and plenty of family day trip and family time opportunities.

Guy and his family are actively involved in the community with his high-school sweetheart wife Tanya who owns and operates Merredin Flowers & Gifts, 2 of their 4 children attend Merredin College and are all avid supporters of Burracoppin Football Club.

In October Guy will be travelling to Kalgoorlie for the Long Distant Desert Race, hoping to finish higher than his position last year.

We invite you to say G'day if you see Guy down the street, cheering on at the footy or simply pop your head into the dealership to introduce yourself.



SOLAR BATTERY RECALL A BURNING ISSUE

By **BOUYDEN MCKENZIE**, Senior Regional Officer, Consumer Protection

Solar energy storage systems can be an attractive option for households looking to capture and store their own renewable energy.

However, around 450 WA home-owners that have installed several models of LG-branded home energy storage batteries are being urged to check if their device is on a national recall list due to fears they may overheat and ignite.

Due to the stored energy, battery fires can be extremely dangerous and difficult to extinguish. According to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), the potentially dangerous batteries have been linked to nine fires in Australia and five in the USA, causing injuries to two

people and property damage.

The recalled batteries were available for sale between April 2017 and December 2019, with the affected models being: RESU3.3, RESU6.5, RESU10, RESU13, RESU7H Type-R, RESU10H Type-C, RESU10H Type-R, RESU10H Type-R (Secondary), S/A Gen2 1P (EM048063P3S4) and S/A Gen2 2P (EM048126P3S7).

Owners of LG, SolaX or Opal solar storage systems can check if their battery is one of the recalled models listed and pictured at lgessbattery.com/au.

Affected consumers are urged to immediately switch off the battery by following the manufacturer's instructions, then contact LG or SolaX to arrange a free replacement.

Our colleagues at Building and

Energy urge owners of affected batteries to avoid opening the unit or touching any electrical components themselves, and to instead contact the electrician who installed the battery if they need assistance.

Licensed electrical contractors who have installed or worked on systems with affected batteries are also being encouraged to proactively contact their clients about the recall.

We understand that product recalls are sometimes met with apathy, however this is

not the time to hesitate or delay. Immediate action needs to be taken before the fire risk results in damage to your home or potentially an injury or death.

For more information and images of the affected batteries, see the LG and SolaX recall notices at the ACCC's Product Safety Australia website at www.productsafety.gov.au or contact LG Energy Solution Australia at 1300 677 273 or productau@lgensol.com or SolaX Power (for SolaX or Opal systems) at 1300 476 529 or service@solaxpower.com.



WTF 16th —29th JUNE 2022

By PETER BARRETT

Generally speaking, good farming weather means not-so-good WTF weather, and unfortunately for us the stubborn cloud cover looks set to continue this fortnight. This is particularly frustrating since there is more darkness this fortnight than for any other of the year. The word “solstice” means “sun standing still” and indeed it’s declination is almost unchanged throughout the entire fortnight. It can be seen from the tables that the times of sunrise and set are both advancing slightly at the same rate. This is caused by the “equation of time”, a phenomenon I have discussed

at length on these pages. The actual hours of daylight remain almost unchanged but it is my delightful duty to inform you that the sun in fact will reach its Northernmost point at precisely 5:13pm on Tuesday 21st. At that moment it turns for home, slowly at first but picking up speed as Spring approaches.

Some of the planets are slowly making their way into the evening sky, and you can see that Saturn will rise before 9pm in July. The ringed planet will be at it’s very best in August as it goes through opposition and my telescope and I have plans to make the most of it. If you have never seen Saturn’s rings for yourself keep an eye on the

WTF Facebook page and be prepared for an evening of telescopic WTF! It’s a spectacle not to be missed.

Jupiter is expected to reach opposition mid-September and Mars will not be in this fortuitous alignment until early December.

Venus and Mercury being inner planets can never reach opposition. Speedy Mercury changes from morning to evening star and back every 44 days but Venus is considerably more lazy, taking almost 10 months to do the same. Being so close together, astronomically speaking, Venus Earth and Mars often move

quite slowly in relation to each other as they seem to keep pace on their journey around the sun.

The International Space Station still dazzles at roughly five week intervals, often appearing for a week in the morning and then the following week in the evening. Predictions of its appearance times are not reliable enough for publication due to deadline considerations. Stay tuned to the WTF Facebook page for the best viewing times or download a satellite tracking app for your phone. “ISS Detector” is my favourite.

Until then keep looking up!

Date/Planet	Venus ♀	Mars ♂	Jupiter ♃	Saturn ♄
Thu 16	☿ 04:29am-03:09pm 82%	♂ 01:41am-01:23pm 86%	♃ 12:51am-12:52pm	♄ 09:40pm-10:55am
Fri 17	♄ 04:30am-03:09pm 82%	♂ 01:39am-01:19pm 86%	♃ 12:48am-12:48pm	♄ 09:36pm-10:51am
Sat 18	♄ 04:32am-03:09pm 82%	♂ 01:39am-01:19pm 86%	♃ 12:44am-12:45pm	♄ 09:32pm-10:47am
Sun 19	♄ 04:34am-03:09pm 82%	♂ 01:39am-01:17pm 86%	♃ 12:41am-12:41pm	♄ 09:28pm-10:43am
Mon 20	♄ 04:35am-03:09pm 83%	♂ 01:38am-01:15pm 86%	♃ 12:37am-12:38pm	♄ 09:24pm-10:39am
Tue 21 🌑	♄ 04:37am-03:10pm 83%	♂ 01:38am-01:13pm 86%	♃ 12:34am-12:34pm	♄ 09:20pm-10:35am
Wed 22	♄ 04:39am-03:10pm 83%	♂ 01:37am-01:11pm 86%	♃ 12:31am-12:30pm	♄ 09:16pm-10:31am
Thu 23	♄ 04:40am-03:10pm 84%	♂ 01:36am-01:09pm 86%	♃ 12:27am-12:27pm	♄ 09:12pm-10:27am
Fri 24	♄ 04:42am-03:10pm 84%	♂ 01:36am-01:07pm 86%	♃ 12:24am-12:23pm	♄ 09:08pm-10:23am
Sat 25	♄ 04:44am-03:10pm 84%	♂ 01:35am-01:05pm 85%	♃ 12:20am-12:19pm	♄ 09:03pm-10:19am
Sun 26	♄ 04:46am-03:11pm 84%	♂ 01:35am-01:03pm 85%	♃ 12:17am-12:16pm	♄ 08:59pm-10:15am
Mon 27	♄ 04:47am-03:11pm 85%	♂ 01:34am-01:02pm 85%	♃ 12:13am-12:12pm	♄ 08:55pm-10:11am
Tue 28 🌒	♄ 04:49am-03:11pm 85%	♂ 01:33am-01:00pm 85%	♃ 12:10am-12:08pm	♄ 08:51pm-10:07am
Wed 29	♄ 04:51am-03:12pm 85%	♂ 01:33am-12:58pm 85%	♃ 12:06am-12:05pm	♄ 08:47pm-10:03am

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Thu 16	♄ 07:04am-05:10pm	♈ 07:03pm-09:53am 89%	♄ 05:13am-03:51pm 36%
Fri 17	♄ 07:04am-05:11pm	♄ 08:16pm-10:41am 81%	♄ 05:14am-03:50pm 38%
Sat 18	♄ 07:04am-05:11pm	♄ 09:27pm-11:21am 71%	♄ 05:15am-03:49pm 40%
Sun 19	♄ 07:05am-05:11pm	♄ 10:34pm-11:55am 60%	♄ 05:16am-03:49pm 42%
Mon 20	♄ 07:05am-05:11pm	♄ 11:38pm-12:25pm 49%	♄ 05:18am-03:48pm 45%
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Wed 22	♄ 07:05am-05:11pm	♃ 01:36am-12:54pm 38%	♄ 05:22am-03:49pm 49%
Thu 23	♄ 07:05am-05:12pm	♃ 02:34am-01:22pm 29%	♄ 05:25am-03:49pm 52%
Fri 24	♄ 07:06am-05:12pm	♃ 03:31am-01:52pm 20%	♄ 05:28am-03:50pm 54%
Sat 25	♄ 07:06am-05:12pm	♃ 04:29am-02:23pm 12%	♄ 05:31am-03:51pm 57%
Sun 26	♄ 07:06am-05:13pm	♃ 05:26am-02:58pm 7%	♄ 05:34am-03:52pm 59%
Mon 27	♄ 07:06am-05:13pm	♃ 06:22am-03:37pm 2%	♄ 05:38am-03:53pm 62%
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Wed 29	♄ 07:06am-05:14pm	♃ 08:05am-05:11pm 0%	♄ 05:46am-03:57pm 67%

NANGEENAN MATTERS

By **JULIE TOWNROW**

It's now June 2022, twelve months since the Nangeenan Hall changed hands and we are still facing daily challenges in our venture to rescue, repair and restore the Hall to its former glory. The hurdle at present is Red Tape, so strong that it can't be broken, it feels like a stonewall.

Because the Building's intended future use was for 'Community Purpose', its classification under the Building Code being class 9B requires a Development Application before we could do any repair works. A Development Application needs a 'certified' Structural Engineer's Report and we need a Development Plan. The Report we have was not carried out by a 'certified' Structural Engineer.

When speaking with Frank, we both felt deflated and thought maybe this is just too hard, perhaps we should just walk away, let the building fall down, but thankfully a few days later, we agreed, it would be criminal to let the Hall fall, and that our first priority should be to work through the issues, one at a time, just keep chipping away.

Reminds me again about my wise old Dad, who always said "Any job starts at the beginning and finishes at the end" and while he liked to have a stoush over things he thought were unjust, I have learned that it's best not to argue, just get on with it.

So, I contacted the people who had carried out the original report and they referred me to a "Certified Structural Engineer", whose details were impressive when it came to Heritage buildings, the quote was reasonable and we met on Saturday the 4th of June. Here's hoping that the roof trusses will be strong enough to support a new roof, and the walls thick enough to hold it all up, and that all the T's are crossed and the I's dotted for that part, and that demolishing the kitchen section can be done in such a way that it won't undermine the roof trusses that rely on it to stay in place.

It is a bit scary when you understand that the decimation caused by the white ants, could collapse and the structural integrity of four roof trusses would have nothing to support them.

The next items on the agenda to start a Bank account for the Nangeenan Progress Group, which has been done. Then there is memberships and fundraising for stage two of the "Development" which will include replacing all the windows (8) at about \$3,000 each and the doors, which we don't have a cost for yet. Followed by inspecting the stumps under the floor which we hope to find the same boards as are there at present to fix the holes, and if the same can't be sourced, then it's a whole new floor.

Then comes the kitchen and ablution block. We received the Demolition Application for the removal of the back section, the 'kitchen and cloak room'.

Scaffolding is needed to remove

and replace the roof safely and we have found scaffolding is hard to get and expensive, the industry has tightened up and there is a bigger wait time and a bigger hire price, so the delays have been costly.

All this delay will curtail our planned 110 year celebration of the Hall and have therefore scaled the planning back to a family and friends event and not the big "Back to Nangeenan" event that we were looking forward to.

However, on a positive note next year will be 111, and we should be able to Christen a new dance floor and I look forward to the "Chosen Couple" letting loose their twinkle toes to show us all what we have been missing for so many years.



Horoscopes



ARIES 21 March-19 April

Pick up connections that have been on hold and with people whose opinions you support.



LEO 23 July-22 August

The urge to travel is strong, make new friendships and partnerships and grow strong.



SAGITTARIUS 22 November-21 December

Communications open. Plans discussed but put on hold a few months ago, are reinitiated.



TAURUS 20 April-26 May

Expect professional advance if you are prepared to make commitments.



VIRGO 23 August-22 September

Pick up an old connection and forge partnerships for the benefit of your career and personal life.



CAPRICORN 22 December-19 January

Some familiar challenges recur this week which requires some consideration.



GEMINI 21 May-20 June

A positive time for learning and communicating as well as group work and travel.



LIBRA 23 September-22 October

Be prepared for a bit of pain for the sake of a deeper connection on an emotional level.



AQUARIUS 20 January-18 February

Widen your knowledge base through new initiatives and long-term prospects.



CANCER 21 June-22 July

An expansion of your activities and a lively communication with colleagues and connections.



SCORPIO 23 October-21 November

Build a strong focus on finances and expect growth at home and at work.



PISCES 19 February-20 March

Developments both professionally and domestically bring expansion and new connections in your life.

WHY DOES WESTERN AUSTRALIA GET A LONG WEEKEND IN JUNE

Formerly known as Foundation Day, is a public holiday in Western Australia (WA), celebrated on the first Monday in June each year to commemorate the founding of the Swan River Colony in 1829.

From a day that celebrated British colonization, WA Day has become a way to celebrate all Western Australians, no matter how long they've been in the country.

Though the first Europeans to arrive in the region had been Dutch, the western part of Australia had been claimed for Britain on May 2, 1829 by Captain Fremantle.

The merchant vessel *Parmelia* with civilian settlers on board arrived on the night of May 31, 1829 and sighted the coast on June 1. The Swan River Colony was officially proclaimed on June 11th.

In 1832, Admiral Sir James Stirling, the administrator of Western Australia decided to establish an annual celebration to unite the new colony's inhabitants, including all settlers and Aborigines.

Stirling chose June 1st each year (or if a Sunday, on the following Monday), the date of the first sighting. The holiday was originally called 'Foundation of the Colony Day', and later became simply 'Foundation Day'.

In 2012, the name was changed to Western Australia Day to be more inclusive of all inhabitants of Western Australia.

Where did town names come from?

Perth - Admiral James Stirling complied with Secretary for the Colonies, Sir George Murray's command that the new town be called Perth. Murray's reasons for choosing the name, Perth, were purely sentimental and quite understandable, for he was both a Perthshire man and

represented his birthplace in the House of Commons.

Bruce Rock originally called Nunagin (Noonegin) but this name was easily confused with Nungarin and Narrogin. It was changed to Bruce Rock, after the nearby rock. The rock is said to be named after John Rufus Bruce who cut sandalwood near there around 1879.

Hines Hill was one of the original railway stations when the Northam to Southern Cross railway line opened. The townsite is named after the siding and was gazetted in 1910. Hines Hill is a nearby physical feature, and C.W. Massingham, a very early settler in the Merredin district, has stated that this feature was named after Jack Hines who collected sandalwood around there. Massingham recorded the Aboriginal name for this hill as "Baandui". Other records show the name as Baining.

The name **Kellerberrin** is Aboriginal and is derived from the name of a nearby hill. The hill was first recorded as "Killaburing Hill" by an explorer in 1861, but in 1864 the explorer C C Hunt recorded it as Kellerberrin Hill. One source claims that Kellerberrin is the name for the fierce ants that are found in the area, while another gives it as meaning "camping place near where rainbow birds are found" - "kalla means camping place or place of, and "berrin berrin" is the rainbow bird.

Merredin is an Aboriginal name which means "the place of merritt's", a locally abundant tree, the trunks of which were used for making spears. The name was first recorded in 1889 for Merredin Rock.

Mukinbudin - In 1920 the District surveyor, after inspecting the area, decided that a townsite was required. He advised that the local Farmers and Settlers Association wanted the

townsite named Barlbarin instead of Muckenbooding, the name by which the area was then known. Land for the townsite was resumed in 1921, and by 1922 when the townsite was gazetted, the local settlers had changed their mind, and now wanted it named Muckenbooding, although preferring a shortened spelling. The Surveyor-General, H S King, decided it should be spelt Mukinbudin, and this was the spelling used in the gazettal notice of 30 June 1922. The name is Aboriginal and was first recorded for Muckenbooding Rock in 1889.

It is not known why this Aboriginal name was used for the **Nangeenan** railway station and the townsite, as there are no nearby features with this name.

In 1860 Charles Smith took up a pastoral lease in the area, and named his property "Narimbeen", which the explorer Henry Maxwell Lefroy records in 1863 is the Aboriginal name for Emu Hill. In 1865 the explorer Charles Cooke Hunt recorded the spelling as "Narembeen".

Noongar - in the late 1890s a list of Aboriginal words from the Southern Cross district was used as a source of names, and Noongar was selected from the list. It is stated to mean "a big tree near a small waterhole".

Nukarni, 23 km north of

Merredin located on the railway line from Goomalling to Merredin. When the Kunnoppin to Merredin extension of this line was planned in 1910, a location for a siding at "Newcarnie" was proposed. Land was also set aside for a townsite at the proposed siding, but the spelling was changed to "Nukarni" in accordance with rules for the spelling of Aboriginal names adopted by the Department of Land & Surveys. After survey a townsite was gazetted in 1912. The spelling of the siding was not changed from Newcarnie until 1924. The name is derived from Nukarni Rocks, located about 12km west of the townsite.

The **Nungarin** townsite is named after Nungarin Rocks, located 4 km north north east of it. This Aboriginal name was first recorded by surveyors as Noongarin in 1864, and as Nungarin in 1889. Its meaning is not known.

Southern Cross began as a gold mining town, gold having been discovered here in 1888. The original prospecting party to find gold here named the area after the Southern Cross constellation they had used at when travelling at night.

Westonia - Gold was discovered in this area near Bodallin Soak by A D Weston in 1910, and as a result the area became known as Weston's Reward. The area was referred to as "Westons".



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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE DIFFERENTIAL RATES 2022-23

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The objectives and reasons for these differential rates may be inspected at:

- The Shire Administration Office, corner of King and Barrack Streets Merredin between the hours of 8:30am - 4:30pm, Monday to Friday;
- The Shire of Merredin Website—bit.ly/DifferentialRating

The Shire invites feedback on this proposal. Submissions must be in writing and can be sent to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 42, Merredin WA 6415 or emailed to admin@merredin.wa.gov.au.

The closing date for submissions is 4:00pm, Monday 1st July 2022.

Please note that all submissions will become a public record. However, the Shire will not release your personal details if a written request to withhold these details is received.

Once Council has considered the submissions, the Differential Rates and the 2022-23 Budget (with or without change) will be adopted by Council.

Justice of the Peace (JP) available at Merredin CRC

A JP is a volunteer who is appointed by the Governor who authorises them to carry out a wide range of official administrative tasks in the community including witnessing affidavits, statutory declarations and certifying documents.

Merredin CRC is fortunate to have local JP, Diane O'Dowd, available to carry out JP duties whilst volunteering in the Centrelink Agency between 9.00am – 1pm Monday—Friday.

Call 90411 041 to check availability.

SUPER UPDATE

SUPER GUARANTEE CHANGES FROM
1 JULY 2022

From 1 July 2022. The \$450 per month eligibility threshold is being removed so employees can be eligible for superannuation guarantee (SG) regardless of how much they earn.

There are some exceptions, such as workers under 18 only receive SG when they work more than 30 hrs in a week, so employers are advised to check the ATO website now so they are ready for their first payroll in July.

The rate is also changing, from the current 10% to 10.5% on 1 July 2022.

The new rate is used to calculate super on payments made to workers after 1 July, even if some of the pay period is for work done before 1 July.

Donate your 10 cent refund to a community group

CWA of WA (Inc) - C10240442

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Merredin Community Garden Group Inc. (MCGG) - C10358700

Merredin Community Resource Centre - C10242783

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MERREDIN GOLF CLUB

By TREVOR WATERHOUSE

Darren O'Neill with 43 points won the Stableford competition sponsored by Cockies Ag of Merredin and the runner up was Albie Koper with 37 points on a countback from Glen Crees and Rob Broomhall and next years winner was Peter Western.

The novelties for the day were nearest the pin on hole number 2 Albie Koper, best second shot on hole number 6 and best second shot on hole number 11 Darren O'Neill, best second shot on hole number 15 Glenn Crees and the birdie hole was number 11 and was won by Darren O'Neill.

The Great Southern Fuels sponsored the 2-person ambrose scramble held on Saturday the 11th of June and the winners were Matt Morris and Peter Madigan with 63.75

net on countback from Matt Jacobson and David Thompson, third were Shaun Avery and Rob Gearing with 66.25 net and next years winners were Gary Anderson and Troy Munro.

The novelties for the day were Nearest the pin on hole number 2 Guy Gribble, nearest the pin on hole number 4 Rob Gearing, nearest second shot on hole number 6 Matt Morris, nearest the pin on hole number 8 Jim Campbell, nearest second shot on hole number 9 and nearest second shot on hole number 15 Justin Watts, nearest second shot on hole number 12 Shaun Avery, nearest second shot on hole number 14 Peter Madigan, best third shot on hole number 16 with an eagle Shaun Avery and Rob Gearing and the longest putt on hole number 18 Lionel Price.

The fixture for Saturday June 18th is the Rhys Della Bosca 2

person Ambrose at the Southern Cross Golf Club with a 12-noon tee, be there early and on Sunday the 19th June is a club day at the Merredin Golf Club with 12 noon tee off. The Tom Gower sponsored 4BBB is the fixture for Saturday the 25th

of June and Sunday the 26th of June is the Westonia Cup at the Westonia Golf Club.

Organize your partner for the Club Foursomes that are to be played on Sunday July the 3rd with an 8am Start.



Darren O'Neill, Winner of the Stableford competition



Albie Koper, Runner Up of the Stableford competition

Hockey

CENTRAL WHEATBELT LADIES HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

11th June 2022

Bencubbin (1) d. Nungarin (0)

GOALS Bencubbin: Lauren Grylls (1)

BEST PLAYER Bencubbin: Charlotte Crossen

COACHES Award Bencubbin: Rebecca Watson

GOAL OF THE DAY/BEST DEFENDER Bencubbin: Lauren Grylls

BEST PLAYER Nungarin: Debbie Hurley

PLAYERS CHOICE Nungarin: Michelle McHugh

Beacon (5) d. Kalannie (0)

GOALS Beacon: Zeta Miguel (3), Emily Junk (1), Kerry Junk (1)

BEST PLAYER Beacon: Louise Pomykala

COACHES AWARD Beacon: Sophie Cashmore, Emily Junk

PLAYERS CHOICE Kalannie: Bella White

COACHES AWARD Kalannie: Jess Matthews

Koorda (4) d. Mukinbudin (0)

GOALS Koorda: Carolina Doyle (2), Zara Metcalfe (1), Lauren Bear (1)

PLAYERS CHOICE Koorda: Kristen Fuchsbichler

COACHES AWARD Koorda: Kirri-Lee Ward

PLAYERS CHOICE Mukinbudin: Aimee Chisholm

COACHES AWARD Mukinbudin: Sarah-Kate Graham



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Football

CENTRAL WHEATBELT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Round 9—11th June 2022

Kalannie: 2.4, 7.6, 9.7, 15.10 (100) d. Beacon: 1.2, 5.4, 5.6, 8.10 (58)

GOALS Kalannie: N. French 7, M. Dinsdale 3, K. Manning 2, J. Kemsley 1, E. Bradbury 1, R. Polak 1.

GOALS Beacon: B. Marlborough 3, L. Coleman 1, A. Munns 1, B. Dunne 1, A. Hunter 1, N. Winters 1.

BEST Kalannie: N. French, M. Johnson, E. Bradbury, K. Manning, M. Reynolds, R. Polak.

BEST Beacon: J. Poole, B.

Poole, N. Winters, R. Williams, C. Junk.

Koorda: 3.2, 6.5, 8.8, 10.10 (70) d. Mukinbudin: 1.2, 4.4, 5.6, 7.10 (52)

GOALS Koorda: B. Derbyshire 3, r. wells 2, H. Cooke 1, T. Henning 1, R. Greaves 1, L. Ellis 1, L. Sharman 1.

GOALS Mukinbudin: J. Shadbolt 3, C. Shadbolt 1, J. Woods 1, C. Brandis 1, K. Woods 1.

BEST Koorda: R. Greaves R. Edwards, R. Wells, J. Applegate, K. Mactaggart, L. Ellis.

BEST Mukinbudin: K. Woods, Z. Sprigg, J. Sprigg, C.

Shadbolt, G. Shadbolt, L. Coumbe.

TALK TO A MATE ROUND BOG BALL WINNERS

Kalannie v Beacon—Egan Bradbury

Mukinbudin v Koorda—Ryan Edwards

TEAM	P	MR	CG	W	L	D	BYE	F	A	%
Kalannie	7	100	1	6	0	0	1	850	375	226.67
Koorda	6	50	1	3	3	0	2	505	477	105.87
Bencubbin	5	40	2	2	3	0	2	329	436	75.46
Mukinbudin	6	33.33	2	2	4	0	2	337	598	56.35
Beacon	6	16.66	1	1	5	0	2	429	564	76.06

EASTERN DISTRICTS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Round 7 Results

LEAGUE 2022

Corrigin FC 13.11 (89) d. Nukarni FC 5.10 (40)

GOALS Corrigin FC: M. McLeod 6, J. Bootsma 4, B. Dixon 1, D. Lewis 1, D. Hughes 1

GOALS Nukarni FC: H. McCracken 4, B. Giles 1

BEST Corrigin FC: J. Bootsma, B. Doyle, T. Crossland, G. Bartlett, B. Dixon

BEST Nukarni FC: B. Wegner, N. Bucknall, C. Creek, B. Rushforth, M. Roissetter

Hyden/Karlgarin FC 22.16 (148) d. Bruce Rock FC 9.2 (56)

GOALS Hyden/Karlgarin FC: I. Haslam 6, C. James 4, M. Ehlers 3, S. Want 3, H. Hyde 2, T. Edwards 1, B. James 1, D. Biglin 1, W. Hobbs 1

GOALS Bruce Rock FC: L. Berendsen 5, E. Fitts 1, L. Sedgwick 1, J. Buckland 1, L. Meldrum 1

BEST Hyden/Karlgarin FC: L. Mouritz, S. Want, H. Hyde, D. Elhers, I. Haslam

BEST Bruce Rock FC: J. Buckland, D. McFarlane, J. Lee, J. Duckworth, W. Cook

Burracoppin FC 15.10(100) d. Southern Cross FC 7.4 (46)

GOALS Burracoppin FC: J. Downsborough 4, J. Stevens 3, C. Daddow 3, J. Lindroth 2, J. Everett 1, M. Nind 1, C. Davey 1

GOALS Southern Cross FC: S. Goodhill 1, D. Stephen 1, C. Wesley 1, J. Taylor 1, R. Blackman 1, L. Williams 1, F. Crisp 1

BEST Burracoppin FC: J. Everett, C. Daddow, D. Enright, R. Stevens, J. Downsborough

BEST Southern Cross FC: D. Stephen, K. Beilken, B. Roberts, T. Martin, C. Hilder

Narembeen FC: 18.17 (125) d. Kulin/Kondinin FC: 10.6 (66)

GOALS Narembeen FC: J. Hilder 6, J. Kennedy 5, R. Richardson 2, S. Boughton 2, W. Shepherd 1, J. Gill 1, C. Duncan 1

GOALS Kulin/Kondinin FC: S. Duckworth 4, T. Biglin 3, J. Shaddick 1, B. Duckworth 1, J.

Grabski 1

BEST Narembeen FC: T. Davis, H. Spinks, J. Gill, J. Kennedy, D. Williams

BEST Kulin/Kondinin FC: None supplied

	P	W	L	D	%	Pts
Narembeen FC	7	6	1		153.51	24
Kulin/Kondinin FC	7	6	1		120.86	24
Hyden/Karlgarin FC	7	4	2	1	125.99	18
Burracoppin FC	7	4	2	1	112.59	18
Corrigin FC	7	3	4		120.61	12
Nukarni FC	7	3	4		95.69	12
Bruce Rock FC	7	1	6		65.03	4
Southern Cross FC	7	0	7		53.84	0

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CENTRAL WHEATBELT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

11th June 2022

Bencubbin (33) d. Nungarin (21)

BEST PLAYER Bencubbin:
Charisse Walker

COACHES AWARD Bencubbin:
Jillian Morris

BEST PLAYER Nungarin: Ella de Lacy

COACHES AWARD Nungarin:
Janae de Lacy

Mukinbudin (49) d. Koorda (46)

BEST PLAYER Mukinbudin:
Jessica Collins

COACHES AWARD Mukinbudin:
Tania Sprigg

BEST PLAYER Koorda: Rachel O'Riley

COACHES AWARD Koorda:
Cassie Stratford

	P	PTS	%	W	L	D	BY	F	A	F/F
Mukinbudin	8	24	134.44	6	1	0	1	313	233	1
Bencubbin	7	18	132.86	4	2	1	2	279	210	0
Nungarin	7	14	96.12	3	3	1	2	198	206	0
Kalannie	7	14	78.24	3	3	1	2	205	262	0
Koorda	7	2	73.25	0	6	1	2	230	314	0

MERREDIN NETBALL ASSOCIATION

31st May 2022

Seniors A1 – Round 6

Jets (43) d. Karni Jewels (38)

Fairest and Best: Sonya Smith,
Carly Beilken, Lisa O'Neill

Titans 1 (50) d. Titans 2 (23)

Fairest and Best: Meg
Anderson, Abbey McKay, Nicola
Beck

Gems (47) d. Blues (23)

Fairest and Best: Alyssa Taylor,

Kristy Cooper, Rebecca Nelson

Seniors A2 – Round 6

Karni Jewels (51) d. Titans (42)

Fairest and Best: Michelle Price,
Tosha Munro, Chantelle Crook

Blues (31) d. Jets (29)

Fairest and Best: Mikayla Auld,
Zane Walker, Thea Holt-Smith

Gems B (58) d. Gems A (33)

Fairest and Best: Montana
Hayden, Tyler Bush, Kristie
Higgins



Darts

NAREMBEEN AND BRUCE ROCK DARTS ASSOCIATION

2nd June 2022

MC Sharks (8) d. Magpies (3)

Wizards (6) d. Royals (5)

Bruce Rock (7) d. Jets (4)

10th June 2022

Wizards (8) d. Bruce Rock (3)

MC Sharks (8) d. Royals (3)

Magpies (8) d. Jets (3)

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	LEGS FOR	LEGS AGAINST	LEGS DIFFERENCE	POINTS
WIZARDS	12	10	2	78	54	+24	20
MC SHARKS	12	9	3	88	44	+44	18
MAGPIES	12	5	7	66	66	0	10
JETS	12	5	7	56	76	-20	10
ROYALS	12	4	8	57	75	-18	8
BRUCE ROCK	12	3	9	51	81	-30	6

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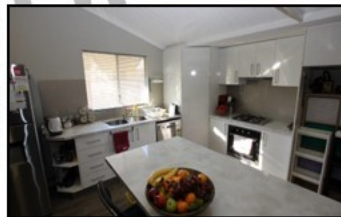
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