



THE PHOENIX



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FIVE DAY ESCAPADE ALONG THE GOLDEN PIPELINE

By YOUTH FUTURES (PIPELINE CHALLENGE) EVENT COORDINATOR

A drop of water leaving Mundaring Weir, the source of supply for the parched goldfields, can take one to two weeks to reach its destination along the Golden Pipeline. We rode it in 5 days!

The seventh annual Office Solutions IT Pipeline Challenge wrapped up on Wednesday 10 May. The ride, an epic mountain bike adventure, aims

to bring riders together in support of young mums facing homelessness.

Over five unforgettable days, riders made their way from the red dirt of Kalgoorlie to the iconic Parkerville Tavern, tracing the golden pipeline which has been delivering water to the Goldfields for 120 years.

“The Pipeline Challenge is a unique way to test your limits, enjoy the great Aussie outdoors and spend some quality time with mates.” said Youth Futures

CEO Mark Waite. “It also gives riders the chance to explore many tracks that can’t be ridden outside of this event.”

The ride raises much needed funds for local charity Youth Futures, and their Nest program which supports young mums at risk of losing custody of their baby due to homelessness or domestic violence. Established in 2015, the event was created to help Youth Futures support as many young people as possible. 2023 saw \$163,000 raised with funds still coming in.

Most Pipeliners participate as part of a relay-style team, taking turns to pedal it out. But some participants want to go that bit further and tackle the whole distance, over 600 km - no easy feat!

Youth Futures has been empowering disadvantaged young people for over thirty years and delivers a range of accommodation, education, and support programs. Sadly over 1,100 young people were turned away from the charity’s

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COVID-19 STATISTICS

COVID-19 WA Statistics

As of 12 May 2023
 Tested—4,746,620
 Confirmed Cases—1,322,111
 Recovered—1,318,883
 Deaths—1,039
 Active cases in WA—2,189

 Vaccinations—Australia
 Vaccinations—22,231,907
 Fully vaccinated—21,648,824
 Booster—14,368,201
 2023—2,059,163

COVID-19 Australian Statistics

WA—Cases 1.3M—Deaths 1,039
 ACT—Cases 237K —Deaths 234
 NSW—Cases 4.01M—Deaths 6,832
 NT—Cases 106K—Deaths 95
 QLD—Cases 1.6M—Deaths 2,921
 SA—Cases 908K—Deaths 1,439
 TAS—Cases 294K—Deaths 279
 VIC—Cases 2.9M—Deaths 7,693
 Total Cases—11,505,229

**We're all
 in this
 together.**

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CONSTABLE CARE VISIT

On Tuesday 2 May, St Mary's School students were privileged to have a visit from Constable Care. Our Year Three – Year Six students learnt all about online safety, while our students in Kindergarten – Year Two learnt what to do in an emergency.



These themes complement the teaching and learning that is occurring during Health lessons. Thank you, Constable Care!



QUIZ NIGHT

By ST MARY'S SCHOOL

On Wednesday 10th May, St Mary's Parish held a quiz night to raise funds in support of school chaplaincy.

There were six grueling rounds of questions testing everything from musical theme song identification, rocks around Merredin and board game rules. Bonus questions, rounds of heads and tails and raffles brought out the competitive nature in all participants.

Thank you to everyone who assisted in making the quiz night possible including the parish council and volunteers, those involved with setting up and the local businesses and individuals who sponsored the event and donated prizes.

An approximate total of \$1200 was raised for YouthCare the agency that provides chaplains for our government schools. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.



Tales from the Train

A modern take on travelling by train

By LADY RANTHAM

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 lever arch file and a calculator.

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.

And we're not even at Kwinana yet!

Merredin CRC are looking for preloved Christmas Trees to adopt.

Donations are welcome throughout the year.

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MERREDIN COLLEGE SCHOOL BALL

The Merredin College School Ball is one of the most exciting events on the school calendar every year. This year it was held at the Cummins Theatre. Looking glamorous the Year 10-12 students arrived in style, looking their absolute finest as they took the red carpet for their grand entrance in front of family, friends, and the community.

The theme of the evening was 'Dripping in Luxury', and our Year 12 Student leaders and staff did an amazing job of creating the scene for the evening. Students enjoyed some delicious food by Wild Poppy and enjoyed a night of dancing.

Special awards went to the following students:

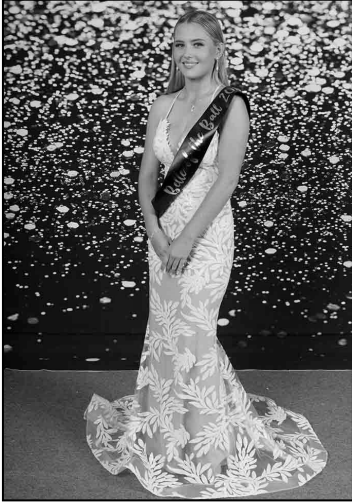
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Beau of the Ball - Jayden Chapman

Best Dressed - Year 10 - Tom Downsborough & Aspen Earl

Best Dressed - Year 11 - Alan Watson & Chloe Carlson

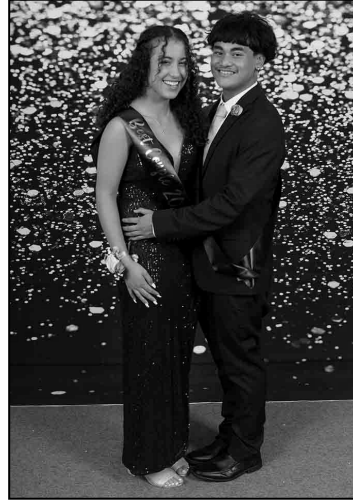
Best Dancer - Savannah Spencer



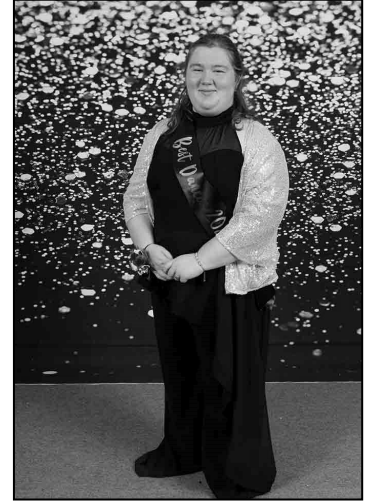
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Best Dressed - Alan Watson and Chloe Carlson



Best Couple - Brielle Townsen and Josh Castillo



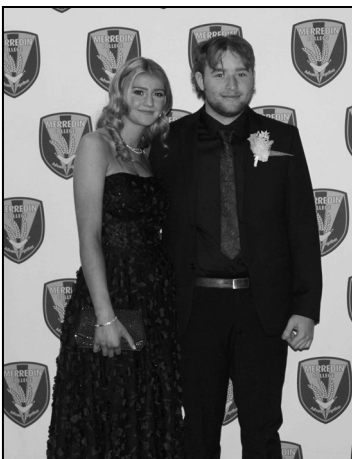
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2023 Year 12 Student Leaders



Year 11 Girls



Caitlin Squire and Connor Davis



Year 11 Boys



Orlando Crux and Zoe Tompkin

From the History Room

By **MERREDIN LIBRARY**

From the history room at the Merredin Library, these recipes are from the Merredin Mercury and Central Districts Index Ladies' Column 1929.

INDIAN PILAU

A chicken or rabbit should be cut in neat joints and stewed for ¾ hour in a good bechamel sauce, or if the remains of the cold chicken or rabbit are used, it is only necessary to heat it in the sauce for 20 minutes. Wash 4ozs rice, well boiled in plenty of boiling water with a dessertspoon salt added for 20 minutes then drain into a colander. Run plenty of water through to keep the grains separate, put rice into saucepan with 3ozs butter, add a dessertspoon curry powder,

cover, shake occasionally till ready to be used. Slice and fry 2 onions in butter till they are brown. Toss in 2 tablespoons of currants and raisins. Dish up the chicken or rabbit, cover with rice, then strew with the onions. Garnish with blanched sliced almonds, hard-boiled eggs cut in quarters and sprinkled with a little desiccated coconut.

GINGER PUDDING

1½ cups ginger snap biscuit crumbs, ½ cup sugar, 1¼ teaspoon mixed spice, 1 egg and 3 cups of milk. Butter a baking dish, put in the crumbs, add the milk, sugar, spice and the well beaten egg. Stand in a pan of hot water and bake until set in a moderate oven. Serve warm with top milk, cream or marshmallow cream sauce.

FOREVER YOUNG

By **PETER GARWOOD'S FAMILY**

Peter Garwood was nothing short of a loving family member and a loyal friend to many. Above all, he was a devoted father to three beautiful girls.

He made sure no moment was wasted and lived his life to the fullest.

On last Sunday night the Northside Tavern held a Karaoke night in honour of Peter. All the funds raised, were put towards Peter's Funeral. A 'Go Fund Me' page has also been created to help. You can donate here: <https://gofund.me/32a3cd95>

We are so grateful for everyone that has donated and attended the Karaoke Night. Peter would be so proud of everyone coming together to help in this time of need.

Rest in Peace Peter, you will be forever missed.



My Thoughts



Ryan Webb

The best day of my life so far, my wedding day. It is one thing to watch your children being born but it is a completely different feeling watching your bride walk down the aisle. How amazing! On the 25th of April 2023, I got to marry the love of my life. She came down the aisle to a beautiful song all of me and that song has been our song forever. As she walked down the aisle I couldn't believe my eyes it was a magical moment, as her eyes locked with mine I just knew.

We would like to thank everyone that help pull this wedding together. From Donna and Mike at Go Mad, Shaynah and Braidie, Pastor Malcolm, Cummins theatre, Merredin Reparatory Club, the caterers. And of course, our bridal party, our parents and Mr Newton and his lovely car. We could not have done it without everyone's help.

Anzac Day was our dream day to get married. Those who have served have a big part in our heart and we wanted to have a beautiful day involving the Anzacs. Having a minute silence in our ceremony was truly touching and we served Anzac biscuits as wedding gifts.

There was so much happiness,

laughter and smiles from everyone. As the ceremony went on, that laughter turned into tears, as I not only married my wife but gave tribute to children who mean the absolute world to me.

What an exceptional day! So, what are my thoughts on getting married? So much planning and organising. To be able to push that domino the final domino over and watch everything fall into place, you really need to line everything up.

Would I do it again? Yes, 1000 times over. When you love someone, you are there for them. It is not just 'I Love You', they aren't just three little words, they mean so much more than that. Relationships either work or they don't.

This was my thought, when you have that love for that person... do not throw it away. Try and keep it, because once it's gone, it's very hard to find another.

UP IN SMOKE RETURNS TO MERREDIN

By **MERREDIN CRC**

Up In Smoke will be coming back to Merredin and surrounding districts between the 17th to the 20th of May. Opening from 4-8pm at the Barrack Street Car Park.

Up In Smoke offers a range of smoked meats on their BBQ smokers, which creates a unique taste.

From one popular thing to another, the loaded fries are truly amazing, with succulent pulled pork, tender beef brisket or chilli con carne.

Their burgers often get a 'Oh my god, that is a huge burger' reaction. Up In Smoke also caters for vegetarians. Come down to the Barrack Street Car Park, across from the Merredin CRC and check them out!

Rest In Peace
Peter Garwood
16 July 1990 - 9 May 2023

YOUR AD HERE

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seven homelessness services last year, as they were operating at capacity and could not meet the demand.

ABOUT YOUTH FUTURES

For over thirty years Youth Futures have been empowering young West Australians to take control of their future by

offering them the holistic support and opportunities they need to thrive. From humble beginnings as a crisis accommodation service in Perth's northern suburbs, they have grown to provide a wide variety of programs across three core areas; Homelessness, Education and Support.

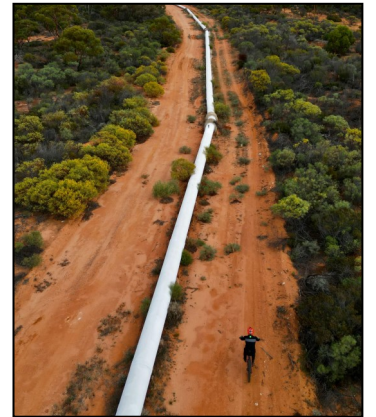
Youth Futures currently offer

young people assistance across more than 30 programs including:

- Accommodation and support for young people experiencing homelessness
- Alternative education for young people disengaged from mainstream high school
- Drug education and support

- Mental health support
- Youth Centre and school holiday programs
- Settlement assistance for refugees
- Emergency relief (food and toiletries)

*Photos supplied by Travis Deane



MEN'S SHED SEEDING

By MERREDIN MEN'S SHED

Its that time of the year, when the Men's Shed Members turn their thoughts to seeding this year's crop.

The land on the outskirts of town leased from the Shire of Merredin has stringent controls regarding ensuring any operations to be carried out, be done in a way that causes minimal inconvenience to residents or the public.

Mindful of this careful consideration is given to wind direction, velocity, moisture and rain potential before starting any operation.

Burning was carried out in early April following a rain event and with a Southern Westerly wind, so any smoke would be blown away from town. This was followed immediately by scarifying to eliminate dust, control summer weed growth and prepare for seeding.

May heralds the start of the seeding date and with the wind in the West and rain imminent, the 10th of May had all the credentials.

Member Peter McCrae brought in his sprayer and completed spraying by early morning.

Seeding then commenced using

a 28 run international combine and a 30-year-old Cole bin in all now relics of the past. After some initial teething problems expertly handled by old cockie members, Phil, Sam, and George, the cropping was completed by late afternoon.

The Merredin Men's Shed relies on its cropping returns for its funding and is appreciative of the support of Merredin businesses like Nutrient Ag for fertiliser and chemicals, Great Southern Fuels for diesel, and the generous support with machinery from Member Peter McCrae, Sam and other members for their work.

Shed Member also give great consideration to preventing inconvenience to members of the public and are aware of some concerns in this area.

Consideration has been given towards streamlining the operation for direct drill and minimum till to eliminate burning, but there are other issues like dust, chemical spray and the like that are part of normal cropping practices, the only way to eliminate any risk would be to cease cropping altogether.



Decision making, Phil and George



Cropping in progress

CAMERA CLUB—POWERLINES

By GRANT STAINER

“Powerlines” was the theme for the May meeting of the Merredin Camera Club, which was an unusual subject, as for most photography, powerlines are considered an annoying distraction. Hence, making them the main subject was very different.

Nineteen photos filled the theme section this month, and another 26 photos filled the open section. The judge this month was Munib Fetahovic.

In the theme section, Mr Fetahovic awarded gold to Kate Caughey’s “Glass” and Grant Stainer’s “Sunset powerlines”. Silver was awarded to Margret Schell’s “Many lines of power”, Craig Shipway’s “Main lines”, Jules Alvaro’s “Powerlines are fine”, Shay Creagh’s “Power”, and Grant Stainer’s “Every direction”.

Bronze was awarded to

Samantha Webb’s “Smoko Sunset” and Margret Schell’s “Standing tall”.

In the open section, Mr Fetahovic awarded gold to Shay Creagh’s “Duck hat” and Grant Stainer’s “Sunset at Merredin Peak”. Silver was awarded to Gina Humphries’s “Nobby’s”, Rosie Cahill’s “Leafless orchid”, and Kate Caughey’s “Matagarup”.

Bronze was awarded to Craig Shipway’s “Past its good ole days”, Pippa de Lacy’s “Flood way”, Grant Stainer’s “Towerlines”, Margret Schell’s “Look back” and “Pretty in pink”, and Jules Alvaro’s “Driving home”.

Club members voted somewhat differently to the judge in both the theme and open sections.

In the theme section, first place went to Pippa de Lacy’s “Stormy powerlines”. Second place went to Grant Stainer’s “Sunset

powerlines” and third place went to Margret Schell’s “Many lines of power”.

In the club member’s open section voting, first place went to Grant Stainer’s “Sunset at Merredin Peak”. Second place went to Chloe Willcocks’s “Lighting the way”, and third place went to Gina Humphries “Caves Beach”.

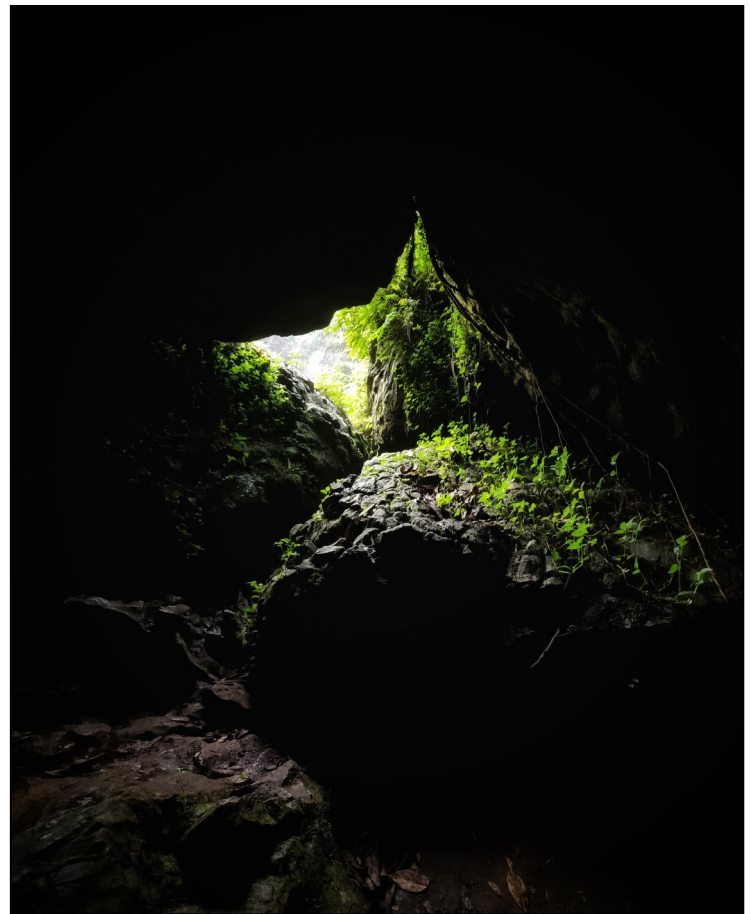
The next meeting is scheduled for the 14th June 2023, where

we the subject will be “something sweet”, which should be an enjoyable subject. Some of us have already been trying things with sugar and chocolate, followed closely by eating the subject.

The Merredin Camera Club welcomes new members. For more information about the Merredin Camera Club, please email Kate Caughey at merredincameraclub@yahoo.com.au



Stormy Powerlines by Pippa De Lacy



Lighting the way by Chloe Willcocks



Duck Hat by Shay Creagh

Library Musings

By MERREDIN LIBRARY

It's May already. In preparation for winter there is a display of items on gardening, cooking, crafts and more. Find some new recipes to use in a slow cooker, or when is the best time to prune your favourite trees and flowers. Come in and see what's new.

Photographic Display

The display in May (rhyme intended) highlights local events. Come in and see how we celebrated Australia Day, Anzac Day and more. See

photographs from the Merredin Show, opening days, car shows and the Undies Car rally. If you are a local, you may even see a photo of your younger self. Come in and see if you can put some names to faces.

New items added to stock

Have you found a hole in a favourite shirt or pants? You can create a whole new look using 'Mending with Boro' by Harumi Horiuchi. The book explains how to use Japanese running stitch and patching techniques to give older clothes a new look. 'Sweet pea crochet'

by Sue Rawlinson contains pictures and pattern for 25 baby bundle crocheting projects. Learn how to make blankets, booties, bobble hats, mittens and more. 'Tracks we share' is a colourful book highlighting contemporary art of the Pilbara. The book contains not only stunning pictures of the art but includes profiles of the many artists.

The Merredin Library has a large collections of large print, audiobooks, classics, Australian and more. Come in and grab a storybook to read to the kids before bedtime or learn

how to make a cubby house. Learn a new language, what to plant when, find a new travel destination. If you can't find what you are looking for, ask one of the friendly library staff for help.

Remember, library membership is free to all residents of Merredin. A library membership gives you free access to many e-resources including e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines, video-streaming services, online tutorials and more. Ask staff for details. See you soon.

10 EASY WAYS TO HELP THE WILDLIFE

WWF AUSTRALIA MEDIA RELEASE

- 1. Slow down when driving.**
Sadly, roadkill is a common sight along many roads in Australia. Keep an eye out for wildlife and watch your speed, particularly between dusk and dawn when many animals are most active.
- 2. Save your local wildlife rescue number.**
If you come across an injured animal, call your local wildlife rescue once its safe to do so. Google 'wildlife rescue near me' and save that number to your phone.
- 3. Avoid nesting seabirds and turtles.**
If you live near the beach, you may be lucky enough to spot a shorebird nest or turtle breeding ground. Make sure to keep a safe distance and walk near the waters edge to avoid disrupting chicks or crushing eggs.
- 4. Make your pool safe for animals.**
Its not just humans who get hot! Put a makeshift ramp on the side of your pool so that animals can hop in to cool down and get out safely
- 5. Put water out for wildlife.**
Animals can struggle to find

- water on hot days. Put shallow bowls of water outside with a little rock or stick in it so any small critters can crawl out.
- 6. Turn off your lights!**
Bright light at night can confuse or disorient nocturnal species.
- 7. Safe pets, safe wildlife.**
Two of the greatest threats to native wildlife are pet cats and dogs. Its also safer for your furry loved ones not to approach wildlife, so keeping cats at home and dogs on a leash is a win-win.
- 8. Find out what threatened species live near you.**
Did you know that half of Australians threatened species live on the urban fringe? Check out what you might be able to spot on your afternoon walk.
- 9. Keep your eyes peeled for poo**
Yes, seriously. Brush up on your scat knowledge and you may be surprised to learn how many wombats, koalas, kangaroos and others are nearby.
- 10. Plant natives.**
You know who loves native plants? Native wildlife! Not only will natives be much better suited to your garden, but birds, pollinators and reptiles will have food and a home.



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RSM Business Local Advisor

Instagram Essentials for Small Business

Tuesday 23rd May | 10am to 12:30pm
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In this free beginner level workshop, we start with basics. You will learn how to create a powerful, professional Instagram account for your business designed to effectively appeal to your target audience.

Get tips on the Instagram promotional marketing strategies, how to gain followers, comments and likes for your business account.

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2 May 2023**Merredin Courthouse**

Alan Cochrane appeared on the charges of failed to comply with a requirement to accompany a police officer to a place and to wait at that place and exceed speed limit between 20 and 29km/h. He was remanded to appear in Northam on 15 May 2023.

Kevin Hayden appeared on the charges of common assault, stealing and two counts of person who breaches CRO or community order without reasonable excuse. He was remanded to appear in Rockingham on 15 May 2023.

Brenden Hilton appeared on the charges of no authority to drive (never held), possession of prohibited drugs with intent to sell or supply (cannabis) and cultivate a prohibited plant with intent to sell or supply. He was remanded to appear in Armadale on 3 May 2023 and Perth on 12 May 2023.

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 which there was a prohibited drug or plant, two counts of possession of stolen or unlawfully obtained property and four counts person who breaches CRO or community order without reasonable excuse. He was remanded to appear in Fremantle on 5 May 2023.

Justin Jetta appeared on the charges of possess a prohibited drug (cannabis), breach of conditional suspended imprisonment order, disorderly behavior in public, home burglary and commit, assault occasioning bodily harm and four counts of stealing. He was remanded to appear in Perth on 12 May 2023.

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 30 May 2023.

Percy Hayden appeared on the charges of possess a prohibited drug (cannabis), common assault in circumstances of aggravation or racial aggravation, unlawfully assault and thereby did bodily harm with circumstances of aggravation and two counts of breach of bail undertaking. He was remanded to appear in Perth on 4 May 2023.

Candice Mullaney appeared on the charge of no authority to drive (disqualified from holding or obtaining). She was remanded to appear in Perth on 31 May 2023.

Chelina Day appeared on the charges of criminal damage or destruction of property. She was remanded to appear in Merredin on 30 May 2023.

Kelly Groves appeared on the charges of possession of stolen or unlawfully obtained property, sold, supplied or offered to sell or supply a prohibited drug (cannabis), supplied a prohibited drug, sold or supplied methylamphetamine to another, six counts of sold a prohibited drug namely methylamphetamine and four counts of offer to sell/supply a prohibited drug to another (methylamphetamine). She was remanded to appear in Merredin on 30 May 2023.

Tahlia Lawrence appeared on the charges of threat with intent to prevent/hinder person doing act and assault public officer. She was remanded to appear in Merredin on 30 May 2023.

Juwan Little appeared on the charges of stealing and aggravated burglary and

commit. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on 30 May 2023.

Brittney Thomas appeared on the charge of breach a police order. She was remanded to appear in Merredin on 30 May 2023.

4 May 2023**Armadale Courthouse**

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5 May 2023**Fremantle Courthouse**

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and four counts of person who breaches CRO or community order without reasonable excuse. He was remanded to appear in Fremantle on 23 May 2023.

10 May 2023**Central Law Courts**

Hayley Davis appeared on the charges of aggravated burglary and commit, common assault, breach of protective bail condition and breach of police order. She was remanded to appear in Perth on 14 June 2023.

12 May 2023**Central Law Courts**

Brenden Hilton appeared on the charge of possession of prohibited drugs with intent to sell or supply (cannabis). He was remanded to appear in Perth on 16 May 2023.

Justin Jetta appeared on the charges of possess a prohibited drug (cannabis), breach of conditional suspended imprisonment order, disorderly behaviour in public, home burglary and commit, assault occasioning bodily harm and four counts of stealing. He was remanded to appear in Perth on 9 June 2023.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

DIFFERENTIAL RATING OBJECTS AND REASONS 2023-24

In accordance with Local Government Act 1995, Financial Management Part 6, Rates and Service Charges Division

The Shire is seeking feedback on the proposed differential rates objects and reasons 2023-24. In arriving at the proposed rates in the dollar, the Council has attempted to balance the need for revenue to fund essential services, facilities and infrastructure to the entire community.

Unimproved Value	Minimum Rate	Rate in \$
UV1 - Rural	\$1,130	0.01918
UV2 – Urban Rural	\$1,130	0.03712
UV3 - Mining	\$200	0.03654
UV4 – Special Use Power Generation	\$1,130	0.03513
UV5 – Special Use Airstrip	\$1,130	0.03513

For more information, please visit the following link below: bit.ly/differentialrates.

Any submissions from electors or ratepayers regarding the proposed Differential Rates and Minimum Payments can be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, and mailed to PO Box 42, Merredin WA 6415.

Submissions may be lodged up until 4:00pm on Monday, 5 June 2023.

Ratepayers are welcome to contact the Shire Administration regarding the differential rating categories on (08) 9041 1611 or email admin@merredin.wa.gov.au.

Lisa Clack
Chief Executive Officer
12 May 2023

POPOSED CLOSURE OF GAZETTED ROAD

At the April Ordinary Council Meeting, an application was presented to Council for the permanent closure of a portion of road identified in the map across.

Pursuant to Section 58 (3) of the Land Administration Act 1997, the Shire of Merredin hereby gives notice of its intention to resolve to approach the Minister responsible for the administration of the Land Administration Act 1997, requesting the closure of a portion of the gazetted road identified as the parcel of land with a Polygon ID Number 3150496, forming portion of Coghill Street, extending between Watson Road and

Doyle Street, Merredin.

If you would like to view the digital version of the map, please visit bit.ly/proposedroadclosure

In accordance with the requirements of the Land Administration Act 1997, this proposal is being advertised for public comment for a period of 35 days.

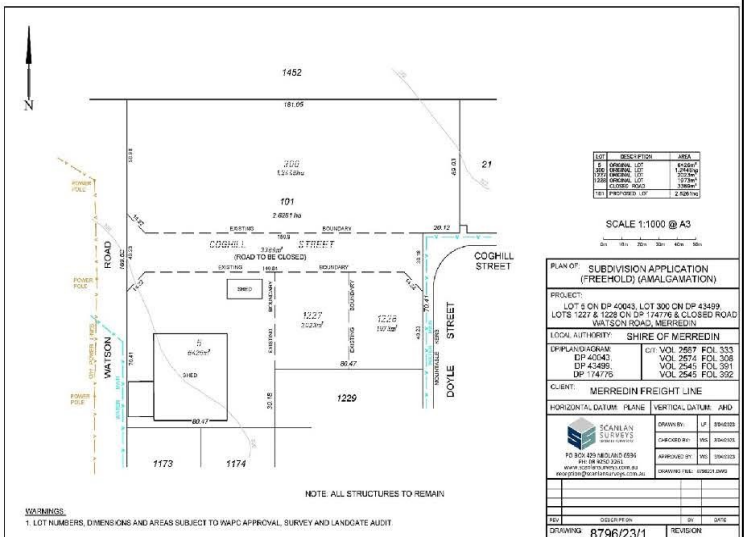
Anyone wishing to lodge an objection in relation to the above should do so in writing to the Chief Executive Officer of the Shire of Merredin, PO Box 42, Merredin WA 6415, on or before Thursday, 22 June 2023, or via email to ea@merredin.wa.gov.au.

Council will consider all submissions received during the public comment period before approaching the Minister.

Please note, all submissions received will be made public in the corresponding Council Agenda, unless a submission specifically requests otherwise.

Should you have any queries regarding this process please contact the Executive Manager Development Services, Mr Peter Zenni, on 9041 1611.

Lisa Clack
Chief Executive Officer
15 May 2023



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 23 May 2023 at 4:00pm. This meeting will be held at the Shire Admin Building on the Cnr of King and Barrack Streets in the Council Chambers. Members of the public are welcome to attend. The Agenda will be available to view on the Shire of Merredin website. Public questions can be submitted by 2.00pm on the day of the Council Meeting by completing the form available via the below link: www.merredin.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/

MOTHER'S DAY PAINT PARTY

By **SHEREE LOWE**

A number of mother and daughter duos joined me for the Mother's Day Paint Parties, to paint "one stroke" lilies at the Merredin CRC this weekend.

I have been running Paint Parties in Merredin for 3 years now, and as we have lots of regulars, I thought I'd offer a new challenge, something a little new and different to try. I designed a floral painting incorporating the "one stroke" technique. Widely used in folk art and face painting, the "one stroke" technique involves painting with 2 or more colours of paint on your paint brush at the same time.

As luck would have it though, most of the participants in the Mother's Day paint parties weren't regulars – they were attending their very first paint party! They all gave it a good crack though, and we had a beautiful bunch of lilies in different shades of orange by

the end.

This was the last of the Paint Parties to be held at the Merredin CRC, for a very exciting reason! From June, Paint Parties and Craft Parties will have a permanent home at "Sheree's Workshop", 104B Barrack Street (next door to Harvest Fresh Fruit and Veg).

"Sheree's Workshop" will officially open on the weekend of the 9-11 June, and I have an amazing series of creative events lined up for you!

On the Friday night learn the "Mokume Gane" polymer clay technique (using hand coloured clay and silver leaf) to make 4-5 pieces of unique jewellery.

On the Saturday morning I'll throw the doors open for everyone to come and see the new space! There will also be free plaster painting for everyone who wants to, to celebrate the opening. No need to book, just walk on in between 9am and 12pm.

On the Saturday night, back by popular demand – Alcohol Ink Pot Party! Learn 4 different alcohol ink painting techniques, and then use your favourite to decorate 2 pots to take home and keep.

And finally, on the Sunday Glenda the Basketcase Lady is joining us from Geraldton to teach us how to make baskets handwoven from natural fibres.

Book your place on any of these workshops at <http://bit.ly/craftparties>

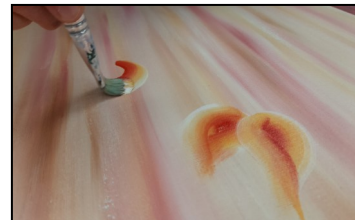


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NANGEENAN NATTERS

By JULIE TOWNROW

How exciting, the roof is almost complete, in fact, when you are reading this, I am fairly certain that the job will be complete. It, like most of the other processes with doing up an old building, presents many challenges on the way. We did not consider that everything we touch, is in fact 111 plus years old, it stands to reason that it will be worn and in places, showing its age.

However, we have to be grateful that the selection of Oregon timber was made, and that white ants don't particularly like it. Thank God for that.

I'm not sure that in 100 years' time when it almost certainly will need to be done again, that those walking the scaffolding will say the same about the soft wood choices of today. I understand that it can take up to two hundred years just to grow a decent hard wood tree, like the magnificent Fluted Gimlet Gum trees on site at the hall.

If it were that easy, looking at the almost completed roof would not bring me as much joy as it does. While I didn't do the hard slog of physically lifting and shifting each moving piece, working together to problem solve, find solutions and resolutions allows for a modicum of pride, that teamwork has produced an excellent result.

The scaffolding is due to come down on the 15th of May and we will be ready to put the shed up. The windows have been

removed and are being remade. The floorboards sourced and ordered, the drafting plans for the new kitchen and ablution block well in hand.

Planning now centres around the Back to Nangeenan Weekend Scheduled for the 4th 5th and 6th of August, again, the Hall will not be ready. But we will have a shed, so we have a great weekend planned. The preliminary ordering is happening, and we will need to order the toilets in again.

I was asked today, what sort of toilets were at the hall before? There was nothing modern at all about the toilet, just one long drop that was moved around on an as needs basis. Goodness, that just would not wash now. Health and Safety stepping in to shut things like that down.

I often wonder as all the waste ends up in the greatest filter system that exists. The Earth's crust and the different layers that create the tectonic plates, is soiled water sifted through the soil filter to flow out somewhere else clean as a whistle.

It's a bit like the milk that we drink nowadays, it needs to be "treated" to be fit for consumption. Though when we were kids on the Family Dairy Farm, the milk straight out of the cows' teats was just fine and dandy, as was the molasses and the powder calves' milk that we nicked by the handful when passing the milking shed.

It is these simple pleasures we would like to recreate for the reunion. You know the old stories, the bush poetry and just

a good old yarn around the campfire. Simple little games like a three-legged race or a sack race. Small pleasures like remembering all the little things that make the 'whole' of our lives. Or the big things like the loss of those we looked up to, learned from and considered friends, all the people who form our community.

It's people like Jim Flockart, Rod Alderton and Terry Middleton who have all recently left us, but leave behind a knowing, a memory, a story.

It is with regret that I didn't make the time to sit down with Jim to record his early stories of growing up in Merredin. I had the privilege of going on a bus tour where Jim was able to expand my limited knowledge of the time when there was an extensive military presence in the district which stretched from Traying through to Ardarth and that where the bunkers are on Gray's farm in Nokaning, there was a small 'town', housing the families of the military men who maintained the function of the area.

It saddens me that as our seniors leave us, they take with them a wealth of knowledge. I regret that I didn't take the time to record the conversations I had with Ken Hodgkiss, who could name all the shops in the street of the town as it was in the 1950's.

It might not matter to some, but as we age our heritage becomes important, and we need to write it down because the rememberer doesn't work as well anymore.

Every day, we make a little bit of a difference to the Hall. As we repair a wall and a door; we remember the times as children that we ran around like little banshees playing games and just doing what kids do.

As we built an association with the natural environment and the built environment, we laid on the ground guessing what the cloud shapes were, or in the dark, finding the Southern Cross and the 'Milky way' questioning, why is the sky blue?

All these things make a foundation for future memories and growth into adulthood and then into old age. When the years left to us are numbered, it's important to impart all those things we learned along the way.

That's why as we get old, we repeat ourselves, because we need to make sure you heard it right, so you can pass the story on so the memory can keep giving. How we don't lose all the wonderful skills we had as it stands to reason, we are all going to show our age, if we have the privilege of growing old.

My Mum always said, "you can't put an old head on young shoulders" and she was right. Unlike the built environment, we don't have the necessary new wood to replace the old, we can only keep the stories. So live, love, forgive and enjoy. We are irreplaceable and speaking of Mum, she was so happy that I was only one, not the two they thought I was going to be!



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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

By MERREDIN CRC

May 15

1536—Anne Boleyn and her brother George, Lord Rochford, accused of adultery and incest.

1800—King George III survives a second assassination attempt.

1841—First emigrant wagon train to make it to California leaves Independence, Missouri on a 1,730 journey over the Sierra Nevada.

1940—Richard and Maurice open the first McDonald's restaurant in San Bernardino, California.

1944—14,000 Jews of Munkacs, Hungary, are deported to Auschwitz.

2020—Germany, Europe's largest economy, is officially in recession due to COVID-19, as figures show economy shrank 2.2% in the first 3 months of 2020.

May 16

1944—First of 180,000+ Hungarian Jews reach Auschwitz.

1968—Earthquake kills 47 people in Japan.

1969—Venera 5 lands on Venus, returning data on the atmosphere.

May 17

1971—Washington State bans sex discrimination.

1990—World Health Organisation takes homosexuality out of its list of mental illnesses.

2004—Massachusetts becomes the first U.S. state to legalize same-sex marriage.

2009—Video games, Minecraft, is first released to the pub while in development.

May 18

1922—Dutch second Chamber agrees to 48 hour work week.

1974—India becomes the sixth nation to explode an atomic bomb.

1978—Italy legalises abortion.

1980—Mount St Helens erupts in Washington state, causing the largest landslide in history and killing 57 people.

May 19

1536—Anne Boleyn, second wife of English King Henry VIII, is beheaded at the Tower of London on charges of adultery, incest and treason.

1930—White women win voting rights in South Africa.

1971—USSR launches Mars 2, becoming the first spacecraft to crash land on Mars.

1976—Gold ownership legalised in Australia.

May 20

1970—2 people died and 70 injured when two NYC subway trains crash in Queens.

2020—WHO reports most new cases in a single day with 106,000 worldwide of COVID-19.

May 21

1819—First bicycles in US introduced in NYC.

1918—US House of Representatives passes amendment allowing women to vote.

1954—US Twenty-sixth amendment to give 18-year-olds the right to vote is defeated.

2003—An earthquake hits northern Algeria killing more than 2,000 people.

2019—Protests across American cities defending abortion rights after several US states pass new abortion laws.

2022—Scott Morrison's Coalition government defeated after 9 years in power, Anthony Albanese's Labour Party wins the most seats.



UNDERSTANDING STRESS

WARRIOR WELLBEING MEDIA RELEASE

Stress is usually associated with not being in control of a situation or an environment leading us to feel uncomfortable in body and/or mind. It is a part of life and it affects everyone at one time or another. Stress is normal, a certain amount of stress energizes people consequently improving performance and efficiency.

When stress levels get too high, problems can develop and start to take their toll on our mental health, physical health and social/spiritual wellbeing, sometimes with dire consequences. At RMHI we refer to situational distress to explain those times in our lives that create extreme stress which can start from situations that are unresolved in our lives. If we are always saying things like I haven't got enough time, I must get this done before..., I'll never finish in time, I can't get anything done; we might be in danger of moving from stressed to being distressed.

It is important to remember that what might be stressful for some may not be stressful for others. We all deal with things differently and have different capacities to cope.

How do you currently cope with stress? Are your coping strategies healthy or unhealthy, helpful or unproductive? Many people cope with stress in ways that compound the problem. Below are unhealthy strategies that may temporarily reduce stress but will cause more damage in the long run:

- Sleeping too much;
- Filling up every minute of the day to avoid facing problems;

- Withdrawing from friends, family and activities;
- Taking out your stress on others (lashing out, anger outbursts, physical violence);
- Drinking too much;
- Procrastinating;
- Overeating or undereating;
- Over analysing;
- Smoking;
- Using pills/drugs to relax;
- Zoning out for hours in front of the television or the computer.

Here are some tips that may help deal with stressful situations:

Avoid the stressor. Learn to say no, limit time with those who stress you out (if possible), control your environment i.e. turn the news off if it makes you anxious, give the bookwork to the bookkeeper.

Alter the stressor. Communicate your concerns i.e. Talk to a Mate®, ask for a behaviour change but be willing to also compromise, be more assertive, manage your time better.

Adapt to the stressor. If you can't change the stressor, change yourself, look at the stressful situation more positively, will it matter in the long run? If the answer is no refocus elsewhere, set reasonable standards not perfectionism, look at all the good things in your life if feeling stressed out.

Accept the stressor. Some stressors are unavoidable, in such cases accept things as they are. This can be difficult but easier than railing against an unchangeable situation.



WTF 18th – 31st May 2023

By PETER BARRETT

Winter is approaching, and we note that by the end of this fortnight the sun will not be rising until almost 7am.

Many of you will now be starting the day in darkness, and there is much to appreciate before you jump in the car and head off to work. A new moon means dark nights, and there is still time to see the last of the Eta Aquarid meteors in the early morning sky.

Saturn appears almost overhead, accompanied by the bright star Fomalhaut, Alpha Piscis Austrini to its south. This

star has been in the news of late since the James Webb began focusing its attention on it.

Two dust belts have been resolved which seem similar to the asteroid belt which orbits our sun between Mars and Jupiter. This suggests Fomalhaut, a relatively close star at just 24 light years away, hosts an extensive planetary system, and the hunt is on to find them. Fomalhaut is also suspected of being a very young star, rather infantile at just 440 million years or so old.

Our current understanding of solar system evolution suggests

these belts are in fact in planet labour, so to speak, and that we may find planetary embryos and fetuses rather than the fully formed article. Looking at Fomalhaut with binoculars reveals two companion stars, a white variable, and a red dwarf. The sky as viewed from a planet orbiting Fomalhaut would be an extraordinary spectacle indeed!

Meanwhile our evening sky is now dominated by Spica overhead, the emu in its entirety to the south and Arcturus to the north. Orion sets in the West as Scorpius rises in the Southeast. The freshly waxing moon and Venus

will look particularly attractive together on Tuesday 23rd. On the following night it will be Mars's turn for a moon cameo.

Next Monday the 29th Mercury will reach its highest position in the morning sky and therefore cease retrograde motion. Astrologers attach a huge pile of nonsense to this phenomenon, so if you are enthralled by such things, you will be able to relax, safe from the "chaos" this pseudoscience had predicted. The reality is it's just another part of the heavenly experience that is Watching The Firmament. Keep looking up!

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Fri 19 ☾	rises6:44am sets5:16pm in ☿	rises6:13am sets4:52pm in ♀	rises5:04am sets4:18pm in ♀	rises10:19am sets8:12pm in ♀
Sat 20	rises6:50am sets5:16pm in ☿	rises7:17am sets5:32pm in ☿	rises5:02am sets4:15pm in ♀	rises10:20am sets8:13pm in ♀
Sun 21	rises6:51am sets5:15pm in ☿	rises8:20am sets6:18pm in ☿	rises5:00am sets4:13pm in ♀	rises10:20am sets8:14pm in ♀
Mon 22	rises6:51am sets5:15pm in ☿	rises9:19am sets7:09pm in ☿	rises4:58am sets4:11pm in ♀	rises10:20am sets8:15pm in ♀
Tue 23	rises6:52am sets5:14pm in ☿	rises10:13am sets8:04pm in ♀	rises4:56am sets4:09pm in ♀	rises10:21am sets8:16pm in ♀
Wed 24	rises6:52am sets5:14pm in ☿	rises11:00am sets9:01pm in ♀	rises4:55am sets4:07pm in ♀	rises10:21am sets8:17pm in ♀
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Sun 28	rises6:55am sets5:12pm in ☿	rises1:14pm in ♀	rises4:53am sets4:01pm in ♀	rises10:21am sets8:21pm in ♀
Mon 29	rises6:55am sets5:12pm in ☿	sets12:47am rises1:41pm in ♀	rises4:54am sets4:00pm in ♀	rises10:21am sets8:22pm in ♀
Tue 30	rises6:56am sets5:12pm in ☿	sets1:43am rises2:07pm in ♀	rises4:54am sets3:59pm in ♀	rises10:20am sets8:23pm in ♀
Wed 31	rises6:57am sets5:11pm in ☿	sets2:40am rises2:34pm in ♀	rises4:55am sets3:58pm in ♀	rises10:20am sets8:24pm in ♀

Date/Planet	Mars ♂	Jupiter ♃	Saturn ♄
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Fri 19 ☾	rises11:19am sets9:34pm in ♀	rises4:39am sets3:52pm in ♀	rises12:27am sets1:25pm in ♀
Sat 20	rises11:18am sets9:32pm in ♀	rises4:36am sets3:49pm in ♀	rises12:23am sets1:21pm in ♀
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Tue 23	rises11:12am sets9:29pm in ♀	rises4:27am sets3:39pm in ♀	rises12:12am sets1:10pm in ♀
Wed 24	rises11:10am sets9:28pm in ♀	rises4:24am sets3:36pm in ♀	rises12:08am sets1:06pm in ♀
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STEAM PUNK—ART EXHIBITION

By **MERREDIN CRC**

On the 6th of May 2023, Natalie Veal held a 'Steam Punk' Art Exhibition at the Art Gallery Studio Artistique in Nungarin. The evening begun with the Nungarin Shire Councillor, Cr Eileen O'Connell Opening the Exhibition.

Many paintings, artwork, and

hard covered books of poetry were snapped up by eager buyers. People travelled from far and wide to attend including Perth, Kellerberrin, Geraldton, Cunderdin and locals from Merredin and Nungarin.

Having an event such as this shows, how much support one lady can gain in our area. We

are very lucky to have so much talent in our own back yard.

Steampunk is a subgenre of science fiction that incorporates retro-futuristic technology and aesthetics inspired by 19th-century industrial steam-powered machinery.

Hence why this event entailed a lot of punk costumes. There

was best dressed competition for the night, with a Merredin resident, Belle Montgomery winning an 8x4 ft mural valued at \$1200.

Congratulations on another wonderful event Natalie! We look forward to seeing what you hold next.










Belle Montgomery—Best Dressed



Guests attending the art exhibition



COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2023

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
20 SONGFEST Cummins Theatre A Chaired taste Merredin Fine Arts Society 9am – 2pm. Community Garden 8am. Seventh Day Adventist 11am. St Mary's Catholic Church-6pm.	21 SONGFEST Cummins Theatre A Chaired taste MERREDIN MARKETS 9am-1pm  Uniting Church 9am. Church of Christ 10am. St Marys Catholic Church 10.30am.	22 Boot-scooting 7pm at Cummins Theatre, see Lyn at the post office or call Sue on 0409 612 997.	23 Gentle Gym at Senior Centre Merredin at 2pm 	24 Craft Group at Seniors Centre 9am - 12pm. 	25 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	26 Kids club, Ages 4-12, 3-5pm at Merredin Church of Christ, 17 Throssell Rd, gold coin donation 0429108241
27 Merredin Fine Arts Society 9am – 2pm. Community Garden 8am. Seventh Day Adventist 11am. St Mary's Catholic Church-6pm.	28 Uniting church 9am All Saints Anglican church 10am Church of Christ 10am St Marys catholic church 10.30am	29 A Chaired Taste Church of Christ 7-9 pm rehearsal Boot-scooting 7pm at Cummins Theatre, see Lyn at the post office or call Sue on 0409 612 997	30 Gentle Gym at Seniors Centre Merredin at 2pm 	31 Craft Group at Seniors Centre 9am - 12pm. 	1 JUNE Phoenix Issue 11 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	2 Kids club, Ages 4-12, 3-5pm at Merredin Church of Christ, 17 Throssell Rd, Gold coin donation 0429108241

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THE BATTLE RAMPS UP

In a day of excitement at Kellerberrin, the battle for leading trainer and driver for the CWHRC Harness racing season heated up with several participants having multiple winners. Not the least being Shannon Suvaljko who drove 5 winners to take lead in the drivers list. That's right, you read it correctly FIVE winners.

Race 1 Mister Linton for Kevin Keys,

Race 4 Allwood Wizard for Shane Quadrio,

Race 5 Dazzling Jewel for Lang Inwood,

Race 6 Zyanya for Garry Sayers in The Shire of Kellerberrin Central Wheatbelt Cup and

Race 7 for Lang Inwood.

The more astute of you will have noticed that two of the winners were trained by last years Trainer of the Year Lang Inwood. Lang also had a second and a third, which must put him in a very good position to repeat the feat. Hayden Reeves also had a winning double with Gota Good Warhol Race 2 which he drove himself and Maddy Maddy Race 8 driven by Trent Wheeler. Kevin Charles and son Hayden combined to win Race 3 with Only Five Starzzz. It did not go unnoticed that some of you were not there. So please make a note of our next meeting on the 28th May featuring the SM Elliott Memorial 3yo Classic. With the competition for the awards hotting up this early in the season you will not want to miss a single race.

Craig Anderson.



Horoscopes



ARIES 21 March-19 April
 You may not be in the mood to compromise this week, but you will need to. Engage with others carefully and you will be okay.



LEO 23 July-22 August
 A new intense situation will come to the surface. Try to adjust and not overreact. Its time to make new plans.



SAGITTARIUS 22 November-21 December
 A strong focus on changing up your daily life will be on display. Try not to change too much, this will disturb peace and security.



TAURUS 20 April-26 May
 There will be issues in family relationships, try and listen sympathetically, even if people are acting in a spoilt manner.



VIRGO 23 August-22 September
 It feels like things are moving forward for you, initially it can feel toxic, however you will need to work on new ideas to understand the change.



CAPRICORN 22 December-19 January
 This week will look good in the long run, however there may be a crisis related to money and security. Once the crisis is over, you will be on a clear long path to success.



GEMINI 21 May-20 June
 Friends, partners or siblings will make a big impact in your life. Try and show your appreciation and love, even if it is difficult to.



LIBRA 23 September-22 October
 There is a continued focus on your professional life, and you will be highly motivated to support the people you work with and for.



AQUARIUS 20 January-18 February
 There may be a situation that will affect self-confidence and self-worth. All will be fixed in the near days, with someone displaying your true worth.



CANCER 21 June-22 July
 A conjunction will evoke your soft, gentle, and protective side. Allow time alone to appreciate and understand these feelings.



SCORPIO 23 October-21 November
 There will be a change of scene soon and as you're put on a center stage, you will find out that people in power positions, have your back.



PISCES 19 February-20 March
 A new phase of your life will begin soon. But as this starts, there will be some sort of communication meltdown.

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MERREDIN GOLF CLUB

By **TREVOR WATERHOUSE**

The first individual competition for the season was held on Saturday the 6th of May and was a stableford competition for the Merredin Carr Care trophy and the winner of the day was Rob Gearing with 35 points on a countback from Brian Bush and Darren O'Neill followed in fourth place by Warren Crook with 32 points and next years winner was Steve Pickersgill.

The Novelties for the day were nearest the pin on hole number 2 Justin Watts, best second shot

on hole number 6 Jim Campbell, nearest the pin on hole number 8 Rob Broomhall, best third shot on hole number 11 Rob Gearing, best second shot on hole number 15 Matt Jacobson and the longest putt on hole number 18 Darren O'Neill. The birdie pool hole was number 14 and was not won so will jackpot for another week.

The combined Tyres stableford competition was held on Saturday the 13th of May and the winner was Jim Coleman with 41 points from Justin Watts

with 37 points on a countback from Rob Gearing.

Novelties for the day were nearest third shot hole number 1 Rob Gearing, nearest the pin hole number 4 Darren O'Neill, nearest the pin hole number 8 Justin Watts, best second shot hole number 10 Shaun Avery, best second shot hole number 14 Shaun Avery and longest putt hole number 18 Corey Harken and next years winner was Lindsay Barker. The birdie pool has jackpotted for another week as no one had a birdie on hole

number 17.

Thanks to Brian Bush and Jim Campbell for getting the fairway line marker up and running and marking the fairway lines in some new positions so be aware as they are different from past years.

The fixture for Saturday the 20th of May is a par competition for the Eastern Districts Panel Beaters Trophy and a stroke round for the Cockies Ag Trophy will be the competition for Saturday the 27th of May.



Rob Gearing—Winner Merredin Carr Care Trophy



Brian Bush—Runner Up Merredin Carr Care Trophy



Jim Coleman—Winner



Justin Watts—Runner Up

Hockey

CENTRAL WHEATBELT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

**Round 4 Results
Saturday 6 May 2023**

Bencubbin (3) def. Kalannie (2)

Goals:
Bencubbin: L. Grylls 2, P. Sachse 1

Kalannie: L. Osborne 1, L. Osborne 1

Coach's Award:
Bencubbin: P. Sachse

Kalannie: S. Ellis

Best Player:

Bencubbin: J. Gobbart
Kalannie: L. Osborne and L. Osborne

Goal of the Day: P. Sachse
Mukinbudin (2) def. Beacon (0)

Goals:
Mukinbudin: H. Patterson 1, L. Scari 1

Coach's Award:
Beacon: P. Wu

Best Player:
Beacon: M. Beagley

**Round 5 Results
Saturday 13 May 2023**
Koorda (9) def. Kalannie (0)

Goals:
Koorda: L. Foote 2, P. Reilly 1, H. Cooper 1, R. Fuchsbichler 1, C. Doyle 1, Z. Metcalfe 1, C. Lawrence 1, L. Bear 1

Players Choice:
Koorda: Z. Metcalfe

Kalannie: K. Moore, A. McLellan

Coach's Award:
Koorda: L. Foote

Kalannie: E. Moore

Mukinbudin (6) def. Bencubbin (0)

Goals:
Mukinbudin: S. Graham 2, H. Patterson 1, D. Cronje 1, S. Gringer 1, K. English 1

Players Choice:
Mukinbudin: S. Graham

Best Player:
Bencubbin: L. Grylls

Coach's Award:
Mukinbudin: L. Scari

Bencubbin: C. Evans

Defender of the Day: D. Morgan

Football

EASTERN DISTRICTS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

LEAGUE – Round 4 Results
Saturday 4th May 2023

Burracoppin FC 11.12 (78) def. Kulin/Kondinin FC 11.8 (74)

Goals:
Burracoppin FC: C. Davey 3, J. Lindroth 3, H. Stockman 2, J. Truglio 1, T. Lane 1, J. Stevens 1

Kulin/Kondinin FC: T. Browning 3, A. Repacholi 3, T. Biglin 1, J. Shaddick 1, K. Spurgeon 1, B. Whyte 1, S. Browning 1

Best:
Burracoppin FC: H. Stockman, J. Stevens, J. Everett, J. Muir, S. Kerse

Kulin/Kondinin FC: T. Biglin, A. Repacholi, S. Browning, M. Crisp, J. Shaddick

Nukarni FC 12.8 (80) def. Southern Cross FC 11.6 (72)

Goals:
Nukarni FC: S. Hooper 4, C. Malone 3, B. Byron 2, B. Giles 1, M. Sharp 1, B. Duffield 1

Southern Cross FC: M. Russo 8, A. Steel 1, D. Stephen 1, B. Skajko 1

Best:
Nukarni FC: B. Byron, C. Malone, D. Giles, F. James, J. Granich

Southern Cross FC: G. Hays, B. Roberts, D. Stephens, M. Russo, A. Steel

Corrigin FC 8.9 (57) def. Hyden/Karlgarin FC 7.10 (52)

Goals:
Corrigin FC: M. McLeod 5, D. Hughes 2, T. Smith 1

Hyden/Karlgarin FC: C. James 3, I. Haslam 2, T. O'Brien 1, A. James 1

Best:
Corrigin FC: B. Dixon, B. Doyle, D. Crossland, J. Bootsma, J. Coppen

Hyden/Karlgarin FC: B. James, A. James, I. Haslam, T. James, S. Want

Narembeen FC 9.11 (65) def. Bruce Rock FC 9.5 (59)

Goals:
Narembeen FC: J. Hooper 3, M. Miolini 2, J. Kennedy 1, R. Green 1, J. Solomon 1, T. Latham 1

Bruce Rock FC: J. Norrish 4, S.

Omodei 2, A. Decke 1, F. Neeson 1, J. Narrier 1

Best:
Narembeen FC: J. Solomon, C. Spinks, T. Baldwin, R. Clarke, J. Hooper

Bruce Rock FC: F. Neeson, B. Terima, J. Narrier, M. Flowers, A. Decke

RESERVES – Round 4 Results

Burracoppin FC 14.10 (94) def. Kulin/Kondinin FC 0.1 (1)

Goals:
Burracoppin FC: M. Haden 5, T. Downsborough 3, H. Day 2, H. Blackshaw 1, T. Fitzgerald 1, R. Hayden 1, S. Watson 1

Best:
Burracoppin FC: J. Truglio, S. Watson, L. Withers, H. Day, J. Barnett

Kulin/Kondinin FC: N. Savage, W. Gunson, E. Wade D. Cadell

Hyden/Karlgarin FC 8.13 (61) def. Corrigin FC 2.0 (12)

Goals:
Hyden/Karlgarin FC: J. Jensen 2, A. Strother 1, D. Gittos 1, B.

James 1, C. Walton 1, K. James 1, C. Chilcott 1

Corrigin FC: L. Rendell 2

Best:
Hyden/Karlgarin FC: D. Gittos, K. James, B. James, A. Strother, C. Walton

Corrigin FC: L. Butler, D. Ulyyett, C. Szczecinski, L. Rendell, T. Di Fulvio

Narembeen FC 9.2 (56) def. Bruce Rock FC 4.3 (27)

Goals:
Narembeen FC: R. Cousins 4, K. Parsons 3, C. Hills 1, L. Brown 1

Bruce Rock FC: J. Beurteaux 2, C. Davis 1, L. Cotter 1

Best:
Narembeen FC: J. Brown, K. Parsons, B. Kennedy, R. Cousins, A. Saunders

Bruce Rock FC: R. Gardiner, B. Verhoogt, H. Aurisch, D. Kalejs, B. Whooley

Nukarni FC def. Southern Cross FC by forfeit

	LEAGUE LADDER	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
1	Narembeen FC	4	4	0	0	361.11	16
2	Hyden/Karlgarin FC	4	3	1	0	173.60	12
3	Bruce Rock FC	4	2	2	0	108.49	8
4	Corrigin FC	4	2	2	0	65.83	8
5	Burracoppin FC	4	2	2	0	55.09	8
6	Nukarni FC	4	1	3	0	93.35	4
7	Kulin/Kondinin FC	4	1	3	0	79.70	4
8	Southern Cross FC	4	1	3	0	66.85	4

	RESERVES LADDER	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
1	Nukarni FC	4	4	0	0	431.75	16
2	Hyden/Karlgarin FC	4	3	1	0	263.30	12
3	Burracoppin FC	4	3	1	0	174.82	12
4	Narembeen FC	4	2	2	0	132.43	8
5	Bruce Rock FC	4	2	2	0	122.22	8
6	Corrigin FC	4	2	2	0	75.23	8
7	Southern Cross FC	4	0	4	0	22.93	0
8	Kulin/Kondinin FC	4	0	4	0	14.01	0

Netball

MERREDIN NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Round 2
Thursday 4th May 2023

A1 Grade:

Titans (40) def. Gems (31)

Fairest and Best: D. Jolly, J. Avery, S. Ryan

Karni Jewels (65) def. Blues (27)

Fairest and Best: J. Daddow, R. Truglio, S. Anthony

Jets Bye

A2 Grade:

Jets (37) def. Blues (20)

Fairest and Best: M. Auld, J. Lane, V. Hudson

Karni Jewels 1 (42) def. Karni Jewels 2 (18)

Fairest and Best: M. Price, L. Casella, K. Cullinan

Titans (60) def. Gems (14)

Fairest and Best: C. Crees, E. Hassack, P. Slater

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NAREMBEEN AND BRUCE ROCK DARTS ASSOC.

**Round 2 Week 1
Friday 5th May 2023**

Jets (6) def. Bruce Rock (5)

Magpies (6) def. MC Sharks (5)

Wizards (7) def. (Royals 4)

High Scores (101+)

(140) Joshua Irving, Rhys Cousins, Gavin Brownley, Shane Butler, Kaleb Roissetter, Lindsay Hill

(133) Rhys Hubbard

(121) Kris Hayden

(120) Rodney Okely Jnr

(117) Andrew Nation

(115) Keith Butler

(101) Nikau Brown, James Kennedy, Jason Mashford

High Averages (50+)

Joshua Irving (64.81)

Gavin Brownley (62.21)

Rhys Cousins (61.76)

Justin Watts (60.68)

Kris Hayden (57.43)

Lindsay Brown (55.62)

Rodney Oakley Jnr (54.68)

Ron Rojas (53.50)

Dominic Sampi (50.29)

100 Club

(4) Justin Watts

(3) Kris Hayden, Ron Rojas

(2) Gavin Brownley, Kenny Wolfenden

(1) Mike Darby, Jason Mashford, Gavin Cole, Damien Bow, Shane Butler, Ross Ferguson, Kaleb Roissetter, Rodney Okely Jnr, Danny Gray, Rhys Cousins, Tom Latham, Dominic Sampi

**Round 2 Week 2 Results
Friday 12 May 2023**

MC Sharks (6) def. Wizards (5)

Royals (6) def. Bruce Rock (5)

Magpies (6) def. Jets (5)

High Scores (101+)

(180) Vinnie McCracken

(160) Jeikwjuan Brown

(14) Rueben Hayden, Gavin Brownley, Kris Hayden & Danny Gray

(137) Craig Roissetter

(134) Jarman Collard

(133) Dominic Sampi

(125) Rhys Cousins

(120) Josh Irving & Tom Latham

(117) James Kennedy

(116) Steve McConachy

(101) Lindsay Hill & Damien Bow

High Averages (50+)

Vinnie McCracken (79.95)

Rueben Hayden (72.75)

Dominic Sampi (67.71)

Danny Gray (65.16)

Gavin Brownley (62.74)

Justin Irving (58.43)

Rhys Cousins (58.19)

Tom Latham (56.76)

Dale McKinnon (56.45)

Josh Irving (56.14)

Kris Hayden (54.63)

Justin Watts (53.05)

James Kennedy (51.21)

Jarman Collard (51.00)

Ron Rojas (50.58)

Mike Darby (50.48)

100 Club

(4) Rueben Hayden

(2) Lindsay Hill, Keith Butler, Gavin Brownley, Kris Hayden, Kaleb Roissetter, Danny Gray & Kenny Wolfenden

(1) Mike Darby, Steve McConachy, Justin Watts, Tom Latham, Ron Rojas, Dominic Sampi & Jarman Collar

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	LEGS FOR	LEGS AGAINST	LEGS DIFFERENCE	POINTS
WIZARDS	6	5	1	45	21	24	10
MC SHARKS	6	4	2	43	23	20	8
ROYALS	6	3	3	30	36	-6	6
JETS	6	3	3	27	39	-12	6
MAGPIES	6	2	4	31	35	-4	4
BRUCE ROCK	6	1	5	22	44	-22	2

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Netball

CENTRAL WHEATBELT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

**Round 4 Results
Saturday 6 May 2023**

Bencubbin (38) drew Kalannie (38)

Best Player:

Bencubbin: D. Foley

Players' Choice:

Kalannie: B. Sturniolo

Coach's Award:

Bencubbin: G. Townsend

Kalannie: Whole Team

Mukinbudin (79) def. Beacon (10)

Best Player:

Mukinbudin: J. Collins

Fairest and Best:

Beacon: P. Slater

Coach's Award:

Mukinbudin: H. Farina

Beacon: R. Slater

Round 5 Results

Saturday 13 May 2023

Koorda (40) def. Kalannie (37)

Players' Choice:

Kalannie: S. Ellis

Player of the Day:

Koorda: R. O'Reilly

Coach's Award:

Kalannie: A. McLellan

Koorda: M. West

Mukinbudin (42) def. Bencubbin (33)

Best Player:

Mukinbudin: C. King

Bencubbin: M. Wyatt

Coach's Award:

Mukinbudin: J. De Lacy

Bencubbin: M. Kilanski

	Team	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
1	Koorda Netball Club	4	3	1	0	197.00	12
2	Mukinbudin Netball Club	4	3	1	0	160.63	12
3	Kalannie Netball Club	4	2	1	1	156.59	10
4	Bencubbin Netball Club	4	1	2	1	126.02	6
5	Beacon Netball Club	4	0	4	0	10.86	0



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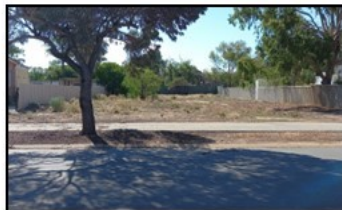
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10 Kitchener Road, Merredin
\$65,000 - WEB ID 300P109768

If you're looking for a residential block to build your new home this one is worth a look. This is a great location, close to everything and opposite the tennis club. Situated among nice homes with power and water available, this whopping 1,365m2 property offers plenty of space to build a house and more.



15 Throssell Road, Merredin
\$222,000 - WEB ID 300P109789

This weatherboard and tile home in a great location has the potential for you to renovate and prosper. Situated in a quiet street opposite open land space with the Merredin College and the Olympic Swimming Pool just a very short stroll away makes this an ideal home for a family. There's a gorgeous front porch large enough to accommodate a nice outdoor setting with north facing views across the open land across the road. A beautiful place to enjoy a cuppa or a glass of wine.



2 Draconis Street, Southern Cross
\$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.



47 Second Avenue, Nungarin
\$110,000 - WEB ID 300P109856

This charming character home set on a huge half and acre of land is surrounded by lovely gardens and is in the heart of the very neat town of Nungarin, just across the road from the Primary School, walking distance to the famous Woolshed Hotel and much more. Inside a lot of the hard work has been done with a nice modern kitchen and bathroom, beautiful polished boards in a lot of the rooms some of them are the original nice wide ones. There are 3 bedrooms, two spacious living areas, one with a wood fire.

