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Merredin Police Open Day

By **ANDREW GALBRAITH, Sergeant, Merredin Police Station**

Thank you to the Merredin community for attending in your droves to our Merredin Police Station Open day on Saturday 13th November and for making it such a huge success.

The tours were a big hit with the public as they got to see the nearly two million dollars' worth of renovations first hand on our building that was originally opened in 1961. They also got to see the inner sanctum and workings of the Merredin Police Station and meet the staff throughout the day.

Some of the parents out there appeared very keen to utilise our cells as a 'prospective day care' for some future peace and quiet.

The biggest attractions of the day were our high-risk vehicle stops and K9 demonstration out the front of the Police Station. This saw the crowd thoroughly entertained as they saw what can be the very serious side of Policing. PD JOHNNY, the Belgium Shepherd enthralled all with his biting and detecting ability, his handler, Senior Constable Craig Garth showed just highly trained these dogs are.

Face painting, a colouring in completion, the Men's Shed Train, dressing up in riot gear and 'radar speed' running meant that the kids that came to visit have plenty to do. We also catered for our older population with a Historical Police Display, Road Alliance Information, concept Police Cars and several live taser deployment demonstrations.

There really was something for everybody and a wonderful day was had by all.

The official opening and cutting of

the ribbon at the Police Station was performed by Wheatbelt District Superintendent Scantlebury.

A plaque will be placed at the front of the Police Station commemorating this. Merredin Police Station has been at this site since 1912, a very long history indeed.

Senior Sergeant Soutar said: "Constable Mathew Larsen was responsible for the organisation of the day. His efforts were responsible for it being such a huge success. He

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High-Risk Vehicle Stop demonstration

COVID-19 WA Statistics

As at 16 November 2021

Tested 1,908,338

Confirmed Cases 1,113

Recovered 1,103

Deaths 9

Active cases in WA 0

COVID-19 in Australia

Vaccinations 19,563,025 (76.2%)

Fully Vaccinated 17,872,077 (69.6%)

WA—Cases 1,113—Deaths 9

ACT—Cases 1,953 —Deaths 14

NSW—Cases 78,556—Deaths 610

NT—Cases 231—Deaths 0

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Kirsty McLean: Thumbs down to the crazy Merredin ducks risking their lives on the highway, my heart stops every time I see them there.

Jo Heppleston: Thumbs down to all the snakes being sighted in town at the moment. They can all go away.

James Corby: Thumbs up to Sergeant Galbraith from Merredin Police Station for his top 3 nomination in the prestigious WA Police Excellence Awards. Hope he brings the award back to Merredin.

Tracy-Claire May-Lancaster: Thumbs up to the man at the Men's Shed who gave money to pay for a driving lesson to the youngest member of the Men's Shed. It was very kind.

Have your Say

What is the funniest/silliest thing your kid has ever done?

Belinda Lee: My then 8 year old daughter got her head stuck inside a cat scratching post. I finally freed her when I got back off the floor. It was hilarious.

Sacha Akesson-Werth: My youngest used to tell me that his brother was squaring, which was swearing.

Murray Bell-Hastie: My older brother stuck his tongue to the inside of the freezer. When he yanked it off, his tongue was bleeding like crazy, so him being as smart as he was, did it again to show Mum exactly why his tongue was bleeding so much.

Annette Hombergen: Sitting in church many years ago, the Minister was talking about suicide. My then 4 year old turned to me wide eyed and in the loudest voice said "I'm never going to eat suicide again" (silverside)...needless to say the laughter bought the sermon to an abrupt end.

Yesterday in the park I saw a toddler screaming "BAD DOG" at a goose & I can't stop thinking about it

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Merredin Police Open Day cont.

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put in so much work behind the scenes, I cannot thank him enough.

The Merredin Police Station team also stepped up to the plate and were there in the lead up and on the day putting in an effort to ensure the Merredin community had a great day.

We take our community engagement very seriously at Merredin and to see so many people attend and actively take part in the day was tremendous.”



Big changes for The Phoenix

By **DEBBIE MORRIS** and **KIRSTY ROCHFORD**

The Phoenix will be seeing some big changes at the end of the year and will be transitioning from a regional newspaper to a local one. It will still be distributed on a fortnightly basis and will be printed ‘in-house’ as an A4 booklet. It will be sold at the Merredin CRC as well as some businesses in town who will be willing to sell it from their businesses for no commission, with an ‘honesty’ tin alongside, so that it doesn’t impinge on their administration and finances.

Merredin CRC has been producing The Phoenix newspaper since February 2016 on a fortnightly basis, following the closure of the Merredin Wheatbelt Mercury in December 2015. The original goal was to produce a regional newspaper that was able to bring the entire region together and provide a way of sharing good news stories throughout the Eastern Wheatbelt. It’s circulation now covers 14 communities in the eastern Wheatbelt region and the CRC has received lots of support and positive feedback about the newspaper.

There are a number of reasons for

this change. One of the reasons is that many communities produce their own newsletter, which has made it difficult to source advertising and articles for The Phoenix, as they are generally covered in their own papers. A lot of effort has always been put in to not take away from these local newsletters and to publish different news stories to keep them both important.

The second reason is the expense. Expenses for The Phoenix include printing (approx. \$2500 per fortnight), commission to those outlets that sell the newspaper and staffing costs – sourcing advertising and content, production, and administration which means that around \$4,000 of advertising and sales are required every fortnight.

CRCs have a contract with State Government to deliver a range of community and government information, services and activities however the production of The Phoenix newspaper is not one of the eligible deliverables, so none of the contract funds can be allocated to this activity.

There have been lots of initiatives over the years to stimulate more advertising and sales so that the

Phoenix can continue, however, it has come to a time to re-think how the CRC can continue to keep the community informed without running at a loss of around \$15,000 annually.

Staff have looked at various possibilities over the past few months in regard to reducing costs for The Phoenix, but still being a fortnightly newspaper. An option was presented to the CRC Management Committee at the October meeting, which was supported and will be implemented in January 2022. This will result in cheaper advertising and the Phoenix being a local newspaper.

A massive thank you must go to WA Distributors (Allways Foods) who have been generously transporting the newspaper to the other communities free of charge since the very beginning. Thank you.

Long term advertising will still be available. Advertisers with current long-term agreements will be contacted over the next few weeks. We will provide some more information in the next two December 2021 editions of The Phoenix and would appreciate some feedback from the community.





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2nd November 2021**Merredin Courthouse**

Kevin Abbott plead not guilty to a charge of threats to injure, endanger or harm any person. He was remanded to appear in Joondalup on the 15th November 2021.

Jodie Adams plead guilty to a charge of did drive (or attempt to drive) a motor vehicle on a public road with a blood alcohol content exceeding 0.05g. She had her licence suspended for 8 months, was fined \$1250 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Peter Brown appeared on a charge of stealing as a servant and three changes of gains benefit by fraud. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 18 January 2022.

Belinda Fanciulli plead guilty to driving with prescribed illicit drug in oral fluid or blood. She had her licence suspended for 6 months, was fined \$500, ordered to pay costs of \$259.30 and to pay an analyst fee of \$200.

Leigh Ferris was convicted on a charge of breached a family violence restraining order. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 3rd November 2021.

Cecil Fitzgerald appeared on a charge of common assault in circumstances of aggravation or racial aggravation. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 7th December 2021.

Troy Fitzgerald was convicted on charges of damaged property by graffiti and unlawfully possessed a controlled or prescription drug, and appeared on charges of made a statement/gave information which was known to be false which indicated a threat, and stealing. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 7th December 2021.

David Hatch appeared on charges of stealing as a public servant, and gains benefit by fraud. He was remanded to appear in Northam on the 22nd November 2021.

Tyrone Hayden was convicted on a charge of re-enter licensed premises within 24hrs. He was fined \$300 and ordered to pay costs of \$134.50. He plead not guilty on charges of disorderly behaviour in public and criminal damage or destruction of property. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 21st December 2021.

Yasmin Hayden appeared on a charge of common assault. She was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 23rd November 2021.

Rikehia Indich was convicted on charges of possess a prohibited drug (cannabis) and possessed drug paraphernalia in or on which there

was a prohibited drug or plant. She was fined \$500 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Amanda James was convicted on 15 charges of person who breaches CRO or community order without reasonable excuse. She was fined \$400 and ordered to pay costs of \$134.50.

Sheaylee Jeanes appeared on charges of assault occasioning bodily harm, reckless driving and two counts of no authority to drive (never held). The matter was adjourned to appear in Merredin on the 7th December 2021.

Matthew Jetta was convicted on a charge of failing to obey order given by an officer. He was fined \$300 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Dylan Kitson plead guilty to charges of no authority to drive – cancelled, and did drive (or attempt to drive) a motor vehicle on a public road with a blood alcohol content exceeding 0.02g. The matter was adjourned to appear in Merredin on the 23rd November 2021.

Derek Mason was convicted on a charge of exceeding 0.08g alcohol per 100ml of blood. He had his licence suspended for 10 months, was fined \$1700 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Richard Miller appeared on a charge of unlicensed person possessing firearm/ammunition. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 7th December 2021. He also appeared on charges of inadequate storage facility for firearms, possessed drug paraphernalia in or on which there was a prohibited drug or plant, and possessed a prohibited drug. The matter was adjourned to appear in Merredin on the 7th December 2021.

Kevin Muchira appeared on charges of reckless driving, speed of 155 km/h or more, no authority to drive – suspended (other than fines suspension), and failed to display P plates. The matter was adjourned to appear in Merredin on the 7th December 2021.

Simon Nelson was convicted on a charge of breached a post sentence supervision. He was fined \$400 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Daniel Norris was convicted on a charge of exceed 0.08g alcohol per 100ml of blood. He had his licence suspended for 7 months, was fined \$850 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Matthew Paterson appeared on charges of behaving in a disorderly manner in a public place or in sight or hearing of any person in a public place, behaving in a disorderly manner in a police station or lock-up, and obstructing public officers. He was remanded to appear in Merredin

on the 7th December 2021.

Trent Willcox was convicted on a charge of no authority to drive (never held). He was fined \$200 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

3rd November 2021**Merredin Courthouse**

John Daddow was convicted on a charge of damaging property. He was fined \$750 and ordered to pay costs of \$118.50. He was acquitted of charges without lawful excuse trespassed on a place, and common assault in circumstances of aggravation or racial aggravation.

Taraeta Nicholls plead not guilty to a charge of without lawful excuse trespassed on a place. The matter was adjourned to appear Merredin on the 11th March 2022.

Leigh Ferris was convicted of charges assault occasioning bodily harm and breached a family violence restraining order. He was fined a total of \$1500 and ordered to pay costs of \$134.50.

Philip Smith appeared on three charges of breached a family violence restraining order. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 18th January 2022.

4th November 2021**Southern Cross Courtroom**

Ross McLeod was convicted on a charge of exceed speed limit between 10 and 19km/h. He was fined \$200.

Philip Nolan was convicted on three charges of contravene a red traffic control signal by proceeding beyond the stop line. He was fined a total of \$900. He plead not guilty to a charge of exceed speed limit between 20 and 29km/h and two charges of contravene a red traffic control signal by proceeding beyond the stop line. These matters were dismissed.

Kaziah Cann plead guilty to a charge of drove with prescribed illicit drug in oral fluid or blood and two charges of no authority to drive – suspended (other than fines suspension). The matter was adjourned to appear in Southern Cross on the 10th February 2022.

Jayke Connon was convicted on a charge of possessed drug paraphernalia in or on which there was a prohibited drug or plant. He was fined \$200 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Adam Gatt was convicted on charges of possess a prohibited drug (cannabis), possessed drug paraphernalia in or on which there was a prohibited drug or plant, drove with prescribed illicit drug in oral or blood, and no authority to drive

(expired overseas or interstate licence). He was fined a total of \$1150, ordered to pay costs of \$259.30 and pay an analyst fee of \$200.

Nathan Gormley plead guilty to a charge of drove with prescribed illicit drug in oral fluid or blood. He had his licence suspended for 6 months, fined \$1250 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Mckayla Jenkins was convicted on charges of possess a prohibited drug (cannabis) and possessed drug paraphernalia in or on which there was a prohibited drug or plant. She was fine a total of \$500 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Trevor Jetta was convicted on a charge of no authority to drive (disqualified from holding or obtaining). The matter was adjourned to appear in Southern Cross on the 10th February 2022.

Andrew Koushappis was convicted on a charge of failed to comply with a requirement to provide a sample of oral fluid. He had his licence suspended for 6 months, fined \$1250 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Matthew Neil was convicted on a charge of possess a prohibited drug (cannabis). He was fined \$400 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Peter Perkin plead guilty to a charge of drove with prescribed illicit drug in oral fluid or blood. He was fined \$400 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Kahukura Roberts was convicted on charges of disorderly behaviour in public and possess a prohibited drug (cannabis). He was fined a total of \$750 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Mary Ross appeared on a charge of possessed drug paraphernalia in or on which there was a prohibited drug or plant. The matter was adjourned to appear in Southern Cross on the 10th February 2022.

Jarrad Smith was convicted on charges of no authority to drive (never held) and exceed speed limit between 20 and 29km/h. He was fined a total of \$850 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Reed Spurling was convicted on charges of exceed speed limit between 10 and 19km/h and failed to comply with a requirement to provide a sample of oral fluid. He was fined a total of \$700 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Vernon Strange plead not guilty to a charge of did drive (or attempt to drive) a motor vehicle on a public road with a blood alcohol content exceeding 0.05g. The matter was adjourned to appear in Southern Cross on the 5th May 2022.

Court Report

Moetahi Taingahue was convicted on charges of no authority to drive (never held) and entered premises contrary to a barring notice. She was fined a total of \$400.

Leslie Whiti plead not guilty to a charge of did drive (or attempt to drive a motor vehicle on a public road with a blood alcohol content exceeding 0.05g. The matter was adjourned to appear in Southern Cross on the 10th February 2022.

4th November 2021

Perth Central Law Courts

Brandon Welshman plead not guilty to a charge of aggravated grievous bodily harm. He was remanded to appear in Perth on the 16th December 2021.

5th November 2021

Perth Central Law Courts

Matthew Jetta appeared on a charge of criminal damage or destruction of property. He was remanded to appear in Perth on the 23rd November 2021.

9th November 2021

Perth Central Law Courts

Melville Verhoeven appeared on a charge of with intent to do grievous bodily harm unlawfully wounding another and two counts of being armed or pretending to be armed in a way that may cause fear and plead guilty to charges of drove with prescribed illicit drug in oral fluid or blood, possess a prohibited plant, and two charges of disorderly behaviour in public. He was remanded to appear in Perth on the 7th December 2021.



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My Thoughts

Tis the season to be jolly!

Let's get into the Christmas Spirit. There is a lot of doom and gloom talked about and promoted, but this time of year should be one of happiness.

A very small way we can put a little brightness into people's days is to put up some Christmas Lights on our houses.

You don't have to go over the top like some of us do, but if the majority of houses simply put up one set, how joyous and happy would our town look.

The Community Resource Centre is running a raffle again this year. To enter, you just need to put some lights up at home, or at work to be in the draw for cash prizes.

You just have to be in it to win it.

Merredin has a great history of getting into the Christmas spirit, with lights, street BBQs and the like. It's great fun and not only makes you feel good, but also has a great positive impact on the whole community.

Overpopulation

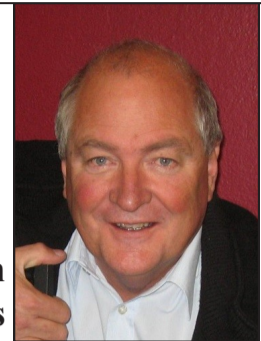
On a more serious note, the recent Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, Scotland has got people thinking. The goal of zero emissions is commendable, and maybe obtainable, but I don't think that it is actually striking at the heart of the major problem the world is facing in the forthcoming years.

That is the problems caused by overpopulation.

Consider if you will. If the world's population continues to spiral as it is, not only is it going to impact on the climate aspects that are currently the flavour of the month, but on our very existence.

In years to come, how are we going to feed the world's populations? How are they going to be housed, where are they going to live?

Look around the world at the size of some of the cities. Places like Tokyo



Martin Morris

in Japan, Delhi in India, Shanghai in China, Sao Paulo in Brazil plus a myriad of others having populations greater than or similar to the total population of Australia, and continuing to grow at an alarming rate.

In the decades to come, where is the food going to come from, building materials etc?

The world's population is currently around 8 Billion people and increasing at about 1% per year or about 400,000 per day.

The Climate Change goal is zero emissions by 2050.

If we use the same date to predict our population it will equate to over a 30% increase that is well over another 2.5 Billion people. Yep, that's a world population of well over 10 Billion people in less than 30 years.

The world can't feed or house a very big percentage of the population at the moment, so how are we going to address it in the future? I pity our future generations if we don't do something about it.

It's really easy to simply say that it does not affect me because I live in Australia. It does and will continue to affect everyone at rapidly increasing levels into the future.

We actually need to look at ourselves and see how we can reign in our own population growth. Ridiculously large families should be discouraged.

Steadily increasing populations are creating more problems than simply the current much publicised Climate Change focus, but nobody seems to be discussing it.

Maybe it's not Politically Correct to do so!





By JANE PATRONI, Chairperson

As we approach the celebration of 50 years of continuous Prospector service from Perth to Kalgoorlie through Merredin on **Monday 29 November 2021** the following items depict the modern features of the new service when it commenced on **Monday 29 November 1971** as promoted by the WAGR

- It was the first airconditioned train in Western Australia.
- The interior of the saloon cars included carpets, curtains and fully reclining seats.
- Railcars accommodated 60 passengers and trailers 64 with the trains coupled to meet demand.
- Railcars and trailers boasted air suspension and disc brakes for a smooth ride. The railcars were powered by two 280kw (375 horsepower) underfloor diesel engines.
- For the first 20 months, an overnight service was provided from both Perth and Kalgoorlie.

- For the first 3½ years, a technician was employed on each train to fix any engineering or electrical problems that may have been encountered.

- In keeping with the better working conditions and the fact that the new train emulated the modern “airline” facilities, young stewardesses were employed. Their uniform, reflecting the style and fashion of the day, was orange mini-dress uniforms with a matching hat and black high heel shoes. (*WAGR Promotional Material 1971*)

After 30 years of service, the original Prospector was retired. In December 2000 Westrail awarded a contract to United Goninian, Broadmeadow for seven new **TransWA WDA/WDB/WDC** railcars to replace the original railcars. The now familiar yellow/blue/white/orange livery railcars first entered service on 28 June 2004. Although capable of attaining 200km/h, track restrictions limit top speed to 160km/h. Nonetheless, they further reduced journey times to 6 hours and 45 minutes. (*TransWA promotional material 2004*)

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Tales from the Train

A modern take on travelling by train

By LADY RANTHAM

‘The Halo Effect.’

This is a psychological concept whereby people will make assumptions, deductions, indeed will leap to tall conclusions in a single bound, based on one, solitary observation about another person. How a glimpse of someone's ill - fitting shoe OBVIOUSLY means that they're cheating on their partner - without seeing the rest of the actual person.

The sort of conclusion you reach based on previous experience and Hollywood movies. This is the Halo Effect. Today, we have the Serial Killer. The girls sitting in front of me, who have set up an entire cosmetic department in their double seat and are in the middle of an elaborate stage-make-up look (each), have decided that a bloke sitting further down the carriage is a serial killer. All this poor man has done was to be born with his eyes slightly too close together for the comfort of these two character-assassins who should be having a closer look in their travel mirrors before discounting the entire and lifelong community contribution that this rather-sweet-but-admittedly-slightly-gormless-looking youth and labelling him arbitrarily as this most extreme example of heinous-ity based wholly on the placement of his zygomatic arches!!! That is all.

‘Wannaboosze’

There was one lovely, somewhat overwrought, yet tolerant lady and one very overtired little girl on the train home today. The poor little one was in that stage of having overdone it so completely, that one sits and verbally drools at one's parent about one insignificant detail that to your diseased and exhausted mind, encapsulates every single ounce of cognitive dissonance and dissatisfaction into one massive ball of tortured pathos. As she leaned up against her forbearing mother, she was almost incoherently drooling the words "Wannabooszewannawannabooszew hywon'tyougimmedabooszewybooszewannabooszemummybooszeboosoo ooooooszewannawannaBOOOOOO zemummymummybooszeBOOOZE mummywannawanna".

Now there was a fair bit of sideways disapprobation going on amongst the worthy, high-principled posse that ride my train, largely built on some rather unfair racial stereotypes in my opinion, but it was becoming hard to disagree until Mummy, the soul of tolerance, endurance, forbearance and gentleness chimed in quietly with "Boots honey. Your new boots are at home remember?"

Almost snorted myself into Disapprobation County!!! Classic!

From the History Room

By ANITA METCALF

RECIPES OF YESTERYEAR

From the history room at the Merredin Library.

These recipes are from the— Merredin Mercury and Central Districts Index 1949.

GRANDMA'S PUDDING

Crumble stale bread without crust, tie up tightly in a pudding-cloth, put into a saucepan of boiling water and boil for 1 hour.

Turn out and serve hot with jam, marmalade, butter and sugar or custard. Currants, sultanas and lemon peel may be added to the bread but are not necessary.

MINTED EGGS

6 eggs, 1½ tablespoons freshly chopped mint, 1 lettuce, few celery sticks, 1 cup grated carrot, ½ cup grated cheese, brown bread sandwiches cut into finger lengths. Place the eggs in cold water and bring to simmering point and cook slowly for 15 minutes.

Cool quickly in cold water. Shell and roll in freshly chopped mint. Cut lettuce in wedges and split and curl celery sticks in cold water. Mix carrot and cheese. Serve eggs on salad platter with lettuce wedges, celery curls and cheesed carrot.

Serve with or without dressing but season lightly with pepper and salt.

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The Pirate Prince a hilarious success

By GRANT STAINER

Crowds of people came to the Merredin Repertory Club's recent production of *The Pirate Prince* at the Cummins Theatre, and were treated to a hilarious show.

The shows were a great success, with the audiences laughing merrily and the actors clearly having a good time.

The Pirate Prince tells the story of Hamish the Scottish Pirate (played by Stewart Low) who returns to a tropical island after an absence of 20 years to collect his treasure.

However, he discovers that a hut has been built over the very location where he buried his treasure. It also turns out that a number of the inhabitants of the island remember Hamish from his earlier visit.

A few shenanigans occur, and it turns out that which child came from which parents is certainly not what it appears at first sight. After initially appearing that Matilda (played by Chloe Willcocks) and Caleb (played by Bowden DeWaal) would not be able to be together due to island parentage secrets, the fact that Caleb

is actually Hamish's son means that Caleb and Matilda can take the pirate ship and sail away together.

The cast and chorus were a wonderful mix of young and old, and experienced and newer actors. A large production such *The Pirate Prince* involves a lot of work and commitment, with several of the rehearsals going quite late into the night. However, everyone worked together as a team to put on a wonderful production, for which all can be proud of.

The Merredin Repertory Club will now be having a break over Christmas, although we will now also be looking for new scripts for next year and beyond. We also plan to hold some workshops to develop our skills further, as we are always looking to do better all the time.

For the latest information, follow our Facebook page to see what is coming up.

Feel free to also contact Meg Gethin at merredinreclub@gmail.com to be added to our email contact list.

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Ruthless Ruth (Sue Crook) stops Busty Betty (Robyn Hutchings) from blurting out the truth about their visit to the island



Liza (Kylee Crabb) gives Henry (Cameron Wild) an axe



Busty Betty (Robyn Hutchings) gives Henry (Cameron Wild) a shave

Nangeenan Natters

By **JULIE TOWNROW,**
Nangeenan Progress Group

It's Natter Time again.

I need to start taking a recorder with me as I share little 'natters' with all manner of people who have an association with the Hall. Thank you, Dennis Cahill and Ross Robartson, for your input. We need to gather as many 'Life Stories', before it is too late.

Can you imagine the stories the Hall would tell, if the walls could speak? Well speak they have in a way, as we have discovered several names etched in the stonework, names of those who were involved in the original building of the hall, Sam Teasdale pointing out with amazement that there on the wall was the name of his Grandfather, running his hand over the name as if he was able to touch 'him' and how exciting to know that his family had invested in the creation of the Hall all those years ago, gave it a more special reason to care and invest his time now.

It was cathartic, to look at this magnificent specimen of a building that was created by a passionate bunch of people, to be reminded that the passing of time has seen Community Centres and in particular their town Halls, disappear, mostly by default, as they stood, neglected, until there was no hope of resurrection, and as I looked around the district, our Shire, our community, it was with some shock and sadness that I realised that the Nangeenan Town Hall, is the only one in the Shire that is left standing. This has added another layer of determination and passion to record, re-instate, and re-create that sense of

place, which seems to be fast disappearing as we move through the technological revolution and our families communicate through screens and remote conversations.

I am sorry, (well not really) that I become melancholy when thinking about those who came before us. Those, who with little more than a compass and a dream, set forth, into the bush to find "their Place", they didn't have the pleasure of water at the turn of a tap, heating and cooling at the flick of a switch, nor a pie from the Bakery, a phone call from their loved ones, was far from possible as they travelled through Whoop Whoop, for most it was their feet and a heartbeat that took them to where they set up and built a place for the family to come to, and in some instances, still live and farm the land that was cleared by past generations.

Back to the Hall - the roofing material is now on site, the scaffolding quote has been accepted and we now just need confirmation of a starting date so we can complete, what has been an ever changing jigsaw of negotiation between all the parties needed to "get the job done". I can't wait to see the new hat on this old Lady.

So much has been achieved in the past month, The blokes, Frank Marley, Mike Ivey and Grant Bennett, with Mike Townrow supervising as usual from the front seat of the car, shifted cut and cleared much of the west side of the Hall, with a shuttle full of scrap metal loaded on the truck back to Perth when the roof tin was delivered. Grant Bennett and Geoff Riley did an utterly amazing job of clearing a boundary around the Hall, then removing all the steel pickets

and sheet metal from what I presume was a garden enclosure. Grant helped me load another trailer load of "stuff" from the back yard, as we tick off another job from the to do list.

With Grant, Geoff (doing the heavy lifting) and I loaded the screen printing equipment into the trailer to take to Perth. It was a skip down memory lane as we loaded the screens, one in particular was for the final year School leavers of Mount Walker School, I don't recall the year, but the wording was "I Survived year at Mount Walker School" and I was again reminded, another "Place" that has gone. There were so many memories in those screens, it was a Dilemma, should we keep them for display purpose or let them go, the sheer volume of frames helped make the decision for them to be packed up, for a new life where people practice their craft in screen printing.

As we move closer to future planning, The Department of

Planning, Lands and Heritage were contacted, regarding the old School site, as the Nangeenan School was the first in the District, the question asked, "Is there anything that can be done to recognise the significance of this site?" While not impossible to consider, there would be many hoops and a long time to the process.

It is nice to note that Lot 117, is shown on the map, as this was the original sports ground, which had a football oval, a tennis court and a cricket pitch. We need to fix up, the land use between the line of the lots, and the line of the oval, because this, while never formed, is Cahill Road, and there is a road marked south of the school block as Cunningham Street, Rutter Road runs between blocks 135 and 157. While the map is somewhat different today, the original Townsite housed a butcher, post office and general store, the school and railhead that saw many of the Wheatbelt Pioneers disembark from the station, into the wilderness to open up the Central Wheatbelt.



Remembrance Day

By **KOHDEE SWINWOOD**

On the morning of Thursday, 11 November 2021 at 10.30, the flags located at the Visitor Centre were lowered to half-mast.

Surrounded by a sea of red poppies, community members along with representatives from the Merredin Police, quickly made their way to the lawn area for the Remembrance Day service.

At 10.47am, Shire President Mark McKenzie welcomed those in attendance and read the commemorative address.

"Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the resolution of the First World War..." he began.

Originally known as the Great War, WWI was a conflict that left more than 9 million people deceased, of

which 60,000 were Australian soldiers.

"Today, as we should every day, we remember those who volunteered, sacrificed, served, fought, and died for our freedom.

We thank you, and we salute you," Shire President McKenzie concluded before inviting forward representatives from Vietnam Veterans, Shire of Merredin, Merredin College and St Marys, to lay their wreathes.

Aubrey Tompkin came forward to read The Ode before the familiar bugle sound of The Last Post rang throughout the Merredin CBD. At 11am, the crowd paused for a minute's silence to pay their respects all of those who had sacrificed their lives.

Moments later during the Rouse, an

honour guard of three representing WWI, WWII, and Vietnam, raised the flags. The Australian and New Zealand National Anthems then played for the crowd to conclude the service.

The Shire of Merredin would like to thank all those who attended the Remembrance Day service. Lest we forget.





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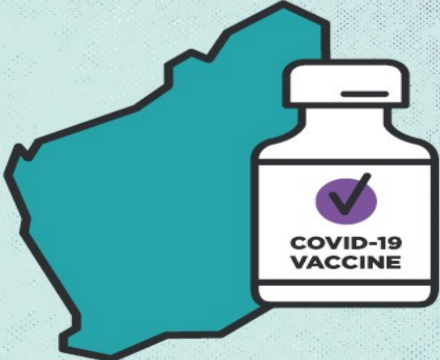
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Hon Mia Davies tackles fear of heights for youth homelessness

Opposition Leader and Leader of The Nationals WA Mia Davies has tackled her fear of heights by abseiling 220 metres down a building in Perth's CBD for charity.

Ms Davies descended the side of 52 storey skyscraper as part of the Central Park Plunge, an annual event raising money for several charities across the State.

"Despite my fear of heights, it was worth it to help fundraise for Anglicare WA," Ms Davies said.

"The organisation provides an array of mental health and disability assistance and supports people experiencing homelessness right across Western Australia.

"The Central Park Plunge event saw more than \$94,000 raised for Anglicare – money which will undoubtedly help the charity fund the incredible service it provides.

"I would like to thank everyone who donated not only to me, but to Anglicare and the other charities who were represented today, including the Fiona Wood Foundation and Camp Quality."

Ms Davies said the money raised for Anglicare would go towards the youth homelessness program Street Connect.

"There are over 3,000 children and young people experiencing homelessness in WA at any given time, and even more at-risk," Ms Davies said.

"That's where Street Connect is invaluable as a program - it offers short and long-term support for youth who need access to regular interaction, everyday products, and targeted services.

"Conquering my fear of heights at this year's Plunge was a very small sacrifice to help support Anglicare WA's essential work in safeguarding our young West Australians in need."

For more information about Anglicare's Street Connect, visit: <https://www.anglicarewa.org.au/get-help/youth-services/street-connect>



Wessy Chritmas Markets

By SOPHIE CREES

On Saturday 6th November, Westonia was abuzz with Christmas spirit as we welcomed over 30 local and surrounding stall holders, food vans, bouncy castles, Birds of Prey and even the big guy in red himself to our humble Wheatbelt town to hold our famous Wessy Christmas Markets.

This was by far our biggest Markets yet and what a fantastic day it was!

The doors opened at 10am and people were already lining up to get in. People flooded in and the ambience was magical!

Every stall had people crowding to see what they had and money was flying out of wallets supporting these incredible small businesses. Many of our stall holders sold out completely before the day had even ended!

A big congratulations to Jo Buegge from the Little Minkey Co, for taking out the prize for best looking stall. We hope you enjoyed your goodies.

We then went on to announce the start of our famous Santa Dash which saw many kids and adults showing up with their Christmas hats on to race. With Ziggy Farina winning the 5 and under race, Alby Miller winning the 12 and under race and Garret Greenham winning the Open section. It was a dash to be talked about for years to come!

Santa then showed up on one of the coolest sleighs we've ever seen and quite a naughty elf in toe! He hadn't expected to see so many children that were on his good list and ran out of his many gifts quicker than he could say a hearty 'Merry Christmas'! He said to say that he

was very sorry he didn't have enough lollies and will be even better prepared for the huge masses next year!

We would like to give a huge shout out to Ramelius Resources for sponsoring us so we could get Birds of Prey to come to our Markets. There were some beautiful majestic creatures that everyone could have a look at, chat to and even have a hold of.

Northern Star came through with the goods donating a delicious afternoon tea for everyone. They were quickly snapped up.

Our very own Wessy Co-op had a huge day with Joc and her daughters behind the stall selling an insane amount of post office goodies, and the girls in the kitchen cooking up a storm for all the hungry masses.

It was great to have so much support from our local businesses.

We couldn't have had such a fantastic day without the help of our amazing Shire. They supplied us with the bouncy castle and collected extra tables and gazebos for us. It really does prove how incredible our

small town is when we all come together and help out.

To the volunteers who dedicate countless hours to making our events as wonderful as they are we can't thank you enough. Without you our Markets wouldn't have been anywhere near as successful.

On behalf of the CRC we would like to thank each and every one of you for helping out, showing up, spending money and joining in the festivities.

Bring on next year!



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Checking Quality Grain Stack Merredin CBH

By SPIKE JONES

The Merredin CBH Site opened for the 2021/22 season on 19 October with a load of Canola delivered by Karni Farm Co.

To date the site has received 35,000tonnes of grain mostly Canola, Barley and Oats. CBH are expecting to receive around 420,000tonnes of grain to the Merredin site.

The Merredin CBH Site will be open seven days per week during the harvest period and longer hours when the harvest is in full swing.

The State total receipts is currently 1.5 million tonnes.

Kwinana North General Manager, Allan Walker, said Merredin has received approximately 160,000tonnes.



CBH Casuals Elliot Randal and Cambell Boutle with General Manager, Kwinana North, Allan Walker

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The Lives We Lead—Sarah Pollard

The Lives We Lead - Worklife is a project of Western Australia's Individualised Services – WAiS - with partners KIN, PWDWA, Women with Disability WA and YDAN.

Sarah Pollard, from Southern Cross, has a large number of lifelong passions, but top of the list are animals, art and storytelling. And in the last few years she's found a way of combining all three that is leading her to a career as an author and illustrator. It's this story that recently captured the attention of The Lives We Lead – Worklife, a WA social media project which featured her in a short video.

Sarah has spent all of her 23 years on the family farm in the wheatbelt and has always loved and looked after a collection of animals. These days there are a mob of sheep, including those she hand reared as orphans, five pigs, one chook, three dogs and a neighbour's cat who has come to stay, with their blessing. Not only that but Sarah volunteers at a local wildlife sanctuary where she bottle feeds joeys, prepares food for all the rest, and helps nurture others back to health.

When Sarah spends time with the

animals, she's not only hanging out but observing them closely. "I like to watch what they do and then my imagination opens up a whole new world and I see them as characters, how they live and what they wear, and I just want to draw them".

Sarah has been drawing them all since she was four or five, but it was when Covid hit last year that her most recent stories started to take shape. In the style of her hero Beatrix Potter, she created a series called Bush Tales, with 22 animal characters each having their own individual story. As she says, "it's about animal heroes who are having adventures".

In the video, Sarah's humorous hand drawn characters are shown alongside their real-life inspirations, as well as her new venture into virtual reality. "At the moment I'm exploring ways to animate my characters. I've got plans for lots more stories and maybe one day my characters will become animated TV shows".

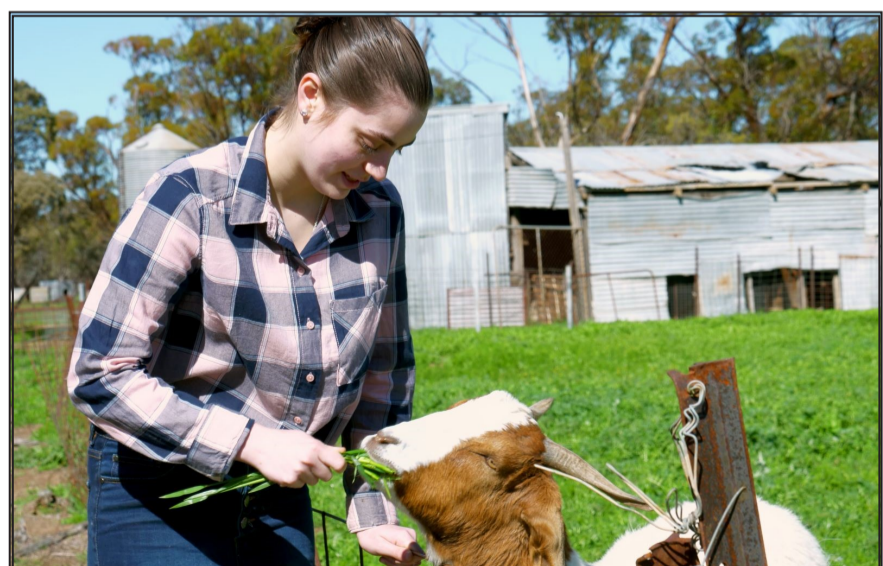
Sarah's story in The Lives We Lead – Worklife, is one of 20 regional West Australians with disability, all showcasing immense talent, skill and hard work. Sarah's video attracted a

host of positive comments with some suggesting she could be taking her stories into primary schools, something she is keen to pursue because wants children to "love them and get joy from them". With her own website being developed Sarah is in the process of getting her books published and available to readers young and young at heart.

Sarah's video is available on all of The Lives We Lead social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram and Linked In and the website: theliveswelead.com.au

To celebrate the 2021 International Day of People with Disability, all the videos will be screened on the Digital Tower at Yagan Square in Perth, with a sit-down screening available at 5.30 in the Northbridge Piazza to which the public are invited to come along and bring a picnic.

The Lives We Lead—Worklife project is funded by the WA Department of Communities, Disability Services.



Men's Shed Talk

By ROMOLO PATRONI

Members of the Merredin Mens Shed have been busy over the past month filling in time before harvest.

The Men's Shed crop is looking good and now awaiting on Shed Member Peter McCrae to complete his harvest and get into the crop on the North East side of town.

Some of the other activities are the restoration of the benches from the Nangeenan Hall following a request Julie Townrow and Frank Marley.

On picking them up from the Hall it looked to be a mammoth task as all the wood had deteriorated and many of the cast frames broken however with the ingenuity of Shed members, there proved no task to great and the final results speak for themselves. Beautifully restored and good for another dance round, once the hall is restored.

Other interest keeping members busy has been the restoration of the Chamberlain tractor.

The request some months ago from Management of Mineral Resources David Geraghty to restore a tractor built by Chamberlain Industries over in Welshpool, the vintage was to be mid to late 60ies .

David explained that the tractor was needed for a display to be erected at Koolanobbing and was to recognize the beginning of iron ore coming from that mine.

In the early stages mined by BHP and transported first by road by Bell Bros to Southern Cross, loaded on to the narrow gauge rail as it was known then, down to Wundowie's blast furnace. It was the iron produced from this furnace that was used by Chamberlain to build tractors.

Shed members hunted around and found several part demolished Chamberlain Super 70 tractors that they felt by adding and rearranging would build a good replica of that



Restoration of Benches from Nangeenan Hall

model.

The Super 70 and Super 90 were very typical of tractors used in the Eastern Wheatbelt around the mid to late 60's and beyond .

Still a long way to go but members can now see a light at the end of the tunnel with the guiding assistance from Dan at Merredin Panel and Paint, members hope to have a

handover some time early in the new year.

A project currently undertaken by Malcom Robartson, is the construction of a stock, which is hoped to be ready for Twilight Markets.

It may also be used for Men's Shed Members who disagree or step out of line.



Shane, Sam, Terry and Mike relaxing after the restoration of the Benches



The original tractor brought into the Men's Shed yard in July this year



The tractor stripped, rebuilt and in the stage of being repainted the distinctive Chamberlain orange



Malcolm Robartson testing out the Stocks he made for the Merredin Markets

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This photo is taken at the The Bon Scott's (ACDC) statue.



Merredin Seniors Luncheon

By AMANDA CASH

Tuesday 9th November saw another fantastic turnout for the annual Senior's Luncheon hosted by Merredin CRC.

Attendees were entertained by the exceptional Elton John impersonator Noah Shilkin while enjoying a sumptuous roast lunch with dessert.

Thank you to Romolo Patroni for emceeing the event and the Merredin College Primary Choir with their talented teacher Caryn Adamson for the pre-lunch entertainment – what an amazing choir!

Thank you also to Susanna Polak and her team of students from Merredin College who did the hard work of taking orders, serving food and clearing tables – everyone was very

impressed with the great job that was done.

Merredin CRC would also like to extend a big thank you to their major sponsors – Collgar Wind Farm and the Shire of Merredin.

Thank you also to Merredin IGA and Go MAD for their support, and to the Merredin Men's Shed for their assistance with setting up and packing away.

A very special thank you must also go to the numerous volunteers who helped with the preparation, cooking, serving and cleaning up – we would be lost without you, thank you!

And finally, to our very special and valued Seniors for coming along to the Luncheon and for the wonderful comments we have received.



Grandparent's Morning

On Friday, 5th November, St Mary's School celebrated our Grandparents by hosting a Grandparent's Morning.

Grandparents and visitors were invited into classrooms to share in their learning of the children. Classroom visits were followed by a whole school Liturgy in the hall, where our Grandparents were acknowledged and valued.

Our Grandparents joined together at the end of our Liturgy to share in morning tea.



Library Musings

By WENDY PORTER, Merredin Librarian

Christmas is moving closer, as is Hanukkah, Yule and Pancha Ganapati. Whatever festival is closest to your heart, check out the books in the Merredin Library for inspiration – whether food, decorations or more.

The Sketchbook Project is a collaborative and visual experience that provides an opportunity for young people to share their own personal stories and passions with the wider community across Western Australia. This year, all submitted sketchbooks were exhibited as part of the 2021 Youth Week WA KickstART Festival. After this exhibition, the sketchbooks embark on a tour of regional and suburban libraries, sharing your stories and art in an ongoing event called The Travelling Sketchbook Exhibition.

The display is currently at the Merredin Library and will be there until 6 December 2021. Come along for some inspiration and maybe have a go yourself for 2022. If you are interested, you will need to register by 13 December 2021. Ask Library staff for details.

The Merredin Library still has chocolates and cards left over from the Pink Morning Tea. These are available for \$3.00 each, with all the money going towards next year's Pink Morning Tea fundraising. Come in and grab a container of pink lollies, or some handmade cards.

Remember, all members of the Merredin Library have free 24-hour access to a raft of eResources, including eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, video streaming, literacy programs and more. Just ask library staff for details.

Emerging Leaders

By **ANDREW GALBRAITH, Sergeant, Merredin Police Station**

On Tuesday 2 November 2021 the opening sundowner was held at Dimensions Café, Merredin for the first cohort of the Wheatbelt Emerging Leaders Course. This course is a joint initiative of the Western Australia Police Force and the Wheatbelt Development Commission. The course is designed to fast track the development of Police personnel and other identified emerging leaders in the Eastern Wheatbelt with the course content will be delivered by Gene Howell representing leadership WA.

The initial cohort of 30 people will come together for a ten-session program from November 2021 to March 2022. The course will be inclusive of two networking sundowners, face to face learning events, online seminars, a cultural experience and access to a range of inspirational speakers who will share their own leadership journeys with the cohort.

Merredin Police Sergeant Andy Galbraith said, "This course is designed to provide emerging leaders within the Wheatbelt District with a tool kit to add huge value to their workplaces and the communities in which they Police". The course is

supported by Wheatbelt Police District Superintendent Scantlebury as it is aimed to not only increase leadership capabilities in the Eastern Wheatbelt, but also promote opportunities for engagement and innovation in public safety with local stakeholders across a range of government, private, volunteer and non for profit business sectors.

Galbraith said, "The initial cohort is a diverse mix of individuals each with their own professional and life experience, career goals and leadership aspirations. Everybody has the right to turn up to work and expect good, strong leadership. It is important for me to find ways to make these types of development opportunities for the community of Merredin. It is a bonus that in this instance, the participating Police are able to form a cohort with people from outside the agency to promote diversity of thought and new ways of thinking to unlock their leadership potential.

Course participant Police Sergeant James Parker said that, "Policing has always been about serving, working with and displaying leadership in the community. The program is a great opportunity for all involved to mutually learn, develop and share leadership skills and to network with inspiring, passionate and committed

community leaders,

The first session was hosted at the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DRPID) and was an entertaining experience

with the cohort analysing their own HBDI® assessments and taking part in a series of exercises designed to challenge their own leadership beliefs and values.



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Gift Card Rules Reminder

By **BOUYDEN MCKENZIE**, Senior Regional Officer for Goldfields Esperance, Consumer Protection

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While we believe that gifting cash is ultimately a safer option, if you are planning to buy a gift card this festive season, don't forget that the national rules have changed to give the recipient at least three years to use it.

The minimum three-year expiry date means that any gift card sold after the laws took effect on November 1 2019 would currently still be valid for redemption, and those bought for Christmas 2021 should be valid until Christmas 2024.

How expiry dates are displayed on gift cards is also important, with traders required to clearly state the expiry date on the gift cards themselves. This means you can easily see and challenge the date if they get it wrong and also that the recipient of your gift won't be caught out not knowing when it will expire.

You also cannot be charged post-purchase fees or administration

charges that will reduce the value of your gift card, such as activation, account keeping and balance enquiry fees.

While the rules give consumers more certainty, it is important to remember that there is still an element of risk attached to buying gift cards and vouchers.

A caller to one of our regular radio segments claims she was left out of pocket after buying a

\$400 gift voucher to a restaurant that had closed down when the recipient tried to redeem it less than a year later.

Unspent gift vouchers or cards may become worthless if a business goes bust or closes its doors, so for this reason we recommend giving cash instead.

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Beds

1



Bath

3



Parking



1 Morton Street, MERREDIN \$280,000 - WEB ID 23300646

This is the perfect family home on a large corner block with a fenced back yard and access from two road frontages. The main bedroom has it's own ensuite and separate lounge room/parents retreat opening onto the large paved rear patio while all the other bedrooms are ample in size with built in robes. The main lounge room is huge with a built in wood fire and floor to ceiling windows. The kitchen overlooks the dining room separated by a breakfast bar and the dining room opens onto the rear entertaining area. School for the kids is a safe and simple walk across the road.



15 Woolgar Avenue, MERREDIN \$180,000 - WEB ID 23301650

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



2 Council Street, MERREDIN \$59,500 - WEB ID 23304761

A bargain buy for the first home buyer or renovator. Located on a big corner block opposite St Mary's Primary School and Catholic Church. Cash offers encouraged and no offers considered unless the property is inspected by the buyer. Circa 1966 construction fibro and tile home on timber boards and stumps. Timber deck front porch, lounge entry with blanked off open fire place, eat in kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, laundry and separate WC. Deep sewerage passes but not connected, runs on a septic tank. Electric HWS and two wall mount A/C units. Old iron single garage, lean too and chook run.



5 Lewis Way, MERREDIN \$269,000 - WEB ID 21215182

Solid brick home with lots of space. Located in a quiet cul-de-sac close to St Mary's Primary School. Currently rented and returning \$300 per week. Circa 1974 construction with modern upgrades. Formal lounge off entry, 4 bedrooms, 1 bathroom and separate WC, eat in kitchen, tiled rear exit opens onto laundry, workers shower and second WC, family or rumpus room with wood fire. Solar HWS, ducted evap A/C cooling throughout and reverse cycle spit system A/C to lounge. 809m² total land area with rear workshop shed, side double length carport and paved rear entertaining area.



FOR SALE



**For Sale - \$215,000
12 Kitchener Ave**

This stunning 1377m2 property is picture perfect. This 1920's fully renovated home is located within walking distance of the upgraded Merredin Hospital.

The functional kitchen has been fitted with a wall to wall benchtop work space along with both under bench and wall mounted cupboards as well as 2 tall kitchen pantries to either end of the space. The large gas 900ml stainless-steel free-standing oven is tucked away in the historical fireplace cove finishing off the kitchen with a fresh and spacious galley style appeal. The two front bedrooms are freshly painted and are both fitted with plush carpet and their own wall mounted split system air conditioning units.

Directly opposite the kitchen is a third bedroom or formal dining room if you wish.

This space is also finished with plush carpet and its own wall mounted air conditioning unit.

All three rooms are complete with window treatments and painted old world open fire mantels. To the left is a room that is suitable as a bedroom or study. Featuring painted face brick and hardi flex walls and finished with exposed timber beams and enclosed eaves to the ceiling. The spacious bathroom is fully renovated with floor to ceiling format tiles to the shower and bath walls and is equipped with a floating vanity unit, toilet, glass corner shower and classic oval free-standing bathtub. The two high windows allow plenty of natural light in. The separate large tiled laundry is fully lockable and features a carpeted laundry room where you can safely store items not wanted inside the main home.

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Fuel Watch keeps dollars in your bank, not in your tank

By **BOUYDEN MCKENZIE, Consumer Protection**

With fuel prices recently hitting record-highs, it's a particularly important time for consumers to have the information they need to save money at the bowser.

That's where our free Fuel Watch service can help, with a revamped website containing interactive mapping features that makes it quick and easy for WA motorists to compare prices to find the best deal.

The savings can be significant in regional WA, particularly when travelling. Fuel prices do vary between regional areas, as well as within towns, it is worthwhile spending just 30 seconds on the website before you fill-up to find the cheapest fuel in your area and on your travels.

More than 80 per cent of regional service stations are covered by Fuel Watch. By law, these service stations are required to notify Fuel Watch of their following day's prices by 2pm each day and must lock-in these prices for 24 hours from 6am, meaning WA motorists are free from the frustrating intra-day price fluctuations that those in other Australian States still experience.

In turn, this price transparency and

certainty helps to put downward competitive pressure on prices. Motorists should know they can put further pressure on fuel retailers by using the price information to buy from the cheaper retailers.

The Fuel Watch team also works behind the scenes to ensure fuel retailers and comply with their legal obligations, and responds to complaints and reports of non-compliance, which can result in fines or even prosecution.

It is important to realise that neither the State nor Federal Governments control fuel prices, which fluctuate for a number of reasons, including changes to international benchmark prices, the value of the Australian dollar to the US dollar, local competition and the daily pricing decisions made by wholesalers and retailers.

International fuel prices have continued to increase recently due to a number of factors, including rising demand following the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions, as well as supply constraints exacerbated by the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and a number of allied oil producing nations such as Russia (known collectively as OPEC+) placing limits on oil production.




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It's safe to be vaccinated and is important for the health of you and your baby



Benefits for your baby

Pregnant women with COVID-19 have a higher risk of stillbirth or premature delivery. Their babies are also more likely to show distress during delivery, or need treatment in a newborn intensive care area in the hospital.

Vaccination is the best way to reduce these risks.

Women planning pregnancy

Getting vaccinated before conceiving means you are likely to have protection against COVID-19 throughout your pregnancy.

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Positions Vacant



Shire of Kellerberrin Position Vacancy Plant Operator

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The applicant must have good personal skills, ability to work in a team environment, achieve a high standard of service delivery for residents and the road infrastructure team. Hold a current Australian HC drivers licence or working towards a HC licence. The successful applicant will be reporting to the Roads Team Leader and the Manager Works and Services.

Further information regarding the position is available by contacting the Manager Works and Services, Mick Jones on 9045 4006. To obtain an application package please contact Councils Personal Assistant, Codi Brindley-Mullen on 9045 4006 at the Shire Administration Office or email pa@kellerberrin.wa.gov.au

Applications should be marked "**Private & Confidential - Plant Operator**" and mailed to the Shire of Kellerberrin, PO Box 145, Kellerberrin WA 6410 or via email pa@kellerberrin.wa.gov.au.

Applications will be received up to 4.00pm on **Friday, 26th November 2021**

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Horoscopes

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ARIES 21 March—19 April
 Keeping your cards close to your chest which can be beneficial to achieve success at work. It's important to remain open with those close to you as there may be some strong feelings that need to be worked out.
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TAURUS 20 April—20 May
 Someone close to you may be behaving in a secretive or fickle way which is causing you to feel out of sorts. It is important to remain neutral and keep giving your best advice for things to turn out for the best.
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GEMINI 21 May—20 June
 Work is challenging at the moment as things seem to be changing and co-workers are doing whatever they need to, to avoid stress. Keep your head down, stay consistent and do your research to stay informed.
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CANCER 21 June—22 July
 There is opportunity to open up your creative potential, take the time to delve into issues and discover new paths. Romance could be on the cards for you, but you will feel the need to keep it private for now.
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LEO 23 July—22 August
 Emotions are running high around you and plans may be disrupted due to the capricious behaviour of someone close to you. Secrets or sensitive matters that you are not ready to face may start surfacing.
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VIRGO 23 August—22 September
 Time to roll up your sleeves and get stuck into the nitty-gritty at work. Colleagues are also eager and together you can get a lot done. Work quietly as there may be some who won't approve of your methods.
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LIBRA 23 September—22 October
 At home, a project that you've started is looking to be bigger and requiring more effort than you expected. Relationships and money may take an unexpected turn but could turn out to be to your advantage.
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SCORPIO 23 October—21 November
 You have things you want to achieve, your resolute determination will see you through no matter what. You have strong associates who want to achieve the same as you and are willing to help you get what you want.
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SAGITTARIUS 22 November—21 December
 A period of disagreement with associates because you are not being told everything. Something may be happening behind your back that you haven't noticed so you may be in for some disruption in your daily life.
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CAPRICORN 22 December—19 January
 Life may feel a little out of control. Someone wants to disrupt your flow however, there may be a person in a position of power on your side and can help solve problems that have been created.
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AQUARIUS 20 January—18 February
 Issues arising at work pointing you towards thinking about making changes. In the long term, your position at work is strong and you will be able to stay on track. Believe in yourself and things will change.
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PISCES 19 February—20 March
 People around you who are contemplating ideas that conflict with your own opinions. Be sure to question the processes, ethics and rationales of others and trust in your intuition.

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WTF 19th November 2nd December 2021

By PETER BARRETT

Regular readers of this column will know that this is my favorite time of year for Watching the Firmament, as the horizon around Merredin becomes aligned with the plane of our Galaxy after sunset, and the evening sky is wreathed all around by the brightest stars.

To the East Sirius and Rigel dominate with Betelgeuse and the rest of Orion. As one swings around to the North the Pleiades or seven sisters are easy to spot with Aldebaran and rest of the glories of Taurus close behind. To the

Southeast Canopus rivals Sirius as the brightest star, leading some of the Milky way's most interesting parts as they begin to take their place in the summer sky. Looking due South the Southern Cross, now completely upside down, partially sets, and is difficult to make out so low in the sky.

As you move around to the West the pointers Alpha and Beta Centauri can still be seen. The head of the scorpion has set but the tail can still be made out diving for the ground. This is the direction approximately toward the centre of the Galaxy, and

is opposed by Taurus which lies in the direction of the outer edge. This fascinating phenomenon whereby both ends of the galaxy can be seen at the same time occurs once every 24 hours, however it is only in mid to late November that it occurs in the early evening. By Christmas the centre of the Milky Way has set before the sun, and this alignment then occurs for a few weeks just before dawn

The two brightest planets Jupiter and Venus add to the spectacle along with Saturn between them. The two gas giants are getting closer to

Venus, but they won't meet, as Venus will begin to retreat back towards the sun early in the new year.

There are currently three meteor showers active. The northern and southern Taurids are putting on a modest show, with the odd fireball adding a little more interest. Likewise the Monocerotids are not known for a large display but are certainly capable of surprises. Monoceros the constellation of the unicorn lies between Sirius and Procyon the two dog stars. Plenty of celestial entertainment for nightshift header jockeys.

Date/Planet	Sun ☉	Moon ☾	Mercury ☿	Venus ♀	Mars ♂	Jupiter ♃	Saturn ♄	Uranus ♅
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Sat 20	☉ 04:57am-06:47pm	☾ 07:42pm-05:59am 97%	☿ 04:42am-06:21pm 99%	♀ 07:53am-10:20pm 36%	♂ 04:10am-05:37pm 99%	♃ 11:13am-12:33am	♄ 09:57am-11:42pm	♅ 05:23pm-04:10am
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Monster Smiles Pillowcases—Random Acts of Kindness

By JOE GRIFFITHS

My name is Joe and I am 13 years old. I have aggressive Crohn's Disease. Please read my website which explains more about me and my business 'Monster Smiles'.

www.monstersmiles.com.au

I donate Monster Smiles pillowcases to Children's Hospitals all over Australia – including Perth Children's Hospital, The Royal Darwin Hospital and the Townsville University Hospital. A hospital stay can be a very scary and overwhelming experience. I have spent a great deal of time in The Perth Children's Hospital and the

reason I started the Monster Smiles business was as a way to show other kids that people genuinely do care about what they are going through. The hospital refers to me as a 'frequent flyer' as I am often there!

On Friday 5th November I donated 300 pillowcases to The Perth Children's Hospital and also sent bundles of Monster Smiles pillowcases to many Children's Hospitals all over Australia. I regularly donate pillowcases to hospital wards including – post op, general and day treatment wards.

I sell my pillowcases via social media. For every pillowcase I sell, I am able to donate 1 to a child in need

at a Children's Hospital. Pillowcases are \$19.95 each (which includes free postage to anywhere in Australia).

Next year my pillowcases commence at many schools around Australia for 'Smiles and Kindness' awards at assemblies. **Merredin College's Principal, Jarrad Ritchie is looking forward to receiving pillowcases.** They will be awarded to students that have role modelled positive acts of kindness.

Perhaps the positive act of kindness behaviour could be

- Helping a teacher without being asked
- Including students that have been discluded
- Positive behaviour within the classroom
- Other random acts that creates a smile on another's face in a positive way

Please do not hesitate to phone my dad Ken on 0417 092 034 should you have any questions.



Merredin

NEW OPEN HOURS

9am - 1pm

Monday - Friday

Australian Government
Services Australia

Merredin
Community Resource Centre

THANKS...SMALL WORD...BIG MEANING

Our families have felt THANKFUL, BLESSED and GRATEFUL for the continual love and support shown to us all since the tragic loss of Jordan's life on October 3.

THANK YOU to the friends, neighbours and community members who worked so hard to complete our hay baling and carting between October 4 - 11.

THANK YOU to all of the wonderful farmers and trucking contractors who have now completed our harvest of wheat, lupins and canola over the weekend of November 13 & 14.

THANK YOU for bringing your workmen and machinery - headers, chaser bins and trucks to all of our separate properties on the home block, Cukela's, Goldfields Road, Maiolo's leased block and Koonadgin.

THANK YOU to so many business owners and staff who donated so generously and worked so hard at the Sundowner after the Busy Bee at our hay shed last Sunday.

IT'S A DEBT OF LOVE WE CAN NEVER REPAY.

Dana Mulvany
Peter & Jenny Lynch and families



MERREDIN SHOW

2nd April 2022

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Gardening Calendar November

With Christmas around the corner, now's the time to get busy planting up some colour, mulching garden beds and maintaining the lawn so the house looks great for the festive season. Outdoors, plant out summer annuals like petunias by the tray-full to liven up any garden situation. Early summer is also a great time to plant sun loving veggies and tropical plants that thrive in the heat.

Planting

Flowers & Ornaments

- Flowering seedlings to plant now include vinca, petunia, amaranthus, celosia, cosmos, gerbera, marigold, rudbeckia, snapdragon, sunflower, portulaca and zinnia.

- Early summer is a great time to plant tropical and subtropical plants that thrive in the heat. Bougainvillea and frangipani are good examples.

Vegetables & Herbs

- Seedlings or seeds to plant now include varieties that soak up the sun such as tomato, zucchini, squash, sweet corn, runner beans, capsicum, chilli, pumpkin, okra and cucumber. For something different try growing spaghetti melon.

- Growing salad lettuce makes sense as these are the mainstay of our summer eating. Become adventurous in your choices as there are many types you can grow. Remember lettuce need lots of watering in summer to thrive. This makes them great value for hydroponic and aquaponic systems. Try growing a salad bowl near the kitchen with half a dozen different varieties including the cut-and-come-again types.

Fruits

- Time to plant passionfruit. Try the two tropical varieties now available - Panama Gold and Panama Red.

- All tropical fruits - such as avocado, mango and lychee are best planted now so they can get up to 6 months of warm to hot weather to establish.

Garden Beds

If planting a new garden or just a bed, look to grey leaf plants to save water in the future. The grey or silver colour enables plants to reflect the sun's heat away and it is a common trick employed by desert plants.

Support provided to Water Corporation customers in Bruce Rock

By Hon Dave Kelly, Minister for Water

Financial support has been extended to Bruce Rock residents in response to community concerns regarding the financial impact of connecting to a recently completed wastewater scheme.

The Bruce Rock Septic Tank Effluent Disposal (STED) scheme takes partially treated wastewater from household septic tanks to a central disposal pond.

Under the scheme, Bruce Rock customers are required to continue to maintain a septic tank, while also having to pay wastewater service charges.

Bruce Rock customers will also need to spend thousands of dollars to connect their septic tank to the scheme.

The scheme was conceived and contracted by the former Liberal National Government and construction commenced in March 2017.

The scheme cost taxpayers \$11.8 million to construct and will service just 196 properties, at a cost of over \$60,000 per property.


Most residential property owners with access to the scheme will be required to pay the maximum regional wastewater service charge of \$1,219.76 per annum. Despite these charges, the scheme will run at a loss and will require an ongoing subsidy from taxpayers of over \$600,000 per year.

The Water Corporation has received numerous complaints from residents in Bruce Rock concerned with the financial impacts of the STED scheme imposed on them by the former Liberal National Government.

To support residents with initial connection costs, all residential wastewater service charges will be waived for the 2021-22 financial year. This is on top of charges previously being waived for the 2020-21 financial year.

To connect to the Bruce Rock STED Scheme, property owners must first register via Water Corporation's BuilderNet system, and then contact a licensed plumber to arrange connection.

Personalised financial assistance is also available through Water Corporation's customer assistance team by calling 9273 4520.

Centenary
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1922  2022

Save the Date
APRIL 23-24 2022
Details to follow

Facts about Physical Activity

1 IN 2
Australians do enough moderate or vigorous intensity physical activity for good health.

MOVEMENT IS THE BEST MEDICINE = 

Being active reduces your risk of heart disease, some cancers and type 2 diabetes. It also strengthens your muscles and bones, helps to maintain body weight and can reduce symptoms of depression.

To stay healthy, do strength exercises on at least **2 DAYS EACH WEEK** 
Calf raises, squats, push-ups, yoga, pilates and weights all count.

SOME IS BETTER THAN NONE, AND MORE IS BETTER THAN LESS!


BOUNCE, PASS AND THROW!
People who participate in sports and organised recreational activities enjoy better mental health, are more alert, and less stressed.

GET MOVING AFTER MEALS
Doing light-intensity activity like walking after you eat improves blood sugar control.

WATCHING OVER 5 HOURS OF TV EACH DAY 
is linked to weight gain and higher body fat, even if you are doing moderate exercise.

Basketball

Merredin Basketball

4th November 2021

Under 12 Girls

T3 Grey (26) d. T4 Red (8)
T2 Gold (18) d. T1 White (9)

Under 12 Boys

T4 Blue/Gold (20) d. T5 White (16)
T2 Blue (28) d. T1 Gold (18)
T3 Black (19) d. T6 Maroon (9)

Under 16 Girls

T2 Red (57) d. T1 Green (12)
T3 White (35) d. T4 Yellow (18)

Under 16 Boys

T2 Yellow (57) d. T5 Blue (31)
T8 Navy (38) d. T6 Green (31)
T3 Blue/Gold (29) d. T7 Purple (28)
T4 Maroon (38) d. T1 Black (31)

Men

Lakers (22) d. Merredin Magic (21)
Bulls (65) d. Topline Wogs (15)

Burracoppin Ballers won via forfeit from Thunder

BYE – Warriors

Women

Sharks (20) d. Opals (12)
Mystics (27) d. Black Pearls (11)
Sonics (28) d. Fury (6)

11th November 2021

Under 12 Girls

Grey (12) d. White (6)
Red (16) d. Gold (9)

Under 12 Boys

White (28) d. Blue (26)
Blue/Gold (16) d. Maroon (3)
Gold (12) d. Black (7)

Under 16 Girls

Yellow (35) d. Red (30)
White (36) d. Green (10)

Under 16 Boys

Maroon (47) d. Green (26)
Blue (38) d. Purple (29)

Navy (53) d. Yellow (50)

Black (27) d. Blue/Gold (25)

Men

Merredin Magic (50) d. Topline Wogs (25)
Bulls (31) d. Warriors (30)

Lakers won via forfeit from Thunder

Women

Sonics (42) d. Opals (23)
Sharks (23) d. Mystics (20)
Black Pearls (26) d. Fury (17)

2020/21 SEASON LADDER - MENS										
Team	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Adj	Points	%	For	Against	
1 Lakers	5	5	-	-	-	10	177%	143	81	
2 Bulls	4	4	-	-	2	6	241%	224	93	
3 Merredin Magic	4	3	1	-	-	6	155%	138	89	
4 Burracoppin Ballers	4	2	2	-	2	2	76%	108	143	
5 Warriors	4	-	4	-	-	-	93.43%	128	137	
6 Topline Wogs	4	1	3	-	4	2	52%	78	149	
7 Thunder	5	-	5	-	6	6	23%	38	165	

2020/21 SEASON LADDER - WOMENS										
Team	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Adj	Points	%	For	Against	
1 Mystics	5	4	1	-	-	8	207%	186	90	
2 Sonics	5	4	1	-	-	8	157%	149	95	
3 Black Pearls	5	3	2	-	-	6	106%	118	111	
4 Sharks	5	2	3	-	-	4	84%	85	101	
5 Fury	5	2	3	-	-	4	70%	106	151	
6 Opals	5	-	5	-	-	-	47%	86	182	

Bowls

Merredin Civic Bowls

By DEBBIE HEINRICH

On Saturday 13th November, the Merredin Civic Ladies had their Championship 4s.

Winners were Christine Stapely, Debbie Henrich, Suzi Fitzgerald and Kay Bush.












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Burracoppin Tennis Open Day

By CARYN ADAMSON

Last Sunday 7th November, the Burracoppin Tennis Club held their Open Day which attracted 30 pairs of tennis players from around the district and further afield. This was a fantastic result and a full day of tennis was enjoyed by everyone making the most of the fantastic weather conditions.

Congratulations to the A grade winners – Emma Growden and Ken Hooper, defeating Chris Jefferys and Sam Herbert in the final.

Congratulations also to the B grade winners being Meg Gethin and Rob Broomhall who beat Corinne Morrell and Jarryd Crees in the final. C Grade winners were Georgia and

Gerard Brown with the runners-up being Kylee and Mitchell Crabb.

Our morning started off with coffee supplied by Wheatbelt Coffee Time – enough to give us a boost to start the day – and the day finished with hot food supplied by MJ’s which tasted fantastic.

A big thank you must go to all of the sponsors for the day – Collgar Wind Farm, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Elders Merredin, Hutton and Northey Sales Merredin, Merredin Rural Supplies, Rustic Creations, NEKA Accessories, Trans-Plus, Mia Davies -MLA, Wheatbelt Fresh Produce, Seven Oaks North and Wheatbelt Tech Supplies. Well done to all involved.



A Grade Winners—Ken Hooper and Emma Growden



B Grade Winners—Rob Broomhall and Meg Gethin



Erin Pope



Leigh Fulker



Jarryd Crees approaching the shot



Jacob Bartnett



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