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# MERREDIN CRC HOSTS AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

#### By MERREDIN CRC

On market day, the Merredin CRC hosted an Australia's Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for Cancer Council. All proceeds from the Morning Tea has been donated in full to the Cancer Council.

All of the food dishes available at the morning tea were donated by members of the community and a few local businesses. We would like to thank everyone that donated to the morning tea that enabled us to put on a successful fundraiser. A thank you also goes out the Merredin French Hot Bread Shop and Dimensions Café for donating some lovely food.

In conjunction with the morning tea, the Merredin CRC also ran a raffle with two prizes. All proceeds from the raffle have been donated in full to the Cancer Council. The second prize winner was Kristy Ashwin who won 2 bottles of Henty View wine that was donated to the CRC by Debbie Morris and the first prize winner was Christine Carew-Hopkins who won a prize worth \$150 filled with alpaca goodies donated by Toffee Woods Alpacas.

A massive thank you goes out the Merredin community for their generous donations. Thanks to the kindness of the public, we were able to raise over \$800 for the Cancer Council. It is great to see the community come together to raise money for such a great cause.

The Merredin CRC would also like to thank Audiene McCrae and Jane Patroni for their tremendous help in the kitchen,

ensuring that everyone who came to the morning tea were greeted with a smile and enjoyed hot, fresh food. Both ladies were an amazing help, and we are extremely grateful that we had you to oversee the morning tea.











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# **COVID-19 STATISTICS**

# COVID-19 WA Statistics

As of 30 May 2023

Tested-4,779,886

Confirmed Cases—1,334,643

Recovered—1,331,057

Deaths-1,088

Active cases in WA-2,498

Vaccinations—Australia

Vaccinations-22,231,907

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Booster-14,368,201

2023-2,712,908

# COVID-19 Australian Statistics

WA-Cases 1.3M-Deaths 1,088

ACT—Cases 240K —Deaths 237

NSW—Cases 4.04M—Deaths 6,962

NT—Cases 107K—Deaths 98

QLD—Cases 1.6M—Deaths 2,977

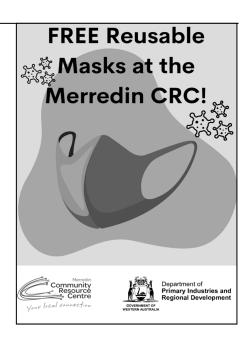
SA—Cases 915K—Deaths 1,448

TAS—Cases 297K—Deaths 290

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3rd—F Manning

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So far this year, Consumer Protection has received 367 enquiries and 32 complaints about rental repair and maintenance issues, but we suspect these figures are only a small proportion of the actual number of tenants experiencing such problems currently.

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While we understand these anxieties, we still urge tenants to learn about their rights or contact us so that we may try to help them resolve the problems.

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be awarded compensation.

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The students read 'The Speedy Sloth' by Rebecca Young. Thank you to Mrs Discenza for organising and preparing the students.





# DOODLAKINE'S CENTENARY

#### By MARILYN ROBINSON

Doodlakine Agricultural Hall is celebrating its centenary on Saturday the 3rd of June 2023 from 10am to 4pm.

I wish to have a display of Tully Bevilaquas basketball career to show to everyone, including five scrap books, many posters and 500 stamps which were produced after Australia beat New Zealand in the Commonwealth Games at

Melbourne in 2006. Last year she was flown over to help out at New Zealand. This season, Tully is over in Arizona as Assistant Coach. This is a photo of Tully nee Crook with her proud Auntie Marilyn, wearing her silver medal when the Australian Team won in the Olympic Games in Beijing on the 23rd August 2008. Looking forward to seeing some Merredin Community at this special day.

Tully nee Crook and Marilyn Robinson

# **A DAY IN MERREDIN**

#### By SANDY FLEAY

My friends Jill and Geoff Simmons completed their yearly Merredin run to check out the town and visit past family sites.

Jill and Geoff spent many years in Merredin, with Jill having been born here. Geoff and Jill were involved with North Merredin Primary School with Geoff teaching there.

They drove up from York with their 3-wheeler electric bikes

loaded onto a special trailer. They spent time motoring around various sites. I did hear they were seen by several locals.

We finished off the visit with a shared lunch on my front veranda. There was just so much to talk about.

All too soon it was time to leave. It was with a sad heart I waved them off, with The Phoenix in hand.



Jill and Geoff Simmons

# On Monday, we said goodbye to our last remaining WW2 veteran, Eddy Johnston (99 and 10 months), and what a fitting tribute to a true local hero it was. The Merredin college put on a guard of honour as the funeral procession went past (this put a lump in many a

It is a reminder that whilst we live in a great country, with many freedoms that other countries don't have. It is because of men and women who have served and serve their country, that we may enjoy what we take for granted.

This got me to thinking of the many changes there have been over the last 100 years.

I wanted to do a timeline of what has changed in those 100 years, but soon discovered that I didn't have the space, so here are a few highlights from the 10 decades.

In 1923 Vegemite was first produced, and Stanley Bruce became the 8th prime minister of Australia.

In 1928 Bert Hinkler became the first person to fly from Great Britain to Australia and in 1929 Western Australia celebrated it's Centenary.

In the 1930's NSW batsman Don Bradman scores a world record first-class individual innings of 452 not out in a Sheffield Shield match against Queensland.

In 1936 the last thylacine died.

1939 was when Australia entered the second World War.

In 1940 a team of scientists under Howard Florey developed penicillin.

Menzies resigns and John Curtin becomes Prime Minister in the Curtin government of 1941–45.

Nazi Germans surrender in 1945.

All Indigenous ex-servicemen and any Indigenous Australians who are eligible to vote in State Elections (NSW, VIC, SA and TAS) are given an unrestricted right to vote in federal elections in 1949

Now we are halfway...

Australian troops are sent to the Korean War to assist South Korea from 1950 to 1953

In 1954 Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip made a Royal visit, the Soviet diplomat Vladimir Petrov defects, leading to the Petrov Affair and another split in the Labour Party.

Television was launched in Australia in 1956. Performing artist Barry Humphries introduces Edna Everage to the Australian stage and Slim Dusty records "a Pub with No Beer" in 1957

Construction begins on the Sydney Opera House in 1959

In 1962 The Robert Menzies' Commonwealth Electoral Act provided that all Indigenous Australians should have the right to enrol and vote at federal elections, removing remaining restrictions applying in QLD, WA and NT.

The first troops sent to Vietnam War in 1964

In 1966 the constitution is changed to allow Aboriginal Australians to be included in the population count and for the federal government to legislate for them.

I emigrated to Australia in 1967 (lol), and Prime Minister Harold Holt disappears while swimming at Cheviot Beach, Victoria.

In the 1969 Australian federal election John Gorton was reelected as Prime Minister.

In 1970 more than 200,000 people participate in the largest

demonstrations in Australian history, against the Vietnam

Aboriginal Tent Embassy erected in response to the Coalition government's approval of exploration licences and mining tenements on reserves in 1972 , and I moved to Merredin (IoI).

The Kakadu National Park and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park are both proclaimed in 1979.

Baby Azaria Chamberlain disappears from a campsite at Uluru (Ayers Rock) in 1980 and is reportedly taken by a dingo.

In 1983 Australia won the Americas Cup in Fremantle Western Australia.

A new Parliament House opened in Canberra in 1988.

An earthquake kills thirteen people in Newcastle in 1989.

Royal Australian Navy deployed in preparation for the First Gulf War in 1990. Carmen Lawrence becomes the first female premier of an Australian state.

1991 was the year Paul Keating replaces Bob Hawke as the 24th Prime Minister of Australia.

Eighteen people die when the Bimbadene and Carinya Lodges collapse at Thredbo Alpine Village at 11.30pm in 1997.

A referendum on changing to a republic is unsuccessful in 1999.

# My Thoughts





GST is introduced in 2000 and Sydney hosted the summer Olympic games.

Australia celebrates centenary of federation in 2001.

The 2006 Commonwealth Games are held in Melbourne.

Julia Gillard replaced by Kevin Rudd as PM in 2010.

Queensland is affected by major flooding, followed by Cyclone Yasi in 2011.

Bushfires occur throughout late 2019 in every state and territory, destroying 2600 homes and killing 34 people.

Covid19 lockdown starts in 2020

Eastern Australia floods in 2022

Which brings us up to date in 2023, Queen Elizabeth has died, and we have a new Monarch. What is in store for us in the next 100 years who knows but we can thank those who came before us for their efforts to make this country what it is today, and maybe those who come next will thank us for our efforts.

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# **MERREDIN SONGFEST: OH, WHAT A WEEKEND!**

#### By ROY BUTLER

Merredin was recently full of the sound of music, specifically the sound of singing by more than 100 people. These people belonged to choirs singing in Merredin's third Songfest, a musical and friendly weekend which began on Friday May 19th.

We were very pleased to host six visiting choirs: Men of the West, She Shants, Voicemale, Quincet, One A Chord Community Choir and Hohidiai (a choir from Indonesia). They joined Merredin's two choirs, A Choired Taste and the Merredin College students' choir, to present a stunning Saturday night concert in the Cummins Theatre. The variety of music and singing styles certainly impressed the large audience. But there was more! Saturday choirs went down the street to entertain staff and customers in various shops in the town, and on Sunday morning choirs sang at the Theatre for a Combined Church service and at the CRC Markets.

A Songfest is not a competitive event. The main event is The Concert, but there's also additional singing, workshops and social activities. Naturally, choirs love to perform for audiences but choir members also meet and listen to members of other choirs, and acquire new ideas and new friends.

This event brought many additional benefits to Merredin, beyond the simple enjoyment of choral singing by both performers and audience. Merredin accommodation and

food businesses obviously benefitted, but also so did other businesses and community organisations. Feedback from visitors was uniformly strongly positive, with comments such as: "We love coming to Merredin for Songfest"; "We'll be back, there's so much more to see and do here"; "The people here are very friendly and helpful"; "Food and accommodation were excellent"; "We loved the train trip".

While A Choired Taste was the organising and host choir, Songfest could not have been the outstanding event that it was without the willing, cheerful help of many individuals and community groups. We were generously supported too by the Collgar Community Fund, and the Merredin Shire. The fine sunny weather was a bonus for us, if not for farmers.

A Choired Taste welcomes potential members, without audition. We know that, no matter what anyone says, most people can sing. It's wonderful how all sorts of voices blend well when singing together in a choir. Singing with others in a choir is good for body and mind. It brings friendship, laughter, and the personal satisfaction of facing a modest challenge singing with others.

Would you like to sit in on an A Choired Taste practice session (usually held weekly on a Sunday afternoon or Monday evening)? We are a welcoming, mixed group. Contact Bob French (0428 125 613) or Emma Aitken (0487 351 167)



Hohidiai Choir



A Choired Taste and Merredin College Choir



Men of the West Choir performing at the Merredin CRC Biggest Morning Tea



Indonesian Choir, Hohidiai performing at the Merredin CRC Markets



Quincet performing at the Merredin CRC Markets

# **MBA LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

#### By RUSSELL ROBERTS

It is a great honour and surprise to have recently been awarded membership to Merredin Basketball Association (MBA). To join the list of those who have been recognised for their efforts in making the MBA what it is today such as Roger Drakeford, Delys Alderton, Donna Crook and Lloyd Maloney to name a few, all well respected members of the Merredin basketball community, is a privilege and means a lot to me.

To also be recognised at the same time as Bernard Jefferys, who I personally know how much he has put into the MBA for at least the last 18 years let alone his involvement before I arrived in Merredin, makes this even more special to share this Bernard has been a with. fantastic ambassador for the Association in recent years, with his primary involvement during my time in the Association being a scorer, umpire and mentor to our up-and-coming umpires and also filling the position of Umpire Coordinator for many years - a role that is often hard to fill. I would like to congratulate Bernard on his life membership to the Association, your service to the Association over many years has certainly helped to shape where the Association is today

For those who do not know, my involvement in the MBA commenced in 2005 when I moved to Merredin to commence my working career at Byfields, where I then started playing in the 2005/06 season (for the Bulls team which is still going today!)

In the 2009/10 season, I joined the committee as Treasurer (apparently accountants make good Treasurers!), a role I stayed in for 10 years, while also taking on other roles such as Fixture Coordinator and Country Championship Coordinator.

In the 2018/19 season, I also

took on the role of Records Keeper (I had hoped to simply move on from Treasurer but no one else at the time wanted to take on that role).

In the 2019/20 season, I was able to relinquish the Treasurer role and continued to be Records Keeper for another 2 seasons.

With the birth of my first child in 2020, I advised the committee at the time that this would be my last season (2020/21) in an active committee role so that I could enjoy some family time.

For the 2021/22 season, I again took οn the Country Championship Coordinator role, which I thought would be relatively easy, however a fundraising opportunity courtesy of a generous donation from Aviso Insurance Brokers presented itself and so I organised a raffle to help send our junior players away that year (the simple role I signed up for became much more involved than I anticipated for the year).

During the above period, I have also filled in for other committee roles when people have left Merredin (including President and Secretary) and been involved with the Merredin Sports Council & some of the key discussions they have had on the MRCLC management and fees.

My involvement in the MBA from the start has always been about decent having а competition to participate in and believing that by being involved I could help ensure this occurred. While being an active member on the MBA committee has had its challenges, the satisfaction that comes with volunteering and seeing the outcomes of your involvement is very rewarding.

During my time with the MBA, I have invested many hours into the MBA which have included working on some of the following projects:

Improving the Treasurer and Records Keeper processes.

The installation of fans to the court area at the MRCLC.

Resurfacing projects at the MRCLC.

Upgrade of the outside court poles & backboards.

Equipment upgrades such as score benches, bench seating, etc.

Uniform upgrades and business sponsorship.

MRCLC fee discussions with Merredin Sports Council and the Shire.

Junior country championships raffle (sponsored by Aviso Insurance Brokers).

Reunion committee.

Review of the MBA Constitution

and By-Laws.

MBA strategic plans.

While I have stepped down from formal committee roles (mainly to have a break before getting involved with whatever activities my children wish to partake in), I hope to play on for many years to come and to help future Committees to ensure the Association remains strong into the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who had helped me during my time on the committee and in particular Donna Crook for her mentorship, support & guidance as I needed it (& sometimes even when I didn't!). I look forward to watching the MBA go from strength to strength into the future and it is exciting to see some new faces on the committee for next season.



# Cahill, Kevin Vincent OAM

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In loving memory, of husband to Rewa, loving father to Grant, Peter, Marker and Dean and loving grandfather to 11 and great-grandfather to 6.

Thank you for a wonderful life. We are very proud of all your achievements, awards and the education that you have given the whole family. We are all very proud of you Dad, for being there when we needed you.

You will always be in our hearts and we have treasured the wonderful life we have shared together. You have had an extraordinary life and you have fulfilled your achievements and goals.

We have been blessed to know you and are very proud to have known you. You will be missed and forever loved dearly.



# **Horoscopes**



#### ARIES 21 March-19 April

This week starts with a few surprises. Just make sure your bank balance can stand the strain.



#### LEO 23 July-22 August

You may be in a position to assert yourself and your ideas. Which means you will become the hub around which ideas resolve.



#### SAGITTARIUS 22 November-21 December

You have this high motivation to create stability in your working life. Judging by recent events, this is initially a challenge.



#### **TAURUS 20 April-26 May**

Projects started will now be back and forth for a few months. It isn't a stable period but it sure isn't boring.



#### VIRGO 23 August-22 September

This is an exciting development period where you can go your own way and pursue your own ideas.



#### CAPRICORN 22 December-19 January

This week may contain some hefty challenges that affect your confidence and communication.



#### GEMINI 21 May-20 June

You should explore the hidden reaches of your soul, your relationship and your choice of mentor or teacher.



#### LIBRA 23 September-22 October

Next week there will be a completely different focus in your life, but this week, certain things have to be brought to a close.



#### **AQUARIUS 20 January-18 February**

A lot may be happening at home and in the family, but the end of the week brings an exciting development and all financial problems will be resolved.



#### CANCER 21 June-22 July

You are now in a thoughtful period which is demanding. There is much to talk about and discuss, particularly money.



### SCORPIO 23 October-21 November

Expect to be joined by a partner who will have an important role to play.



#### PISCES 19 February-20 March

There is a strong focus on learning and communication, especially connecting with siblings or people you relate to on a daily basis.

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# **MERREDIN MAY MARKETS**

#### By MERREDIN CRC

On Sunday 21 May 2023, the Merredin CRC held our May Markets. It was a cold start to the morning, however by the time the markets opened at 9am the sun was shining.

The markets were officially opened by Ross Duffield, Merredin CRC chairperson, and stallholders were prepared for the waves of people.

There was something for everyone, with some returning stalls like Lutum Designs with her stunning polymer earrings, Slydog Designs with their candles, stickers and keyrings, Our Cre8tions with her scrunchies, Malcolm with his wooden crafts and plenty of others. We also had some new stalls, like Baked at Bremon Farm with freshly baked

sourdough and biscuits, Wild Love Media showcasing her wonderful photography and Marian Meharry with Quillows.

The markets were a huge success and would not have been made possible without the Merredin Men's Shed for volunteering and giving a hand at setting up and packing down the marquees, tables and chairs.

The Merredin CRC would also like to thank the stallholders and the community that came out and attended the markets, without stallholders and public, there wouldn't be a market. We would also like to extend a thank you to A Choired Taste for organising the choirs from SongFest to sing at the markets.

Overall, it was a great day and was enjoyed by all who attended.









# MERREDIN SONGFEST AT THE MARKETS AND MORNING TEA

#### By MERREDIN CRC

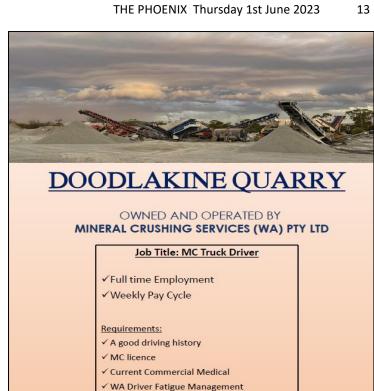
We were lucky enough to have a number of talented choirs perform at our markets and morning tea. All choirs' performances were thoroughly enjoyed throughout the morning and were a welcomed addition to the day's event.

Those attending the Markets and Biggest Morning Tea were able to enjoy the lovely performances from Voicemale, She Shants, Men of the West, Quincet and One A Chord Community Choir. There was also a surprise last minute performance from a choir, Hohidiai, whose members are all young people from Indonesia called Hohidiai.

All of the choirs were fantastic, and we hope they had safe travels home. A huge thank you from the CRC for your contributions of entertainment for the event.







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# **NANGEENAN NATTERS**

#### By JULIE TOWNROW

While out delivering wood, which we cut and sell to raise funds for the never-ending list of repairs to the Hall, a chance meeting with Matt and Kat, who were in the process of a major garden overhaul, blocking our way to the wood heap. The usual introduction and the realisation that this was Kat. Granddaughter of Fred and Dawn Moore, and her association with Nangeenan, physical perhaps not connection but a connection to the stories of her parents and grandparents.

It didn't occur to me at the time, but any mention of the past, sends me into a trot down memory lane. The little things, like the house Fred and Dawn lived in on the corner of Old Goldfields Road and Neening North Road. The move to the house on the southwest corner of the highway, where Bells used to live. The memory of the Four Marley Boys, Stephen, Greg, Russel, and Lindsay, being baptised in the front garden of Dawn and Fred's House. The generosity of the occasion. Lindsay was still a baby in arms. I can't remember why the service was held in the front garden, but I do remember that it was a wonderful occasion and proud moment for me becoming their God Mother along with Tom Larsen their God Father.

This one little meeting, danced in my mind for the rest of the day and all through the night, remembering the names of those who passed through our lives, and are probably living the dream by the coast somewhere. The names that come to mind are Ronnie Doust, Joe Del-Borrello and Rob Blight, or the three musketeers who did everything together at the time. These boys were all around 7-8 years my senior, so looking through the eyes of a 10-yearold, they were exciting, they had cars jobs and a freedom to come and go.

There were many more Ron Jeakes, who lived with his girlfriend in a caravan alongside the Service Station, next to Mr Molinari who worked for Mr Carattihi's wife Maria, who made the very first new dress I owned. Being the middle daughter I got the hand me downs, and being a tom boy made anything I had, unfit for purpose to hand down to Laurel.

The recent Nukarni Football Club Reunion would have seen many of these young men return to the town after being absent for many years and the banter about that event would have been epic, with back slapping hand shaking and I'm sure the occasional cheek rubs as people caught up and shared those long-ago memories and how at the end of it all. They probably went home with a great sense of contentment a small smile creasing their face as they drove away, with the memories dancing around in their heads, thinking how great it was and how 'We should do that again'.

How good it was to kick that winning goal, to be a team member of that Premiership year and how good to once again stand alongside those who shared those moments with us. It brings to mind, the importance of creating a "Record" so that people like me, and many others who like to take a jog, or might I say a shuffle, down memory lane can turn a page and look in delight at something and say "Yes"! I remember that!

Having recently been asked by our committee to find out what the indigenous involvement in Nangeenan was, and their history, I spoke to Mick Hayden. He doesn't know of a story from our past, that a baby fell into a campfire and perished. I am not too sure how I go about proving or disproving this piece of verbal history that has been passed down through our community. I haven't been able

to find any news reference to the story and have no idea who would be the teller of these stories through the family Elders or where this information, apart from news articles would have been kept.

I am aware that we Caucasians have a long trail of records often being able to trace our family history back beyond the sixteenth century. In Australia recording births, deaths and marriages became compulsory, first in WA in 1841, the other states soon following suit, before that the Church was the main keeper of these records.

Since it was not until the late 1960's that Legislation changed to include Indigenous peoples, where they required to register births, deaths, and marriages. My best friend Dr Google doesn't bring forth information immediately, with the only reference being that, back in the day. The formality of process of today was not practiced and so often the person reporting may have got some spelling wrong and for some who could not read or write the verbal telling may not have been reliable either.

That is a bit of a conundrum. We can only pray that our records keeping gets better in the future. However, in all things in life, it is one step forward and one back, these days the system has no flexibility. If a name is misspelled on any legal document, the onus is on us to "prove" it's wrong, because in all things these days, it is never the wrongdoing of anyone else. So obviously the mistake is ours and we must fix it.

I must have killed 1000 black cats in my past lives as there seems to be no end of brick walls that I run into. Recently Frank asked if I could re-licence a trailer, he had brought from a past employee who was relocating overseas.

First, I took the plates back as the vehicle was no longer Then registered. bought transfer papers to the Shire and was told that I could not transfer the trailer due to outstanding fines. I was given an infringement number and went to the Court house to pay the fines and was told that the fines had been withdrawn and there was nothing to pay. 'Silly me' I thought. 'Wow, that's great.'

The trailer was unregistered, so it was duly inspected and as an almost brand-new trailer passed the inspection no worries. Going back to the Shire with both the transfer and inspection papers I was told that I could do neither, licence nor transfer because there was a warrant over the vehicle. I was told that Frank had to get a statement from this fellow and other information so the fines could be lifted to coincide with presenting the transfer papers, to transfer, a process that was just too hard.

So, the trailer has gone to trailer heaven never to see a road again, and the fines department are still "out of pocket". That's red tape for you. The trailer didn't do anything wrong, and reading between the lines of the department wanted some money or wanted to make someone pay for misdemeanour. The investment of time and energy for an \$800 trailer just not worth all the trouble finding someone. Just scrap is worth well something. There is no winner here.



# **Astronomy**

# WTF 1st —14th June2023

#### By PETER BARRETT

Watching The Firmament becomes easier this time of year, as we approach maximum night. The sun is still retreating, and by the end of this fortnight it will not appear until after seven. The morning seems to last all day until sunset at just ten past five.

This week the full moon lights up the evenings but by Wednesday there will be plenty of darkness before moon rise. Venus reaches maximum elongation on Sunday 4th. This means it is at it's highest point in the evening sky and is at it's brightest at magnitude -4.2.

Venus changes it's status in other ways on this date as well. It's apparent motion becomes retrograde, and it will continue

Sun ⊙

Date/Planet

to move backwards at increasing relative speed until it passes in front of the sun on August 13th. After that it once again becomes a morning star and gradually slows down until Western elongation on October 23rd.

No doubt the astrologers have some sort of mischief ascribed to this regular event, likely something feminine I suspect, and I shudder to contemplate it further.

Venus also deposes Mercury at around this time for the title of closest planet to Earth. Speedy little Mercury is still easy to spot beneath Jupiter in the pre-dawn sky this fortnight but sinking lower each morning.

Jupiter now completely dominates the Eastern sky

Moon (

before sunrise and is a dazzling signpost to help you find the much dimmer Mercury toward the horizon.

Meanwhile Saturn is still easy to find in the mornings but much higher in the sky, almost overhead.

By next month it will be rising in the late evening. And so to Mars. Although it can be easily located in the sky near Venus and the Gemini twins Castor and Pollux it is considerably further away than it's sister. Mars is receding from us, doomed to spend the next year or so wallowing on the far side of the solar system. The next Martian opposition is not due until January 2025!

It's a great time of year to do some nightscape photography.

Mercury ♀

Pick a clear night and point your camera toward the Southeast horizon to capture the centre of the Milky Way rising, featuring Scorpio and Sagittarius. Use a tripod to keep it steady and set the exposure time to about 10 seconds. Use an ISO of 3200 or 6400.

To really bring out the colours you need to do some post processing with Photoshop or something similar. I use the free programs Darktable and GIMP to convert the raw images and adjust the colour levels.

This can become addictive, and there are many advanced computer programs and techniques for making these types of photos really pop. Why not have a go? If you can keep warm enough it's just another great way to keep looking up!

Venus ♀

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# **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

2023

SATURDAY			TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Merredin Fine Arts Society 9am – 2pm. Community Garden 8am. Seventh Day Adventist 11am. St Mary's Catholic Church-6.30pm.	A Choired Taste Uniting Church 9am. Church of Christ 10am. St Marys Catholic Church 8.00am.	Boot-scooting 7pm at Cummins Theatre, see Lyn at the post office or call Sue on 0409 612 997.	Gentle Gym at Senior Centre Merredin at 2pm	Craft Group at Seniors Centre 9am-12pm.	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	Kids club, Ages 4-12 3-5pm at Merredin Church of Christ, 17 Throssell Rd, gold coin donation 0429108241
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# Shannon leads the charge of the right horse

At the CWHRC in Kellerberrin on Sunday 28 May, Shannon Suvaljko proved that he really knows how to pick the right horse and drive them accordingly.

With another driving treble on Batavia Streamline for Lang Inwood, Tux and Tails, also for Lang Inwood and All is Well for Kat Warwick.

Once again it is worth noting that two of the three were trained by Lang. This puts Lang 2nd by 1 in the Trainer of the year award and extends Shannon's lead in the Driver of the year.

Another training driving double went to trainer Hayden Reeves and driver Donald Harper on Crowded Reactor and Dukes Empire respectively, which puts Hayden in front of leading trainer. Other winners were Bold Jackie for trainer Christine Worrall and driver Kyle Harper and Ya Bettor Follow Me for trainer Jane Steer and driver Trent Wheeler. The next meeting is Sunday 4th June for the DKT Rural Agencies Kellerberrin Cup, as some of you were conspicuous by your absence if you miss any more meetings we will need a note from your Mum.

By Craig Anderson.







# Golf

### **MERREDIN GOLF CLUB**

#### By TREVOR WATERHOUSE

Darren (Stretch) O'Neill with a score of +4 was the winner of the par competition sponsored Eastern District Panel hv Beaters held on Saturday the 20th of May from runner up Justin (Wattsy) Watts with +2 and third with a score of +1 was Rob Broomhall and next year's winner was Steve (Willo) Wilson. Nigel decided that he was better off using his driver as the putter for the day so he left his putter at home, to the amusement of his playing partners.

The novelties for the day were nearest the pin on hole number

2 Steve (Willo) Wilson, nearest the pin on hole number 4 Justin (Wattsy) Watts, nearest second shot hole number 7 Matt Morris, nearest second shot hole number 10 Alex Manning and longest putt on hole number 18 Darren (Stretch) O'Neill. The birdie hole was number 16 and no one birdied the hole so has jackpotted once again.

At the conclusion of the presentations Captain Justin Watts announced that it was Alby Koper's 70th birthday tomorrow the 21st of May and all members wished him well and sang the happy birthday

song

The Cockies Ag sponsored stroke round was played on Saturday the 27th of May and the winner of the net was Jim Coleman with 64 net (nearly broke 80 gross for the first time), Alex Manning was the net runner up with 70 net, followed by a good scores of 71 net by Rob (Bryson) Gearing and Trevor Thompson and the gross winner was Rob (Bryson) Gearing with 74 gross and next year's winner was Darren (Stretch) O'Neill.

The Novelties for the day were nearest the pin on hole number 2 Rob Broomhall, longest putt on hole number 4 Jim (Jimbo) Campbell, best second shot hole number 9 Rob (Bryson) Gearing, best second shot hole number 12 Shaun Avery, best second shot on hole number 15 and longest putt on hole number 18 Rob (Bryson) Gearing and the birdie hole was number 9 and was won by Jim (Jimbo) Campbell.

The fixture for Saturday the 3rd of June is the Merredin Panel & Paint sponsored stableford competition and for Saturday the 10th of June is the Great Southern Fuels Scramble — 2-person ambrose bring your own Partner, nominations to be in by 11.30am.



Justin Watts—Runner-up Darren O'Neill—Winner Eastern
Eastern Districts Panel Beaters Trophy
Trophy



Alex Manning—Runner-up Nett
Cockies Ag Trophy



Jim Coleman—Winner Nett

Netball

# **MERREDIN NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

#### Round 4 Thursday 18th May 2023

A1 Senior Women:

Titans A1 (51) def. Blues A1 (46) Fairest and Best: M. Anderson, A. Taylor, S. Ryan

Jets A1 (49) def. Gems A1 (25) Fairest and Best: J. Lloyd, C. Pedrotti, C. Squire

Bye: Karni Jewels

A2 Senior Women:

Jets A2 (47) def. Karni Jewels (40)

Fairest and Best: S. Lloyd, M. Price, A. Pickett

Blues A2 (28) def. Gems A2 (12) Fairest and Best: H. Jardine, E. Lane, T. Slater

Titans A2 (66) def. Karni Jewels 2 (10)

Fairest and Best: E. Hassack, T. Munro, M. Zweck

Round 5 Results Thursday 25th May 2023

A1 Senior Women:

Karni Jewels (68) def. Gems A1

(11)

Fairest and Best: M. Wyatt, S. Anthony, C. Pedrotti

Jest A1 def. Titans A1 (31)
Fairest and Best: P. Hayden, J.
Lloyd, N. Beck

Bye: Blues A1

A2 Senior Women:

Titans A2 (15) def. Blues A2 (Forfeit)

Karni Jewels 1 def. Gems A2 (18)

Fairest and Best: M. Price, P. Slater, S. Hilder

Jets A2 def. Karni Jewels (15)
Fairest and Best: R. Gearing, K.
Cullinan, S. Lloyd

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### EASTERN DISTRICTS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

# LEAGUE—Round 5 Results 20th May 2023

Kulin/Kondinin FC 16.13 (109) def. Southern Cross FC 5.12 (42)

#### Goals:

Kulin/Kondinin FC: T. Bennier 4, M. Crisp 3, B. Whyte 3, S. Duckworth 2, J. West 2, T. Browning 1, A. Repacholi 1

Southern Cross FC: B. Skajko 2, B. Roberts 1, M. Russo 1, L. Williams 1

#### Best:

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

Southern Cross FC: B. Roberts, D. Stephens, S. Hart, F. Chrisp

#### Bruce Rock FC 9.9 (63) def. Nukarni FC 7.14 (56)

#### Goals:

Bruce Rock FC: J. Norrish 3, J. Cashmore 2, F. Neeson 2, M. Flowers 1, A. Decke 1

Nukarni FC: S. Hooper 2, C. Creek 1, B. Byron 1, M. Deering 1, C. Malone 1, B. Duffield 1

#### Best:

Bruce Rock FC: F. Neeson, M. Flowers, B. Terima, J. Norrish, B. Moffatt

Nukarni FC: A. Sharp, B. Byron, G. Ryan, M. Deering, C. Malone

#### Burracoppin FC 13.13 (90) def. Corrigin FC 9.7 (61)

#### Goals:

Burracoppin FC: C. Daddow 4, C. Davey 2, G. Muir 2, H. Stockman 1, S. Hutchings 1, C. Nind 1, J. Truglio 1, J. Stevens 1

Corrigin FC: B. Doyle 2, B. Walton 1, K. Wittwer 1, J. Bootsma 1, T. Smith 1, O. McCreary 1, D. Hughes 1, D. Crossland 1

#### Best:

Burracoppin: D. Lowe, C. Daddow, J. Everett, C. Davey, P. Withers

Corrigin FC: B. Doyle, D. Crossland, B. Dixon, J. Bootsma, K. Wittwer

Narembeen FC 9.9 (63) def. Hyden/Karlgarin FC 6.3 (39)

#### Goals:

Narembeen FC: J. Soloman 3, J. Hooper 1, C. Barrett 1, J. Kennedy 1, T. Baldwin 1, K. Parsons 1, M. Miolini 1

Hyden/Karlgarin FC: C. James 2, K. James 1, M. Neild 1, T. Edwards 1, T. James 1

#### Best:

*Narembeen FC:* T. Baldwin, C. Spinks, J. Soloman, H. Spinks, H. Shaw

Hyden/Karlgarin FC: A. James, L. Mouritz, S. Want, T. Edwards, M. Brown

# RESERVES – Round 5 Results Saturday, 20th May 2023

Kulin/Kondinin FC def. Southern Cross FC by forfeit

Nukarni FC 12.8 (80) def. Bruce Rock FC 2.1 (13)

#### Goals:

Nukarni FC: B. Wegner 5, A. Ayles 2, P. Gray 2, H. Shaw 1, B. Brunetti 1, H. Murfir 1

Bruce Rock FC: T. Webb 1, E. Kilminster 1

#### Best:

*Nukarni FC:* A. Duncan, T. De Lacey, S. McGuinness, J. Dixon, A. Fitzpatrick

Bruce Rock FC: E. Kilminster, T. Webb, H. Aurisch, B. Verhoogt, J. Fuchbishler

#### Burracoppin FC 12.8 (80) def. Corrigin FC 0.3 (3)

#### Goals:

Burracoppin FC: R. Hayden 4, K. Hayden 2, H. Day 1, A. Townrow 1, J. Burrell 1, M. Roissetter 1

#### Best:

Burracoppin FC: M. Roissetter, R. Hayden, L. Withers, T. Fitzgerald, T. Lane

Corrigin FC: J. Sullivan, L. Butler, T. Di Fulvio, D. Ullyett, J. Rogers

Narembeen FC 7.12 (54) def. Hyden/Karlgarin FC 2.3 (15)

#### Goals:

Narembeen FC: None Provided

*Hyden/Karlgarin FC:* C. Chilcott 1, C. Mudge 1

#### Best:

Narembeen FC: None Provided

*Hyden/Karlgarin FC:* J. Whitwell, J. Robbins, A. James, C. Walton, A. Strother

#### LEAGUE - Round 6 Results Saturday 27th May 2023

Burracoppin FC 10.7 (67) def. Southern Cross FC 7.9 (51)

#### Goals:

Burracoppin FC: C. Nind 2, P. Withers 2, C. Davey 1, J. Downsborough 1, R. Ferguson 1, Z. Mcquistan 1, G. Muir 1, W. Wall 1

Southern Cross FC: M. Russo 4, L. Martin 2, F. Chrisp 1

#### Best:

Burracoppin FC: J. Downsborough, D. Lowe, Z. Mcquistan, G. Muir

Southern Cross FC: D. Stephen, B. Skajko, M. Beaton, F. Chrisp, K. Pasini

#### Bruce Rock FC 16.8 (104) def. Corrigin FC 6.11 (47)

#### Goals:

Bruce Rock FC: J. Norrish 4, S. Omodei 4, J. Bucklan 3, A. Decke 1, L. Farrow 1, S. Grattidge 1, B. Moffatt 1, F. Neeson 1

Corrigin FC: M. McLeod 5, J. Bootsma 1

#### Best:

Bruce Rock FC: J. Narrier, B. Terima, J. Norrish, F. Neeson, L. Farrow

Corrigin FC: J. Bootsma, B. Doyle, D. Crossland, K. Wittwer, J. Coppen

#### Narembeen FC 17.15 (117) def. Kulin/Kondinin FC 9.6 (60)

#### Goals:

Narembeen FC: J. Hooper 4, J. Solomon 3, T. Baldwin 2, J. Kennedy 2, T. Latham 2, N.

Winters 2, C. Duncan 1, K. Parsons 1

Kulin/Kondinin FC: T. Browning 3, S. Duckworth 2, S. Browning 1, M. Crisp 1, A. Repacholi 1, B. Whyte 1

#### Best:

Narembeen FC: T. Biglin, M. Crisp, S. Browning, O. Omodei, D. Tholstrup

*Kulin/Kondinin FC:* J. Solomon, N. Winters, J. Kennedy, J. Hooper, T. Baldwin

Hyden/Karlgarin FC 7.6 (48) def. Nukarni FC 6.12 (48)

#### Goals:

Hyden/Karlgarin FC: C. James 3, D. Gittos 1, A. James 1, J. James 1, T. Obrien 1

Nukarni FC: B. Duffield 3, B. Byron 1, B. Giles 1, S. Hooper 1

#### Best:

*Hyden/Karlgarin FC:* S. Want, A. James, L. Mouritz, J. James, R. Cornwall

*Nukarni FC:* A. Sharp, B. Byron, A. Harris, S. Hooper

#### RESERVES – Round 6 Results Saturday 27th May 2023

Burracoppin FC 11.8 (74) def. Southern Cross FC 8.4 (52)

#### Goals:

Burracoppin FC: A. Freebairn 3, H. Day 2, M. Hayden 2, D. Garlett 1, A. Townrow 1, S. Watson 1, L. Withers 1

Southern Cross FC: J. Harvey 3, J. Harvey 1, N. Park 1, N. Simmonds 1, J. Steel 1, T. Wells

#### **Best:**

Burracoppin FC: H. Blackshaw, B. Smith, L. Withers, D. Garlett, T. Lane

Southern Cross FC: J. Harvey, J. Harvey, M. Collins, T. Wells, N. Park

Bruce Rock FC 7.12 (54) def. Corrigin FC 3.2 (20)

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# Football

# EASTERN DISTRICTS FOOTBALL LEAGUE cont.

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#### Goals:

Bruce Rock FC: D. Verhoogt 2, J. Beurteaux 1, C. Davis 1, E. Kilminster 1, R. McGellin 1, L. Welshman 1

Corrigin FC: M. O'Brien 1, L. Rendell 1, D. Ullvett 1

#### **Best:**

Bruce Rock FC: B. Verhoogt, T. Webb, L. Welshman, H. Aurisch, E. Kilminster

Corrigin FC: L. Butler, D. Ullyett, C. Szczechinksi, J. Rogers, C. Evans

Narembeen FC 7.12 (54) def. Kulin/Kondinin FC 6.4 (40)

#### Goals:

Narembeen FC: C. Hills 2, W. Crane 1, S. Cummins 1, P. Delavale 1, M. Mortimore 1, K. Parsons 1,

Kulin/Kondinin FC: None Provided

#### Best:

Narembeen FC: B. Kennedy, M. Poultney, M. Mortimore, T. Davis, S. Cummins

Kulin/Kondinin FC: None Provided

Nukarni FC 11.17 (83) def. Hyden/ Karlgarin FC 4.0 (24)

#### Gnals

Nukarni FC: J. Puglia 4, H. Shaw 3, T. Caplan 2, S. Brunetti 1, T. De Lacy 1

*Hyden/Karlgarin FC:* G. Mouritz 2, C. Chilcott 1, A. James 1

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*Nukarni FC:* T. De Lacy, H. Shaw, S. McGuinniss, B. Wegner, B. Zwarecz

*Hyden/Karlgarin FC:* A. James, J. Whitwell, C. Chilcott, C. Hinck, M. Rogers

	LEAGUE LADDER	Р	w	L	D	%	PTS
1	Narembeen FC	6	6	0	0	282.22	24
2	Bruce Rock FC	6	4	2	0	123.12	16
3	Burracoppin FC	6	4	2	0	73.59	16
4	Hyden/Karlgarin FC	6	3	2	1	139.29	14
5	Kulin/Kondinin FC	6	2	4	0	88.26	8
6	Corrigin FC	6	2	4	0	61.99	8
7	Nukarni FC	6	1	4	1	93.44	6
8	Southern Cross FC	6	1	5	0	62.29	4

	RESERVES LADDER	Р	w	L	D	%	PTS
1	Nukarni FC	6	6	0	0	435.00	24
2	Burracoppin FC	6	5	1	0	204.64	20
3	Narembeen FC	6	4	2	0	149.75	16
4	Hyden/Karlgarin FC	6	3	3	0	132.52	12
5	Bruce Rock FC	6	3	3	0	100.40	12
6	Corrigin FC	6	2	4	0	53.37	8
7	Kulin/Kondinin FC	6	1	5	0	21.77	4
8	Southern Cross FC	6	0	4	0	33.24	0

# **CLASSIFIEDS**

#### **Positions Vacant**



Family Support Worker Healthy Country Kids Merredin

Amity Health, a well-respected and dynamic not for profit health provider, specialises in meeting the allied health needs of our communities throughout the Great Southern, Goldfields and Wheatbelt. Amity Health is seeking a part time (2 days per week) Family Support Worker with experience working with children and families in a community setting.

As part of a team, the Family Support Worker will provide a dedicated 0-4 early playgroup program, providing educational activities that developmental, support social interaction and assist families with ideas and activities to replicate at home. The focus is on early intervention opportunities implementation of early intervention strategies. The Family Support Worker coordinates referrals for clinical support where a need is identified. This position will be situated at the Merredin Community College, working with children and their families, teachers and the wider community.

For further information regarding the position, contact **Nicola Granich on 0437 588 890**, application packs may be obtained by emailing <a href="mailto:jholmes@amityhealth.com.au">jholmes@amityhealth.com.au</a>

Applications including a statement addressing the selection criteria (within the JDF), a current CV, and nomination of 2 referees must be received by close of business **Monday 12**<sup>th</sup> **June 2023.** 

Please email applications to Robin Surridge, Chief Executive Officer, <a href="mailto:rsurridge@amityhealth.com.au">rsurridge@amityhealth.com.au</a>

Calling all winter sporting clubs. If you would like your results published in The Phoenix, please email results to administration2

@merredincrc.com or phone the CRC on 90411041.

# **CLASSIFIEDS**

#### **Public Notices**



# FIRE CONTROL OFFICER APPOINTMENTS Bush Fires Act 1954

Shire of Merredin - Appointments

Notice is hereby given that the following persons have been appointed to the designated positions within the Shire of Merredin for the 2023-24 fire season in accordance with section 38(1) of the Bush Fires Act 1954.

# Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Mr Michael Caughey

#### **Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer**

Mr Glenn Crees

#### **Fire Control Officers**

Chris Barnett – Burracoppin Nigel Edgecombe – Burracoppin South Matt Barnett – Burracoppin South Glenn Crees – Collgar

Kael Crees – Collgar

Stephen Crook – Collgar David Last – Collgar

Cam Gethin – Hines Hill

Luke Growden - Hines Hill

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Colin Miller – Hines Hill John Flockart – Korbelka

Chris Hooper – Korbelka

Sam Hooper – Korbelka

Darren Major - Muntadgin

Paul Wanless – Muntadgin

Michael Caughey – Nukarni/Nokaning Marshall Crook – Nukarni/Nokaning Daniel Giles – Nukarni/Nokaning Phil Gray – Nukarni/Nokaning

Neil Smith – Nukarni/Nokaning

Sheree Lowe – Shire of Merredin

These positions remain in effect until revoked. All previous appointments published and not listed above are hereby revoked.

Lisa Clack, Chief Executive Officer 26 May 2023

Seeking information about James Norman **NOVAK**, died in Kondinin District Hospital 01/07/1964. Buried in Kondinin Cemetery under the name of James Norman **WALTON**.

Any further details appreciated, no matter how minor. Contact jnovakpaulinski@gmail.com or phone 0498 845 073

#### **Positions Vacant**



# RFT02 2022/23 – Operation and Management of the MRCLC

The Shire of Merredin is seeking tenders from suitably qualified and experienced facility management specialists to undertake the management of the Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre (MRCLC). Lease options for the bar and restaurant are also included.

The deadline for submissions is 10:00am AWST, Monday 3rd July 2023. Late submissions may not be accepted.

Tenders are to be submitted via the Shire's Tenderlink portal:

https://portal.tenderlink.com/merredin

#### **Public Notices**

# Edward Johnston (Eddy) 25<sup>th</sup> July 1923 – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to thank the people of Merredin and surrounds for the kindness extended to us on the passing of darling Eddy.

For the beautiful flower arrangements, phone calls, sympathy cards, Facebook condolences, paper notices and the attendance at the funeral service, and the Senior Centre for the catering. A special mention is to the nursing staff and doctors at Merredin Hospital for their devoted attention to Eddy in his last two weeks, making him as comfortable as possible. To the Shire Council for flying the flags at half mast as a mark of respect. Last but not least, to the staff and students at the Merredin College by showing their mark of respect by forming a guard of honour at the college. He would have been so proud. He loved coming to the college for the ANZAC services.

What a wonderful life he lived in his 99 years and 10 months. Thank you all.

Margaret Johnston.





#### ATSI Mental Health Wellbeing and Resilience Coordinator Merredin

Amity Health, a well-respected and dynamic not for profit health organisation specialising in meeting the health needs of communities throughout the Great Southern, Wheatbelt and Goldfields.

We are seeking a **part time** (2 days per week) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Wellbeing and Resilience Coordinator preferably with mental health and community engagement experience to support Aboriginal people in **Merredin**. The successful applicant will possess relevant health, arts therapies or community service qualifications or demonstrated relevant experience to deliver health programs as well as a strong interest to work with Aboriginal people.

This role involves capacity building by supporting individuals and families through the provision of culturally appropriate activities and support with a strong emphasis on mental health and wellbeing. As well, working collaboratively with local services and organisations to link individuals and families to these services, relevant to their needs through referral and service pathways.

The position comes with generous salary packaging and the benefits of working with a supportive and dynamic team. If you look forward to the challenge, we would be delighted to receive your application. Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.

For further information regarding the position contact **Nicola Granich on 0437 588 890**, application packs may be obtained by emailing jholmes@amityhealth.com.au

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Email completed application to Robin Surridge, Chief Executive Officer, Amity Health at <a href="mailto:rsurridge@amityhealth.com.au">rsurridge@amityhealth.com.au</a>

Amity Health acknowledges WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) for providing funding in its role as the operator of the Country WA PHN.



#### **Tony Maddox Real Estate**

Phone: 9574 2917 | info@asktonym.com.au 100 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay





#### **69 DUFF STREET, MERREDIN**

#### Listed at \$195,000!

North Side Living 3 X 1! This property is fully fenced with quality colourbond fencing. The lounge room features a wall mounted reverse cycle air conditioner and click laminate floor boards. Plush carpets and updated bedrooms. A modernized and spacious kitchen, that flows into the activity room. Updated bathroom also, and a great rear patio with a 6m x 6m shed!

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



#### 77 WHITFIELD ROAD, MERREDIN

#### Offers over \$580,000!

A gorgeous 5 x 2! This is the perfect family home that is ready to move into! A very spacious dining and family room wrapping around the large kitchen. The hub of the home. A family theatre room, built in wardrobes to all bedrooms, ducted reverse cycle air conditioning throughout, a huge outdoor entertaining area including a 6m x 9m colourbond shed!

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



# FOR RENT 1





\$260 Per Week

#### **AVAILABLE NOW**

- 3 bedrooms
- 1 bathroom
- Gas heater to lounge
- Updated kitchen with gas cooking
- Ducted evap aircon throughout
- Large enclosed yard
- Single carport and small garden shed



\$ 360 Per Week

#### **AVAILABLE 20th JULY 2023**

- 3 bedrooms
- 1 bathroom
- Open plan modern living/dining/kitchen area
- Woodfire place & split system to lounge
- Electric hot water unit and stove cooking
- Double lock-up garage



#### \$415 Per week

#### **AVAILABLE NOW**

- 4 bedrooms
- 1 bathroom
- Split system and wood fireplace to lounge
- Scheme water and gas hot water system
- Large yard (fence not suitable for dogs) and rear patio area

Please note all prospective tenants are required to fill in a pre-approval application form prior to viewing any available rental properties. Please email info@asktonym.com.au or call 08 9574 2917



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Steve Gregory 0429 874 874 steve.gregory@elders.com.au Kathy Savage 0417 965 923 kathy.savage@elders.com.au

PRICE: \$265,000

AGENT: **Elders Real Estate Merredin** CONTACT: Steve Gregory 0429 874 874

Elders Property ID: 300P107762

#### 120 SQUARE METRE MAN CAVE!!

At a whopping 120 square metres this must be one of the biggest man caves on a residential block in Merredin. This 7.5m x 16m colourbond shed with two remote roller doors, PA door, full insulation and a 150" home theatre projector screen is estimated to have a replacement value of over \$80,000. What more could you want! The home offers an open plan design to the kitchen, lounge and meals area with gas cooking in the kitchen and a reverse cycle split system air conditioner installed in the lounge room. The formal entrance has storage cabinets and a hallway leads to all 3 bedrooms and a bathroom toward the rear of the home. All bedrooms have reverse cycle split systems installed and the bathroom has been previously renovated with modern tiling, new vanity, beautiful glass shower and a separate spa bath installed.



#### 50 Endersbee Street, Merredin











### 9 George Street, Merredin \$199,000 - WEB ID 300P110414

This beautifully renovated cottage is located just a stones throw from the main street of town where you can enjoy cafe's, shops, the cinema and best of all the Commercial Hotel. You can go out for meals, drinks and movies and not have to worry about driving anywhere! Hidden from the street behind a lush garden of colorful

bushes and trees is the cute front porch facing the sunset. Inside the home feels spacious and brand new with a central hallway leading you to every room.



### 6 Solomon Street, Merredin \$49,000 - WEB ID 300P110396

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

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



### 13 Bates Street, Merredin \$200,000 - WEB ID 300P1105229

VENDORS WILL LOOK AT ALL OFFERS This fantastic two story building is in the heart of Town with Bank, Cafe and various other businesses close by. Have you ever wanted your own offices? this may work for you as upstairs in this building are 5 seperate offices plus ablutions and a kitchenette, you can work out of the offices

and the rental income from the two shops downstairs will help with purchasing the premises, or there is the possibility of renting these offices out.



# 56 Railway Avenue, Nungarin \$850,000 - WEB ID 300P107246

Here's your chance to purchase the famous award winning WOOLSHED HOTEL as seen on TV! This beautiful fully renovated property oozing with character offers a thriving business and residence in the quaint little town of Nungarin with the friendliest community in the wheatbelt. Nungarin is home to some of the

most beautiful wild flowers and landmarks in the state. Tourism is alive here with visitors from all over the world coming to enjoy the picturesque landscapes, rock climbing and caves.

