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YOUTH WEEK - A STITCH IN TIME

By **ANDREW GALBRAITH**
**Merredin Police Station – Blue
Light Unit Co-ordinator and
Chairperson, Merredin Youth
Committee**

Youth Week 2022 was scheduled to run over a weeklong period from Friday 8 April to Saturday 16 April 2022.

The Merredin Youth Committee with the support of Youth Week sponsor Collgar Wind Farm and Merredin Police Station – Blue Light bought some wow factor to Merredin in the form of the amazing team from A Stitch in Time, Perth.

A Stitch in Time is a charity that promoted the message that every individual's story is important. They aim to promote wellbeing through advocacy, education and social connection for individuals and communities.

Their team, led by Greg Hire, painted, balled, rapped and spoke their way into the hearts of all the kids they engaged at the two local schools, Merredin College and St Mary's Primary School, over a two-day period.

The Stitch in Time team consisted of the amazing DJ and Hip-Hop Artist Scotty Aka Optamus, Olympic athlete (swimmer) Blair Evans and Artist Linzi Carter who showed off their skills to create a powerful way of sharing the messages of youth health and wellbeing.

To round out the week the students at Merredin College were able to play some 3 V 3

basketball with Hire who is himself hoping to achieve selection in the 3 v 3 competition at the upcoming Commonwealth and Olympic Games.

Andrew Galbraith, Chairperson of the Merredin Youth Committee said, "We have been able to effectively fundraise over the last 12 months to make these life changing experiences

a reality for the young people in our community. It was a pleasure to watch the team from A Stitch in Time share their powerful message with both the schools in our community in a such a unique, thoughtful way.

The feedback from the kids has been amazing and some of the conversations that have been

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Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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COVID-19 WA Statistics

As at 19 April 2022
 Tested 3,263,973
 Confirmed Cases 303,621
 Recovered 263,565
 Deaths 105
 Active cases in WA 39,951
 COVID-19 in Australia
 Vaccinations:
 1 Dose 22,253,441 (86.6%)
 Fully Vaccinated 21,439,688 (83.5%)
 Booster 13,249,198 (51.6%)

COVID-19 Australian Statistics

WA—Cases 304K—Deaths 105
 ACT—Cases 94,486 —Deaths 47
 NSW—Cases 2.14M—Deaths 2,624
 NT—Cases 58,158—Deaths 37
 QLD—Cases 919K—Deaths 802
 SA—Cases 359K—Deaths 301
 TAS—Cases 123K—Deaths 43
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We're all
 in this
 together.

Merredin Roll up for WA
 COVID-19 vaccination clinic

Merredin Library

Room 9 - 22 Coronation St, Merredin, 6415

Thurs 28 April, 2022
9:00am - 1:00pm

Ages 5+ eligible

Walk-in Clinic

Get your Booster (16+) to ensure you have the best protection against COVID-19, including the current Omicron strain.



Child and Adult COVID-19 vaccine available. People aged 5+ years are eligible. Receive your FREE COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine, 1st, 2nd or Booster available. (Boosters 16+)

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.



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YOUTH WEEK cont.

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started on the back of this visit will positively influence so many individuals and families”.

Sam Dawson, Deputy Principal of Merredin College said, “When the Youth Committee reached out, we jumped at the chance to take this opportunity. It is something we would normally never have had access to, and it was incredible to see the level of engagement amongst our students”.

To round out Youth Week 2022 the Merredin Youth Committee team with the support of Merredin Police Station – Blue Light, Avon Community Services, Shire of Merredin and Belgravia Leisure hosted an event at Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre on the Friday evening.

This event consisted of a range of inflatable sporting games, basketball clinics hosted by the Pioneers Aboriginal Basketball Corporation and a range of activities aimed to engage all ages. The team at Merredin Pizza provided a range of dinner options to feed all those who had worked up an appetite

enjoying the festival like atmosphere.

A huge thank you to everyone who made Youth Week 2022 possible! It was a truly memorable two days, and we look forward to continuing to bring meaningful and worthwhile experiences to the youth in our community throughout 2022.



AEC WARNS VOTERS ABOUT POSTAL VOTE APPLICATIONS

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is calling on voters to go straight to the AEC for postal vote applications and to ignore the mailouts from some candidates and their political parties.

Australian political parties are reaching out with postal vote registration forms ahead of election day, may be just as

interested in your personal data as helping you cast a ballot.

Political parties are exempt from privacy laws and can send out various pieces of information to people in their electorates including postal vote applications.

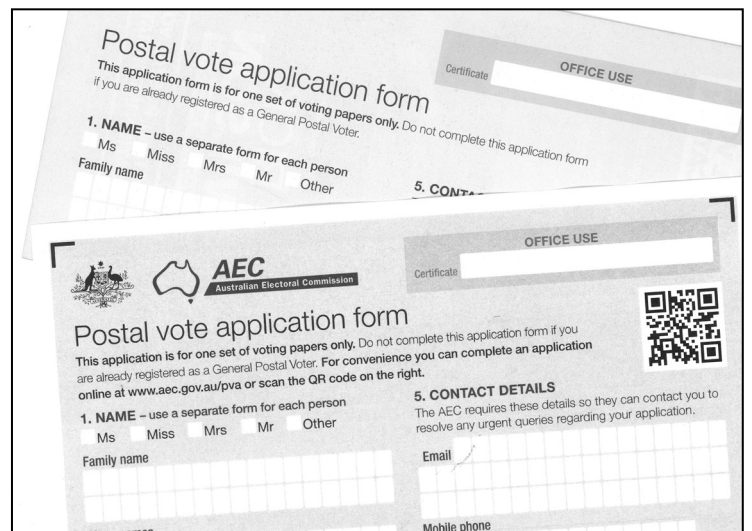
It's a method of voting that is expected to explode in popularity this election as constituents seek to avoid

crowded polling stations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, these postal vote notices didn't originate from the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC), they are sent by political parties which are continuing a long tradition of trying to direct postal vote applications through their offices.

While the practice has always made some voters uneasy, privacy experts have voiced concerns over the new direction it has taken in this election campaign.

AEC postal vote application form is purple in colour and will always have the AEC logo. For more information www.aec.gov.au



From the History Room

By ANITA METCALF, Merredin Library

RECIPES OF YESTERYEAR

From the history room at the Merredin Library, this recipe is from the -

Merredin Mercury and Central Districts Index 1941.

A favourite with rising young female stars at Warner Bros., they're a fair treat!

KELLOGG'S CINNAMON COOKIES

¼ cup butter or dripping

1 cup sugar

1 egg

1/3 cup milk

1 teaspoon cinnamon

½ teaspoon cloves

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon soda

1 cup raisins

2 cups Kellogg's Corn Flakes

Cream the butter or dripping, add the sugar, egg and milk. Add sifted dry ingredients, raisins and Corn Flakes. Roll the dough thin then cut into rounds and bake in a moderate oven (370 degrees F.) for about ten minutes.

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My Thoughts

ABUSE

No need for it. Yet it happens in all different forms, and it is not talked about as much as it should be. One should not be afraid to speak out because they fear the consequences they may face. All ages experience abuse and yet we don't learn about it until it's happening to someone we love or even ourselves. Being abused can be from anyone, even small things can be called abuse.

At least once a day you see at least one thing on abuse on social media. How can someone be so mean to another person, to the point that they try and hide the abuse from other people?

A lot of the time an abuser has been abused themselves, so they think it's normal because they grew up with it. Abusers seem to suck the life out of people in one way or another. They don't think they are doing anything wrong let alone think they'll get accused and caught.

Some abuse can be seen worse than other abuse, but in the end, abuse is still abuse.

Personally, I have experienced a form of abuse and at the young age, and I wasn't aware it was abuse. I was abused by someone close to me for several years and it wasn't until I was moved away that it stopped.

Being a child, I acted up and always wanted attention. When I wasn't getting the attention, I started looking for different ways of getting attention. I was an easy target for abuse. The abuse was addicting. I didn't



Jasmine Coles

understand the trauma it would cause or the impact it would have on my life.

It was about ten years after the abuse I was able to speak up. I had gotten to a point where I was able to tell people. I was so afraid it was starting to affect me mentally. Telling the people around the abuser was hard, I lost half of my family and friends.

Going through stages of anger and hurt was a common thing. Having to rewire my brain to start believing I was more than the abuse was hard and something I'll continue working on. As an adult I am very cautious of people around me and how they treat not only me but other people. I've learned from my abuse and grew into someone I wish I had around when I was younger. It has made me more aware.

A lot of people struggle with moving on from the abuse. Whenever I get asked how I don't let it affect me, I don't have an answer.

One thing I can say is there are so many people living with abuse everyday as well as people dealing with abuse from the past, so don't be scared to speak up and ask for help. There is always someone willing to listen and willing to help. You are not alone. Someone would rather listen to your story than attend your funeral.

When someone you care about doesn't seem themselves

a conversation can really help

Get talking tips at beyondblue.org.au/conversations

6th April 2022**Merredin Courthouse**

Clinton Bilston appeared on charges of no authority to drive – suspended (other than fines suspension) and give false personal details to police. The matter was adjourned to appear in Kalgoorlie on the 5th May 2022.

Patricia Binion appeared on charges of cultivating a prohibited plant, possession of a prohibited drug (cannabis) and possessed drug paraphernalia in or on which there was a prohibited drug or plant. The matter was adjourned to appear in Merredin on the 5th May 2022.

Peter Brown appeared on three charges of gains benefit by fraud and a charge of stealing as a servant. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 5th May 2022.

Diana Canal appeared on a charge of driving with prescribed illicit drug in oral fluid or blood. She had her license suspended for 6 months, was fined \$1250 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Troy Fitzgerald was convicted on charges of damaging property by graffiti, unlawfully possessing a controlled or prescribed drug, made a statement/give information which was known to be false which indicated a threat, stealing, without lawful excuse trespassed on a place and possessed drug paraphernalia in or on which was a prohibited drug or plant. He was ordered to return the property and was given an 8-month community-based order.

Cameron Flint was convicted on charges of behaving in a disorderly manner in a public place or in sight or hearing of any person in a public place and person who breaches CRO or community order without reasonable excuse. He was fined \$900 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Greg Harris was convicted on a charge of driving with prescribed illicit drug in oral fluid or blood. His license was suspended for 6 months, he was fined \$1250 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Shaynne Harris appeared on a charge of stealing. The matter was adjourned to appear in Fremantle on the 26th April 2022.

Tyrone Heatly was convicted on a charge of no authority to drive – cancelled. His license was suspended for 9 months, he was fined \$1500 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Sheldon Little appeared on two charges of criminal damage or destruction of property and a charge of damaging property. He was remanded to appear in Perth on the 7th April.

Aaron Mathews appeared on two charges of breach of protective bail conditions and a charge of unlawfully wounding with a circumstance of aggravation. The matter was adjourned to appear in Northam on the 11th April 2022.

Richard Miller appeared on charges of unlicensed person possession of firearm/ammunition and inadequate storage facility for firearms. The matter was adjourned to appear in Merredin on the 6th May 2022.

Reuben Piggott was convicted on a charge of no authority to drive – suspended (other than fines suspension). His license was suspended for a further 9 months, he was fined \$1000 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Geordie Poynton was listed to appear on 2 charges of no authority to drive – suspended (other than fines suspension), and charges of stealing, and possessing a prohibited drug (cannabis). He failed to appear. A warrant was issued for his arrest. Mr Poynton was fined \$400 and ordered to pay costs

of \$259.30.

Fiona Rochford appeared on charges of exceeding 0.08g alcohol per 100ml of blood and obstructing public officers. The matter was adjourned to appear in Merredin on the 5th May 2022.

Graham Shackell was convicted on charges of exceeding 0.08g alcohol per 100ml of blood and failing to stop at a stop sign or line. His license was suspended for 7 months, he was fined \$1150 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Leticia Tasker appeared on a charge of no authority to drive – suspended (other than fines suspension). Her license was suspended for 9 months, she was fined \$1000 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Dharma Taylor-Cruskall appeared on a charge of reckless driving exceeded the speed limit by 45km/h or more on a length of road. Her license was suspended for 6 months, she was fined \$1000 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Russell Timms appeared on 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 Joondalup on the 4th May 2022.

Jarrod Ugle appeared on a charge of no authority to drive – cancelled. His license was suspended for a future 9 months, he was fined \$400 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Kenlen Youl appeared on a charge of no authority to drive – suspended (other than fines suspension). The matter was adjourned to appear in Merredin on the 7th April 2022.

Perth Central Law Courts

Zoewella Cooper appeared on charges of possessing a controlled weapon, possessing a prohibited drug, and possess drug paraphernalia in or which there was a prohibited drug or

plant (methamphetamine). She was remanded to appear in Perth on the 11th April 2022.

7th April 2022**Perth Central Law Courts**

Sheldon Little appeared on charges of assaulting a public officer, breach of police order, damaging property and two charges of criminal damage or destruction of property. The matter was adjourned to appear in Perth on the 21st May 2022.

Merredin Courthouse

Michelle Abrahams was convicted on a charge of caused smoke or excessive noise or left substance on the driving surface of a length of road. Her license was suspended for 6 months, and she was fined \$600.

Jason Bushell appeared on a charge of common assault in circumstances of aggravation or racial aggravation. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 6th May 2022.

Justin Jetta appeared on charges of disorderly behavior in public and obstructing public officers. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 5th May 2022.

Melissa Lawrence appeared on charges of obstructing public officers, being armed, or pretending to be armed in a way that may cause harm and two charges of assault public officer. She was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 5th May 2022.

Paul Wiggan appeared on a charge of obstructing public officers and two charges of assault a public officer. He was remanded to appear in Merredin on the 5th May 2022.

Kenlen Youl was convicted on a charge of no authority to drive – suspended (other than fines suspension). His license was suspended for a further 9 months, he was fined \$400 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Court Report

Allan Hayden was convicted on charges of unlawful assault and thereby did bodily harm with circumstances of aggravation, breach a protective bail conditions and assault occasioning bodily harm. He appeared on 22 charges of breached a family violence restraining order. He received a 9 month imprisonment order.

11th April 2022

Northam Courthouse

Aaron Mathews appeared on two charges of breach of protective bail conditions and a charge of unlawfully wounding with a circumstance of aggravation. The matter was adjourned to appear in Merredin on the 5th May 2022.

Library Musings

By **WENDY PORTER, Merredin Librarian**

Over the years the Merredin Library has been many things to many people. It is a place to find books to read, how-to instructions for woodwork, knitting, decorating, cooking, gardening and more. It is a place to find information for school assignments or life-long learning or just to check if someone got a quiz question right. It has been a place to meet, to study, to wait for an appointment, to sit in the cool air-conditioning in summer or the warmth in winter.

You can still do all these activities in the library, but libraries now offer more than ever. Library members have free access to a large range of e-books, e-magazines, e-audiobooks, graphic novels, and even items written in languages other than English.

The Merredin Library has school holiday activities for kids and Bingo for Over 50's. The library has music scores, theatre scripts, newspapers on

microfilm, a special classics collection as well as a special Indigenous collection. We have public computers, a photocopier and scanner and free Wi-Fi. We even have a desktop Vaquform machine to make plastic molds for making candles, chocolates and more.

The Merredin Library even offers housebound delivery for people in the town unable to get to the library, and a 'call and collect' service for those who do not want to spend time in the library – or are too busy to browse.

Do you still think the Merredin Library doesn't have anything to offer you? Is there something that the Merredin Library could do to help you? Ask library staff for help. Let us know if you would like staff to investigate a new program for the library.

Help us to help you! Just remember, libraries are always moving with the times, and we would like to do the same here in Merredin. See you soon.

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We're hosting a Biggest Morning tea

If you would like to donate an item to our raffle please contact the CRC

Entry: Gold coin donation.

When: Sunday 29th May

Where: Old Miners Hall, Wolfram street, Westonia

Time: 10:00am - 12:30pm

RSVP: Wednesday 25th May

for catering purposes.

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Walk ins welcome!
Raffles, Door Prize and Lots of Laughs! Please join us and lets beat last years total of \$750.00 raised

Tales from the Train

Tales of Train Tribulation

By **LADY RANTHAM**

OH YES!!!! You know when you hear a voice in a song and you KNOW you know that voice, but you have no idea who it is or where you know it from?

It starts as mild curiosity, but then turns into a mental itch you can't scratch. Then you think you'll ask someone or Google it, but you think in some way that would be cheating and not nearly as satisfying as figuring it out for yourself.

Then you forget about it until the next time the song comes on and the itch flares like a supernova! In desperation, you ask someone, they look at you weird and tell you to

Google it. But you don't want to explain that you feel that is cheating yourself the orgasmic satisfaction of making that particular synaptic connection on your own. Either that or you give THEM the same itch.

Well, I had that. And this morning. This madly merry morning. I had the glorious epiphany of placing that sodding voice and now I am sitting on the train bathing in the warm afterglow of a fresh synapse radiating with smugness in my own realisation.

In an animation, it would be glowing gold, deep in my occiput.

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

By ROY BUTLER

Autumn at last! Gardeners are feeling the urge to get into the garden - planting, pruning and weeding, or planning new landscaping. At the Community Garden in Bates Street, activities have moved on from the interminable summer watering.

The Garden currently contains a variety of fruit trees (including olive, mulberry, quince, fig, pomegranate and varieties of citrus), vegetables (including egg plant, pumpkin, celery, tomato, sweet potato, zucchini, squash, silver beet, capsicum and rhubarb) and herbs (parsley, basil, mint, rosemary, bunching and walking onions, garlic chives, chili, sage, tarragon, lemon grass, as well as varieties of mint). There are also grape vines, various ornamentals, native plants and succulents.

Visitors are welcome. Saturday afternoon is a good time to visit, or at other times if you see someone there. You might gain some inspiration for your own garden or pick what you need from the Community Garden. If you join us, for \$10/year, your conscience will be clear when you pick some vegies or herbs, but more importantly your financial support will help the Garden. Members are under no obligation to work in the garden or attend meetings.

What we will plant out in the coming months: broccoli,

cauliflower, cabbage, garlic, beetroot, carrots, turnips, parsnips, peas, broad beans and a variety of salad lettuce.

Available now for harvest: tomato, zucchini, squash, celery, chili, cucumber, egg plant, silver beet and rock melon.

Available soon for harvest: sweet potato and pumpkins.

Garden thoughts from members:

Gillian Ovens: *"This past summer was the hottest and driest I have experienced since moving to Merredin about four years ago, after a winter that brought heavier frosts. Most plants in the community garden did struggle, but we only lost a few. With the change of season and autumn rains we are now receiving, the garden is recovering well."*



It has been three years since the present group of volunteers have been caring for the community garden. We are learning all the time about what grows well, where, and what plants we just must give up on because they take too much time and effort to look after. We have had some successes which encourage us to keep going.

Of all the weeds we deal with at the Community Garden, caltrop has been the worst. Each week we do a quick walk around and dig it up because caltrop sets seed within a very short time of

appearing. Wear gloves and check your shoes before moving to another area!"

Roy Butler: *"Don't be too hasty with hoe or poison. When new plants (not including recognisable weeds) appear in the garden, let them grow until they are identifiable. I have gained some interesting, free native plants by leaving newly germinated seedlings to grow until I can identify them."*

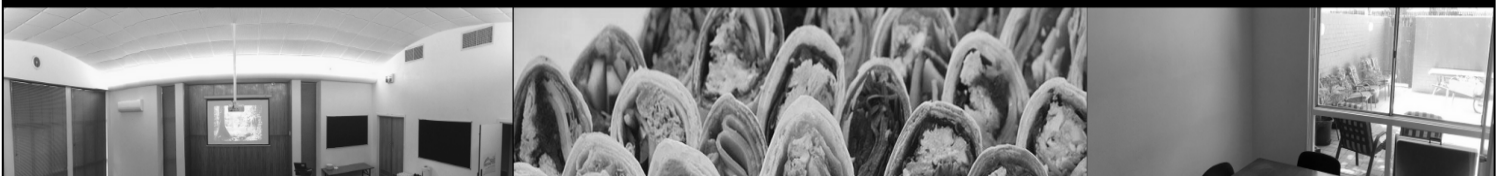
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Tales from the Rails

By JANE PATRONI, Chairperson

As this is the edition prior to Anzac Day, we pay tribute to the history of the railway workers and their support of the West Australian war effort through their employ with the WAGR. The following excerpts are taken from Philippa Rogers "Troops Trains and Trades" (1999, Success Press). This Anzac Day we acknowledge the war service and thank those veterans who currently reside in Merredin as well as those for whom Merredin was once home. This article is a mixture of facts and anecdotes.

The rail network of the Western Australian Government Railways (WAGR) was at its peak on June 30 1939 in terms of the length of lines served. Main lines totalling 4377 miles 59 chns (approx. 7000kms) and sidings 503 miles 60 chns (approx 800kms). Railways were the main carriers of people and freight and in that year ran 6,721,453 miles (10.8 million train kilometres) which was the maximum attained. Bus transport and private car ownership had increased resulting in declining patronage. Rising operational costs and a poor harvest had resulted in the cancellation of some country trains. The railways were under pressure before the onset of the war. (Page 7)

By the 1930s much of the WAGR's equipment was outdated and had not been replaced due to Depression imposed restrictions. Half the locomotives in service dated back to the before the turn of the century.

The first troop train to Northam from Perth was hauled by PR locomotive "Frankland" with Jack Tobin as the Driver and Don McCracken the Fireman. (Page 11)

After the first quota of 2nd AIF recruits left Perth for Northam,

WAGR Driver Jack Tobin told his son Trevor, that after this train departed from Chidlow there were hardly any glasses to be found in the Refreshment Room or at the local hotel. As a result, later troop trains were scheduled to run through Chidlow and "army refreshments" were set up at Koojemma. (12)

Reg Lewis commented that on his return to Perth from Naval service training in the eastern states, the first stop west of Kalgoorlie was Bullabulling (eighteen miles west of Coolgardie). Water was taken on and the Driver gave a few blasts on the whistle to get the lads out of the nearby hotel. (Page 18)

A group of military personnel "gatecrashed" a funeral on their journey. At that time the narrow gauge railway bisected the cemetery. If a funeral was scheduled the Funeral Director would contact the staff at the railway station, mention to time and ensure the cortege would be able to cross the line without any interruption by a train. However, on one occasion an east bound troop special was running at express passenger speed and the driver Sam Inglis, recalled that just as he topped the rise west of the town, he saw to his horror, a funeral procession crossing the line. Having sounded the whistle and made heavy brake application, probably forcing the troops (on board) to a standing position the undertaker, priest, pallbearers and casket made it over the tracks, with the balance of the cortege stopping in time before the train swept through.

Provisions were made in 1943 to train six field engineers in the work of locomotive driving so they could carry out this work in the Middle East. Theory classes were easily organised but there was concern from both the Civil

Mechanical Engineer and the WA Locomotive and Engine Drivers, Firemen and Cleaners' Union regarding the practical. It was indicated the practical could take years. Three servicemen qualified. (Page 114).

The threat of Air Raids was always present. The US Army was concerned about the possibility of derailments and the resulting loss of time. In response to this the WAGR identified breakdown equipment available. The main breakdown

train had been moved to Merredin from East Perth and comprised of a steam crane, U wagon, V vans, Vc van (with bunks for twelve men) and a Z class brakevan. (Page 121)

In common with the wider population, the railways had to submit to wartime restrictions with blackouts, the removal of station names boards and the unavailability of maps. To assist the travelling public, railway staff were required to call out station names. (Page 121)

Lest We Forget..



The 1st Australian Armoured Brigade at a stop at Wyalkatchem



RAAF stores buildings, Merredin, to which sidings were constructed, providing connection to the WAGR rail system

NANGEENAN NATTERS

By **JULIE TOWNROW**

After a week of hard work it was Saturday 9 April and the Auction at Nangeenan Hall was ready to start with marquees erected, CWA ladies set up and tables adorned with treasures and 'stuff'.

Now, all that was needed were the people. After the phone enquiries I had received, I concluded that I had made a bit of a planning faux pas, by having sent photos to those who had asked for them, who then became subsequent no shows. Not that I intend to organise an Auction again, but I learned a lot.

At the end of what was a very entertaining day, we sat around a campfire with a frothy or two, discussing the day's business and decided we had achieved what we set out to achieve. The primary goal was to empty the Hall ready for the work to begin at the end of the month, and the hall was well and truly empty - even the floor was swept.

Thank you to our Auctioneer Tiny Holly, for the day, who had us in stitches for a good part of the day. Mike Ivey, with his trusty Dingo, he scraped and cleared, filled and levelled the area until it resembled what I remember as a kid, a big back yard to run around in. Chester Kudas Wayne White for water and extra power.

To Grant Bennett, Mike and

Judy for the work on Friday and lifting the heavier items from the Hall, Beth for organising the lot numbers, Beth's husband, Rob, the fork lift operator for the day. MDH Transport for the loan of their forklift and staff who took time out to help get the marquee up in very windy conditions. Marcus Watson and his husband Ben, their help was invaluable with setting up the Square Card Reader, spread sheet to list the order of sale lots, made the Bidders cards, helped the CWA ladies to add their menu, and setting up a signal booster so we could actually use a cashless system.

Thanks to Rain Rodenburg for recording lots sold. Geoff for his photography, Lee and Laurel for all the little things we missed. All the family, Marcus and Ben for the "bump out", all the marquees down and packed ready to return to the Westonia and Kellerberrin Shires. Thank you!

The funds added to the bank totalled \$6,530.91, including a few items sold after the sale. A big thank you to those who attended and shared this momentous occasion with us.

The highlight of the weekend was all five Marley siblings attending

Many people were able to have a look in the Hall and check out the mammoth task that lays ahead to return this proud building back to its original

state.

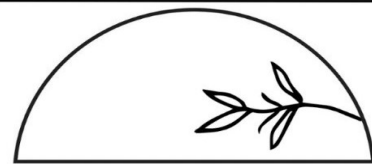
The first of the planning for the Hall took place on Sunday morning, with the kitchen/cloak room area measured and a rough concept plan so 'proper plans' can be drawn up, to facilitate a commercial kitchen, ablution block with indoor and

outdoor access to toilets and showers and external camp kitchen.

How amazing is it when a group of people can draw a plan in the sand and toss ideas around until you can see the vision of what is needed taking place before your eyes?



*The five Marley siblings outside the Nangeenan Hall
L-R Geoff, Beth, Frank, Julie and Laurel*



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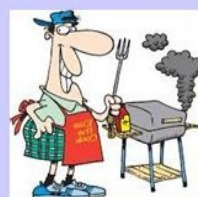
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the CRC on ANZAC Day.

The morning tea commences at 10am on the lawn around the CRC.

For further information, please contact Merredin CRC on 90411041 or email merredin@crc.net.au



FUN AT THE MERREDIN LIBRARY

By **WENDY PORTER, Merredin Librarian**

Merredin Library again offered school holiday activities for kids of all ages.

The first two activities were making stained glass windows

with card and tissue paper and making lots of easter crafts.

Over twenty children attended the activities, making Easter cards, decorating Easter egg pictures, and making bunny masks. There was also clay modelling and sand art.



BLESSING OF THE ROADS

By **LAURA CRUZ**

The annual Blessing of the Roads in Merredin was held on Thursday 14 April at 10am in Pioneer Park.

The Blessing was opened with an Acknowledgement of Country followed by the Churches Fraternal Chairperson, Laura Cruz, speaking about Road Safety.

The Churches of Christ Secretary, Natalie Warnock,

then lead the Blessing with everyone saying a prayer together.

The Blessing of the Roads is an opportunity to challenge the idea that road fatalities will happen and to promote the belief in zero fatalities are possible.

Approximately 15 people attended the Blessing and Laura spoke of the Blessing as, "a nice time of meditation and prayer."



NEW STAFF MEMBER AT MERREDIN CRC

By **DEBBIE MORRIS, Manager Merredin CRC**

Jasmine Coles joined the Merredin CRC in mid March in the role of Administration Officer and has quickly become a great asset to the CRC, particularly her customer service, which is excellent.

Jasmine's role includes customer service, distribution and online subscriptions for The Phoenix newspaper, managing Containers for Change,

statistics, COVID requirements and room bookings plus lots more.

Please come in and say hello to Jasmine.



WHEN CONTRACTS ARE UNFAIR

By **BOUYDEN MCKENZIE,**
Consumer Protection

Every time you buy a product, book a holiday, top-up your phone credit or hire a tradesperson, you are entering into a legally binding agreement that comes with its own terms and conditions.

Sometimes you may have the chance to negotiate before you agree, however it is more common for consumers to be offered a 'standard form contract', which is the same as those offered to everyone else on a 'take it or leave it' basis.

If one of the terms seems unreasonable, then it's worth knowing that the Australian

Consumer Law protects consumers from standard form agreements that would result in a significant imbalance of rights between the business and consumer.

Just recently, the Supreme Court ordered a Western Australian landlord to stop using short-stay accommodation contracts containing contract terms that were weighted strongly in his favour and left the renters facing considerable detriment.

Some of the unfair terms included non-refundable deposits, rent and bonds if bookings were cancelled at any time; forfeiture of the bond and rent in advance if other people

stayed in the accommodation; and credit card authority to deduct repair and cleaning costs in excess of the retained bond.

The Supreme Court effectively struck out those unfair clauses in the contracts and ordered him to pay costs of \$5,000, plus \$1,500 to one of his renters left out of pocket.

In the wake of this outcome, we're urging holiday and short-stay accommodation providers to review their current contracts to ensure they are fair and balanced.

While a final decision on whether contract terms are unfair can only be reached by a court, the following questions may potentially help consumers

to identify one:

Does it cause a significant difference between your rights and obligations and those of the business?

Is it really necessary to protect the interests of the business?

Would it cause you a detriment if the business tried to enforce it?

How transparent is the term? Do you understand what it means and the impact on you if it was enforced?

If you think you've encountered an unfair contract term, contact Consumer Protection on 1300304054 or consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au

MORE ROAD SAFETY INVESTMENT IN DURACK

Residents of the Durack electorate received a major road safety boost today with the Australian Government announcing it will invest \$2.4 million toward three new projects under the 2022-23 Black Spot Program.

The Black spot Program funds safety measures such as traffic signals and roundabouts at locations where a number of serious crashes are known to have occurred or are at risk of occurring.

Federal Member for Durack, the Hon. Melissa Price said community input was critical to identifying key black spots in the electorate.

"Road crashes place major emotional strain on all affected communities but particularly the families and friends of the victims, I am pleased to see that these worthy projects have received the funding they require to make driving in Durack safer," she said.

The Durack projects in this round of the 2022-23 Black Spot Program include:

- Toodyay - Julimar Road, \$711,000
- Karratha - DeWitt Road Coolawanyah Road, \$900,000
- Dowerin-Dowerin-Meckering Road, \$801,922

"Motorists living within and visiting these regions in Durack will be pleased to know these notorious black spots in the electorate will be fixed with funding from the program. None of these projects would be delivered without the community's vital input and I encourage all residents and motorists in the region to nominate projects for future funding rounds," Ms Price said.

This funding is part of the Government's \$1.3 billion commitment to the Black spot Program from 2013-14 to 2025-26 to improve road safety across the nation."

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CARER'S CORNER

By JULIE TOWNROW

Due to the long weekends, the April Carers 'get together' will not take place.

Aged Care, NDIS services within the community and carer fatigue along with other issues that come with caring for someone are very important and with no Advocacy Group here, it is difficult for carers to absorb all the government information.

The Federal Government provides for the NDIS and HCP, and the State Government provides for the Healthcare system and while this can provide some welfare assistance within the Healthcare system, it is generally not the role of the Hospital to get involved with community care other than HACC (Home and Community Care).

HACC which is a state funded initiative, I believe, is limited in its application and this is where the system fails as there are no representatives to explain, promote or assist people, who in so many cases, don't have the technical knowledge or skills to go to the internet to find out what is available. There appears little information in the Doctors surgeries or promotion by Doctors, because this is not part of their role.

So, I am hoping I can shed a little light on the matter of what to do and where to go for the help you may need.

1. Talk to your GP and request a referral for an ACAT assessment (Aged Care Assistance Team);
2. Ask your GP for a Patient Health Summary, this will give you details of your health record to refer back to and helps you recall your medical conditions when the ACAT assessment is carried out;
3. At the ACAT assessment you will be asked many questions about issues affecting your ability to do all the everyday tasks that are needed to stay living comfortably in your own home; and
4. There are four levels of Home Care steps, starting at level 1, through to level 4 as life skills diminish. (See table below.)

These rates apply to the payment for services you may require like in home help, gardening or mobility aids. The

funds are provided monthly to a provider, who provides the services you require, or purchases mobility aids on OT or Medical recommendations.

I am not overly familiar with the NDIS but understand that an allowance is allocated annually to provide for the services required and these services are accessed through service providers. There is a waiting list and it is recommended that you have a conversation with your GP if you are in a situation where your ability to live comfortably at home is restricted due to health or other issues. Another good place for advice is through the Carers Gateway, they are able to provide some help in the case of emergencies.

I am in the process of doing a Trial for an Adult Day Care and Respite Centre. The simple thinking behind this is, if I would like to go to the hairdressers, without Mike sitting outside in the car, or I might want to have

a coffee with friends and not have to take him, (he is often the only man in a group of ladies, and it would be a nice change to not be responsible for every minute of every day for him).

Over an 8 week term, a volunteer group has been meeting at the Senior Centre in Merredin to gauge the response to the possible establishment of an Emergency Care and Day Care Facility to cater for residents within the region. The Trial is conducted on Friday mornings from 10am till noon at the Senior Centre and has been a little challenging with illness and other issues cropping up to keep a consistent Trial.

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			\$16.50

SCHOOL CAMPS BACK ON IN TERM 2

Education and Training Minister Sue Ellery has announced today that school camps can recommence from the beginning of Term 2 (Tuesday April 26), based on the latest health advice.

School camps were postponed or cancelled under the high COVID-19 caseload settings introduced on advice from the Chief Health Officer on February 8, 2022, to keep schools and childcare settings operating safely.

Today's announcement is welcome news for school

communities, with camps being a highly valuable part of student education, skills building and wellbeing, and forming part of the curriculum in areas such as outdoor education, health and physical education, the arts, and leadership.

To support the safe return of school camps, the Department of Education has developed risk assessments and guidelines for schools to use which have been prepared based on advice from the Chief Health Officer. This includes the requirement for schools to be provided with a

copy of the camp provider's COVID-19 Safety Plan, which must meet the Guidelines for School Camp Providers prepared in accordance with the Chief Health Officer's advice.

School plans will require schools to provide Rapid Antigen Tests and make isolation arrangements for anyone that shows COVID-19-like symptoms, who tests positive or is identified as a close contact, as well as continue supporting regular hygiene practices, physically distancing where possible and cohorting student

groups.

On February 11, 2022, Minister Ellery announced a \$3 million assistance package for school camp providers directly impacted by schools postponing or cancelling camps due to the additional health measures in place. This assistance has been extended until May 6, 2022, to provide support while camps get back up and running.

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SONRISE SERVICE

The Merredin Seventh Day Adventist Church, on behalf of Merredin Churches Fraternal, hosted an Ecumenical gathering of prayer and praise for Easter. The service was held at 6am on the morning of Sunday 17 April at the Reflection Pond in Roy Little Park.

spoke the welcome to the congregation, with Zane Walker closing the service with thanks to the community.

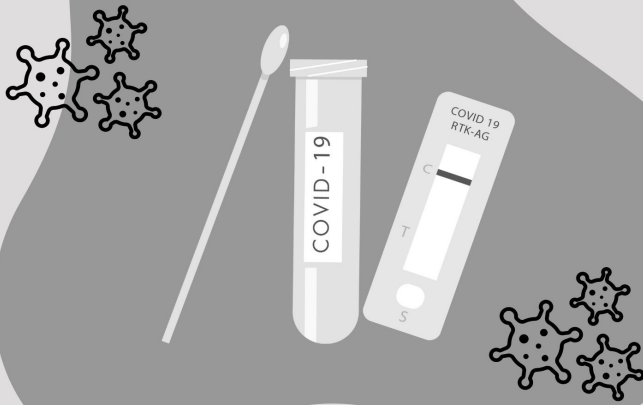
Pastor Venter reflected that the message of the service is that things will change, but there is hope.

The service was lead by Pastor Douw Venter for a group of about 20 people of different faiths, with some travelling from Perth. Ross Robertson

Even when things look bad tonight, the sun will rise tomorrow.

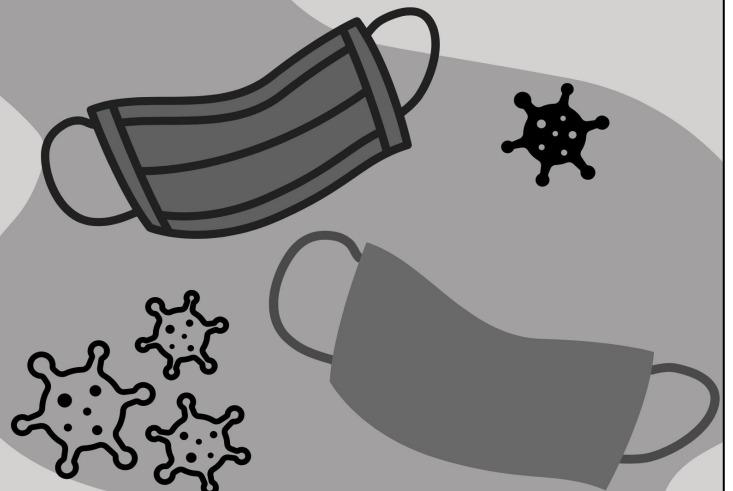


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The Department of Communities is seeking your feedback on its draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) 2022-2027.

Communities provides services to a diverse range of Western Australians, including people with disability, children in out-of-home care and those who need a place to call home. In delivering all services, Communities aims to meet the needs of clients with disability, their families and carers.

Our DAIP aims to promote the access and inclusion of people with disability via our consultation processes, employment, services and events, buildings and facilities, quality of service, information, and complaints.

All Western Australians are invited to review and comment on the draft plan. Your input will help Communities improve its policy and processes for people with disability over the next five years.

Please scan the QR code for more information, or visit www.communities.wa.gov.au/DAIPfeedback.



Submissions close 11:00pm Sunday, 8 May 2022.

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WTF 21st APRIL - 4th MAY 2022

By **PETER BARRETT**

Welcome back Watchers of The Firmament. After such a miserable, rainy, cloudy Easter fortnight here's hoping we get a few nice evenings for stargazing.

How do they work out when Easter is? Put simply, Easter Sunday is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Autumn Equinox, which now falls on March 22. But this gets complicated by religion, which has developed an incredibly

complex formula based on such arcane concepts as the "paschal computus" the "epact" and the "Metonic scale". Feel free to plug those terms into your favourite search engine for a truly bamboozling experience.

The confusion can be real, such as it was in 2019 when the astronomical and ecclesiastical dates did not align. The latest possible date for Easter is April 25, which last happened in 1943 and will next occur in 2038.

A March 22 Easter, the earliest possible date is very rare indeed, last occurring in 1818 and will not come up again until 2285.

From the tables it will be noticed that Mercury is at its greatest Eastern elongation this week, and may be captured low in the West after sunset, weather permitting.

Other evening features include the Emu, a huge lane of black gas that marks the central plane of the Milky Way. Crowned by

the Southern Cross and wearing Alpha and Beta Centauri as a necklace it gradually rises higher and higher as winter approaches to reveal its body which encompasses the glorious cosmic jewellery of Galactic Central Point. Venus, Saturn and Mars are still close together in the pre-dawn, and Jupiter also becomes prominent in the morning twilight.

I'll be out there looking up waiting for every gap in those pesky clouds. Feel free to join me.

Date/Planet	Jupiter ♃	Saturn ♄	Mars ♂	Mercury ☿
Thu 21	♃ 03:45am-04:05pm	♄ 01:13am-02:34pm	♂ 02:07am-03:08pm 90%	☿ 08:03am-06:26pm 63%
Fri 22	♃ 03:42am-04:01pm	♄ 01:10am-02:30pm	♂ 02:06am-03:04pm 90%	☿ 08:07am-06:27pm 60%
Sat 23	♃ 03:39am-03:58pm	♄ 01:06am-02:26pm	♂ 02:06am-03:04pm 90%	☿ 08:10am-06:27pm 56%
Sun 24	♃ 03:36am-03:55pm	♄ 01:03am-02:23pm	♂ 02:06am-03:02pm 89%	☿ 08:13am-06:28pm 53%
Mon 25	♃ 03:33am-03:51pm	♄ 12:59am-02:19pm	♂ 02:05am-03:01pm 89%	☿ 08:15am-06:28pm 50%
Tue 26	♃ 03:30am-03:48pm	♄ 12:55am-02:15pm	♂ 02:05am-02:59pm 89%	♄ 08:17am-06:28pm 46%
Wed 27	♃ 03:28am-03:44pm	♄ 12:52am-02:11pm	♂ 02:04am-02:57pm 89%	♄ 08:19am-06:28pm 43%
Thu 28	♃ 03:25am-03:41pm	♄ 12:48am-02:08pm	♂ 02:04am-02:55pm 89%	♄ 08:20am-06:28pm 40%
Fri 29	♃ 03:22am-03:38pm	♄ 12:44am-02:04pm	♂ 02:04am-02:53pm 89%	♄ 08:21am-06:27pm 37%
Sat 30	♃ 03:19am-03:34pm	♄ 12:41am-02:00pm	♂ 02:03am-02:52pm 89%	♄ 08:21am-06:27pm 34%
Sun 1	♃ 03:16am-03:31pm	♄ 12:37am-01:56pm	♂ 02:03am-02:50pm 89%	♄ 08:21am-06:26pm 31%
Mon 2	♃ 03:13am-03:28pm	♄ 12:33am-01:53pm	♂ 02:02am-02:48pm 89%	♄ 08:20am-06:25pm 28%
Tue 3	♃ 03:10am-03:24pm	♄ 12:30am-01:49pm	♂ 02:02am-02:46pm 89%	♄ 08:19am-06:23pm 26%
Wed 4	♃ 03:07am-03:21pm	♄ 12:26am-01:45pm	♂ 02:02am-02:44pm 89%	♄ 08:17am-06:22pm 23%

Date/Planet	Sun ☉	Moon ☾	Venus ♀
Thu 21	☉ 06:30am-05:40pm	☾ 09:22pm-12:23pm 64%	♀ 03:07am-03:40pm 63%
Fri 22	☉ 06:31am-05:39pm	☾ 10:26pm-12:23pm 64%	♀ 03:08am-03:39pm 64%
Sat 23 🌑	☉ 06:32am-05:38pm	☾ 11:34pm-01:18pm 53%	♀ 03:09am-03:38pm 64%
Sun 24	☉ 06:32am-05:37pm	♄ 12:42am-02:05pm 41%	♀ 03:10am-03:38pm 65%
Mon 25	☉ 06:33am-05:36pm	♃ 01:47am-02:45pm 30%	♀ 03:12am-03:37pm 65%
Tue 26	☉ 06:34am-05:35pm	♃ 02:50am-03:19pm 20%	♀ 03:13am-03:36pm 65%
Wed 27	☉ 06:34am-05:34pm	♃ 03:50am-03:50pm 12%	♀ 03:14am-03:36pm 66%
Thu 28	☉ 06:35am-05:33pm	♃ 04:49am-04:19pm 6%	♃ 03:16am-03:35pm 66%
Fri 29	☉ 06:36am-05:32pm	♃ 05:47am-04:47pm 2%	♃ 03:17am-03:34pm 67%
Sat 30	☉ 06:36am-05:31pm	♃ 06:46am-05:16pm 0%	♃ 03:18am-03:34pm 67%
Sun 1 🌑	☉ 06:37am-05:30pm	☿ 07:44am-05:47pm 0%	♃ 03:19am-03:33pm 67%
Mon 2	☉ 06:38am-05:29pm	♄ 08:42am-06:21pm 2%	♃ 03:21am-03:32pm 68%
Tue 3	☉ 06:38am-05:28pm	♄ 09:40am-06:59pm 6%	♃ 03:22am-03:32pm 68%
Wed 4	☉ 06:39am-05:27pm	♄ 10:34am-07:42pm 12%	♃ 03:23am-03:31pm 68%

Horoscopes



ARIES 21 March—19 April
Withdrawing from social activities will help you to prioritize your alone time.



LEO 23 July-22 August
Experimenting with new ideas will open new opportunities for mental and spiritual growth.



SAGITTARIUS 22 November-21 December
Empathy and compassion influence dreams, longing and imagination.



TAURUS 20 April-26 May
Deep emotions try to take over, remind yourself that anything is possible.



VIRGO 23 August-22 September
Those that need empathy and care will want heart to hearts over things they can't control.



CAPRICORN 22 December-19 January
Life is not all about work, stop and talk to people, it may bring some magic your way.



GEMINI 21 May-20 June
Feelings that cause too much idealism and too little grounding can stand in the way of progress.



LIBRA 23 September-22 October
Big things are happening, work on how much you're willing to give up for your family harmony.



AQUARIUS 20 January-18 February
The more you use your imagination right now, the more



CANCER 21 June-22 July
There is an emphasis on your spiritual development, try a new way of thinking.



SCORPIO 23 October-21 November
Express yourself creatively, make some magic with romance,



PISCES 19 February-20 March
This is an extremely positive period for your creative and spiritual development.

HELP FOR HOSPITALITY VENUES TO BECOME "PLASTIC FREE PLACES"

Hospitality venues, including cafes, bars, restaurants, markets and sporting arenas, are being offered help to transition to plastic free places ahead of the single-use plastics ban commencing on July 1, 2022.

The ban applies to the supply of single-use plastic items including straws and stirrers, cutlery, plates and bowls. Straws will continue to be available for people in the community who require them to meet their life needs. From October 1, 2022 Western Australian businesses can no longer supply disposable plastic cups for cold drinks.

To support businesses to make the change and find alternatives, the McGowan Government is teaming with Boomerang Alliance, a not-for-profit organisation working on waste minimisation and recycling. The alliance works with businesses' existing local suppliers to choose the best

reusable items and alternatives to plastics.

It is estimated that since it formed in 2003, Boomerang Alliance has prevented the use of more than 10 million pieces of plastic throughout Australia.

Last year, the McGowan Government fast-tracked its nation-leading Plan for Plastics by up to four years, leading to a range of single-use plastics being phased out from January 1, 2022 and January 1, 2023.

For information on how your business can get involved in plastic free places, or to look at fact sheets and videos on reducing plastics use, go to www.waplasticfree.org.

Environment Minister Reece Whitby said "As a Government, we are committed to lowering the amount of waste that ends up in landfill and to reducing the use of single-use plastics, which are harmful for our environment."

Hockey

CENTRAL WHEATBELT LADIES HOCKEY

9th April 2022

Bencubbin (3) d. Beacon (1)

Bencubbin: Goals: n/a

Best Player: Daneeka Yates

Coaches Award: Charmaine Evans

Goal of the Day: Rebecca Watson

Beacon: Goals: Kerry Junk (1)

Players Choice: Pixie Kirby

Coaches Award: Karinda Smith

Koorda (5) d. Nungarin (0)

Koorda: Goals: Hannah Cooper (2), Kristen Fuchsichler (1), Zara Metcalfe (1), Lauren Bear (1)

Players Choice: Hannah Cooper

Coaches Award: Gina Boyne

Nungarin: Goals: N/A

Players Choice: Dayna Hutchinson

Coaches Award: Dayna Hutchinson

Mukinbudin (10) v Kalannie (0)

Mukinbudin: Goals: Julie Uden (3), Sarah-Kate Graham (2), Dale Cronje (2), Hannah Paterson (1), Lucia Scari (1), Ellen White (1)

Players Choice: Julie Uden

Coaches Award: Sina Gringer

Kalannie: Goals: N/A

Players Choice: N/A

Coaches Award: N/A

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CENTRAL WHEATBELT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

9th April 2022

Kalannie 19.19 (133) d. Mukinbudin 1.1 (7)

Mukinbudin: Goals: Zeke Stewart (1)

Best Players: Reade Walker, Cameron White, Kayd Woods, Caleb Shadbolt, Cambell Brandis, Ben Field

Kalannie: Goals: Matthew Johnson (8), Kody Manning (3), Christopher Harrison (1), Egan Bradbury (1), Jedd Siviour (1), Jack Hoskins (1), Riley Forsyth (1), Regan Jefferys (1), Reuben Cail (1), Billy Bywaters (1)

Best Players: Reid Polak, Egan

Bradbury, Reuben Cail, Jack Hoskins, Regan Jefferys, Matthew Johnson

Bencubbin 9.11 (65) d. Beacon 8.10 (58)

Bencubbin: Goals: Rhys Edmonson (4), Corey Higgins

(1), Kane Beagley (1), Daniel Patat (1), Daniel Murphy (1), Rowan Ward (1)

Best Players: Damon Manuel, Rowan Ward, Daniel Patat, Corey Higgins, Aiden Fitzpatrick, Gareth Emery

Beacon: Goals: Dane Begovich (4), Brandon Poole (1), Joshua Munns (1), Lachlan Dunne (1), Brendon Beard (1)

Best Players: Joshua Munns, Nic Winters, Alby Munns, Dane Begovich, Mitchell Henry, William Munns

TEAM	P	PTS	W	L	D	BYE	FF	F	A	%
Kalannie	2	8	2	0	0	0	0	242	90	288.10
Bencubbin	2	8	2	0	0	0	0	171	101	169.31
Beacon	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	58	65	89.23
Koorda	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	77	109	70.64
Mukinbudin	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	56	239	20.92

Netball

CENTRAL WHEATBELT NETBALL

9th April 2022

Mukinbudin (47) d. Kalannie (31)

Mukinbudin: Best player: Tanya Turner & Tania Sprigg

Kalannie: Best Player: Mirante Ryder

Coaches Award: Emily Pittard

Nungarin (34) d. Koorda (31)

Koorda: Best Player: Maddi West

Coaches Award: Natasha Robinson

Nungarin: Best Player: Hayley de Lacy

Coaches Award: Emma Lee

TEAMS	P	Wins	Losses	Draws	Bye	For	Against	%	Points
Bencubbin	1	1	0	0	1	39	26	150	4
Nungarin	1	1	0	0	1	34	31	109.68	4
Mukinbudin	2	1	1	0	0	73	70	104.29	4
Kalannie	2	1	1	0	0	64	77	83.12	4
Koorda	2	0	2	0	0	61	67	91.04	0

Darts

NAREMBEEN AND BRUCE ROCK DARTS ASSOCIATION

8th April 2022

Round 1 Week 3

MC Sharks d. by forfeit Wizards

Magpies (10) d. Bruce Rock (1)

Royals (7) d. Jets (4)

13th April 2022

Round 1 Week 4

Bruce rock (7) d. Royals (4)

MC Sharks (8) d. Jets (3)

Wizards (7) d. Magpies (4)

League Ladder

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	LEGS FOR	LEGS AGAINST	LEGS DIFFERENCE	POINTS
MC SHARKS	4	3	1	31	13	+18	6
MAGPIES	4	2	2	25	19	+6	4
ROYALS	4	2	2	20	24	-4	4
JETS	4	2	2	20	24	-4	4
WIZARDS	4	2	2	20	24	-4	4
BRUCE ROCK	4	1	3	16	28	-12	2

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Beds

2



Bath

2



Parking



1 McGinniss Way, MERREDIN

\$435,000 WEB ID L17777938

Built on a huge 1228m2 corner block there's tonnes of room in the rear with a large double garage UMR opening onto a large gable patio area for outdoor entertaining. The master bedroom is located off the formal entrance, along with a second bedroom/office. A cosy family room contains vaulted ceilings and a freestanding wood fire. The well-appointed kitchen has a large breakfast bar dividing the kitchen from the dining room. Through double doors is a theatre room with massive screen, roof mounted 3D projector and surround sound system worth \$6,000 all included.



12 Insignia Way, MERREDIN

OFFERS WEB ID L18170989

BIG LAND BLOCK OF 2.45 ACRES

This big vacant land block is positioned close to the CBH Merredin Grain Storage Complex, West Merredin Rail Yard and major transport link of the standard gauge rail line network that connects WA to the East Coast. Large frontage to Insignia Way with power lines, water and telephone line passing the front gate. Freehold land title with total land area of 9,926m2 or 2.45 Acres. General Industry zoning.



3 Lewis Way, MERREDIN

\$205,000 - WEB ID L18173797

Neatly presented with warm and homely vibes throughout. Boasting 4 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, spacious kitchen/dining that flows onto lounge with wood fire and reverse split system A/C. Internal laundry and separate WC. Front and rear verandas overlook the beautiful cottage gardens. Electric 160L HWS and ducted evaporative A/C cooling. Poly rainwater tank, single drive through carport and rear garden/wood sheds. Well fenced yard suitable for pets and kids. North facing freehold land title of 779m2 in a quiet u-shaped street with no passing traffic.



13 Dolton Way, MERREDIN

\$170,000 - WEB ID L18176010

This 1983 built house is in excellent original condition. The driveway leads to a single carport under main roof with a lockable storeroom to the rear. The formal entrance leads to the lounge room with gas bayonet and heater, through to the formal dining off the tidy kitchen with original cabinetry, freestanding gas oven/cooktop and built-in pantry. There is ducted evaporative air conditioning and security screens throughout the home and a gas instantaneous hot water system. The rear yard is ample in size and well fenced to keep your pets and children safe.

