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Issue 4

BLUE LIGHT COMMUNITY CHARITY BALL RAISES OVER \$20,000

By ASHLING SPAIN

On Saturday February 19 2022, the historic Cummins Theatre, Merredin was transformed into a ballroom, ambiently lit with strings of lights and burning candles to accompany the grandeur of the building itself.

The room was filled with the soulful sounds of Sophie Jane who provided music throughout the night.

Guests arrived in stunning gowns and suits ready for a night of elegance with the view of fundraising for a number of worthwhile causes.

Upon entry, guests were greeted by roaming entertainment providing a stunning light show across the ballroom floor.

A picturesque grazing table created was on offer throughout the night followed by delicious and succulent range of canapes and small meals.

Attendees were addressed by

Assistant Commissioner Daryll Gaunt, who also holds the title of Board Member of PCYC WA. Mr Gaunt took the opportunity to present Merredin Police Station a Certificate of Excellence having made the top 10 finalists of the Police Excellence Awards. In addition, he presented an award to acknowledge the work of members of the Blue Light team at Merredin who have moved to new work locations.

On offer throughout the night via both a silent and live auction were an array of appliances, electronics, sports memorabilia and spectacular artwork. Local auctioneer Jarrad Hubbard provided a fun, entertaining and exciting live auction which had guests on tenterhooks!

Shortly thereafter, guests were treated to a spectacular light show, the two performers infusing dance and circus using a range of light props to create a magical and memorable experience.

At the conclusion of the official proceedings, Sophie Jane, joined now by her band provided an array of songs and tunes for guests to dance the night away. The atmosphere was through the roof as the dancefloor began to fill.

Alas, until the end of the silent auction neared! While some continued to dance and eat,

many were grappled by the last-minute suspense of bidding for their desired items. Distraction techniques and secret bidders were rife as the last minutes fell to seconds.

As the end of the night neared, the dancefloor was filled with dancing, singing and some all-time classic hits. Auction items

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Where

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Time

14:00 to 22:00

Entry

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cars; trucks; tractors; army tanks; vehicles and activities for all ages

After Dark

see what 800,000 candela looks like when we rev up the WWII Anti-aircraft Searchlight

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COMMUNITY CHARITY BALL cont.

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were collected by gleeful buyers as others pined over their lost bids. Guests used what was left of the night to take photographs by the photo board laced with a delightful and bright balloon garland created by hand by Tamara from Bubbles and Bowties Events.

Overall, the night was an immense success with over \$20,000 raised – to be delegated to our chosen charities, A stitch in Time and both Merredin College and St Marys School P and C Committee's.

A huge thank you, again, goes to our platinum sponsors; Ross's Diesel Service, Two-Dogs Home hardware; Collgar Wind Farm, and CSBP.

A further thank you goes out to the Ball Committee; Andrew Galbraith, Emma Galbraith, Heath Soutar, Janique Soutar, Chesney Maloney, Darcie Jollie, Maddison Earle-Sadler, Asha Carr and Ashling Spain – almost

12 months of behind the scenes work was volunteered to create this magical night. Without the hard work and dedication of these people, this night, in all its magnificence would not have been possible.

Lastly, a thank you to those who attended, donated, and helped create a wonderful long-lasting memory in our small community. Without you, our fundraising efforts could not have reached such enormous heights, we thank you for your contribution to the youth in our community.

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MERREDIN SHOW



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World Day of Prayer 2022



ENGLAND, WALES & NORTHERN IRELAND

'I know the plans I have for you.'

Date: Friday 4 March 2022

Time: 10.00am

Venue: St Mary's Catholic Church

English morning tea to follow

ALL WELCOME

Queries: Jane Patroni (Co-ordinator) 0417860046

WELCOME TO OUR NEW KINDY KIDS

This year we have had 21 new students joining Mrs Kylee Crabb and Mrs Chanelle Squire in the Kindy classroom as they start their educational journey.

They have been learning about bodies and everyone has made life size replicas of themselves.

All the students are busy playing and learning all day long - the best part of Kindy is making new friends and learning to be kind to everyone.



YEAR 7 BIG DAY OUT

Last week we had the annual Big Day Out which is a special event for our new Year 7 students as they adapt into secondary school life. The purpose of the day is to assist the students to familiarise themselves with new teachers and other new classmates.

Students participated in a PBS (Positive Behaviour Support) Kahoot Quiz and a photo scavenger hunt. They had 26 challenges to complete - taking photos to represent houses, PBS values, Tik-Tok dances and other poses and concepts.

The day concluded with a free swim at the Merredin Swimming pool!!



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NEW STAFF

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SWIMMING LESSONS

The Year Three and Year four students have been luck enough to be participating in swimming lessons this week. The weather has been perfect and the water is nice and warm.



From the History Room

By ANITA METCALF

RECIPES OF YESTERYEAR

From the history room at the Merredin Library, this recipe is from the—Merredin Mercury and Central Districts Index Christmas 1949.

The filling may be omitted leaving you a delicious, crunchy shortbread.

PASSIONFRUIT CREAM SHORTBREAD

Half cup margarine or butter, 2 cups self-raising flour, ½ teaspoonful grated lemon rind, ½ cup sugar, good pinch salt, 1 egg, little extra sugar.

FILLING: One cup sifted icing sugar, 2 level teaspoons butter, 3 or 4 passionfruit.

METHOD: Rub shortening into sifted flour and salt until mixture is like breadcrumbs.

Add sugar and lemon rind. Beat egg and add to mixture mixing

with the hand to form fairly dry, crumbly mixture.

Pack into well-greased 8in. sandwich tin.

Rough up surface with fork and sprinkle with little castor sugar.

Bake in moderate oven (375 deg. F. gas, 425 deg. electric) 30 to 40 minutes.

Leave in tin until cold.

Cut and fill with passionfruit cream.

Making filling by softening shortening and creaming with sifted icing sugar. Add passionfruit pulp mixing thoroughly together.



By WENDY PORTER, Merredin Librarian

What's new at the Merredin Library? Not only do we have new stock, but also some fantastic new initiatives! We now have a 'Staff Picks' display where you will find a selection of fiction and non-fiction books that have appealed to library staff. Not all of these are new books - staff have found some gems in the collection that you may never had seen. Come and check out the display.

The Merredin Library now has a desktop vacuum former. This is a machine that can be used to make molds for chocolate, soap or candle making, and much more! There are several grades of plastics to mold, including food grade. No longer do you have to pick from a selection of molds for your craft, you can create your very own. Come and ask staff for details.

Going away for a trip? Got nothing to read? How about

Library Musings

checking out what the Merredin Library has for sale (or even for free). These are books that are not suitable to put in stock but are too good to throw away. There are lots to choose from.

Don't forget that all Merredin Library members can access a range of electronic resources, from eBooks and eAudiobooks to eMagazines, movies, databases and more, 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Ask library staff for details.

Remember to ask staff for help if you can't find what you are looking for as we may be able to borrow it from another library. If you don't have time to browse for books, call the library on 9041 1222. Library staff will select books for you and have them ready to pick up. You could even have a look at our catalogue from home, and have staff put books aside for you. All you have to do is ask. Staff are always ready and willing to help. See you soon!

COVID-19 coronavirus

COVID-19 WA Statistics

As at 23 February 2022

Tested 2,469,211

Confirmed Cases 4,452

Recovered 2,655

Deaths 10

Active cases in WA 1,787

COVID-19 in Australia

Vaccinations:

1 Dose 21,980,295 (85.6%)

Fully Vaccinated 20,423,362 (79.5%)

Booster 10,821,136 (42.1%)

WA—Cases 4,469—Deaths 10

ACT—Cases 46,591 —Deaths 33

NSW—Cases 1.28M—Deaths 1,859

NT—Cases 37,692—Deaths 16

QLD—Cases 544K—Deaths 505

SA—Cases 137K—Deaths 169

TAS—Cases 41,049—Deaths 24

VIC—Cases 1.01M—Deaths 2,409

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Local Government Area (15+)
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15+ population
ABS 2019 ERP

91.3%

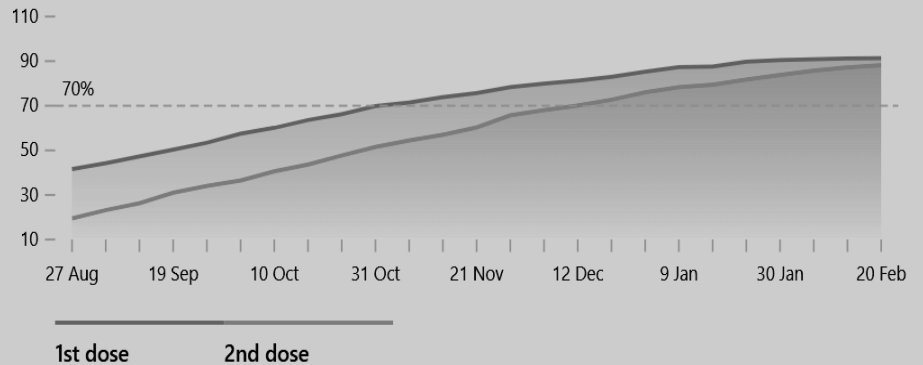
1st dose
(+0.1% 7d)

88.2%

2nd dose
(+1.0% 7d)

Vaccination over time

Last updated 20 Feb 2022



WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S OMICRON MODELLING RELEASED

Premier Mark McGowan released a five-page document on the 23rd February detailing the findings of the modelling conducted by WA Health and the Chief Health Officer Dr Andy Robertson.

The modelling predicts that 463,932 people will be infected within 6 months with the peak period being by the end of March.

During that time, it is forecast

- 5,685 people are likely to end up in hospital
- 715 people expected to be put into Intensive Care Unit
- 129 people West Australians are forecast to ultimately die from COVID-19

By the end of March, we can expect to see 10,363 new cases and 4 people to die each day.

COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS: LOCATIONS VISITED BY CONFIRMED CASES

New exposure sites have been identified in Tom Price, Kalgoorlie, Geraldton and Dunsborough.

Anyone at one of these exposure sites during the timeframe listed should monitor for symptoms, unless directly advised otherwise by the Department of Health.

If symptoms develop, get tested and isolate.

Please continue to check the most up-to-date list of exposure sites online at <https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/>

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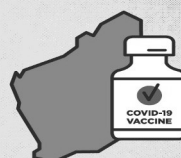
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**WA'S BORDER
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THURSDAY 3
MARCH 2022**

Court Report

8th February 2022

Midland Courthouse

Scott Blake appeared on a charge of no authority to drive – suspended (other than fines suspension). He was remanded to appear in Perth on the 21st February 2022.

9th February 2022

Perth Central Law Courts

Michael Hallett appeared on 21 charges of being a person who was cruel to an animal. He was remanded to appear in Perth on the 2nd March 2022. A sentence date has been set for the 9th March 2022.

Nigel Hallett appeared on 13 charges of being a person who was cruel to an animal. The charges were withdrawn.

Hallett Farm Group Pty Ltd appeared on 9 charges of being a person who was cruel to an animal. The charges were withdrawn.

Hillview Farm Pty Ltd appeared on 4 charges of being a person who was cruel to an animal. The charges were withdrawn.

Pinehill Farm Pty Ltd appeared on 5 charges of being a person who was cruel to an animal. The charges were withdrawn.

Sunpride Sheep appeared on 14 charges of being a person who was cruel to an animal. Two charges were dismissed. On the remaining 12 charges Sunpride Sheep was remanded to appear in Perth on the 2nd March 2022. A sentence date has been set for the 9th March 2022.

10th February 2022

Bunbury Courthouse

Matthew Jetta appeared on a charge of criminal damage or destruction of property. He was remanded to appear in Bunbury on the 17th February 2022.

Southern Cross Courthouse

Robert Bosworth was convicted on charges of exceed speed

limit between 10 and 19km/h, and no authority to drive – cancelled. He had his licence suspended for 9 months, was fined a total of \$1200 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Gwenda Bradshaw was convicted on a charge of exceed 0.08g alcohol per 100ml of blood. She had her licence suspended for 9 months, was fined \$1150 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Kaziah Cann was convicted on charges of not being licenced or permitted to possess a firearm, possessed a defaced firearm, unlicensed person possess firearm/ammunition, drove with prescribed illicit drug in oral fluid or blood, and two charges of no authority to drive – suspended (other than fines suspension). They had their licence suspended for a further 9 months, was fined a total of \$4250 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Dana Chapman-Burney was convicted on charges of no authority to drive (never held), and exceed speed limit between 10 and 19km/h. they had their licence suspended for 3 months, was fined a total of \$800 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Jocelyn Chinnock appeared on a charge of drove with prescribed illicit drug in oral fluid or blood. The matter was adjourned to appear in Southern Cross on the 5th May 2022.

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

Marika Farmer was convicted on charges of no authority to drive – suspended (other than fines suspension), and provided false or misleading personal details. She had her licence suspended for 9 months, was fined a total of \$2500 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Connor Hope-Yates was convicted on a charge of

reckless driving exceeded the speed limit by 45km/h or more on a length of road. He had his licence suspended for 6 months, was fined \$800 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Kye Martin appeared on a charge of common assault. The matter was adjourned to appear in Southern Cross on the 5th May 2022.

Laszlo Rewiczky was convicted on a charge of driver failed to wear a seatbelt. He was fined \$550 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Mary Ross appeared on a charge of possessed drug paraphernalia in or on which there was a prohibited drug or plant. The matter was adjourned to appear in Kalgoorlie on the 14th March 2022.

Brian Sheehan was convicted on a charge of exceed 0.08g alcohol per 100ml of blood. He had his licence suspended for 9 months, fined \$1000 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Reilly Spencer was convicted on a charge of reckless driving exceeded the speed limit by 45km/h or more on a length of road. He had his licence suspended for 6 months, was fined \$800 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Rene Thompson was convicted on a charge of drive with prescribed illicit drug in oral fluid or blood. He was fined \$400, ordered to pay costs of \$259.30 and to pay an analyst fee of \$200.

Rachelle Wilson was convicted on a charge of no authority to drive (never held). She had her licence suspended for 3 months, was fined \$600 and ordered to pay costs of \$259.30.

Trevor Jetta appeared on a charge of no authority to drive (disqualified from holding or obtaining). He was remanded to appear in Kalgoorlie on the 28th February 2022.

14th February 2022

Northam Courthouse

Locklyn Carroll appeared two charges of breach of bail (fail to appear soon after). He was remanded to appear in Northam on the 21st February 2022.

Perth Central Law Courts

Kyle Brown appeared on charges of no authority to drive (disqualified from holding or obtaining), and reckless driving. He was remanded to appear in Perth on the 11th April 2022.

16th February 2022

Northam Courthouse

Craig Thompson appeared on a charge of breach of protective bail and two charges of common assault in circumstances of aggravation or racial aggravation. He was remanded to appear in Northam on the 28th February 2022.




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9am—2pm

Until

3 March

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My Thoughts

FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP

Writing A Good Position Description

When: Tuesday March 22nd
Where: Online via Zoom
Time: 10am - 11am

- Does your community group need more volunteers?
- Want to learn how to write an engaging and inclusive recruiting advertisement?
- Want to learn how to advertise your roles at no cost?
- Want to engage more diverse/younger or more skilled volunteers?
- Want to network with other Volunteer Managers?
- Don't want to get left behind?

Time is arguably our most valuable asset nowadays and many people don't volunteer because they don't know what is expected of them. They want a fulfilling experience that will also be of benefit to them and for their efforts to be acknowledged and recognised. Organisations that write a detailed Position Description are far more likely to attract and retain motivated and appropriately skilled modern day volunteers..

This workshop will look to

- Help understand some of the motivations of modern volunteers
- Upskill you in writing an volunteer advertisement, which will be attractive and create interest from suitable people
- Help understand how to attract and retain more diverse volunteers

On the day

Volunteering WA Regional will supply resources and links electronically post workshop. If you need to contact us on the day please call **Kelly on 0417 909 438 or Tanya on 0434 078 533**

Places are strictly limited so be sure to register online today at <https://tinyurl.com/WritePD>

This workshop is perfect for those who have already attended a Volunteer Engagement Planning Workshop <https://tinyurl.com/DVEPRRegional>



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A NEW CHAPTER APPROACHES

Kohdee Swinwood



As my impending pregnancy due date reaches closer, I must admit I have a constant fear about becoming a new parent. Worry and doubt cross my mind often about whether I will be capable of looking after my very own tiny human, especially in the middle of a pandemic.

I suppose it's not something you can really prepare for, but at the same time, the thought of having to head off into the world with my bub only 24 hours after giving birth seems incredibly daunting. What if I can't do it? What if I'm not ready? What if the nursery isn't complete? What if she comes early? What if I get COVID-19? So many questions, yet there is no way of answering them.

Being pregnant in 2021/22 has not been without its challenges. Especially now with COVID-19 transmitting throughout the WA community, the prospect of becoming infected with the virus is becoming more inevitable than ever before.

While I understand and support the precautions put in place due to the latest health advice, I still worry about those who do not take the risk seriously and continue to live without any concern for others.

Because of the pandemic, my husband - the one person who I need the most - won't even be able to stay at the hospital after my daughter is born while I recover.

I won't be allowed visitors other than my husband for 2 hours twice a day, and there is a huge possibility that I will have to be transferred to a different hospital if there are COVID-19 positive patients in the pregnancy ward.

With my anxiety, it is hard for

me to break away from routine or from a plan I have in place. Heck I have panic attacks when my local fuel station isn't operating, and I have to go elsewhere - a feeling that most won't understand. The unpredictability surrounding the birth of my daughter is already stressing me out, without having to worry about picking up the virus.

Add this stress to the numerous doubts that cross my mind, and I wonder how I am even able to leave the house every day.

While I know it's not practical to lock myself away for the next year, the prospect is looking pretty appealing the closer my due date approaches.

I don't want to be scared to live life, but it's hard not to when you look at what has happened over East.

Combine that with a number of people who constantly whine about having public health measures in place that are there to protect us, most days I'm left curled up in bed unable to move and absolutely speechless.

Granted, I'm not here to rant about COVID, I simply wanted to highlight that this is not an easy time for mums to be.

Along with being ridiculed for getting vaccinated while pregnant, people are always criticizing what you wear, what you eat, the things you do and say... and I'm sure that won't change once baby is born. How could anyone expect pregnant women to cope these days?

With just 6 weeks to go, I really hope that this next month isn't as hectic as anticipated and I can calm my anxiety before bub arrives.

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REMEMBERING CLIFF HAINES

By **ANNIE HAINES**

Cliff Haines was born on the 25 March 1947 in Northam. He had an older sister, Isabella, older brother, Jim, and two younger brothers, Johnny and Geoffrey. Cliff went to school in Bolgart then left there in 1954 when the family moved to Wongan Hills and finally settled in Merredin in 1958.

His Dad Ted, was employed at the Ag Department and his Mum Jenny, was a cook at Merredin Hospital. Cliff went to North Merredin Primary School and then Merredin Senior High School and left mid-1962 at the age of 15 and got a job at Dunlop tyres earning a meagre \$9 a week.

Cliff had a short stint in Perth working with tyres, then he came back to Merredin to work for Beaurepairs until he was 17, then at 19 he was transferred to Southern Cross and started to work for McLeod's Tyres, staying for four years. During that time, Cliff married and had three children, Amanda, Leah and Robert.

He transferred back to Merredin with McLeod's Tyres and continued with them for five years, where his hard work and dedication didn't go unnoticed. He was offered, and accepted, the manager's job with Bell Tyres in 1976.

Over the course of the next decade Cliff developed a wide network of clients and decided

to take a leap of faith by embarking on his own business venture. So, in 1988 he launched Cliff Haines Tyres. People said, "Hainsey you will never make it." Well, he proved everyone wrong and proudly stayed in business for 32 years with Wanda working for him for 30 years - what a fantastic team they were.

In April 2000 Cliff married again, to Annie, the love of his life. They brought out the best in each other and spent many happy afternoons chilling in their beautiful backyard having a beer together. Cliff was a keen Eagles fan and loved watching the cricket and golf. They had 22 wonderful years together.

Cliff loved and took on Annie's three children, Kelly, Amanda and Ryan, as his own. He especially enjoyed their newest grandchild, Brielle, and wanted nothing more than to see her walk and have her first Christmas, which he got to see.

After a lot of thinking he decided to sell his much-loved business, a decision he didn't take lightly but his health was declining, and he knew it was time, so in 2020 he sold to Combined Tyres. He was sad but relieved that the business would still be staying in Merredin. After the sale, he often ventured down on his gopher to visit as you just couldn't take the tyre fitter out of him.

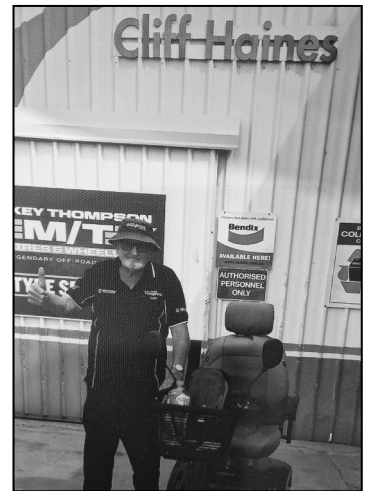
Over the last 12 months, Cliff had a few stints in hospital and during the last visit, the doctors said there was nothing more they could do for him and the best thing would be to go into a Home, but Annie wouldn't have any of that and took on the role of full-time Carer, a decision she would make again, as it gave her and Cliff some quality time to spend together.

Cliff was a gentleman and would give you anything if you were in need. He always welcomed you with a hello and the offer of a

beer. He was genuinely interested in what you were doing or had done but if he didn't like you, then you soon got that feeling.

Cliff passed away 5pm Monday 31st January 2022 in Merredin Hospital, with Annie by his side.

Cliff will never know how many people loved the true gentleman and larrikin that he was.



Seeking Expressions of Interest



March Truck License

HR - \$1100

HC - \$1600

MC - \$2100

Cut off 7th March 2022

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who attended Cliff's funeral. All the cards, flowers and phone calls... Cliff would have been blown away.

Thank you to Merredin Hospital for looking after Cliff. Thank you to Dr Jonathon and Garth from the Palliative team from Northam.

Thank you to all my work mates. Special thanks to Vicki Western for helping me organise Cliff's funeral.

Thank you to McKenzie Family Funerals. Mark and Toni, you made a hard time so easy for me.

Thank you to Merredin Bowling Club and Cummins Theatre.

A huge thank you to Sue Newton, Di Kidson, Vanda Harrison and Carol Smith for the beautiful food.

Cliff would have been blown away with it all.

Thanks everyone... Annie

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COMMUNITY FUNDING GRANT PROGRAM 2022/23

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Every year, the Shire of Merredin makes an allocation in its Annual Budget to provide funding to community groups for a variety of projects. We are pleased to announce that applications are now open for the 2022 Community Grant Funding Program. Applications must be received by Monday, 14 March 2022 at 5.00pm. Please note, late applications will not be considered.

Who can apply for funding?

To be eligible, you must be based in the Shire of Merredin and either an incorporated body or to be auspiced by an incorporated organisation.

What projects can be funded?

The community funding grant program will fund infrastructure, events or activities as relevant to your project, and alignment with the Shire's strategic vision. Examples of previous projects that funding was allocated to include:

- The installation of cabinet work at the Merredin Military Museum;
- In-kind support for events including the Merredin Show and Song Fest; and
- Specialised public art at Merredin College.

Download an Application Form from the Shire website via bit.ly/CommunityFundingGrants

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WTF 24th FEBRUARY—9th MARCH 2022

By PETER BARRETT

Welcome to WTF for another fortnight. Hopefully this new chart format will be more legible without the need to resort to a magnifying glass! I have divided it into two halves, the Sun and the three brightest planets on top, with the Moon Mercury and Saturn beneath. Uranus had to go, since it is not a naked-eye planet for anyone other than owls.

As mentioned last fortnight, most of the planetary action is now happening before dawn. Mars and Venus are still close

together but soon Venus will culminate, that is, it will reach its greatest Western elongation and become retrograde. Just as Mercury last fortnight this will occur once Venus reaches 50% illumination (phase). Unlike the speedy inner planet however Venus will take considerably longer to return to conjunction and thereafter an evening star.

In other news solar cycle 25 is really starting to swing into action. A substantial geomagnetic storm on February 4 caused the upper atmosphere to warm up enough to drag

about 40 Starlink satellites from their orbit and send them to a fiery demise in the troposphere. This was a cause for most astronomers to crack open a bottle of champagne in celebration, such is the hate they harbour for these swarms of SpaceX internet infrastructure that have a habit of leaving dreadful streaks across their best photographs. The bureau of Meteorology have a number of more robust satellites parked much further out between the earth and the sun which provide us with a warning system for adverse space weather. They also

provide an Aurora prediction service to let us know when the southern sky might get colourful. It should be noted however that this is mainly for the benefit of Tasmanians. If an Aurora is visible as far north as Merredin then it is likely that a serious geomagnetic disaster is underway, and power blackouts, communication chaos and infrastructure damage are likely to be the order of the day. The website can be found at <https://www.sws.bom.gov.au/Aurora>. Until next fortnight, keep looking up!

Date/Planet	Sun ☉	Venus ♀	Jupiter ♃	Mars ♂
Thu 24	05:52am-06:47pm	02:35am-04:07pm 34%	06:24am-07:09pm	02:27am-04:29pm
Fri 25	05:52am-06:46pm	02:35am-04:07pm 35%	06:21am-07:05pm	02:26am-04:27pm
Sat 26	05:53am-06:45pm	02:34am-04:06pm 36%	06:19am-07:02pm	02:26am-04:27pm
Sun 27	05:54am-06:44pm	02:33am-04:05pm 36%	06:16am-06:59pm	02:25am-04:26pm
Mon 28	05:55am-06:43pm	02:33am-04:04pm 37%	06:13am-06:56pm	02:25am-04:24pm
Tue 1	05:56am-06:41pm	02:32am-04:04pm 38%	06:10am-06:52pm	02:24am-04:23pm
Wed 2	05:56am-06:40pm	02:32am-04:03pm 38%	06:07am-06:49pm	02:24am-04:22pm
Thu 3	05:57am-06:39pm	02:32am-04:02pm 39%	06:05am-06:46pm	02:24am-04:21pm
Fri 4	05:58am-06:38pm	02:31am-04:02pm 40%	06:02am-06:43pm	02:23am-04:20pm
Sat 5	05:59am-06:37pm	02:31am-04:01pm 40%	05:59am-06:39pm	02:23am-04:19pm
Sun 6	05:59am-06:36pm	02:31am-04:01pm 41%	05:56am-06:36pm	02:22am-04:17pm
Mon 7	06:00am-06:34pm	02:31am-04:00pm 42%	05:53am-06:33pm	02:22am-04:16pm
Tue 8	06:01am-06:33pm	02:31am-04:00pm 42%	05:51am-06:29pm	02:22am-04:15pm
Wed 9	06:02am-06:32pm	02:31am-04:00pm 43%	05:48am-06:26pm	02:21am-04:14pm

Date/Planet	Moon ☾	Mercury ☿	Saturn ♄
Thu 24	11:40pm-01:19pm 46%	03:53am-05:32pm 70%	04:28am-05:57pm
Fri 25	12:35am-02:28pm 35%	03:55am-05:33pm 71%	04:25am-05:53pm
Sat 26	01:37am-03:33pm 24%	03:58am-05:34pm 73%	04:21am-05:50pm
Sun 27	02:45am-04:32pm 14%	04:00am-05:34pm 74%	04:18am-05:46pm
Mon 28	03:55am-05:23pm 7%	04:02am-05:35pm 75%	04:15am-05:43pm
Tue 1	05:04am-06:07pm 2%	04:05am-05:36pm 76%	04:11am-05:39pm
Wed 2	06:10am-06:44pm 0%	04:08am-05:37pm 77%	04:08am-05:36pm
Thu 3	07:13am-07:18pm 0%	04:11am-05:38pm 78%	04:04am-05:32pm
Fri 4	08:14am-07:48pm 3%	04:14am-05:39pm 79%	04:01am-05:28pm
Sat 5	09:13am-08:18pm 8%	04:17am-05:39pm 80%	03:58am-05:25pm
Sun 6	10:11am-08:47pm 15%	04:20am-05:40pm 80%	03:54am-05:21pm
Mon 7	11:09am-09:18pm 23%	04:23am-05:41pm 81%	03:51am-05:18pm
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MARGARET'S STORY

By **MARGARET MORLEY**

Margaret contacted Wheatbelt Agcare in August 1994 when her one and only female friend had recently died and she felt very lonely.

Margaret was in her forties and was married to David, a farmer in the Shire of Kellerberrin. Margaret had two intellectually disabled sons in their twenties from her previous marriage who weren't living at home.

Because of the rural downturn a few years ago, David had to work long and hard to keep the farm together, leaving Margaret feeling very isolated and alone as she couldn't drive. The only time Margaret left the farm was when David had to go to town to the pig sales or for farm business. Her family of origin lived about five hours drive away and her only outside connection was her friend who had died. Margaret's isolation was compounded because she couldn't read or write.

Margaret felt if she could drive herself she would be free to come and go as she pleased and be more useful on the farm as she could assist her husband by being able to pick up parts etc. Her one cherished goal was to be able to attend church, as David was never free to take her the 40 kilometres to town.

This goal was complicated for a number of reasons, there was no driving school available unless she could get to Merredin and there was no one to take her, the cost of driving lessons was beyond their very

tight budget and she could not read to learn the road rules and pass the written test.

This was when Margaret and her counsellor Dellys became very innovative. They borrowed a set of talking tapes – the road rules – from the local Activ Foundation Agency. Margaret spent many hours listening to the tapes. In addition, they agreed that half of their counselling session would be going over the road rules and learning the ones she couldn't understand. David taught her the road signs and explained various situations when they were out in the car.

After many months of learning the rules, they informed the Police that they were coming in for Margaret to sit her written test. The Police supplied a staff member to talk her through the questions, which was very time consuming for them and difficult to put the questions clearly whilst not influencing her answer. It was also extremely difficult for Margaret as this was a very stressful situation for any person going for their test and she had trouble remembering the various options she had to choose from with each question. She passed on the second time. The police staff were excellent.

It was then agreed that Margaret and Dellys' counselling sessions would be held in the car while Dellys taught Margaret to drive. David also acted as instructor and encouraged her to drive

whenever they had to go somewhere.

In October 1995 Margaret was finally ready to sit her driving test. The Police Department sent a special person from a regional centre to take her through her test, which she passed with flying colours the first time. They celebrated with a chocolate cake. Margaret was beside herself and was now free to come and go as she pleased. Her self esteem was very high.

One of her first drives was to the nearest church, where she met and made some new friends. One of these ladies, Beth McDonald, worked at the local TAFE Centre and on finding out about Margaret's literacy disability, encouraged her to enrol in literacy classes.

Margaret had thought she would never be able to read or write and hadn't even contemplated trying. Because

she had achieved at learning to drive, she felt capable of trying anything. She is now enrolled in TAFE. She's finding it harder than learning to drive, but she is sticking with it.

Margaret's whole life changed when she became motivated and supported to do something about her situation. She is mobile, studying, can go to church and be friends, has a part-time job in town and is a good support for her husband. In addition, one of her sons has been inspired by his Mums effort and has spent about 12 months getting his licence through an agency for people with disabilities.

Dellys said that it was a rewarding experience working with Margaret, to see her come from an isolated helpless situation, to achieving her goals with the help of family and friends.



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NANGEENAN NATTERS

By JULIE TOWNROW

Just how interesting does life get, we are living through the hottest summer on record, so they say, but I still take time to remember that at the turn of the century, when new settlers were venturing out into the districts, which we now know as the Goldfields and the Central Wheatbelt, they travelled in open carts, trains, (with no air conditioning), and some even on foot. I just cannot imagine the long dresses, and shirts that had stiff collars and hems all the way down around their ankles. Now that must have been unbearably hot, particularly if you had just arrived by ship from England, or other locations. Short of swimming in a water hole, (those being as scarce as hen's teeth). The best other option would be to sit in the shade of a nice big tree and hope there was a light breeze blowing.

Can you imagine that the first house on the farm would have been build from the trees harvested to make way for the crops that they hoped would keep families into the future. Washing would have to be boiled in the copper, meals prepared on an open fire and the only bread available to eat had to be baked in the kitchen. Can you even imagine what that looked like? No Newton's Home Hardware to deliver the table and chairs. No Two Dogs, to visit for advice, all manner of bolts, nuts and screws, fixings or power tools that help build a house. No, there was nothing at that stage if you didn't bring it with you on the trek from Perth.

There is a plethora of information held at the Battye Library where we can take a glance into the lives of those who lived in Nangeenan in a bygone time and I quote a small snippet from page 8 of Margaret Mills Book, which can be read at the library, but cannot be removed.

"We travelled to Nangeenan.

We had nowhere to go on arrival, so we made our way over to an empty house at the siding, belonging to the Railways Department. We gained entry and settled for the night. We had no food. I was very hungry. We were there a day or so, from somewhere my Brother Jim came up with a solid chocolate horse, which he gave me. It was a lovely horse, and I played with it until hunger forced me to eat it.

Nangeenan was a small siding, one shop, which sold all sorts of things, biscuits, groceries, stamps and managed the telephone service. It was run by Mr and Mrs Cecil Nice, who had a small son Harry and a daughter Mary.

There was also a very strong Stone-built Hall, and a school there which all the children for miles attended.

We had to move out of the railway house: an official and his wife were due to move in. We took our few belongings across the railway line, across the main road, (now the Great Eastern Highway and made our way into the virgin Bush to find a suitable place to make camp.

Mum and the three boys rigged up a camp from the Eucalypt saplings and scraps of galvanised iron found on a tip nearby, and wheat bags. We were to stay in our new surroundings for some time. There was a school nearby in the bush and I started school there at the age seven. Two of my brothers also went to the Nangeenan School. Jack the second eldest went off somewhere to work.

There were about thirty pupils at the school, from farms nearby and further out. When I started school there was an old man (or he seemed old to me) as out teacher, his name was Mr Brown, but seemed a bit testy, due no doubt to his age. He left soon after I started school and his place was taken by a young man, who had served in the

1914-18 war. Mr Swindle. He was married and he and his wife lived in a building adjoining the school. He was a good teacher and I learned much from him. He had rather a short temper which sometimes flared and his face would grow red, as some of the careless students, usually the ones in first standard, got into mischief or did not pay attention. Then he would stomp down the classroom and shout loudly at them. Those of us who behaved and attended our lessons, we liked Mr Swindle."

I was saddened to find out that the Old Nangeenan School had been relocated to North Merredin Primary School and has only recently been demolished to make way for CEACA housing, behind the library. Which brings me to mention the other places of Historic value that are just self-destructing, due to neglect, I have to ask "Why are we encouraged to list Historic Sites on the Heritage register? If, when we try to rescue them, we are told they loose their Historic Significance if they are moved, in the case of the Nangeenan Farm Managers Residence, (researched and registered by Greg Shea and Bob French, thanks guys) it is now moving itself all over the nearby paddocks, sheets of corrugated iron, one sheet at a time, the site will soon have nothing left but a sorry sign on a locked gate.

While it is such a long shot, and it makes me enormously sad, that it took the previous Council CEO to leave and his position, to be filled by a temporary person, to finally bring about the rescue

of our magnificent "strong Stone-Built Hall" it is frustrating that now, we find ourselves in the middle of a pandemic, with material and staff shortages disrupting so much. We are so grateful to those who are younger, while all the Marley children are now on the wrong side of 70 and a little less energetic than we were 4 years ago, we are still hoping that we can celebrate the 110th birthday of the Hall this year, and also recognise that our Dad, who taught us so much about "doing the right thing" would have been 100 this year.

We heard of the recent passing of Herman Seitz, he, his then wife Stella and their children were a part of our past, they lived on Jounings farm, (later purchased by the Cahill Brothers), located on Jouning Road, and I was dismayed to see that Jouning Road has been renamed Cahill Road, for whatever reason I don't know, and it deletes a picture of a past, where we made memories and still have photos of both Herman and Stella and in particular "Baby Herman" who we all loved as a small child. As for Mr and Mrs Jouning, I was so fascinated by their car, with wood grain dash and door panels, what luxury, pull down blinds over the windows, well that was the next best thing to air conditioning in the car.

Can we appreciate what we have today, if we don't know what wasn't available in the past or how much has been achieved, to give us the opportunity to sook-a-lot, if suddenly the power goes out or the dishwasher breaks down.

AGRICULTURAL HALL, NANGEENAN.
 THE NEW AGRICULTURAL HALL NANGEENAN WILL
BE OPENED
 ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 9th, 1912,
 BY
The Hon. T. H. BATH, M.L.A.,
 MINISTER FOR LANDS.
 OPENING CEREMONY AT 3.30.
 Immediately after the Opening Ceremony there will be
 A BANQUET IN THE HALL, TICKETS 5s. EACH.
 In the Evening there will be A GRAND BALL. Dancing
 to commence at 8 p.m. Double Tickets 7/6. Single 5/-
 The early morning Expresses will stop to take passengers
 for all stations east and west.

CARER'S CORNER

By JULIE TOWNROW

It was a very relaxed morning for our Carers get together on the 15 February and so good to chat about the things we know and deal with in our lives as carers of our loved ones, and while some may see this as a burden, for most of us it is a joy to live and laugh with the little quirky bits of our day. It is also great to learn of the different places that can provide a little help here and there and share what we know and learn a bit of what we don't.

I am amazed that so many people don't know that as we age, and our ability to jump tall buildings diminish, the Federal Government has introduced care packages to help senior residents to stay living in their own homes for longer. In an age where Medical Science has improved exponentially, we are living longer and for many of us, while we remain active, getting things done gets harder. For many the simple task of climbing a ladder to replace a light bulb is not something considered, the risk of falling is far too great. Thus the introduction of **Home Care Packages**. So many older people don't know about these Packages or how to go about getting one.

There are certain criteria around the issuing of Care Packages and they are about your health and your ability to maintain a reasonable life at home. The best person to consider your health is your GP. Your GP would then refer you to an ACAT (Aged Care Assessment Team), who conduct an in-house assessment, and advise what help may be available to you. There are 4 levels of Home Care, which consider your care needs, Low to High Care, with Low Care funding some home and gardening help, then increasing through to High Care, where personal care, showering, cooking, medicating and social care is required.

The system allows for people to

come into your home and help you, generally free of charge, Funding being provided through Services Australia, at the level assessed by the ACAT report. Equipment such as walkers and gophers are funded through the packages and there is capacity to have home modifications. Hand rails, door ramps and in some cases bathrooms modified to ambulant standard. There are many opportunities to keep your loved ones living at home, in as normal conditions as possible.

As we live longer, there will be increased numbers of people needing in-home care, if we consider, for instance, thirty years ago, people with dementia, were few and far between, and I don't think cancer was as prevalent as it is today, diabetes is on the increase and I don't know about you, but my arthritis gives me gyp all the time, our health care system is under increased pressure and Aged care is a growth industry. So if you find yourself in a situation where you are unable to do something, then you need to ask someone who can help. I am also aware that with transport improvement, families are no longer close by, those that are, being too busy with work and families of their own, that it is sometimes hard for them to help out, therefore it is incumbent on us to help out where we can. As we live longer and were not in the demographic of compulsory payments into Superannuation, juggling diminishing financial resources becomes challenging. To be granted a Home Care Package allows for you to get the help you need, without becoming a burden to your family. On a positive note, it created great opportunity for employment growth. Do you remember the saying "Money was made round, to go round, and for some it was made flat to stack". If you find yourself in any of these situations, visit your GP and request a referral for an ACAT Assessment.

Tennis

MDLC CLUB MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

By TENNIELLE MCGREGOR

Sunday 13 February 2022 saw the Merredin Districts Lawn Tennis Club hold their Club Mixed Doubles Championships.

With near perfect weather we had good numbers for the day, allowing the club to run a knockout first round, and splitting into a main draw and a plate.

With competitive tennis all day, winners for the main draw were Grant Stainer and Tenielle McGregor, and runners up Camray Gethin and Hayley Billing.

Husband and wife duo Kristy and Michael Sharp took out the Plate, with Adam Elliott and Bianca Waters coming in close

runners up.

The club would like to invite any interested players to attend the 2022 Charity Open Day which will be held on Saturday afternoon 12 March 2022. The event will be ladies and men's doubles, with A, B and C grades available if numbers permit.

This year the club is raising funds for Farmers Across Borders, who are currently delivering much needed hay to our Wheatbelt neighbours suffering from the recent devastating bush fires.

Further information is available on the Merredin Districts Lawn Tennis Club facebook page, or by contacting mdltc@hotmail.com.au

Basketball

10th February 2022

Under 12 Girls

Orange (22) d. Royal Blue (12)

White (6) drew Lime Green (6)

Under 12 Boys

Black (22) d. Yellow (17)

Green (27) d. Sky Blue (4)

Red (16) d. Light Grey (12)

Under 16 Girls

White (37) d. Lime Green (33)

Lilac (60) d. Sky Blue (27)

Under 16 Boys

Red (39) d. Orange (21)

Black (43) d. Green (20)

Yellow (34) d. Royal Blue (24)

Pink (33) d. Light Grey (23)

17th February 2022

Under 12 Girls

Orange (14) d. Lime Green (6)

Royal Blue (10) drew White (10)

Under 12 Boys

Yellow (36) d. Sky Blue (2)

Black (22) d. Red (10)

Green (28) d. Light Grey (25)

Under 16 Girls

Lilac (31) d. White (16)

Sky Blue (41) d. Lime Green (24)

Under 16 Boys

Light Grey (26) d. Yellow (13)

Royal Blue (40) d. Black (34)

Pink (53) d. Orange (27)

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ABOUT THE ROLE:

AFGRI has an exciting **Senior Parts Sales Representative** position available at our **Mukinbudin** branch. Responsible for the coordination of the parts sales function to ensure customer satisfaction, invoicing and dispatching sales in a timely manner and maintaining inventory in line with company policies and procedures.

- To attend to counter service and Customer phone enquires as needed.
- Promote sales / follow up on sales by all possible means.
- Ensure all parts are charged prior to leaving the premises.

ABOUT YOU:

- Retail parts experience preferred, but not essential.
- Excellent communication and customer service skills.
- Intermediate knowledge of standard Microsoft desktop applications and in-house software.

WHAT WE OFFER:

- Extensive product training.
- Supportive team and working environment.
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If this sounds like the role for you, **please APPLY NOW!**



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- Promote sales / follow up on sales by all possible means.
- Ensure all parts are charged prior to leaving the premises.

ABOUT YOU:

- Completed Year 12 (preferably at an Ag College).
- Have an interest in Agriculture and Machinery.

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HOROSCOPES



ARIES 21 March—19 April

It is time to ditch your usual routine and experience something new in life.



TAURUS 20 April-26 May

Reinvigorate your self-worth through socialising or fun group activities.



GEMINI 21 May-20 June

Make the most of positive communication and catch up on outstanding paperwork.



CANCER 21 June-22 July

Give your romantic relationship a boost and plan something special to do together.



LEO 23 July-22 August

Change is in the air, and it may be hard for you to stay in your current job.



VIRGO 23 August-22 September

Keep tweaking your work/life balance to make sure that life is enjoyable.



LIBRA 23 September-22 October

Nothing will feel impossible if you make your self-care needs a priority.



SCORPIO 23 October-21 November

Don't hesitate to throw your name into the hat for that promotion at work.



SAGITTARIUS 22 November-21 December

Your creativity is in overdrive, so channel it to a DIY or decorating project.



CAPRICORN 22 December-19 January

Give yourself a break from your responsibilities and go socialize!



AQUARIUS 20 January-18 February

Take some deep breaths, think deep thoughts and find a new focus.



PISCES 19 February-20 March

It is a great time to make new plans that are optimistic, realistic and goal oriented.

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Are you a team player?

Come join one of our Community Teams in the Wheatbelt and be supported by your colleagues and an organisation that cares as much about you as we do our customers.

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Positions Vacant



FULL TIME POSITION AVAILABLE

Merredin Freightlines are currently seeking an **MC Operator**

Driver will be based out of Merredin depot

All applicants please email resume to merredinfreightline@bigpond.com or call 08 9041 3444



ADMINISTRATION CASUAL/PART-TIME/FULL-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE

Merredin Freightlines are currently seeking An enthusiastic and reliable member to add to our Administration Team.

The applicant will have exceptional administration and communication skills.

Based in our Merredin depot, hours 8.30am to 4pm.

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Great Southern Fuels require the services of a full time tanker driver based in our Merredin Depot. HC or MC and Dangerous Goods licence required, but DG is not essential on application.

Applications and inquiries to David Haines 0417 344 319 david.haines@gsfs.com.au

Or call in and drop a resume off to

Great Southern Fuels
3 Gamenya Avenue PO Box 221 Merredin 6415



Local & FIFO MC Operators – Full Time

About us-

MDH Transport are a family owned and operated company, established over 10 years ago. We have a diverse fleet of Earthmoving and Transport Equipment, which services both the Mining and Agricultural industries in Western Australia. Our Business is expanding, and we are looking for motivated MC Operators to join our team.

The Role-

MDH Transport requires experienced and professional operators to join our team to cart bulk Stockfeed and grains.

Essential Criteria-

- Current MC Licence
 - Minimum 2 years continuous experience of MC driving and End tipping with Grain.
 - Must be able to confidently reverse two trailers
 - Road Train / Multi combination experience
 - A positive and professional attitude
 - Must have current online fatigue management certificate for drivers/be able to complete (TLIF2010 Apply Fatigue Management Strategies)
 - Must have Commercial Driver's Medical or be able to complete
 - Safe & Reliable Operator
 - Must be able to work Monday - Friday with regular Weekend work available
 - Be willing to complete regular drug and alcohol screening
- If you have a HC/HR license for road ranger and would like to upskill training will be provided.

Accommodation will be provided with meal and travel allowances with FIFO options available.

Attractive remuneration package with a weekly pay cycle on full time employment contracts.

This position is available for an **immediate start**.

Please email your resume through to Matt Henderson – matt@mdht.com.au



St Mary's School Merredin Gardener Required

If you have the ability to do general gardening maintenance, maintain the school oval and grounds, please email the Principal – Adriana Coniglio at

adriana.coniglio@cewa.edu.au

Applicant must be able to show proof of vaccination and to obtain a Working With Children's Card.

Public Notices



NOTICE OF MEETING – BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Bush Fire Advisory Committee Annual General Meeting of the Shire of Merredin will be held on Thursday, 17 March 2022 at the Tivoli Room commencing at 1600hrs.

Lisa Clack

Chief Executive Officer

Despite his parents' reassurances, Bill couldn't shake the nagging suspicion he might be adopted.





We are still in need of rentals for our tenant base.
If you would like more information about leasing your property - Contact us and we would be more than happy to help!
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Fantastic 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom family home.

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Outside is a fully fenced yard with a 7m x 6m shed with rear yard access

This home is well worth viewing at this price.

Do yourself a favour and call Sharon Johnson on 0448 108 545 to discuss a viewing or details!

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Furnished 2x1 house—\$270/ week

Close to Merredin Hospital and fully furnished.

Contact us on 9547 2919 or email info@asktonym.com.au for a pre-application.



Unfurnished 3x1 house \$300 / week 3 bedroom house with fully fenced back yard.

Single carport and a U shaped drive way for extra parking. There is a garden shed in the back yard for extra storage.

Contact us on 9574 2917 or email info@asktonym.com.au for a pre-application


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30 Bates Street, MERREDIN



GRAND RESIDENCE LIKE NO OTHER

For Sale by genuine seller looking to retire. This amazingly spacious property at 30 Bates Street is a former bank building and grand residence built in 1928. Currently operated as Merredin Bed and Breakfast. Art deco styling throughout plus a large private garden and yards this could also be a fantastic family or retirement home with six bedrooms and four bathrooms. The former bank section could be utilised for office or commercial business space if wished. Located in the centre of Merredin CBD close to all of towns amenities. Freehold land title of 1138m2 with passing rear lane access.

All inquiries by financially qualified buyers to exclusive selling agents Elders Real Estate, phone local specialists Will Morris 0448 415 537 or Jacqui Burton 0498 457 539 to discuss in confidence.



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Beds

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Bath

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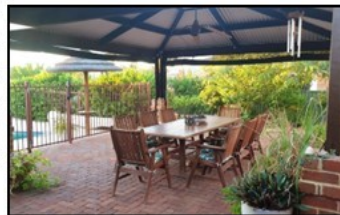
Parking



Address Available on Request

\$695,000 WEB ID 23328358

This executive home includes four generous queen-sized bedrooms and two bathrooms, with additional study or nursery. The Master Bedroom includes a generous walk-in robe and ensuite with spa and separate toilet. The remaining bedrooms contain double built-in robes. The light filled living spaces comprise of two lounge areas, a family room with a built-in bar and a dining area. The kitchen includes a generous island bench, 900mm oven and walk-in pantry. The veranda connects the alfresco area and overlooks the pool and bush land beyond.



40 Coronation Street, MERREDIN

\$29,000 WEB ID 23329195

VACANT QUARTER ACRE FREEHOLD BLOCK CENTRALLY LOCATED
 You won't find a better located vacant land block in Merredin that is right in the heart of the town-site. Only a short stroll to the main street shops and CBD with easy access to all of the town major amenities. Yes a large quarter acre (1012m2), residential zoned, freehold land title that is level and has side and rear lane-ways passing. Future potential to subdivide into two survey strata lots for development. All services are passing the block but not yet connected. Priced for a quick sale.



17 Princess Street, MERREDIN

\$130,000 - WEB ID 23329753

17 Princess Street is presented with Property Management in place and rented at \$300 per week. Current tenants lease contract expires 25/05/2022 and they are willing to extend longer term. Home is circa 1976 construction with rear extensions done in the 2000's. Now boasting 5 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, dining, kitchen, games/family room, internal laundry and separate WC. Single carport parking and side patio. Rear garden shed, electric HWS, two wall mount A/C units, ceiling fans, gas cooking and tile fire heating. House had new carpets and paint throughout in mid 2021.



71 Haig Road, MERREDIN

\$195,000 - WEB ID 23314024

This gorgeous house feels just like home the moment you walk in. The original jarrah floorboards lead you down the entrance hall to the renovated kitchen which over looks the formal lounge with reverse cycle split system air conditioning. There are 2 good sized bedrooms at the front of the home and 1 at the rear plus a study nook opening onto the back yard. To the side of the house in the fenced back yard is a huge gable patio paved for entertaining. There is a double garage at the back of the property with access from a rear lane-way, plus a single car garage at the side.

