



Murchison Monologue



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Camp Quality - WesCarpade Visit to the Murchison



The Murchison settlement was fortunate enough to receive a visit from the WesCarpade team on Saturday 4th August. What a wonderful array of colour and excitement in the caravan park. WesCarpade is an outback motoring adventure that raises funds for Camp Quality. (Camp Quality helps provide children living with cancer and their families with a much needed break from hospitals and stress) This year's team consisted of 18 cars, 70 entrants, 15 support crew and travelled 2,300km from Geraldton to Busselton. The team stayed overnight at the caravan park and the ladies from the Murchison Arts Council catered for the evening meal with a lovely selections of curries to warm everyone after their day on the road. The hall was a sea of yellow with almost everyone joining in the spirit and dressing up. A great time was had catching up with the locals and other participants over a couple of drinks and swaping stories from the day s adventure. There was lots of laughter with awards and fines handed out from the day.

This is an amazing fun loving group of people raising money for a very worthy cause.



Local Government Honours 2013

SIMON BROAD

Life Membership Award

Recognises long and outstanding service to the Western Australian Local Government Association (as an Executive member or Serving Officer of the Association or member Council) or for long and outstanding service to Local Government (as an Executive Member or for significant achievement and/or active involvement in intergovernmental relations).

Congratulations



SIMON BROAD

Shire of Murchison

Passionate about the Murchison, Simon Broad has been a highly respected and well-regarded community leader since his election to Council in 1987.

Elected Deputy President of the Shire in 1990, and then President in 1998, Simon's 25 years of service to the Shire has been exemplary, and he has been instrumental in guiding the Council through the many challenges and changes faced by the community.

Simon and his family live 185 kilometres northeast of the Murchison settlement, so his travel to Council meetings and community functions has been, and continues to be, a major commitment.

He has dedicated himself to improving the services and opportunities available to those in the Shire, and despite running a full time pastoral station, Simon regularly travels to Perth and major regional centres to represent the Council and ensure the best outcomes for the Murchison district.

He was awarded a Freeman of the Shire in 2010 for dedication above and beyond the call of duty, and in 2005 received a Long and Loyal Service Award from the WA Local Government Association.

Amongst his many council and community positions, he has been a member of the Carnarvon Control Authority, a board member of the Mid West Development Commission, a member of the Cue Parliament, and a WA Local Government Association State Councillor.

Simon has been the President of the Nicholson Range and Murchison Polocrosse Club, and has always been an active member of the Murchison Sports Club and Museum Committee.

Simon has a reputation of being a loyal and dedicated Councillor and Shire President, and is always positive about the future of the Shire. His leadership and chairmanship has been distinguished by his ability to hear both sides of any debate, without bias, and his willingness to communicate regularly with ratepayers has been well received and respected by all members of the community.

He is committed to representing the Murchison Shire, and the wider mid west region to ensure adequate opportunities are made available to residents, despite its remote location and distance from the metropolitan area.

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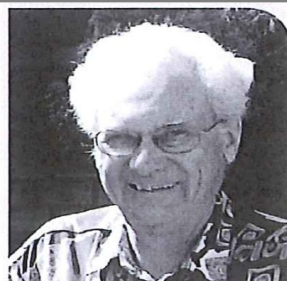
Local Government

Honours 2013

James (Neil) Warne

Local Government Officers Award

For outstanding contributions made by serving officers of member Local Governments to the Association, the sector or other agencies and local communities.



JAMES (NEIL) WARNE

Shire of Murchison

Dedicating over 52 years to Local Government in regional Western Australia, Neil Warne is an example of an exceptional employee who has played a major role in shaping the future of many local communities. First employed by the Town of Northam as a clerical officer in 1960, Neil worked in positions at the Shires of Dowerin, Goomalling, Moora, Mount Magnet, Cue Leonora, Brookton, Three Springs, and Murchison. He spent 29 years as the Assistant Shire Clerk and then Shire Clerk/CEO at the Shire of Moora before being appointed CEO at the Shire of Murchison in 2000. Even though Neil retired in 2004, he acted in CEO positions across regional WA until his second retirement in August 2012. Neil's 'hands on' management style, his commitment to community development, and his passion for regional WA was respected and appreciated in all the communities he lived and worked.

Congratulations!

Murchison was fortunate enough to have Neil as our Acting CEO prior to Jenny Goodbourn accepting the current CEO position. This was Neil's last role in local government. We thank him for his many years of service and wish him a long and happy retirement.

From The Works Supervisor



With the end of the year only 3 months away the shire's outside works crew are in full swing getting roads graded and construction works completed before the Christmas break.

Construction Crew.

2km gravel sheeting program on the Meeberrie-Wooleen road

3km realignment—3km gravel sheeting—widening of floodway's - straightening of approaches to grid and creek crossing from the boundary grid of Beringarra/Nookawarra heading north on the Beringarra-Pindar road

3km gravel sheeting (over stony section) – plus new bunds and drains on the Beringarra-Cue road.

New alignment corner (known as Dick's corner) on the Beringarra-Mt-Gould road plus some off shoot drains in low areas.

2.7km gravel sheeting—new bunds—rebuilding of new contour banks (2.4km long) on the Beringarra-Byro from the west end intersection.

At this stage crew are working on a 13km gravel sheeting program starting 5km south of Byro station heading south . 5.5km of road has been formed up in readiness for gravel sheeting with 2km of gravel carted onto road in readiness for spreading out. Please take care when driving in this area of works and obey traffic signs.

At the end of October construction crew will move their camp and equipment down to the Carnarvon-Mullewa road, 70km south of the settlement to start work on the 4km of reforming- gravel sheeting and sealing of bitumen. With the completion of these works (mid-March 2014) this will take bitumen from settlement south to Murchison river totalling 73km.

Maintenance Crew

Roads graded from last April (last newsletter).

Beringarra-Pindar

Boolardy-Kalli road

Manfred

Nookawarra-Mileura

Beringarra-Cue road

Beringarra –Mt-Gould

Beringarra-Byro road from Beringarra HSD to Beringarra-Byro boundary grid.

Erong road

Yunda road

Innouendy road

Crew will complete roads in the Erong area by 1/10/2013 then will move to Byro homestead and do a full grade north to our boundary on the Carnarvon-Mullewa road. This road will then have had a complete grade in readiness for the Landor races traffic. Crew will then complete Beringarra-Byro road and then full maintenance grade back south to Settlement doing all side roads – Woodleigh-Byro road, Mt Narryer homestead road, Muggon road, Butchers Track, Muggon/Butchers-track road.

Heavy Maintenance Crew

Heavy 2 (Paul Squires) and Heavy 1 (Sandy) are working on the Beringarra/Pindar road (north from the MRO turn off) rebuilding old bunds and placing in new bunds on this section to 21km south of Nookawarra . Works will also include the removal of 4 grids on Beringarra-Pindar and one on the Nookawarra-Mileura road on Nookawarra station . (Thank you Isabella for your letter to the Shire advising grids no longer required)

If any station in the Shire of Murchison have grids that are no longer in use please email the Works Supervisor works@murchison.wa.gov.au or send a letter to the shire advising grids can be removed.

From The Works Supervisor cont. . .

Grids

5 new 24ft grids will be in this years works program replacing the existing 12ft grids on the Beringarra-Pindar road starting late this year from the south end at Pindar.

Mr Rossco Foulkes-Taylor was successful in the tender for the replacement of these grids.

Works will commence mid October, there will be 'road works' and 'detour' signs in place. Please slow down and drive to traffic signage. This grid replacement work will be over three weeks but roads over grids will not be open for 4weeks .

Plant and equipment replacement for the shire this year 2013/2014

One new 5ton dual cab truck –(for Construction crew), trade in 3.5ton 4WD canter.

One new 14ton pad foot vibe roller—trade in of one 14ton smooth drum vibe roller

One new 22cm tri axle semi side tipper.

One new pool vehicle RAV 4 for office staff

Two new single man caravans (Maintenance crew)

One new 9KVA genset

One new 4inch transfer pump.

Please take care and drive safely

Works Supervisor

Brian Wundenberg



Pouring the Boolardy Grid. Photo by Tom Foulkes-Taylor



A very successful couple of days were held on the 2nd and 3rd of September when shire staff along with several members of the community participated in a St John's first aid course conducted by Merle Isbister and her husband.

Photo's courtesy of Paul Squires



Peter Norman Jeffries

Tragically lost to the Murchison Community 22.09.2013



*Peter was a well known and respected member of our community.
Always willing to lend a hand, he will be sadly missed by all*



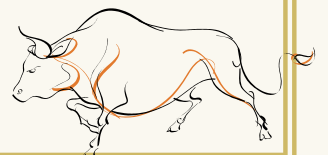
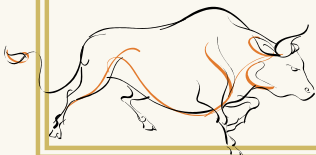
*Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow
May looking back at memories bring us comfort tomorrow*



*Our thoughts and well wishes go out to Katie
Steph, Kris, Daniel, Joshua, Tim, Georgina and Alexis
Charlie and all other family members*



A good man taken before his time





An ode to Peter Norman Jeffries



*We knew years ago right from the start,
That you were the man with the biggest heart.*

*Legend Pete, the family man,
With heart of gold and guiding hand.*

*Freckled nose 'neath battered hat,
The perfect listener as we would chat.
And while we mourn our tragic loss,
We know you're mustering now with the boss.*

*Sun will rise upon the land,
Where you stood proud - true Aussie man.
While gum trees sway on gentle breeze,
We hear you whisper, Pedro Jeffries.*

*"She's solid Snoo, it's alright Luuv,
It's true too good up here above"
Love you Pete, our hearts are heavy
Gone our bridge, gone our levee.*

*But in the floods of sadness that follow from despair,
Muddied waters will subside and hope yet lingers there.*

*Seven saplings...bowed...will stand straight again,
Jeffries-hearted women yet and Jeffries-hearted men.*

*Kate will be their sunlight - her ever-nurturing ways,
The memory of your smile will warm cold wintery days,
And friends and family all are by, to tend and coax the stand,
Shooting, branching, arching-out across these churly lands.*

*Banjawarn..... Billabalong And places yet unknown,
That you've sown will flourish - wherever they might roam.*

*So rest assured my friend of friends, your legacy survives,
Your light has dimmed but not your love. Live on through all our lives.*

A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE JEFFRIES FAMILY

Murchison's Tribute to Pete

Music Concert and Auction

Saturday 19th October

Murchison Settlement

3pm till late..

Featuring:

Kate Linke,

Shane Dickson,

Moresby Rangers,

Local Dose

Licensed Bar—STRICTLY NO BYO

***For ticket info please contact Tanya on
0400707066/99726095***

Facebook: Murchison's Tribute to Pete

Pack a chair, bring a swag. Please don't drink and drive!

Many thanks to The Murchison Shire, Tru Blu Hire,

Total Toilets



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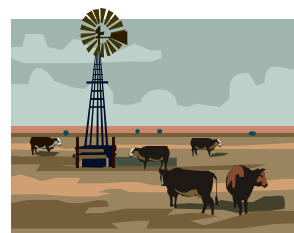
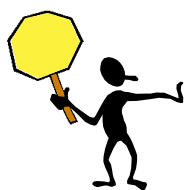


ACCIDENT PREVENTION WORKING GROUP

At the recent Electors Meeting held in the Murchison settlement it was suggested that an accident prevention working group be formed. The idea was for a group to get together and come up with some ideas to present to council that were pertinent to conditions within the Murchison that might help to prevent road accidents—e.g. signage of UHF channels operating in the area, information bays with emergency contact details—RFDS emergency contact numbers, shire numbers, outback driving protocol etc.

Despite calling for volunteers and this being a subject that is of concern to all of us there has been very little feedback to date.

If you would like to see this get off the ground and feel that you could organise or assist in the running of this group please contact the shire office.



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Murchison Museum



2012 – 2013 Murchison Museum President's Report

Thank you all for coming to this important meeting.

In July last year our community was shattered with the loss of an exceptional person. Kaz Collins was taken away following a dreadful accident.

Kaz left us with a lovely, tidy and efficient working museum.

A quartz-filled dome has been erected near to the quartz-filled basket seat on the main Walk. A special message will be placed on the top.

A successful Grant which she had carefully prepared and presented to Government, was announced in early August 2012.

This last year has been taken up with two main items...

The need to find a manager for our museum and

Working on the upgrade to the new Botanical Walk.

Members of the Murchison Settlement carried on caring for the museum and showing visitors through the building for months following August 2012.

A huge thank you to all of you for carrying us through until we found someone permanent to take over.

During June 2012, before Amanda arrived, Rex and Pam Lewington looked after the museum. Apart from showing around visitors, they undertook clearing and cleaning both outside and inside (museum and cottage). Rex has made a full video record of the entire premises. This disk will help us make certain that there is a complete record of all donated items. Some people often ask me "where is thethat we gave to the Murchison in ...?"

A big thank you to both of them for giving up their time and helping out.

In later June we welcomed Amanda Rowland who assumed management of our unique, local family and district museum.

Amanda introduced a different aspect for the layout in the building.

There were some things that had to be done in order to re-establish the museum cottage as it had been utilised as an office.

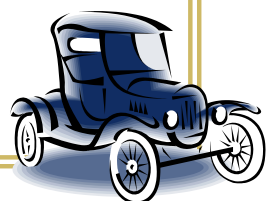
Council very generously have offered to take on costs associated with a new internet service. The previous service was ruled obsolete.

We had to purchase new beds, chairs, extra kitchen gear and some other important items.

Trevor and Leanne have built an excellent netting fence north of the cottage and cleaned up the old garden. The area around the museum was tidied up, new plants introduced and the whole place made very presentable. I urge you all to look in the museum building, note any changes and make comment to the museum committee. Some of the items have been moved, some have been much better labelled and some more strategically placed.

Earlier this year, a beautiful old Boolardy wool wagon came home from the Greenough Pioneer Museum. We can thank Stan Gratte for arranging the move.

A shed cover has been built partly by local carpenter Dai Thomas and completed thanks to Trevor and Leanne. New (old) Boolardy gates have been placed at the front of the shelter. Steve built some grand-looking hinges to hold the gates. A fence around the whole cart is yet to be constructed.



In addition to the Boolardy gear, we inherited from Greenough a large old cart wheel shrinker. Robbie F.T. powder-coated this huge item a smart red-colour and carted it back to Murchison. It stands on a slab near the wagon. This shrinker was used at Pindar Siding, stolen from there years ago and eventually recovered. It ended up at the Pioneer museum.

Pindar was the southern end of the wool wagon pathway from the Gascoyne and Murchison. Before the railway was constructed all the way to Meekatharra, almost all the wool from the East Gascoyne, Meekatharra, Cue and Murchison ended up being put on rail at Pindar Siding.

Let me give you an update on the progress of the Botanical Walk.

I will pass around a précis of our Walk financial position today rather than go into all the many and various work stages in this report.

Suffice to say the next most pressing requirement to complete the Walk is proper signage, a general tidy up of the surrounding ground area and completion and compaction of the path.

I will need to present a detailed account of all the works and expenditure to the Dept. of Conservation. This is part of our obligation. At the end of July this year, I had to request an extension of time for spending the Grant and completing the Project. We do have a little flexibility now.

Meg Officer has worked tirelessly on putting names to all the plants. She has also helped us put out the named slabs under the correct foliage.

We need to work on a comprehensive brochure which will explain additional points about the named plants. Meg has compiled an interim and brief brochure available at the office.

Please make some time to walk the Walk and make comment.

Kaz did a great job in preparing the Grant Application but I have had to juggle the various sections so that our budget did not blow out. In addition Carol and I have tried to use as many local people as possible for the work needed. Some have gifted back an amount to the Museum but it is not a compulsory budget "give-back". In kind contributions have been exceptionally generous.

My thanks go to Carol for her support and work as Secretary.

Again, thank you to everyone for any and all assistance.

I will move that my report be accepted.

Jano Foulkes-Taylor President 2013

MUSEUM CURATOR'S REPORT

It is coming up for the time when the dust covers go on in the Museum. The weather is warming up and the nomads are heading south again. The Museum has had a steady stream of these high quality visitors over the winter; typically older types who have great practical knowledge about things in the Collection and have the time and patience to share what they know.

I have sent thanks to the man who sent four odd-looking screws and a special screwdriver with precise instructions on how to fasten the plastic dome that sits over the Sun Clock onto its wooden lectern. Also, Lindsay from Carnarmah sent some old sacks for me to fix the Coolgardie Safe walls and it is now in full working order – including being stocked with one demonstration stubby of Cooper's Pale Ale. Although the capillary action does not seem to be happening as I had hoped, I am convinced the theory is sound and have been encouraging the fridge along with the hose.

Inside the Museum I have contributed a number of handwritten panels that reflect conversations I have had with locals about life in this region, past and the present. As well as acknowledging where they come from, these panels talk about objects in the context of contemporary life in the region. A dingo trap, for example, is now an exhibit that tells visitors of the factors that have led to the decline of the sheep industry and the dingoes' role in this decline. This storytelling reflects my understanding of why history and its telling, matters. Feedback from visitors has encouraged me to believe that people appreciate glimpses of the real life of the region they are travelling through.

This approach suggests that while objects from the past are static, they are brought to life by people's relationship to them. Every voice from every generation will reflect different experiences depending on the context of that relationship. Thus history is fleshed out by many voices and choices are made about who gets to tell the stories which ones are left in and which are left out.

History is always dangerous territory.

On August 17, visitor numbers were boosted by the *Astrofest* when over 100 people went through the Museum. Anne Walton, a video/performance artist and I produced a video called *Museum-in-a-bowl*. After dark people came to experience the Collection in a different way and *Cartwheel*, a projection on the south wall of the Museum added to the pleasure of the night. *

Another highlight of the season was a visit from Nan Broad and former long-time curator Marie Wendland in August. They spent two days in the Museum talking about the objects in the Collection, and these conversations, as well as intermittent encounters with Jano and Carol have added to my stock of knowledge about the region.

I have loved my time here and Anne has found herself drawn back to the place for days more than she anticipated to relieve me as caretaker. To Di, Peta, Sharon and Jenny thanks for helping me and Anne with innumerable office matters. To Trevor and Leanne, THANKS FOR THE VEGIES! and the use of different tools and the odd plastic tie. And thanks to Paul who keeps adding plants to the caretaker's cottage patch. The Station and Museum Ladies are always great fun and a major source of information and inspiration. Thank you for always welcoming me into the kitchen.

There are plans afoot at the Museum as the Committee gears up to develop ideas for the 2014 season. Watch this space.

**The Astrofest video displays were supported by a grant from the Crosslands Murchison Community Fund, so we thank the Shire and the Museum Committee for supporting this original endeavour.*





Child looks at *Museum-in-a-bowl*



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RE: August 2013 Update – Activities at the Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory (MRO)

Developments at the MRO

ASKAP telescope granted a clear view

The Science and Industry Endowment Fund (SIEF) has awarded \$6 million to the Australian Square Kilometre Array Pathfinder (ASKAP) Project to ensure optimum scientific impact with the telescope. The grant will be used to fund the construction and installation of an additional six phased array feed (PAF) receivers onto ASKAP antennas at the Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory in Western Australia. These innovative radio camera receivers have the ability to revolutionise the field of radio astronomy, transforming sky survey speeds by more than a factor of twenty.

ASKAP requires one phased array feed receiver (or PAF, a kind of radio camera) for each of the 36 antennas that make up the complete array to achieve its full scientific potential. Together with an additional \$6 million commitment by CSIRO, the SIEF funding will allow 30 of the 36 antennas to have PAFs installed

This new funding will help ASKAP become the largest, most sensitive survey radio telescope on the planet. Lewis Ball, Chief of Astronomy and Space Science, said. 'As the number of PAFs on ASKAP increase, the scientific capability of ASKAP rises significantly, allowing the telescope to survey large areas of sky with unprecedented sensitivity and speed.'

'ASKAP will be able to deliver transformational, ground-breaking astronomy in the areas of cosmology, galaxy evolution, cosmic magnetic fields and the nature of gravity, continuing CSIRO's role as a world leader in radio astronomy science. This extra funding from SIEF and CSIRO will considerably increase ASKAP's survey speed.'

Currently in its commissioning phase, the ASKAP telescope will exist as a standalone instrument before eventually forming the core of the future Square Kilometre Array Phase One Survey telescope, to be built in Australia later this decade. This will see 60 new antennas added to ASKAP's 36, with PAFs on all antennas.



ASKAP team members installing a phased array feed receiver – the round green disc in the centre – onto an ASKAP antenna. © Alex Cherney, terrastro.com

Welcome Dr Shaun Amy (Acting MRO Site Manager)



We welcome Dr Shaun Amy (CSIRO Computing Infrastructure Group Leader) to the Geraldton Office. Shaun has been appointed as Acting MRO Site Manager until the position is advertised and filled. Dr Amy has been a regular visitor to the Mid West since 2008 and is responsible for the fibre optic project from the MRO to Geraldton.

Our previous MRO Site Manager, Barry Turner resigned from CSIRO and has moved back to New South Wales, having accepted a position with Charles Stuart University. I wish to thank Barry for his hard work and dedication during the construction of the MRO and the ASKAP projects.

Free Public Lecture – Pulsars at the Geraldton Grammar



Dr George Hobbs will deliver a FREE public lecture at the Geraldton Grammar School – Batavia Hall on Thursday 12 September 2013 commencing at 6pm.

Lecture Title: Pulsars, black holes and gravitational waves

High above us in the sky, super massive black holes orbit each other, producing ripples in space and time. Dr George Hobbs, a research scientist at CSIRO, will describe research being carried out in Australia to try and make the first detection of these gravitational waves using observations of an extreme type of star called a 'pulsar'. Pulsars are small spinning stars that spin hundreds of times each second and have massive magnetic fields. Dr Hobbs will explain how these pulsars are discovered, what we use them for, how they can be studied to look for gravitational waves and the current status of our project.

Pulse@Parkes Session at Geraldton

On Friday 13 September 2013, CSIRO will conduct a Pulse@Parkes Session for representatives from the four Geraldton High Schools. Dr George Hobbs and Rob Hollow (CSIRO Astronomy & Space Science) will conduct the session. PULSE@Parkes is an innovative project that provides high school students the opportunity to control the famous Parkes radio telescope. Students observe pulsars under the guidance of professional astronomers and interpret the data collected during their observation session. We are very pleased to be able to offer this special opportunity to the Geraldton science students.

Murchison Astrofest 2013

The Murchison Astrofest was held on Saturday 17 August 2013. Mr Sandy McTaggart (Chair, Murchison Astrofest Committee) welcomed participants to the second Murchison Astrofest. Cr Ross Foulkes-Taylor (Deputy Shire President) and I welcomed participants to the Astrofest.

Our keynote speakers were Dr Lisa Harvey-Smith (CSIRO's ASKAP Project Scientist) and Dr Ken Freeman the Winner of the 2012 Prime Minister's Prize for Science. Wajarri Elder, Uncle Alan Egan was the Astrofest's Bush Professor. He conducted guided walks showing people the unique plants and animals found at the Murchison Settlement.

I think this was a great success, with around 300 people (maximum capacity !) signed up. The stargazing was great (in spite of the moon), and everyone enjoyed the wonderful food, music and large scale camp-out. It also provided significant income for the Murchison Oasis Roadhouse and businesses in Mullewa, which was good.

I want to thank Priscilla Clayton, the Astrofest Committee and the Murchison Shire Council staff who did such a great job of organising this – and of course, to the Geraldton and Perth Astronomy Groups and ICRAR (International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research), who kindly brought their wonderful telescopes for everyone to look through. The extensive support, both financial, in-kind and volunteer is essential for activities of this kind and I am grateful to all who helped in many different ways.



Cr Ross Foulkes-Taylor (Deputy President, Shire of Murchison) Welcoming guests to the Murchison Astrofest.



Dr Lisa Harvey-Smith and I at the Astrofest



Dinner time at the Astrofest.



One of the young star gazers at the Murchison Astrofest



Wajarri Elder, Uncle Alan Egan – the Bush Professor conducting guided walks at the Murchison Astrofest.



Please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 9372-4101 or Antony.schinckel@csiro.au, Priscilla Clayton (08) 9923-7755 or Shaun Amy on (08) 9923-7750 or 0419 209 971 in Geraldton if you have any questions.

Yours Sincerely

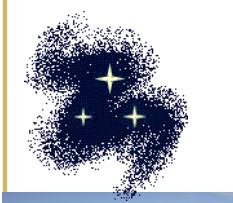
A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Ant Schinckel".

Ant Schinckel
ASKAP Theme Leader and Director
CSIRO Astronomy & Space Science

3 September 2013

MURCHISON ASTROFEST

17 AUGUST 2013



The first Murchison Astrofest was held in 2011 and the feedback was that everyone enjoyed it so much that they would like to make it an annual event. Due to our isolation and numbers to help run the event it was decided to wait until 2013. We again held a very successful weekend on August 17 with approx 300 people attending, many travelling long distances to visit our little community and share the wonderful night skies.

Among our guests were the Geraldton Astronomy group, Perth Astronomy Group and ICRAR who all brought their telescopes along for public access. Many visitors were amazed that we had our own chef for the weekend who did a fantastic job catering for lunch, dinner and breakfast for so many.

Mr Alan Egan, Wajarri Elder was our Bush Professor. Alan knows many of the bush tucker plants of our country and conducted guided walks showing visitors our unique plants and animals. His knowledge about the bush has been handed down from his parents and members of his extended family, who worked on many of the Murchison pastoral stations.

Wajarri Bush Cooks, father & Son duo, Colin Jones (senior and junior) offered the opportunity to sample some bush tucker and had an array of bush foods on display.

Local artist John Jensen from New Forrest Station showed some of his works, displaying his resourcefulness of painting on different surfaces including wood saws and windmill blades. These proved very popular with nearly all being sold.

A huge bonfire was again held on the Saturday night, were those that were not utilizing the telescopes could sit back with a glass and enjoy our beautiful night sky whilst relaxing in the warmth of the fire.



Photo Credit: David Nicolson

Only in the Top End

A pastoralist living in the top end of Western Australia had owned a large property for several years. He had a dam in one of the lower paddocks where he had planted mango and avocado trees. The dam had been fixed up for swimming when it was built and he also had some picnic tables placed there in the shade of the fruit trees.

One evening the pastoralist decided to go down to the dam to look it over, as he hadn't been there for a while. He grabbed a ten litre bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the dam, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his dam. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him, 'We're not coming out until you leave!' The old man frowned, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the dam naked.'

Holding the bucket up he said, 'I'm here to feed the crocodile.'



Children Are Quick

TEACHER: Why are you late?

STUDENT: Class started before I got here.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?' GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.....

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's.. Did you copy his?

CLYDE : No, sir. It's the same dog.

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher



in association with Meka Station, Elders Pastoral and Primaries presents

Southern Rangelands Sustainable Pastoralism Bash

22-24 October 2013

Meka Station, Yalgoo

Theme: Re-igniting enthusiasm for, and the profitability of, the pastoral industries and communities through collaborative efforts to facilitate social networks, reduce the predation of livestock and re-build the environment through control of total grazing pressure.

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
22 October		
10.30am – 10.45am	Kerry & Sue Wark Owner of Meka Station MC for the 3 day event	Welcome to Meka Station. Setting the scene for the 3 day event Introduce next Speaker
10.45am – 11.30am	WA Minister or Member of Parliament	The government's vision for the WA pastoral industry, and how we achieve this vision Food Bowl
	Kerry Wark MC	Thank Speaker, introduce next Speaker
11.30am – 12.00am	Brian Warren Rangelands NRM WA	Rangelands NRM WA – who we are and what we do.
	Kerry Wark MC	Thank Speaker, Announce Lunch
12.00am – 12.45pm		LUNCH. Information & merchandise displays from our sponsors
	Kerry Wark MC	Introduce next Speaker
12.45pm – 1.15pm	John Silver Rangelands NRM WA	Rangelands NRM WA – who we are and what we do on ground projects and funding support for industry
	Kerry Wark MC	Thank Speaker, introduce next Speaker
1.15pm – 1.45pm	Greg Mifsud National Wild Dog Facilitator, Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre	National update on Wild Dog problems and effects on industry, what his position and CRC are about
	Kerry Wark MC	Thank Speaker, announce film showing Qld Charleville study tour
1.45pm – 2.15pm	Sustainable Pastoralism: Collaboration, a way forward'	Showing of film about Qld Charleville study tour
	Kerry Wark MC	Thank Karen & film crew, introduce next speaker

	Group Leader of the Yalgoo Producers Group	management: Nicholson Range Project between Meka & Mt Wittenoom (Baratha Aboriginal Corp) the importance of the partnership on a conservation, regeneration & reducing erosion by slowing the water speed to improve the productive Pastoral flood out country. (SANFORD RIVER CATCHMENT)
	Kerry Wark MC	Thank Speaker, introduce next Speaker
2.45pm – 3.15pm	Ashley Dowden & Geoff Brookes	Our story: Construction of exclusion vermin fence around 50 odd small livestock stations What we'd like to see happen What we are aiming to achieve for the region, our plans for going about it, and getting started
	Kerry Wark MC	Thank Speaker, announce smoko
3.30pm – 4.00pm		SMOKO . Grab a cuppa
	Kerry Wark MC	Introduce next Speaker
4.00pm – 4.45 pm	Craig Alison SW Qld NRM	Our story. The process of regional collaboration to construct and manage a vermin-proof cell
	Kerry Wark MC	Thank Speaker, introduce next Speaker
4.45pm – 5.30pm	Andrew Mosely Western CMA Board NSW	Our story. Celebrating the successes of reducing predation and managing total grazing pressure. How we went about it and the results for the region, communities and pastoral stations
	Kerry Wark MC	Thank Speaker, introduce panel Speakers
5.30pm – 6.30pm	NRM WA, Qld, NSW, Greg Mifsud, Bob Grinham & Ashley Dowden	Panel Q/A to put to the speakers from the afternoons sessions
	Kerry Wark MC	Thank all speakers and close the day
6.30pm onwards		Drinks, Networking, DINNER , tall stories, and eventually hit the swag
23 October		
6.30am – 8.00am		BREAKFAST
	Kerry Wark MC	Open the day
8.00am – 8.30am	BBC documentary on Meka Station	Showing of the BBC segment in Australia of different stages of livestock production.
	Kerry Wark MC	Thank Speaker, introduce next Speaker
8.30pm – 9.00am	Craig Walker Primaries	Our view. The outlook for the livestock industries and marketing the increased turnoff from the region.
9.00am – 9.15am	Tim Stevenson	Meat sheep genetics. Riverside White Dorper Stud Breeder
	Kerry Wark MC	Thank Speakers, introduce next Speaker
9.15am – 10.00am	Speaker to be confirmed Elders	Our view. Merchandise & Wool industries and marketing the increased turnoff from the region
	Kerry Wark MC	Thank Speakers, announce smoko.
10.00am – 10.30am		SMOKO
	Kerry Wark MC	Introduce next Speaker
10.30am – 11.15am	Rob Davidson WAMMCO	Our view. The outlook for the livestock industries and marketing the increased turnoff from the region. Producers becoming members of WAMMCO and the benefits.

	Kerry Wark MC	Thank Speaker, introduce panel Speakers
11.15am – 12.00pm	Craig Walker, Tim Stevenson, Elders & Rob Davidson	Panel Q/A time to put to morning Speakers
	Kerry Wark MC	Thank all Speakers, Announce Lunch
12 noon – 1.00pm		LUNCH
	Kerry Wark MC	Introduce next Speaker
1.00pm – 1.15pm	Greg Brennan DAFWA	In the Tent Overview. Talk on National TGP management
	Kerry Wark MC	Thank Speaker, introduce next Speaker
1.15pm – 1.30pm	Peter Russell and Tim Wiley Rangelands NRM WA	In the Tent Overview. Maps and diagrams on the table or screen
1.30pm – 2.00pm	Kerry Wark MC	Thank Speakers, Head out to the Demonstration Site Make sure you have drinks and smoko
2.00pm – 2.15pm	Bob Grinham	Fencing of water points for TGP control Monitoring Cameras & Stuarts mill
	Back in the car	2km down the track
2.15pm – 3.00pm	Peter Russell and Tim Wiley Rangelands NRM WA	Trial Site: The trial site – Theme 1. Carbon – measuring it, managing it and how can we benefit from it
	Back in the car	½ km down the track
3.00pm – 4.00pm	Greg Brennan & Jim Addison DAFWA David Blood Coodawa Contracting Monitoring Site Installation	Trial Site – Theme 2. The grass story – what needs to grow to boost livestock productivity and improve the environment; how we nurture and manage those species through the management of livestock; the important role grasses play in the infiltration of water and how we monitor the progress. Monitoring Site Set ups.
	Back in the car	1km down the track
4.00pm – 5.30pm	Bob Grinham Steve Cook Gallagher Southern Wire Greg Mifsud	Electric Exclusion Fence different upgrade & new fence design's Gallagher's latest technology and products to support this type of fence structure Benefits of Vermin Fencing for Controlling Vermin
5.30pm – 6.15pm	Back in car	Head back for a Drink, Yarn & DINNER
24 October		
6.30am – 8.30am		BREAKFAST
	Kerry Wark MC	Open the day
8.30am – 10.00am	Greg Mifsud	Wild Dog Workshop
10.00am – 10.30am		SMOKO
10.30am – 12.00pm	Greg Mifsud	Wild Dog Workshop
12.00pm – 2.15pm	Kerry Wark	Wrap up and thank you
12.15pm		LUNCH
		People are welcome to stay around after

Please bring tents/swags and BYO drinks

RSVP by 5pm Friday 11 October

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I'll be waiting on the porch.....

On the first day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"

And God saw that it was good.



On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."

The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"

And God, again saw that it was good.



On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"

And God agreed that it was good.



On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."

But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God, "You asked for it."



So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play, and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.





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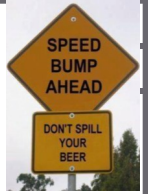
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Simple Home Remedies

1. Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold the vegetables while you chop.
2. A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.
3. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives, then you'll be too scared to cough.
4. You need only two tools in life—WD40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD40 if it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.
5. If you can't fix it with a hammer, you've got an electrical problem.



Aussie Drunk Driver ??



Only an Aussie could pull this one off ! A true story from Mount Isa in Queensland

Recently a routine Police patrol car parked outside a local neighbourhood pub late in the evening. The officer noticed a man leaving the bar so intoxicated that he could barely walk.

The man stumbled around the car park for a few minutes, with the officer quietly observing. After what seemed an eternity and trying his keys on five vehicles. The man managed to find his car, which he fell into. **He was there for a few minutes as a number of other patrons left the bar and drove off.** Finally he started the car, switched the wipers on and off (it was a fine dry night). Then flicked the indicators on, then off, tooted the horn and then switched on the lights.

He moved the vehicle forward a few metres, reversed a little and then remained stationary for a few more minutes as some more vehicles left. At last he pulled out of the car park and started to drive slowly down the road. The Police officer, having patiently waited all this time, now started up the patrol car, put on the flashing lights, pulled the man over and carried out a breathalyser test.

To his amazement the breathalyser indicated no evidence of the man's intoxication.

The Police officer said "I'll have to ask you to accompany me to the Police station - this breathalyser equipment must be broken."

"I doubt it," said the man, "tonight I'm the designated decoy"..



August 19, 2013

Nationals deliver on promise to boost regional arts

The Nationals WA have honoured a pre-election commitment to help deliver recurring funding to the State's regional arts sector with the announcement of a \$24 million package to support arts and culture programs across regional WA over three years.

Through the *Royalties for Regions*-funded Regional Arts Centre Support initiative, the State Government will deliver \$24 million to support the viability and continuity of services provided by regional arts centres.

A further \$900,000 will be delivered over next three years through the *Royalties for Regions* Performing Arts Regional Tours Boost initiative, which has already contributed \$400,000 to regional arts since 2011.

Vince Catania, Member for North West Central, said The Nationals WA acknowledged the important contribution culture and arts programs and events made to creating vibrant and liveable regional communities.

"We promised to increase investment in arts in regional WA and have now delivered on that through *Royalties for Regions*," said Vince. "This funding will help build the capacity of indigenous arts centres and organisations, extend regional arts programs, support music programs and help bring touring artists and performers to regional areas.

"It will also help sustain and develop grassroots regional arts programs and allow peak organisations such as Country Arts WA rollout funding frameworks to support cultural and entertainment centres."

Country Arts WA has already welcomed the budget announcement, saying it was a historical moment that would have far-reaching impacts on the State well into the future.

Vince said the funding commitment would serve to enrich cultural activities in North West Central.

For more information contact Vince Catania on 99412 999 or northwest@mp.wa.gov.au



The Murchison Settlement is seeing an influx of little people visiting . .

Neil and Fiona have their 15 month old son getting to know everyone. He's a handy little chap helping Barry lay tiles on the new Patio. They also have their little grandchildren visiting from Geraldton and Perth.

It's lovely to see children around the Settlement mixing with all the older residents and keeping us fit running around after them.



Peta & Barry had their little grandson out for the weekend last week. He's now 8 months old and running the house hold. Grandma and Grandson went for walks around the Settlement, we found a bird nest with baby chicks in it. Dane saw his first lizard running across the polo field.

He felt very grown up as he was invited to Dianne's surprise birthday drinks after work.



We have Brian and Sharon's' grand-daughters visiting, Ava and 8 week old Ella. The children's play area is in full swing with little Ava having her daily play with Nana after work.

Popa Brian is very good at helping out with baby stuff at home.

There's not much he can't tell you about when it comes to Dora the kids cartoon. Hasn't seen the news for weeks

Birthday Wishes



August

5	Leanne Hipper
10	Stuart Broad
21	Rossco Foulkes-Taylor
22	Carol McTaggart
23	Daniel Jeffries

September

6th	Chloe Annabelle Whitmarsh
7th	Dianne Daniels
20th	Jenny Goodbourn



October

1st	Katie Jeffries
14 th	Natalie Broad
24 th	Simon & Georgina Broad
25 th	Jenny Mitchell



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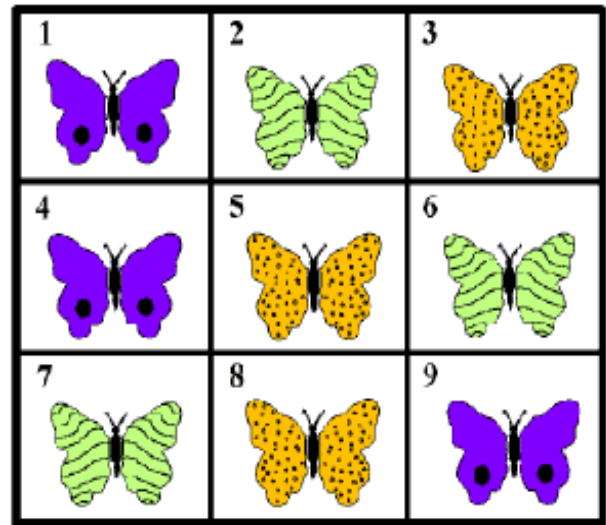
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BUTTERFLY COLLECTION

Professor Melvin Murdoch has recently returned from South America where he acquired a number of fine butterfly specimens. The nine butterflies pictured are of the following varieties: The Double-Spotted (nos 1, 4 and 9), the Greater-Striped (nos 2, 6 and 7) and the Many-Speckled (nos 3, 5 and 8). Can you match the position of each butterfly with its country of origin and the name of the fellow enthusiast it was purchased from?

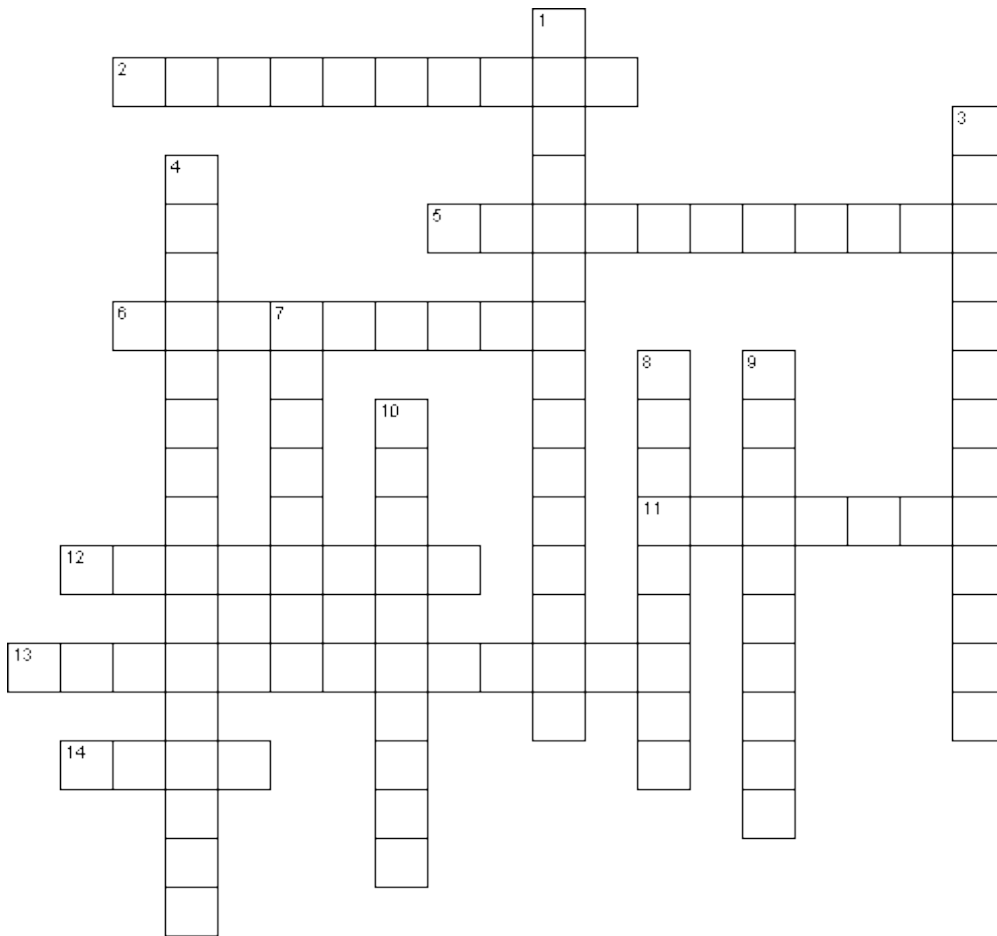
1. Professor Murdoch acquired two specimens of the same variety of butterfly from fellow enthusiasts in Bolivia and Brazil.
2. The butterfly from Peru is pictured either immediately above or immediately below the one purchased from Mr Peiro.
3. One of the Greater-Striped butterflies is from Chile and is pictured to the right of and immediately next to the butterfly obtained from Mrs Fernandez.
4. The Double-Spotted butterfly bought from Mr De Falla is pictured immediately next to a Many-Speckled butterfly (acquired in Ecuador).
5. The Many-Speckled butterfly from Paraguay is pictured immediately next to the butterfly from Bolivia. The specimen purchased from Mrs Gilberto is pictured at position No 6.
6. The butterfly from Argentina is pictured immediately above the one purchased from Mr Bonares (which is immediately to the left of the one bought from Mr Gomez) and all three butterflies are of different varieties.
7. The butterfly purchased from Mr Valdiz and the butterfly from Venezuela are of different varieties and one is pictured immediately below the other.
8. The butterfly from Uruguay is on the same vertical line but not immediately above or below the one from Mr Mendez (which is on the same horizontal line but not immediately next to the butterfly purchased from Mr Garcia (which isn't one of the Many-Speckled variety)).



No.	Country	Name

No.	Country	Name
1	Peru	Garcia
2	Bolivia	Valdiz
3	Paraguay	Mendez
4	Argentina	Peiro
5	Venezuela	Fernandez
6	Chile	Gilberto
7	Brazil	Bonares
8	Ecuador	Gomez
9	Uruguay	De Falla

Movie Crossword



Across

2. Tom Cruise is Vincent in this 2004 movie (10)
5. Joaquin Phoenix is Johnny Cash in this 2005 movie (4,3,4)
6. Maggie Smith is Mother Superior in this 1992 movie (6,3)
11. Dustin Hoffman is Raymond Babbitt in this 1998 movie (4,3)
12. Julianne Moore is Clarice Starling in this 2001 movie (8)
13. Jessica Alba is Sue Storm in this 2005 movie (9,4)
14. Brad Pitt is Achilles in this 2004 movie (4)

Down

1. Glenn Close is Alex Forrest in this 1987 movie (5,10)
3. Arnold Schwarzenegger plays the title role in this 1984 movie (3,10)
4. Clive Owen is Louis Salinger in this 2009 movie (3,13)
7. Arnold Schwarzenegger is Harry Tasker in this 1994 movie (4,4)
8. John Travolta is Edna Turnblad in this 2007 movie (9)
9. Tom Cruise is David Aames in this 2001 movie (7,3)
10. Leonardo DiCaprio is Howard Hughes in this 2004 movie (3,7)

Solutions





September 2013

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☺ Council Meeting

October 2013

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☺ Council Meeting

☺ Landor Races

☺ Tribute Concert—Peter Jeffries

☺ Final day for local election - Balinyoo Ward