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GARDENING AT THE SHIRE OF MURCHISON

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## News from the CEO's Desk

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Hullo Community Member

Well it's that time of year again and how quickly it's come around – budget time! It's a time to reflect on what we have achieved – a new bridge, a bowling green, new motel units and new stables, along with some very professionally built new stretches of road. The official opening of the new Ballinyoo Bridge has been set for 10 September, to be celebrated with a long table lunch on the bridge, with Vince Catania conducting the opening ceremony for us.

It's also a time to reflect on those things on the wish list that we didn't get done this year and move them into the new financial year with new resolve. Having an extra hand on deck in the form of new Deputy CEO Linda Gray, will certainly help to get some projects moving in months to come. Thanks for coming to join us Linda, we hope your time with us will be long and rewarding.

Plans are underway to develop the historic span of the old Ballinyoo Bridge into an historic interpretive site and so over the next few months you will see signage, footpaths and parking starting to take shape.

Our Community Strategic Plan is due for a full review in 2016-17, so we will once again put out a call to community members to come together towards the end of 2016 to reflect on what this community means to us and what we would like to achieve over the next four years. This Plan is the lynch-pin of the integrated plans, feeding the Long Term Financial Plan, the Corporate Business Plan and the Annual Budget and so it is important that it is a true reflection of community aspirations. Please make time to be involved in this important day when the time comes – an invitation will be sent out via email.

The next big event at the Settlement is the Annual Polocrosse, which always attracts a big crowd – the Settlement bursts at the seams, with proud horses and owners jam-packed into the bush around the polo-crosse fields. The game itself is a sight to behold – I had never seen it played before I came to the Murchison Settlement and I never tire of watching – it's certainly not a game for the faint hearted!

We hope you enjoy your Monologue and please feel free to make a contribution – Peta, Sharon & Vicki are grateful for any help they can get to make the magazine interesting and newsy. Thank you to those community members that have sent contributions for this edition of the Monologue.

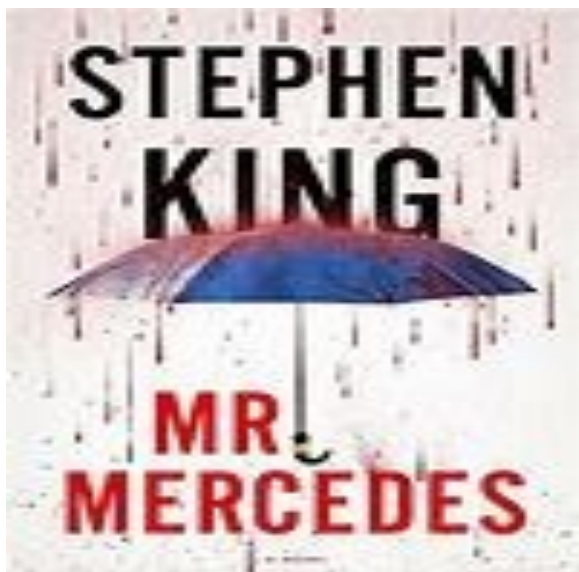
Dianne Daniels

Chief Executive Officer





New books and DVDs have arrived come in and have a browse.



Mr. Mercedes is a novel by Stephen King. He calls it his first hard-boiled detective book. It was published on June 3, 2014. On June 10, 2014 the author described Mr. Mercedes on Twitter as the first volume of a projected trilogy, to be followed in the first half of 2015 by Finders Keepers, the first draft of which was finished around the time Mr. Mercedes was published, and End of Watch.

### A TENSE AND ABSORBING MOVIE

Three young boys playing in the West Memphis, Arkansas woods never come home for dinner. In a rush to convict the killers, police focus on a trio of devil worshipping teenagers. The mother of one of the boys tries to come to grips with this unspeakable tragedy she believes that the killers have been found. But an investigator reveals that the evidence doesn't add up. And the community is forced to face the reality that the true killer might still be out there.



Peta



# ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Approximately 40 community members, family and friends attended the 10.00 am Anzac Day Service at the Murchison Settlement Anzac Memorial Garden. The service was followed by a very tasty morning tea at the Sports Club. An energetic cricket match was played with both men and women making up the teams.

The day ended with a spit roasted lamb (donated by Tom Seamen of Murgoo Station and cooked by Ivor Dumbris) with bring and share salads. Thank you to Stuart Broad for co-ordinating the day.



Shire of Murchison president , Mark Halleen, welcoming shire and community members to the Anzac Day service at 10.00 am



Anzac Ode read by Sandy McTaggart of Mt Narryer Station



Glenn Pinnegar laying a wreath at the Murchison Settlement Anzac Memorial



Community, family and shire members participating in the Anzac service.



Anzac Day address by Quentin Fowler of Milly Milly Station



Community participation at the Anzac service in the Murchison Settlement.

## THE SHIRE OF MURCHISON VEGETABLE GARDEN TUNNEL



The Shire of Murchison has a lovely tunnel that we grow fresh vegetables in all year round.

The tunnel is fully enclosed with shade cloth, this allows us to grow vegetables in the summer months and stops birds and moths spoiling our vegetables.

The shire gardener has looked after the tunnel in the past but we are very fortunate to have a lovely gentlemen named Paul who now tends to the gardening in the tunnel. Vicki also spends a lot of time helping Paul.

Paul is getting the winter plants ready now so we should have some lovely vegetables coming from the tunnel soon.

We sell the produce at very low prices and this helps with buying seeds and seedlings for the next year. We are getting quite a name with the tourist that are coming through this way. They are quite surprised to be allowed to pick their own fresh vegetables so far inland.





# Vegetable Gardening

Starting a vegetable garden? Start small and expand . Raised beds make efficient use of space and keep maintenance to a minimum.



GROWING your own vegetables is both fun and rewarding. All you really need to get started is some decent soil and a few plants. But to be a really successful vegetable gardener — and to do it organically — you'll need to understand what it takes to keep your plants healthy and vigorous. Here are the basics.

## "Feed the soil"

Although various fertilizers and mineral nutrients (agricultural lime, rock phosphate, greensand, etc.) should be added periodically to the organic garden, by far the most useful substance for building and maintaining a healthy, well-balanced soil is organic matter. You can add organic matter to your soil many different ways, such as compost, shredded leaves, animal manures or cover crops.

Organic matter improves the fertility, the structure and the tilth of all kinds of soils. In particular, organic matter provides a continuous source of nitrogen and other nutrients that plants need to grow. It also provides a rich food source for soil microbes. As organisms in the soil carry out the processes of decay and decomposition, they make these nutrients available to plants.

## Make Efficient Use of Space

The location of your garden (the amount of sunlight it receives, proximity to a source of water, and protection from frost and wind) is important. Yet just as crucial for growing vegetables is making the most of your garden space.

Lots of people dream of having a huge vegetable garden, a sprawling site that will be big enough to grow everything they want, including space-hungry crops, such as corn, dried beans, pumpkins and winter squash, melons, cucumbers and watermelons. But vegetable gardens that make efficient use of growing space are much easier to care for, whether you're talking about a few containers on the patio or a 50-by-100-foot plot in the backyard. Raised beds are a good choice for beginners because they make the garden more manageable.



## Get Rid of Your Rows

The first way to maximize space in the garden is to convert from traditional row planting to 3- or 4-foot-wide raised beds. In a home-sized garden, the fewer rows you have, the fewer paths between rows you will need, and the more square footage you will have available for growing crops.



Other good reasons to convert from rows to an intensive garden system:

**Less effort.** When vegetables are planted intensively they shade and cool the ground below and require less watering, less weeding, less mulching — in other words, less drudgery for the gardener.

**Less soil compaction.** The more access you have between rows or beds, the more you and others will be compacting the soil by walking in them. By increasing the width of the growing beds and reducing the number of paths, you will have more growing area that you won't be walking on, and this untrammelled soil will be fluffier and better for plants' roots.

## Grow Up, Not Out

People who have tiny gardens will want to grow as many crops as possible on vertical supports, and gardeners who have a lot of space will still need to lend physical support to some of their vegetables, such as climbing varieties of peas and pole beans. Other vegetables that are commonly trellised include vining crops, such as cucumbers and tomatoes.



## Keep Crops Moving

Crop rotation within the vegetable garden means planting the same crop in the same place only once every three years. This policy ensures that the same garden vegetables will not deplete the same nutrients year after year. It can also help foil any insect pests or disease pathogens that might be lurking in the soil after the crop is harvested.

## A Continuous Harvest

**Planting crops in succession** is yet another way to maximize growing area in the garden. Plan to plant something new in the garden almost every week of the season, from the first cold-hardy greens and peas in late winter or early spring, to heat-loving transplants such as tomatoes, peppers and eggplant once the weather becomes warm and settled.

Another benefit of succession planting, of course, is that your harvest season lasts longer for every crop. This means that, instead of getting buried in snap beans or summer squash as your plants mature all at once, you can stagger plantings to ensure a steady, but more manageable supply of fresh vegetables.



I have done a bit of reading on growing vegetables in small spaces and the most cost-effective are some that I have listed below.



**Herbs** last longer on the plant. Having them on hand is a great way to save on buying a fresh bunch every time you need just a small amount.

**Lettuce** can be expensive to buy and it doesn't take long for it to go bad. Cut-and-come-again varieties will save you from wasting food, as well as make your salads more nutritious and delicious. Sprouts are also easy to grow indoors.

**Cherry heirloom tomatoes** growing your own is a good option. Cherry tomatoes also grow quicker than the larger varieties so there is less time for them to be eaten by bugs.

**Climbing beans** are great for small spaces and give multiple crops.



## How to grow herbs



Fresh, herbs are a must in the kitchen. And you don't need green fingers to grow tasty herbs from seeds and cuttings.

There are many benefits to growing your own herbs — these edible plants emit intoxicating fragrances, which attract bees and butterflies to the backyard or balcony and, because they don't need improved soils, they're perfect for the novice gardener. Best of all, though, is the delicious flavour that freshly picked herbs lend to your cooking.

- Herbs need sunlight, good drainage and regular water during dry weather.
- Potted herbs need daily watering in really hot weather, and sometimes twice a day.
- Continually harvest herbs to keep them trim and shapely.
- In autumn, collect the seeds set by annual herbs, store them and re-plant in spring.
- Parsley, sage, mint and thyme continue to grow during winter.





# Growing Tomatoes



I grew these in pots and they were lovely.

Cherry tomatoes are delicious and much sweeter than large tomatoes. Plus, they are so small that the whole thing can fit in your mouth at once. Climbing cherry tomatoes grow on a vine which climbs up a frame and the small fruit grow in a bunch, called a truss.

Tomatoes are scientifically called 'fruit' because they have seeds and forms from the plant, not as part of a plant. Cooks refer to tomatoes as vegetable because if they are used like a vegetable in salads and savoury dishes.

## PLANTING

Choose a spot in the garden that gets at least 6 hours of sun every day. Prepare the garden bed by removing any weeds and then build the climbing frame for the tomatoes. After that, dig lots of compost and organic matter through the soil underneath.

Climbing cherry tomatoes need to be planted against something that they can climb up such as a trellis or a climbing frame. Even a fence covered in wire will do the trick.

Use a dibbler or big stick to make small holes about 30cm apart at the base of the climbing frame and gently place one seedling into each one, pushing the soil around the roots. Water the seedlings lightly.

Climbing cherry tomatoes can grow well in pots and tubs but they need to be quite large and at least 30cm deep. There also needs to be a climbing frame built in the tub or next to it for the vine to climb up.

Fill the container with premium potting mix and plant the seedlings in small holes about 20cm apart and water them lightly.

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Tomatoes mostly grow through the warmer months so they need to be watered every day so that the soil is always damp. As the fruit starts to form, the bush may need a fortnightly application of liquid fertiliser or perhaps extra compost around the roots.

## HARVESTING

The little tomatoes are ready to eat when they have turned red. The easiest way to pick them is to use a pair of secateurs to cut off the truss of tomatoes, providing they are all red. They can be harvested individually but always keep a little bit of stalk attached to the tomato so that it stores better. Tomatoes that are not quite red when picked will continue to ripen in the fridge.



## Growing Lettuce



Lettuces need good soil. It should be light, free draining and rich in organic matter. It needs to hold lots of water and lots of nitrogen and other nutrients.

Lettuces taste best when they are grown as fast as possible and for that they need water and food.

Lettuce has shallow roots, so it dries out easily!

Any gardening book (all written for cooler climates) will tell you that full sun is essential. Full sun is best ONLY when it isn't too hot. Once the temperatures approach the thirties, your lettuce will definitely appreciate some shade!

Direct seeding is the easiest way to grow lettuce.

Either spread the seed very thinly along a row or in a tub is a great idea and cover lightly with soil, or sprinkle it over a bed and rake it in with your fingers. Lettuce seed is very fine and not easy to spread evenly, therefore both methods will likely require you to thin your seedlings later. (But if you wait long enough you can then eat the thinnings as baby lettuce!)

To thin, cut the surplus lettuce plants rather than pulling them out, so you don't damage the roots of the neighbouring plants.





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## Sky Muster (NBN Inc)

### It's A Waiting Game, But Make Sure You Are in the Queue.

For quite a few years now, locals in the Gascoyne and the Murchison have waited for the launch of the new satellite, as the old one was unable to cope with the increasing use of digital technology by remote and regional communities.

Sky Muster (the satellite) was launched on 29 April 2016, after the completion of the planned satellite ground stations which will provide broadband services to remote and regional Australia. Two of these ground satellites, pointing inland are, very appropriately, situated next to the Space and Technology Museum in Carnarvon.

Advice given by Sky Muster is that there are approximately 8 providers at the moment, who provide access to Sky Muster, for anyone wishing to be connected to the system. These are listed below, although there are new providers coming on board so it is a good idea to ask your present internet provider yourself, and to research who and what is available out there.

If you have your name down to access Sky Muster then it seems as if it is (once again) a waiting game, as to when and how the installation of the new equipment will happen. Keep in mind though that

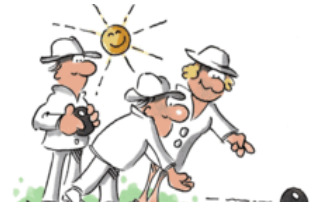
your old equipment cannot be used, and new equipment will be installed. Once again, it is a good idea to ask if there are any costs, although the advice provided is that the installation and equipment are free of charge.

It seems that the migration period from old satellite to the new one will take up to 12 months, but the important thing at this stage is to ensure that you are on the "wait list".

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## Murchison Settlement Bowling Ring



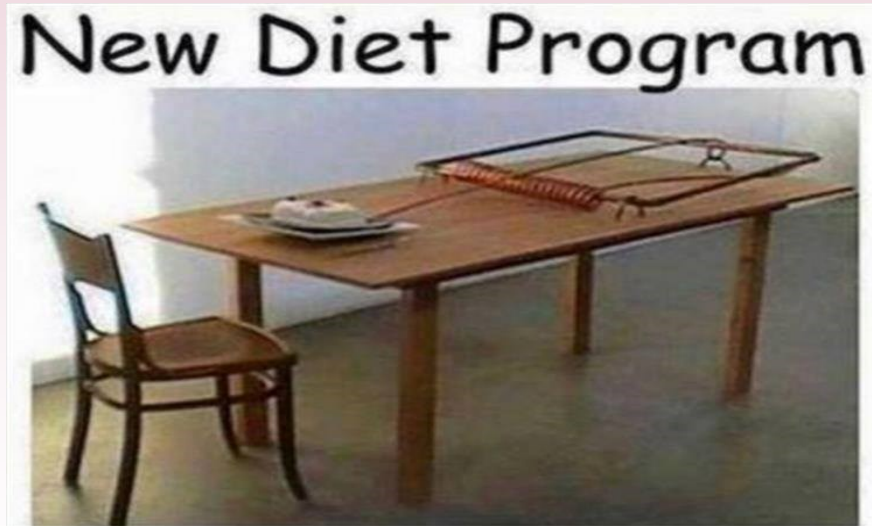
Our brand new bowling Ring is ready for all those young, middle aged and older persons to come along and play bowls. As you can see it is a lovely spot to come and relax and play a round or two with the locals.





I am finding this new diet Program working really well.

It's worth trying if you are looking at losing a few kilos.



### Your exercise program for this week.

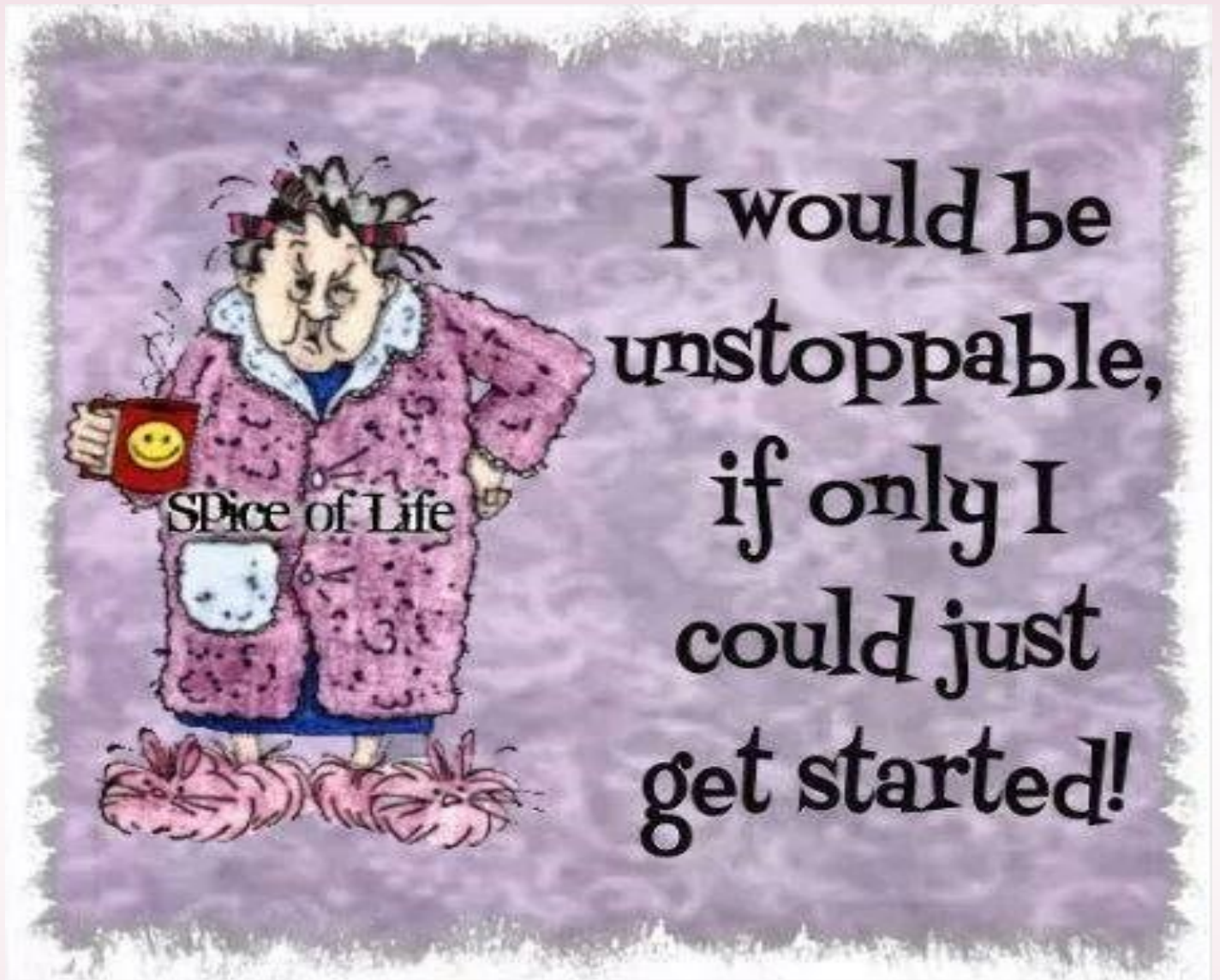
We are working on the legs and arms this week

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| 1 .Walk to kitchen from bedroom .             | This gets your legs moving.          |
| 2. Lift kettle and fill it to make a cupper.  | This works your upper arms.          |
| 3. Walk to lounge couch, sitting down slowly. | This works the upper legs.           |
| 4. Lift cup to mouth and sip.                 | This works the wrist and jaw muscle. |
| 5. Grab the remote and change channel.        | This works the lower arms.           |

Well done when you are ready and have your breath back walk to bathroom take a shower.

This will cool you down and get you ready for your day. It's good to get your exercises done first thing in the morning. As you know, you have done it, and you don't have to think about it all day knowing it has to be done.

Peta



“No Mark”, I know what you are thinking it is not me on a Monday morning at work.

“I would never wear fluffy rabbit slippers to work”.



In the last edition of the Monologue I ask d if anyone had any interesting stories to put in our Monologue A big thank you to Judy Johnson ( Kas Collins Mum ) from South Australia for this lovely story. Also Joan Krohn and her family for allowing us to publish the diary of their Grand-mother. As it is rather large I am going to cover it over the next three editions. Peta

My neighbour asked me to do her family history a couple of years ago. Joan had this beautiful OLD DIARY of her grand-mother. When I first typed it up, I thought – **THIS HAS TO GO OVER TO THE MURCHISON,**

(courtesy of Mrs JOAN KROHN, Mannum) Part of a very interesting 120 year old **DIARY of 1895-6.**

This involves **travels through the Murchison** on the journey to the gold fields. (I came across this while researching my neighbour's family history. Some of Joan's brothers & sisters live in the Esperance area).

**Adeline Mott, the author of the diary had been a school teacher** at Caloote school near Mannum on the River Murray in South Australia. **She married William Day**, and the couple travelled by ship to Geraldton, hired a horse & cart and ventured east to settle up and sell William's shares in gold mines around the Day Dawn area. Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 1896 - is the start of the ship journey to WA).

William wanted to pay for the purchase of Caurnamont Station to the north of Mannum, with the proceeds of his gold interests. This story needed to "go home" to the Murchison, for people to know more of the stories in 1896. I hope it makes an interesting read, and it would be great if it gets some feedback from readers.

Kind regards

Judy Johnson, Mannum, SA

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### **The ADVENTURES of a school teacher at the end of the 1890s.**

This story reaches into the private life, after leaving the education system, through compulsion prior to marriage. The lady at the centre of this story was **Miss ELIZABETH SARA EDITH ADELINE MOTT**. She preferred the first name of **Adeline**.

**Adeline Mott** was born 4<sup>th</sup> April 1869 at Macclesfield, south of Adelaide, SA. As a school teacher, she taught from May 7<sup>th</sup> 1888 at Yaroo, the Hundred of Forster and Caloote (1891-1894). She married **William Day** on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 1895. He had previously been gold prospecting in the Western Australian **Murchison goldfields** around the Day Dawn area. Adeline's Diary explains the adventurous travels they undertook, when they went to Western Australia in 1896 to sell William's shares in gold leases, to finance his purchase of **Caurnamont Station**, on the River Murray, north of Mannum, South Australia.



Diary of **ELIZABETH SARA EDITH ADELINE DAY (nee MOTT)**

from 14<sup>th</sup> November 1895 to 28<sup>th</sup> May 1896.

(Grandmother of Mrs JOAN KROEHN, Pearson Street, Mannum, SA 5238.

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The first page of the diary is missing, however it starts with travelling on their honeymoon. ("Will" refers to William Day). Outside of the Railway Station were the large scales, to weigh goods. Most people weighed themselves while waiting for the train.....

**The diary.....**

*"...for **Murray Bridge**. Having to wait at **Balhannah** a considerable time, we weighed. Will was 13 stone 5 lbs and I was 7 stone 10lbs. We reached the Bridge for late tea, we were comfortable at **Potter's Bridge Hotel** and remained there until Saturday (16<sup>th</sup>) morning, when we left by train for **Naracoorte**, reaching there 7.30pm same evening. We were agreeably impressed first evening, with our hotel and reception and truly so, for **Smith's Naracoorte Hotel** we found all that could be desired. There is nothing striking about Naracoorte itself – bar the caves – unless one considers the extraordinary number of families of Smiths who live there. The caves are the chief attraction and truly these to untraveled people like ourselves, are wonderfully beautiful. We went to see them twice, hiring a nice turnout from **Reid** (who is also an excellent guide) to drive the 8 miles. We went down four caves, the "**Bat**" cave (so called from the number of bats it contains), the "**Stick**" cave, the "**Sixty-Foot**" cave and the **Big cave**. The first three are big places and wonderful seen alone but the Big cave far surpasses any in size and beauty. At the entrance are lovely ferns and flowers growing and a fairly well lighted large hall capable we were told of **holding 3,000 people**, the roof and sides seemed supported by huge-interpersed with slender pillars and they and the roof or dome were most beautifully shaded from the most delicate shell pink to the darkest possible shade and alternated with dark moss green paling to the most delicate.*

*There was one solitary pillar of pale blue, seeming to be enveloped in a veil of silver. Beyond this more lovely ferns, creepers and flowers, supplied with light and air from a large round hole in the crust of earth and after that more pillars tinted where the light shines on them, like the others, at this entrance too there are formations resembling pears, shaped and pale green on one side and ruddy on the other as thought actually fit for picking. This is the beginning of darkness and candles and lamps must be lit. The guide carries a strong magnesium lamp, and the white powerful and weird light adds much to the charm. One could easily get lost in these caves, they are so winding and so vast and so dense is the darkness that a single candle scarcely serves to illuminate more than a yard.*

*There are many curious resemblances formed by the action of the water, charged with magnesia and soda from or through the limestone above, namely, an elephant, a black fellows head, a poodles head, a cathedral and in one other cave a statue of Napoleon and other things I have forgotten. There is water dripping almost everywhere and pillars in different stages of formation. The whole inspires one with a feeling of awe and solemnity, as though in one of Nature's churches, consecrated by God himself.*

**1895-Monday November 25<sup>th</sup>** *We left for **Mt Gambier**, about 2 ½ or 3 hours by rail, we stayed at the Mt Gambier Hotel, a large comfortable house, the landlady **Mrs McDonald** is French, both she and her husband are very nice. Mt Gambier is a very pretty and fairly large town, there are 10 hotels there. The Mount itself a little out of the town is a sombre looking hill. The hospital nestles among the trees, a very nice building. One day we drove around the Blue Lake, right in the top of a hill, it is an uncanny weird-looking place, of a deep electric blue and not a bird hovering over it or a fish in its waters. The water is mysteriously rising year after year, and more this last year than ever, notwithstanding they have powerful engines there and supply the whole town. Another day we drove as near the top as we could and climbed the remainder (up the Mount the view was magnificent). At our feet lay the two valley lakes, the cattle pasturing around them looked like calves. After that we went and had a look at **Gordon's monument** and where he took his famous leap; thence to the "Leg- of-Mutton" Lake, the prettiest of all, lovely trees, green grass and thousands of English Perch in its waters. We also drove to see **Umpherston's cave** as it is called, a large hole in the ground, one side is terraced and ferns, flowers and creepers all about, the other side is water, on which is a boat, swans, ducks and other aquatic birds, it is very curious. \*[Gordon's monument refers to the poet Adam Lindsay Gordon]*



In the town itself there is a large hole leading into the earth, into which the deep drainage is led, all the refuse disappearing, probably being carried by underground passage to the sea. Despite its natural beauties we did not like the Mount, it seemed so oppressive, it was so hot, yet raining. It was too hollow underground, things make such a rumbling noise and sound for so far.

**Monday morning December 2<sup>nd</sup>.** We left by train for **Beachport**, passing through **Tantanoola** and **Millicent**. (Here we saw the great drains and sub drains and also the chicory fields.) We had hired a trap and pair to meet us here and after dinner left for **Robe**, reaching there 6.30 and doing the 33 miles in 4 hours. We saw thousands of swans and ducks in the lagoons and lakes as we drove along. The road is excellent. Robe is a charming little sea-port and we enjoyed the rocks and the lovely sea air very much, we were very comfortably quartered there also, at **Mrs. Saragas "Criterion" Hotel**. After that we went up to Mt Benson and stayed nearly a week with my cousin there, then back to Robe for a few more days and the **Mt Benson** again.

**Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup>** Ted drove us into Kingston, we stayed there all night, coming on to Crafers by rail next day, staying with Florrie a few days.

**Monday December 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Will and I took **Denie and Cecil** to town to see the Christmas toys and Christmas Eve we went home to Mother's. We spent a very quiet Christmas, only **Father, Mother, Pidge, Syd, Charlie Fairweather, Will** and me. It seemed very pleasant to be quiet after so much travelling. Christmas afternoon we drove to **Langhome's Creek** to see a cricket match. Boxing Day we drove to **Macclesfield** to a Christmas tree. New Year's Eve father, mother, Pidge went to Macclesfield for the picnic next day and they returned the following day, Will and I keeping house in the meantime.

**Friday January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1896**

Father, Will, Syd and I drove to **Caumamont**, just called at Faehrmanns on the way. Father and Syd stayed up there a week, and on Wednesday evening January 15<sup>th</sup>, we went on board the "Gem" for a trip up-river. "**Gem**" is a fairly nice river steamer, lit right through with electric light. We reached **Morgan** on Thursday mid-day, passing **Blanchetown**. Morgan is a fairly large much scattered township built on a most barren spot. We had to stay until Saturday evening for the "**Pearl**" to start, so stayed at **Lamberts Hotel**, an exceedingly well kept place and very nice people.

**Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>**

We went on board the "Pearl", we had the largest cabin on board so were fortunate in that respect. The "Pearl" is not such a nice boat as the "Gem" but draws much less water. The river is very low and we touched the bottom several times and travelled very slowly, reaching **Renmark** at 6am. on Tuesday. We got up early and went into the town to buy some fruit and were successful in finding an early rising fruiterer and got some lovely peaches and grapes. Only stayed at Renmark an hour or two. The river is very monotonous, nothing but sand-spits, trees and reeds, with now and then the bottom of the river rising too high for us, and causing a stoppage of an hour or two, culminating in a thorough block at **Morna rocks**, 20 miles from **Wentworth**. We had to stay there from afternoon to the next evening, a coach coming from Wentworth to take on the passengers. We however thought it better to return in case the river got lower still. We had two nice fellow passengers, Mr & Mrs **Carden** from England. We got back to Morgan at midnight Friday, passing several village settlements and the **Cobdogla station**. We were fortunate enough to catch the "**Queen**" homeward bound next morning, went as far as **Punyabroo** that day, remained there all Sunday and reached **Caumamont** on **27<sup>th</sup> Monday afternoon**, after a rather disappointing, very hot, but to me not altogether and unenjoyable trip.

**Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup>**

I was taken ill and that caused us to stay at **Caumamont** for nearly a fortnight longer, we left there – driving – on Friday morning February 7<sup>th</sup> for **Mannum**, thence per "**Tyro**" to **Murray Bridge**, stayed there all night and reached home by train on Saturday morning 8<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday morning Will went to town to meet his father, returning on Wednesday evening, February 12<sup>th</sup>, after completing the purchase of **Caumamont**, our future home. On Tuesday also Father drove **Pidge** to **Mountain Hut** to stay and indefinite time with **Harry and Addie**.

### **Monday February 17<sup>th</sup>**

Will and I left for **Salisbury**. Stayed in town from 10 until 5 and reached Salisbury 5.30. Had tea at Will's Grandmothers and drove out to **'Woodbine'**, Will's uncle **Coker's** afterwards. On Wednesday **Allan** drove us to **Smithfield** to see another cousin, **Mrs Blake (Mattie)** also met **old Mrs Blake**, a nice old Scotch lady.

### **Friday February 1<sup>st</sup>**

We returned to town and stayed at **Goldeney's 'Star and Garter'** until Monday afternoon Feb 24<sup>th</sup>. next morning (Tues) Will left for **Caurnamont** to make final arrangements before leaving, he came back to **Belvidere** Friday evening 28<sup>th</sup> Feb.

We drove to **Macclesfield** with "Darkie" and "Kate" and nearly had an accident. On Wednesday morning March 4<sup>th</sup> drove Will to the station for town again, he returned Thursday evening, having booked to Fremantle by **"Gabo"**. Saturday afternoon left for **Crafers**, stayed there until Monday when Florrie drove us to the "Hut". In the evening Harry drove Will and me to the **Burnside falls**. It got rather dark but was a lovely drive, and the falls are very pretty.

### **Tuesday morning March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Harry drove Will, Pidge, Charlie and me to **Adelaide**. We were joined by **Arthur** and met **Lily, Tess** and her two children. With the exception of Lil and Tess, all accompanied us to **Port Adelaide** and had a look at the **"Gabo"**. She is not much to look at and further acquaintance proves her to be not much to travel by as far as meals and accommodation are concerned, though we hear she is a good sea boat, and after all that is the main thing. We left port 5.30 in the afternoon and after what the good sailors call a smooth passage and we a rough one, reached here – **Albany** – about 8.30 Saturday evening. We passed two large mail boats anchored near the **mouth of the Sound**. The **"Aphir"** and the **"Ballarat"**, they looked like floating palaces, brilliantly lit from end to end. We could not see anything of Albany but lights, but went on shore and had a walk, all the streets and shops, seemed to be rising up about us. We got some oranges, they were delicious or seemed so after four days starvation on board for we were both ill, Will very bad. A **war-ship the "Endymion"** came during the night.



At this stage Adeline has arrived at Albany in Western Australia

In our next edition Adeline travels to Mullewa in Western Australia



We have a new resident in the Settlement her name is Abbie



Abbie arrived at the Settlement three weeks ago she was as a gift to Stuart from Sonia. She made her first trip out here and did not change color from black to white with fear.. Only those who know her owner will know what I mean, “by surviving the trip out here”. Any way she has a few trips under her belt now. There is a few battles of who is in charge at the moment while the training process is on.

The old dogs of the Settlement Elly and Missy are sure letting her know her ranking in the Settlement. But unfortunately they might have to give her head dog soon as Abbie is going to be five times their size .



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WEEKS TO GO

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10 & 11 2016

## Ducking for Cover

I've got a confession to make. It will come as no surprise to those that know me I'm sure, that I have a bit of an addiction to cookbooks. In itself this is not too shameful, and is actually quite common, but it's how I feed that addiction that's the problem. You see, I tend to buy cookbooks at Christmas time and when I travel, *pretending*, even to myself, that they will make great presents for other people!

My latest acquisition was at Ho Chi Min airport, while waiting for the flight home from Vietnam. It's a lovely glossy production called, 'Vietnamese Food and Cooking, by Ghillie Basan, and it was *going* to be a present for my sister, but as I was already in the airport and only had my hand luggage to carry it in, it was a bit too easy to access for reading on the plane and next thing you know I had picked out some 'must try' recipes.

Before that it was Matt Preston's, '100 Best Recipes,' bought as a Christmas present for a niece....I just happened to find something else that I thought she'd like more. Well, I couldn't give her both presents could I? That would be breaking all family 'don't go over the top with presents' rules. I did actually put it in my present box but when no one gave me one for Christmas I pulled it out for, 'just a little peek.' BIG MISTAKE! Well I ask you, 'How could I not try Adriano Zumbo's chocolate cake recipe?' (it was divine by the way and a big hit at tennis that week)

Anyway, getting back to the Vietnamese cookbook, I'm so glad I kept it because it's a beauty. One recipe that I keep going back to is 'Duck in a Spicy Orange Sauce.' It's a Vietnamese take on that French classic, Duck Á L Orange. I absolutely love duck and am thrilled that it is now so easy to get hold of. Not so long ago it was pretty much a restaurant only meat, unless you lived on a farm and had a big dam. I think though that a lot of people are a bit wary of cooking duck at home, so I am going to share this recipe and encourage you to give it a go because oranges are coming in to season and it's absolutely delicious and very easy.

### Duck in a Spicy Orange Sauce

#### Ingredients

- 4 duck marylands (leg and thigh combo)
- 4 cloves garlic, crushed
- 50g fresh ginger, peeled and finely sliced
- 2 lemon grass stalks, trimmed and cut into 3 pieces and crushed
- 2 whole dried Thai chillies (optional, leave out altogether or add only as much heat as you like)
- 1 tbsp palm sugar (can use brown sugar instead)
- 1 tsp Chinese five-spice powder
- 2 tbsp fish sauce
- 900ml fresh orange juice
- salt and pepper
- 1 lime, cut into quarters

#### Method

- Place duck legs, skin side down, in a large heavy pan. Cook on both sides, over a medium heat for about 10 minutes, until browned and crispy. Transfer to a plate and set aside.
- Stir the garlic, ginger, lemon grass and chillies into the fat left in the pan and cook until golden. Add the sugar, five spice powder and fish sauce.
- Stir in the orange juice and place the duck legs back in the pan. Cover the pan and gently cook for 1-2 hours until the meat is tender and the sauce has reduced. Season.
- Serve with steamed rice and stir fried Asian greens, or other steamed greens, a scattering of coriander and a wedge of lime.





# Save the date!

**Weekend of 24 September 2016**

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## News from the Transport Agency at Murchison

### Temporary movement permits.



A temporary movement permit is a third party insurance policy issued for the purpose of allowing an unlicensed vehicle to be driven on a road. Temporary movement permits can be obtained for the purposes of driving or towing:

- An agricultural vehicle to a farm or agricultural property and to remain on such property.
- An agricultural vehicle to or from the nearest place where repairs may be made.
- An unlicensed vehicle to another Jurisdiction for licensing. The client should be advised to check the validity of the WA temporary movement permit in other Jurisdictions
- A tractor for display or demonstration to and from an agricultural or industrial field day.
- A vehicle currently licensed in another Jurisdiction that has been purchased by a resident of Western Australia.
- A vehicle to a place of repair with the intention of licensing the vehicle.
- A vehicle for display or demonstration to the royal and country agricultural shows, and/or
- A vehicle to a Vehicle Examination Centre for inspection.

The permit only provides insurance cover in respect of a third party injured or killed because of an accident involving the vehicle for which the permit is issued. It does not provide cover in respect of damage to property including the vehicle itself. If insurance of this type is required, it must be arranged separately with private or the purposes of licensing or repairs prior to licensing.

A temporary movement permit cannot be issued for:

- Any unlicensed motor vehicle that is being moved for parts or wrecking.
- Caravans and trailers being moved from site to site or being taken to or from a holiday resort.
- Once only movement of a boat jinker, or
- Over width and/or over length caravans.

Any conditions or limitations of use that have been endorsed on the permit by the issuing officer must be complied with.

#### **Note:**

Generally, temporary movement permits are only valid for 48 hours from the nominated start time. However, in certain circumstances an unlicensed vehicle permit may be issued for longer periods as approved by the **Chief Executive Officer**.

#### **Light and heavy vehicles**

Telephone **13 11 56**

Visit one of our Driver and Vehicle Services Centre or regional Agents

#### **Contacting us**

When you contact us make sure you have your vehicle's engine number, chassis number and plate number (if still attached).

You have the details of travel for this permit; including your point of departure, intended streets and suburbs and your destination.

#### **Notes:**

A light vehicle is one that is less than 4,500 kg gross vehicle mass/aggregate in weight. This includes vehicles such as motorcycles, motor cars, utes, vans, trailers, caravans, small trucks and buses.

Temporary movement permits purchased online may be modified prior to the commencement of the movement period. In order to use the online facility, you will need to be a holder of a Western Australia driver's license.

## Pastoralists

The shire of Murchison has developed a wild Dog Bounty Scheme to aid in the control of wild dogs on properties. Details as follows:-

The Shire of Murchison Wild Dog Control Bounty Scheme has been developed to offer a bounty of \$100 per dog for every wild dog killed.

It covers all stations within the shire of Murchison. All claims are to be made by the station owner/manager. Persons destroying the dog must take the scalps to the property owner/ manager. The property owner/manager makes their own arrangements with the person who destroyed the dog regarding payment.

Scalps are defined as the two ears and the strip of scalp connecting them.

Property Owner/Manager must complete the form with all details and verify number of scalps.

Property Owner/Manager is then responsible for getting the forms and the scalps to one of the three regional coordinators for authorization.

Once regional coordinators have authorized payment the form is to be sent to the Shire of Murchison who will make the payment to the claimant and maintain a data base of all the details.

Regional Coordinators are:-

Mark Halleen

Boolardy Station Tel: 08 9963 7987

Andrew Whitmarsh

Byro Station Tel: 08 9961 3870

Reg Seaman

Murgoo Station Tel: 08 9963 7985



**Scalps are not to be taken directly to the Shire of Murchison**

( Wild dog bounty scheme )

Bounty paid out in the months 20th Apr 2016 to 20th June 2016

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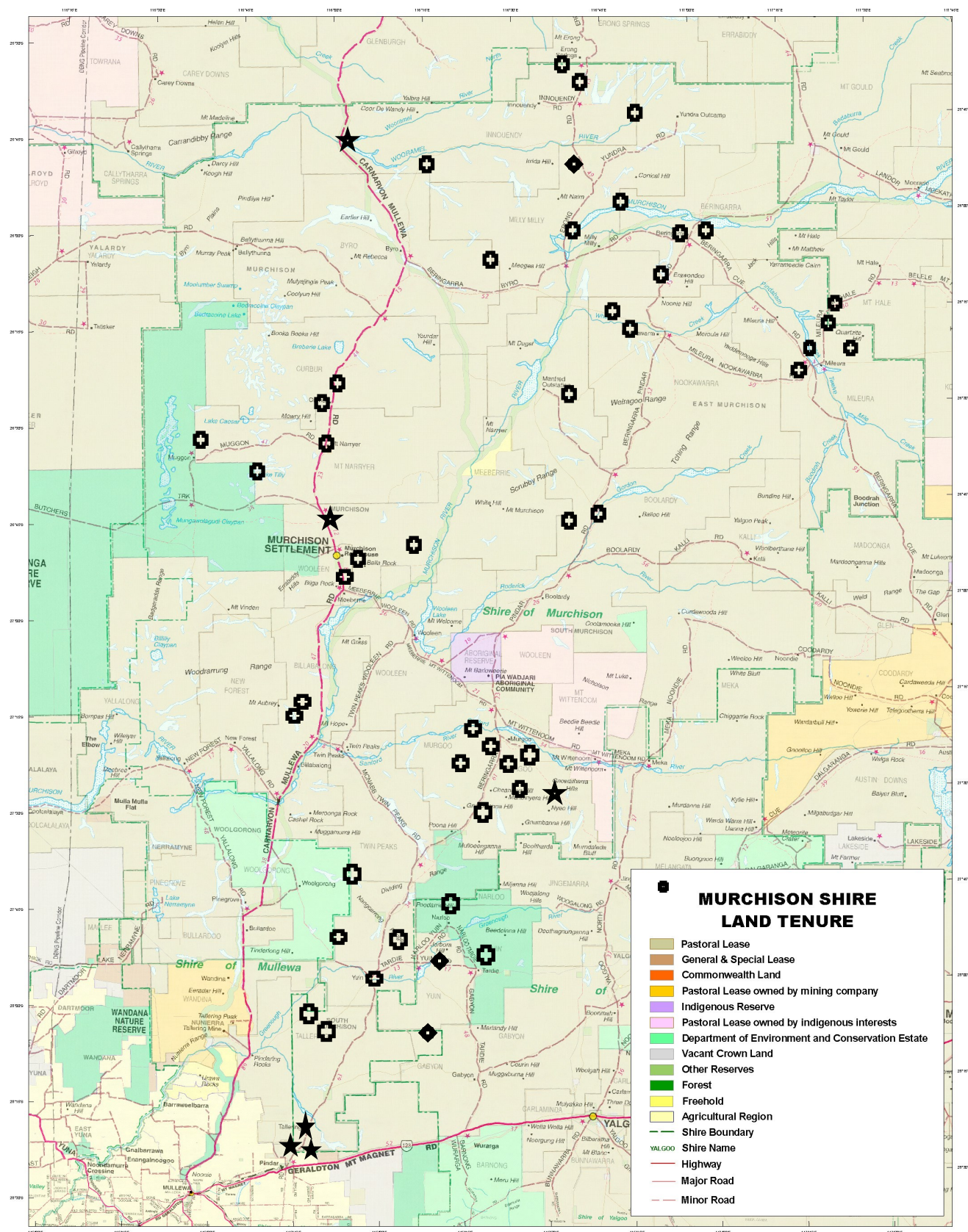
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# Approximate Location of Wild Dog captures.



23rd Feb. 2015 - to 19th February 2016



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Road network supplied by Western Australian Land Information Authority, 2008.



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Where is faraway?

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Marcia



## July 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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4	5	6	7	8	9 Polocrosse	10 Polocrosse
11	12	13	14	15 Council Meeting	16	17
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## August 2016

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