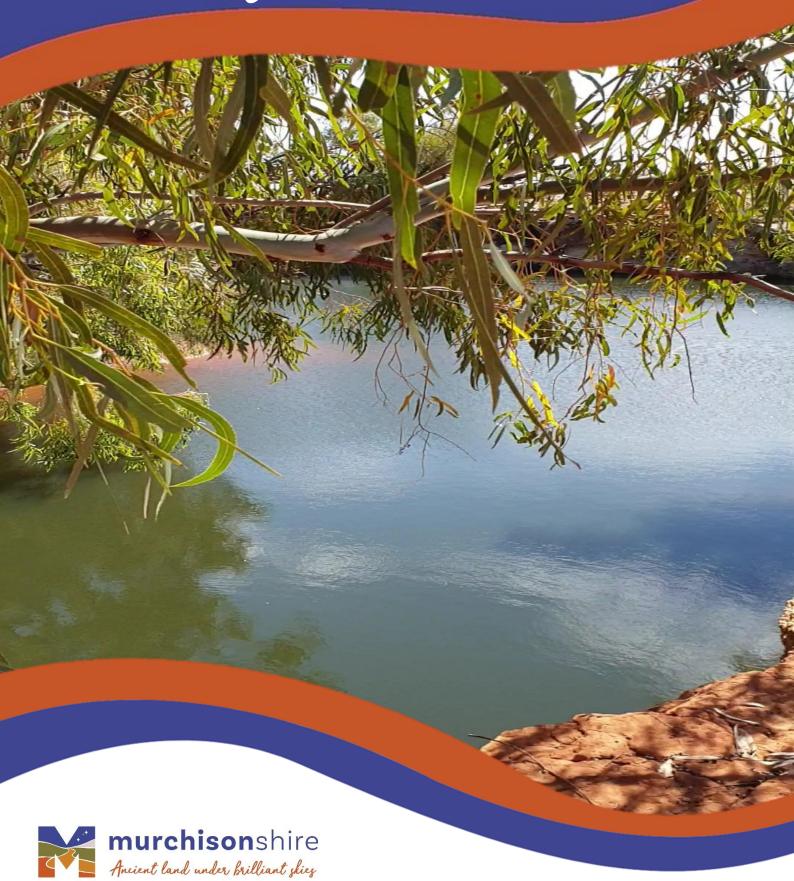
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# Editor's Message

Hello Everyone,

Thank you Steven for this edition of The Monologue- there is certainly a lot happening in the Murchison in the next few months.

I was reflecting last night that it's not really appropriate to call me Editor of the Monologue these days as Steven actually puts it all together; my role is just to proof-read and check the spelling and grammar etc. So, if you find mistakes you can blame me!

With another hat on, I'd like to thank all the wonderful people that came to the Museum busy bee last week. It was a really great turnout and we got such a lot done, including some big jobs like taking the gutters off the roof and pulling up the sisal floor covering (to reveal a lovely red concrete floor). It was great to end the day with a fun quiz night and dinner so thanks Sam and Stu for organising that and to all the people that joined the fun.

Happy reading!

Emma

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#### Rossco's Rundown



Hello All.

Since my last update in March the Murchison Council has continued its efforts in progressing a few longer-term projects, dealing with various day to day issues that arise, and working with a crew that is hoping to truck some iron ore from the south west corner of Wooleen (about 10km north east of the Twin Peaks Homestead as the crow flies) down to the Geraldton Port.

A small, privately owned company called 10M are currently working through a road agreement with us that would permit them to cart approximately 60, 000 tonnes of ore as an initial, two to three month trial. If the results of this trial stack up, it may encourage them to pursue a longer term mining project from this site. The Shire is very wary of the impact this cartage could have on the condition of our roads as well as the travelling public, especially Murchison locals. With this in mind, we have put a lot of effort into ensuring we protect ourselves from any unreasonable social or financial consequences regarding 10M's operations. Shires all around the state seem to be getting plenty of pressure from the State and Federal Governments to fast- track any proposed mining project (I think they are very keen for their constant boasts regarding jobs and growth to be a reality, regardless of the, seemingly unforeseen, extra load on regional roads, health services etc). Regardless of this background though, I believe that both 10M and ourselves have undertaken negotiations in a responsible way.

Tenders have been awarded for the flood damage work that is scheduled to be done around various parts of the Shire. Most of the work is in the northern half of the Murchison. THEM Earthmoving and Squires Resources are the two operators that have won the tenders, with work due to start from around August onwards and planned to take about 10 months or so.

RSM in Geraldton has won a contract to assist the Shire administration with our financial management going forward. The Local Government law makers could never be accused of keeping what I reckon should be reasonably logical process, such as financial record keeping and management, very common sense or logical. Travis Bate, from RSM, has good experience in these processes however, and we look forward to working with him.

The RFDS dropped in for a pick-up during night-time hours the other day and the new aerodrome parking area lights were put to use. The pilot reported that the lights provided good coverage for the manoeuvring of both the plane and patient. Hopefully the RFDS doesn't need to use our facilities after daylight hours much at all, but at least if they do we can be confident they have a safe and well- lit place to operate.

Until next time.

Rossco

#### CED's Desk

Apart from recent the March/ April heavy rainfall event it is fair to say that there has been steady progress in advancing efforts across a range of areas since the last issue.

Transforming the Carnarvon Mullewa Road, through excellent construction in the southern section, continues with the remaining 9km stretch well underway. Sealing is planned for later in 2022.

Meanwhile, recently we were advised that our Blackspot Funding Application through Main Roads WA has been successful for improvements to the Wreath Flowers Section of the Beringarra-Pindar Road. Works programmed for 2022/23 include the creation of divided carriageways on the Beringarra-Pindar and Wreath Flowers Access Road (the old Beringarra-Pindar Road) with associated one-way operation over a short section. A mid-block turn around area provides for safe parking and viewing of the wreath flowers.

Unfortunately, despite best endeavours our application under the Remote Roads Upgrade Pilot Program to stabilise and widen the existing 4.0m seal to 7.2m width, and where appropriate install floodways, for a section of the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road between the Twin Peaks -Wooleen Road and the Murchison Settlement was unsuccessful.

All is not lost though as the previous Commonwealth Government included an additional allocation as an extension to the Local Roads Community Infrastructure Program in the budget, so the current increased progress in improving our road network will continue.

As previously outlined, all that will then be required is for the City of Greater Geraldton to do their bit, a situation that we are still pursuing with support and information from the community. At last count around \$20m annually is spent by Shire residents in the City of Greater Geraldton.

We also continue work on business cases for the Murchison SKA Interpretive Experience and Carnarvon-Mullewa Road Upgrade Projects, both of which should assist in advancing our case.

Contract for the current freight service operation servicing Murchison was recently advertised and

considered by Council. Mid-West Freight, our current suppliers, were successful with a new 3-year contract commencing in July. A review of pickup locations was also undertaken with K-Mart and two chemists being added to the free pick-up list. Further information will be sent out nearer the commencement date.

Despite best efforts, trying to advance funding applications with the Department of Fire & Emergency Services for disaster recovery funds for two 2021 flood events has proven difficult. As shown elsewhere in this issue, a recent rainfall event in March /April will also impact.

However, Council has let contracts for the supervision works and are in the process of awarding tenders to Squires Resources sand THEM Earthmoving for actual construction, subject to formal approval being finalised.

#### Council Works

#### Construction Crew

The construction crew have been hampered by weather to a small degree and the leading hand having a short medical time out. The construction grader is still in Geraldton, I am hoping it will be back on deck early in the week of 23/05/2022. Material carting and stock piling have continued and by the time council meets we should have about 3km of carting left. The culvert installation has taken considerable time and material, but I believe the end result is very good. At this stage the blasting of the hill at SLK 253 is still on track for early August. Byro will be doing the drill holes for the hill and the new Settlement tip.

#### Maintenance Crew

Neil and Mike are heading north up the Beringarra - Pindar Road. They will pick up the Mt Wittenoom Road, Wooleen - Mt Wittenoom Road and Boolardy - Wooleen Road as they pass.

#### Roadhouse Fuel Pumps

Recently went out of order again - At present we are looking at a manual override from within the roadhouse with a completely new point of sale system to follow. This will improve reliability.

#### Renovation 6 Kurara Way

We have continued to explore efforts to have renovation works undertaken at 6 Kurara Way,

with the availability of builders being a prime issue. As a result, we deferred the project to 2022/23. At this time the residence is currently vacant and ideally works should be done now whilst the vacancy exists. Recently we were able to review the initial scope of works and also obtain the services of a suitable builder who would be in a position to start. Given these circumstances it was considered prudent to do so. Council authorised expenditure in 2021/22 with the balance in 2022/23.

#### Settlement Water Supply

In the near future we will be putting down 3 or 4 new bores, 8 new 32,000L tanks have been ordered, expected to arrive at the end of June. Some designs have been submitted from Murchison Plumbing and Gas. GHD have been engaged with briefings onsite including with the Settlement Water Supply Working Group planned.





# Community Engagement - Pia

Recent Shire attendance at Pia Wadjarri school and community was welcomed and encompassed an invitation for the Shire Community Manager to sit in and take part in the school activities for the day. Further, an informative meeting was held with community members, Elders and the school principal, where upcoming Shire activities and information was shared. This included, among other things, notice of a successful grant application to put on a community event for National Science Week at the Settlement with special guests from Scitech and CSIRO.



The upcoming SKA Astronomy Event, Quiz Night, Lawn Bowls Tournament, proposed Ancient Land Under Brilliant Skies Festival, and the annual Polocrosse event were all discussed with the vision to find ways in how to assist disadvantaged communities like Pia to attend such events.



After morning tea was had, the Community Manager presented gifts on behalf of Murchison Shire to encourage the celebration of National Reconciliation week as it is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements.

I was given a very interesting educational lesson on Wadjarri language and projects that the community are most proud of. This included stories of generations and aspirations of the current younger generation. The Shire is looking forward to assisting in a workplace experience program for eligible teenagers from Pia. This opportunity will provide for students to acquire workplace skills as they fast approach this exciting time in their life.







New parks & gardens worker Dean Matheson has been doing a wonderful job tidying up the gardens in and around the Settlement.

Feedback from the community has been very positive and is a clear reflection of the work Dean has put in, in making the Roadhouse surroundings literally look like an oasis; clearing pathways I never knew existed ... Well-done Dean!

Chirpie has also made a new friend in Dean and is as happy as a bird can be with all newly laid gravel ground and fresh new shade cloth, he is being heard chirping away much more than usual. Great effort!





# Basy Bee

A huge round of applause to ALL those involved in the Busy Bee last weekend!! It looks absolutely amazing!!! Honestly, the photos do not do it justice ... If you have not stepped into the Museum of late, go check out the new facelift ... just stunning! Well-Done!







# Quiz Night

On Saturday night May 21 Stuart and Sam ran a quiz night at the Sports Club. What a night!!! After everyone had been busily volunteering at the annual clean-up of the Museum, we had an absolutely mouth-watering dinner and then got stuck into our Quiz Night.



Stuart was our humorous MC with about 23 contenders. We had three rounds of 20 questions for five teams to compete against each other and to see who had the better knowledge. Our teams were Red Dust Bandits, Cows with Guns, Y.C.B, Pia and POBT (Past our bed time). Nearly everyone got a prize, with a few spot prizes, and a Disney Movie Emoji Quiz to fill out throughout the rounds kept everyone on their toes. Awesome prizes were won and thanks to our sponsors for the night. Mullewa Farm Supplies, Sam and Stuart, Rossco and Emma, Tracy and Tyler Walton, Natalie Broad and the Murchison Shire Roadhouse. Hope to see everyone at the next one. Cheers, Sam ②



# Flood Pics March - April 2022

Below are a few pics from a flood event following rainfall between 27 March and 4 February. Whilst the most significant falls were in the Sandford River Catchment (where Josh and Jocelyn Pumpa at Murgoo Station received around 300mm causing flooding of their homestead), the rain fell fairly generally throughout the broader Murchison River Catchment.

Daily Rainfall (mm) at various locations and stations								
Date	Murchison	Boolardy	Meka	Murgoo	Yuin	Melangata	Mt Magnet	
26 March	0.0	5.0	0.0		0.2	23.0	0.8	
27 March	16.2	24.5	16.0	35.0	35.0	1.6	26.6	
28 March	0.0	10.0	0.0		0.0	19.0	0.6	
29 March	0.0	5.0	11.0	3.0	25.2	39.0	11.8	
30 March	17.0	23.0	70.0	175.0	16.0	0.0	46.4	
31 March	0.0	66.0	1.6	3.0	17.0	15.0	0.2	
1 April	9.4	6.0	8.2	4.2	3.4	7.5	1.4	
2 April	22.0	2.0	0.0	2.5	1.4	0.0	0.4	
3 April	15.4	14.0	7.0	12.0	2.2	12.5	1.4	
4 April	10.2	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.4	



Beringarra-Pindar & Woollen-Mt Wittenoom Rd Intersection 30.03.22



Beringarra-Pindar & Woollen-Mt Wittenoom Rd Intersection 30.03.22



Cockney Bill Creek 30.03.22



Greenough River Crossing of Beringarra-Pindar Rd at Yuin Station 30.03.22



Greenough River at Yuin Station 30.03.22



Sanford River Floodwaters adjacent Twin Peaks Station 1.04.22



Sanford River Floodwaters over Twin Peaks-Wooleen Road 1.04.22



Sanford River Floodwaters over Twin Peaks-Wooleen Road 4.04.22



Carnarvon-Mullewa Road Crossing Murchison River (low level floodway submerged) Upstream View from Bridge 4.04.22



Carnarvon-Mullewa Road Crossing Murchison River Downstream View from Bridge 4.04.22

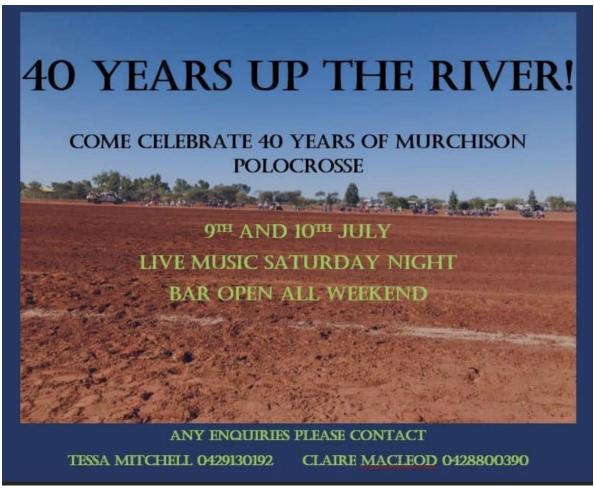
# Upcoming Events in our Community The Biggest Morning Tea



#### Murchison Annual Polocrosse

The Murchison Annual Polocrosse Event is fast approaching. Be sure to come and celebrate the Murchison's 40<sup>th</sup> year of Red Dirt Sports with its annual polocrosse event once again held at the Murchison Settlement! See you there!





#### National Science Week



#### **CONGRATULATIONS** Murchison Shire!

The Shire is pleased to inform you that we have been selected as a successful candidate for funding to host an event here at the Settlement for National Science Week. Fifteen initiatives were funded, primarily across regional and remote WA. Our Shire's application was looked upon so favourably that not only were we successful, but they are allowing us to put on our event 2 weeks earlier to align with Scitech's availability – that's right, a team from Scitech will be here showcasing their Solar System Workshop, running continuously for 5 hours, as well as a General Public Science show.

Thank you to our friends at CSIRO who are kindly sponsoring this event, and will be catering a range of healthy foods, treats and dinner for all!!

Commencing 12 Noon - 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2022 Community Hall, Murchison Settlement Bookings/Tickets – This event is FREE!









## scitech

# Community **Events**

#### Are you part of a community group, school P&C or a local retailer?

We'll bring the wonders of science to you with our engaging, inclusive community events that are high on energy and higher on learning.

Whether you're running an agricultural show, fair or fete, let our science presenters put on a show you'll never forget.

Scitech has a program to suit every budget and location across Western Australia.





Our science shows have been designed to appeal to audiences of all ages. We encourage children and their parents or caregivers to engage with the shows together by making observations, predictions and sharing their delight in the outcomes.

Do you ever feel like you're under pressure? That's probably because we all live under the crushing force of air pressure. We just don't notice it because our bodies (and the things around us) push back. Our science presenters explore just how much pressure we're really under as we use nothing but the ocean of air around us - and a splash of science - to turn your world inside out and upside down.

#### Hot vs Cold

Two temperatures enter, one temperature leaves - and the results are sure to surprise! Our science presenters explore how the hidden properties of materials affect how heat forms, flows and feels with this astonishing demonstration of thermodynamics. Audiences will make predictions and test ideas in this ultimate showdown between hot and cold.

#### Science Wonderland

Our Science Wonderland is a unique environment packed with interactive exhibits, brain-bending challenges and awesome technology. Guaranteed to ignite curiosity in kids and adults alike, this hands-on experience allows visitors to explore, investigate and discover the world of science, technology, engineering and maths!



An interactive and exciting learning environment for ages 0-5, where developing young minds are able to learn through play. A hands-on learning experience for adults and children to enjoy together.

#### Conditions

It is essential for a member of your organisation to meet our staff on arrival to ensure occupational health and safety requirements are met.

Our community programs can be booked for up to 5 hours per day. Our live shows run for 30 minutes each.

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#### Perth Adventure Riders

The Perth Adventure Riders will soon be hitting the road again, and as always they plan to stop at their favourite place – the Murchison Settlement ... come and have a drink and share a few laughs with our friendly biker friends ... Thanks to Sammy and Stuart for once again ensuring the Sports Club bar will be fully stocked for this event ...





Join the Perth Adventure Riders gathering on 6 August & 12 August 2022



'I look after Perth Adventure Riders and as you know we have stayed the last few years with around thirty-five riders as part of our yearly "Midwest or Bust".' "Colin Bayman"

As expected, due to our past stays, we had a great time and received the highest level of customer care from all staff. The rooms were immaculate due to the extra efforts from your lovely cleaner. Our meals were spot on and served with a smile, laugh and some cheeky banter from both Nick and Pix. Your bowsers were down but after a phone call before our departure from Perth your fantastic office staff/lady had a few litres of unleaded put aside to ensure our little adventure could take place. She even served us fuel on her day off and was happy to help out.

I don't know where you get these guys from, but I travel consistently on bikes and in my van and you are certainly lucky to have them all. Well done for putting such a great team together and whatever else you do to keep them motivated, happy and focussed on the traveller.

"Colin Bayman"

## "Get Laid" Lawn Bowls Tournament



#### 10 August – Murchison Settlement

"Every year there is a special group of people that spend the whole year fundraising for Camp Quality. This group of awesomeness is known by wesCarpades. Now, the Weskies will fundraise through different ways, from Bunnings sausage sizzles, raffles, golf days to Giggle Balls. Fundraising is never too hard and not a single cent will ever be taken for granted. To celebrate the year of fundraising we adventure out with twenty plus year old cars themed from Shrek and Bob the Builder to the Croc Hunters, and the list goes on. We range from the young to the old and some almost heritage listed. Last year we raised, with a combined effort, a total of about \$170,000 for Camp Quality."

#### Chris Jenour

Team Toy Story General Manager

"This year we are adventuring out your way! During our 7–10-day adventure we will arrive into the Murchison and are lucky enough to spend a night in your little slice of heaven. While we are stopping, we will be having a lay day at the Oasis Caravan Park and would love to hire, borrow or steal the bowling green to host our Annual "Get Laid Tournament". The date will be the 10th of August and will be in the afternoon - which means you have no excuse not to be there joining in the fun."

#### *Chris Jenour* Team Toy Story General Manager



# Stellar Stargazing

# Stellar Stargazing Celebrating the SKA

Explore the Universe under a world-class dark night sky! This event celebrates

Australia as one of the hosts of the world's largest and most

capable radio telescopes, the SKA.

Hear about the amazing SKA, see an amazing green laser pointer tour of constellations and planets and look through telescopes to discover the wonders of the cosmos.

Friday, 14th October 2022

6.30pm - 7:00pm | SKA Presentation

7:15pm - 9pm | Stargazing on the Oval

Murchison Settlement – Community Hall (3007 Carnarvon-Mullewa Road, Murchison)

BYO rugs, picnics, torches, warm clothes, fly net, insect repellent.

BBQ Sizzle provided.

Bookings: Free community event.

#### Be in the chance to win a fabulous telescope prize!!

This event will go ahead rain, hail or shine.

This event celebrates Australia as one of the hosts of the world's largest and most capable radio telescopes. The SKA telescopes will revolutionize our understanding of the Universe and be based in Western Australia and South Africa.



















# Beyond the Milky Way

Journey to the edges of the Universe in this spectacular 360° VR film.

Experience one of the greatest international scientific endeavours in history as you step onto Australia's future site of the incredible SKA telescope in an immersive 25-minute, 360° virtual reality cinema experience.

Travel to the radio-quiet Western Australian outback to explore where the world's largest radio telescope will be capturing the corners of the Universe and breaking new ground in astronomical research.

Narrated by physicist Professor Brian Cox (Universe, Horizon, Brian Cox's Adventures in Space and Time), join the quest for answers as the telescope enables us to see further into space-time than ever before and presents our greatest chance of discovering extra-terrestrial life.

Guided by scientists, experts, and ancient astronomers, see the sky in unprecedented 360°, witness our world from a new perspective and be transported to the edge of what is possible.



"Beyond the Milky Way" has finished up at the Perth Museum, however it will be showcasing again at the Museum of Geraldton ...

More details coming soon.



COVID-19

#### Pulse oximeter

# What you need to know!

Are you non-Aboriginal and over 65?	
Are you Aboriginal and over 50?	76,
Are you pregnant?	

If you answered YES to any of the above – collect a free pulse oximeter from your local government today!

#### What is a pulse oximeter?

It is a small, peg-like device that clips onto your fingertip to read your heart rate and blood oxygen level. It takes only one minute to work, is reusable and can be shared between other people in your household.

#### Why do I need one?

If you become COVID-19 positive, you may need to be remotely monitored through theWA COVID Care at Home program. By having a pulse oximeter already in your home, a health professional can assess you and provide health advice from the comfort of your home. Visit <u>WA COVID Care at Home</u> for more information.

#### Where do I get one?

Visit your local government to collect a free pulse oximeter for you and your household(each eligible household will receive one pulse oximeter).

Do **not** pick up a pulse oximeter if you are already COVID-19 positive. If you have already received a positive COVID-19 test result, the Department of Health will contact you and providefurther information.

Visit COVID-19 (coronavirus) (healthywa.wa.gov.au) for more information.

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A Murchison 'Special edition' wordfinder ... First person to find all 25 words and return your completed wordfinder to the Shire will receive a .....

# \$20 gift voucher for the Murchison Oasis Roadhouse!!

Goodluck!

Send a photo of your crossword to <a href="mailto:cm@murchison.wa.gov.au">cm@murchison.wa.gov.au</a>

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#### 25 Words

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Georegion	Airstrip	Sky	Tardie	Oasis	Fauna	Polocrosse
Murgoo	Dog	Byro	CSIRO	Astro	Boolardy	Cattle
Emu	Eagle	Curbur	Errabiddy			







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