

Murchison Monologue



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ROAD REPORTS

Road reports for the Shire are now being updated regularly on our website.

www.murchison.wa.gov.au



LIBRARY

If you have any library books that are overdue could you please return them.

Looking down the fault line at the Murchison & Roderick water Meeting

Wooleen Homestead with a thunderstorm in the distance

SUNNY MURCH 

So after a lot of rain just before Christmas, Murchison is looking greener then ever!



If anyone has any good photos please send them in!



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Shire of Murchison ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

The Annual General Meeting of Electors at the Shire of Murchison will be held at 4.00pm FRIDAY 25 March 2011 in the Murchison Sports Club Building, Murchison Settlement.

BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of 2009/10 Annual Report
2. General Business
 - 2.1 Consultation regarding Heritage Precinct Location

Copies of the report are available on the Shire's website www.murchison.wa.gov.au or at the Shire Office during normal business hours.

An evening meal and refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund.

Mike Sully
Chief Executive Officer

4 March 2011

PLEASE NOTE: The Council Meeting scheduled to take place on Friday 18 March 2011 has been deferred and will now take place on Friday 25 March 2011.

A Bit of History

In 1929 work was commenced on the Ballinyoo Bridge near Billabalong by H. Martin & Co. This was the second such concrete bridge to be built in Western Australia and was the last constructed with imported steel and cement.



In 1930 the Balinyoo Bridge was finished. A large graceful construction, its opening was the highlight of the year for the Murchison residents. To some degree it compensated for the poor seasonal conditions, low wool prices, and the Depression of the same year which culminated in the cancellation of the Murgoo Races.



Road to the Murchison
Marion Nixon and R.F.B. Lefroy

Photos: Sent in by Michael and Jano Foulkes-Taylor, Tardie Station



Above: View of Murchison River from Balinyoo Bridge 20/01/2011

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Open- 6.55pm

Present – Jano F-T, Carolyn Halleen, Jo Squires, Frances Jones, Natalie Broad, Emma Foulkes-Taylor

Apologies- Crystal Serrine, Colleen Herold, Joy Robinson, Carol McTaggart, Bridget Seaman, Katie Jeffries, Those that couldn't make it due to weather, road conditions, holidays

Financial Report- Not presented, Bridget away.

Maxi Account balance as at 31.12.10 - \$8592.63

Cheque Account balance as at 31.12.10 - \$285.28

There is money owing to Jo Squires for food and Christmas presents and also to Emma for food purchased for the Christmas Tree.

Donations for 2011- As a result of the flood we decided to support fellow pastoralists directly rather than REVISE, RFDS and the churches this year.

Motion – That we investigate the pastoralists affected by the recent flooding in the Gascoyne and distribute Target vouchers to the total value of \$1000.00 + any donations from local families (who will be advised by email of the opportunity to participate- Emma)

Fistula Foundation- \$500.00

Election of Office Bearers

President – Jo nominated Emma, no further nominations Emma accepted

Vice president- Jo nominated Carnie, no further nominations, Carnie accepted

Secretary – Carnie nominated Crystal in her absence, no further nominations Crystal accepted

Treasurer- Jo nominated Bridget in her absence, no further nominations, Bridget accepted

President to write to Bridget thanking her.

Closed 7.15pm

Note- It was late in the day and ours was the last of 4 AGMs. Emma forgot to sincerely thank Jo for her time as president over the last couple of years. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

Murchison Sports Club AGM

31.12.10

Meeting opened: 4.45pm

Present- Mark and Carolyn Halleen, Ben Halleen, Frances Jones, David Pollock, Jano and Micheal Foulkes-Taylor, Roscco and Emma F-T, Tom F-T, Jo Squires

Apologies- Those that couldn't make it due to roads, rivers, broken down cool rooms etc

Previous Minutes- August 21st 2009

The financial statement in previous minutes was inclusive of bank balance, income due to the club, value of bar stock, bar float, funds yet to be banked. It was felt that this figure was slightly misleading. The closing bank balance was \$6544.18, the bar float was \$300 so the cash figure was \$6844.18.

Accepted with explanatory note - M. Carolyn S. David

Business Arising from previous minutes-

Outstanding accounts were paid up.

Did organise a sign in sign out system for keys – fell in a hole

Latch done- good until it was cut off when key was lost

Sale of alcohol to others- Social Club at Shire caused a few issues. New key installed. Now have a master key. CEO in charge

Financial Statement-

Maxi Account- \$6593.32

Cheque Account- \$732.30

Bar float - \$729.40

Closing cash balance as at 31.12.10 - \$8055.02

Accepted - M. Mark S. Michael

Financial Business Arising-

Number of members seems low. People forget to pay membership.

Longer membership option- Discussion about how to make it easier for people to be paid up members

Motion- that the Sportsclub has 1 year and 3 year membership option. The three year option will be offered every three years only ie 2011, 2014

M. Frances S. Jano

Motion – That membership for 2011 remain at \$20 for individuals and \$30 for families. M. Emma S. Carolyn

Correspondence In and out

In- Bank statements

Out- BAS

Applications for temp licences

M. Frances S. David

President's Report-

Problems with being unconstitutional at previous meetings.

Only headache with job is keeping track of the alcohol. Hopefully this will improve with new bar key arrangements.

Will look at holding an Anzac Fun Day.

Accepted - M. Jano S. Mark

General Business-

Need to change the constitution re what makes a quorum- currently 10. suggest change to 6.

Motion-President to write to community putting suggestion that we change the constitution re what makes a quorum.

M. Mark S.Jano

Cool Room- should it break down again approach the Shire for a replacement unit

Concern was expressed that everyone has an opinion about the potential liability of being an office bearer of the Sports Club. David and Frances volunteered to do some research and get a definitive answer on this issue.

Election of Office Bearers

Michael was appointed returning officer

Nominations called for following positions-

President-David nominated Rossco. No further nominations Rossco accepted

Vice president- no nominations

Secretary - Mark nominated David, David declined.

Jano nominated Carnie, Carnie Accepted

Treasurer – Mark nominated Emma, Emma accepted.

Auditor – Rossco nominated Mike Sully in his absence. Need to ask Mike

Meeting closed- 5.45pm

Minutes of the Murchison LCDC AGM
Dec 31 2010

Opened- 6.05 pm

Present- Mark Halleen, Carolyn Halleen, Frances Jones, Jano F-T, Michael F-T, David Pollock, Rossco F-T, Jo Squires, Andrew Whitmarsh, Emma F-T

Apologies- Brett Pollock, members who were unable to attend due to holidays, weather, roads etc

Welcome

President's Report

Have not had a secretary since Heidi Pollock left. Not much has come through from Brett Pollock who took on the roll after Heidi left.

Caring for Country has taken over from NRM

Apologies for the lack of meetings.

Accepted M. David S. Carnie

Comments- no need to apologise- no need to have a meeting for the sake of it if things are quiet.

Minutes from previous meeting 23.6.07

Accepted- M. Rossco S. Michael

Business arising- None

Financial Statement - Not presented but \$14250 in account according to Brett.

Correspondence

Correspondence In- Bank statements, advertising

Correspondence In

M. Fran S. Rossco

General Business

Wild Dogs- three racks worked really well last baiting drive

RBG will not be set up until March 2011

New baits are available in January 2011-

- a PAF bait and there is an antidote for it which pastoralist can keep on hand. Very good recovery from accidental baiting of pet dogs. However may not be as effective as 1080.

-M44- trigger release bait (3kg)

Shire has given LCDC the old coolroom from the roadhouse. Think it needs a drop in unit. Need to put it together. Possibly needs to be portable.

Motion- that we investigate the cost of getting the donated coolroom to a serviceable state. M. Rosasco. S. Frances

Caring for Country- previous wording seemed to exclude pastoralists. Previously couldn't get any Aboriginal component but didn't ask.(only need to write a letter) Really only look at big projects. There is considerable chance that we would get through a proposal.

Suggested looking at water shadows caused by roads. Previous requests for this had been knocked back. General agreement that this would be a good project that would benefit the whole district. Need to wait for the next round of funding and word a proposal around the criteria.

Motion- that when the next round of CFOC funding comes up we put up a proposal to address water shadow issues M. Jano. S. Carnie All in favour

Election of office bearers

Michael was appointed returning officer

President- Mark nominated David Pollock, no further nominations, David accepted

Committee thanked Mark for his job as president over all the years
Thank you also to Emma for taking today's minutes.

Closed - 6.50pm



Wooleen Lake



Thank you to David and Francis for inviting us all to spend Australia Day in true Aussie style at Wooleen Station. It was a great day spent at Wooleen Lake with Brian bringing along his jet ski, which I am pretty sure there are a few of us still suffering from sore muscles! The last time the lake was this full was in 2006, was definitely a great way to spend Australia Day in Sunny Murch! Francis you have done a great job with the photos, thank you for sending them in.

Here are some photos that people have sent in of the floods and rain!





During February as you all know we have received a tremendous amount of rain! So there is water everywhere! With Wooleen Lake over filling and water running over the Ballinyoo once again and only within a couple of months. Yep, it's all go here in Murchison!

Some Stations are not so lucky with being flooded in and having to organize food drops with FESA. If anyone requires any assistance or if you know of anyone that is unable to contact us that may require assistance please do not hesitate to contact the Shire office. We are more than happy to help. Phone: **9963 7999**



Murchison Oasis Roadhouse

Now Under New Management

***Takeaway Food ~ Accommodation ~ Small
Goods ~ Fuel
Available***

Home Style Cooking & a Friendly Atmosphere

“Drop by for a cup of REAL coffee..”

Weather Station is now up and running again!

New Contact Details

Tani & David (Spider)

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MURCHISON POLOCROSSE CLUB

The Murchison Polocrosse Club invites all past players
or
anyone interested in our illustrious club to become social
members!

ONLY...

\$20 per year

or

**\$100 for a continuous social
membership.**

*This membership would allow you to be highly involved
in the club, vote at all meetings and to be on the club
mailing list.*

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Thank you to all of Murchison's residents for the warm welcome we have received since we arrived. It is a very different lifestyle to what we were accustomed – but we are loving the countryside and enjoying the experience of working the Roadhouse.

With the roads quiet it has been glorious to watch the grass grow (literally) and enjoy the overall experience of watching frogs crawl out of my plughole in the bathroom sink while attempting to brush my teeth. With all that aside, I would love to hear of any ideas that could help around the house, garden and kitchen. (Thank you to Tahlia – chlorine blocks in the toilet cistern does eradicate the slimy critters and gives off a wonderful smell of swimming pools!)

I'd like to share a fantastic way of extending the lifespan of celery in the fridge. Honestly this works and I am still using fresh crispy celery weeks after purchase.

Just separate all the celery into individual pieces and then wrap loosely in alfoil and pop back in the fridge.

I don't rinse them first (although probably could) but when I need them, take them out give them a quick rinse and they are ready to eat – they don't lose their crunch!!

Another great experience I have had (which I have been told has been around for ever – okay – so I'm a little slow to catch on...) is the wonder of Bi-carb Soda!! I am amazed that for so little expense this awesome stuff can clean just about anything.

My shower screens, stainless steel and tiles come up a treat and no more smelly feet after a long day with just a bit put in my shoes in the morning!

So if you have any ideas that you feel I or anyone else could use – please pass it on!!

Last but not least, for all those who know Sid – he is now back in action with rake in hand after his short stint in hospital. Very well and feeling healthier than ever, he is benefitting from a daily insulin injection and monitoring of his BSL and diet. I'd like to say a sincere Thank you to Bridget for all her helpful advice and support that was offered when I needed it.

To all those who have Diabetes or know someone who does, I take my hat off to you for being able to take control. It is very much a learning experience for both Spider and myself and again if anyone has any advice or helpful information on this topic we would be very appreciative.

Have a wonderful day and in Sid's words "I might not have a lot of money, but I'm a millionaire, I know this because I wake up and get on with it every day".

If anyone has any photos or stories that they would like to be put into the next Monologue just give us a call or send them through to either admin@murchison.wa.gov.au or library@murchison.wa.gov.au

