



Murchison Monologue

May 2011

Anzac Community Day

There was a good turn out for the Anzac Day Service held at the Settlement and the Community Day that followed. It was great to see everyone young and not so young enjoying themselves in activities that for most people today would be labeled 'uncool'. Thanks must go to Rossco and Emma Foulkes-Taylor for organizing the day and everyone else who did their bit from cleaning to baking, cooking stews, assisting with organization of the games and doing the inevitable dishes. Without you the day would not have happened and it was fantastic to see so many young people participating.

Thanks to the Crosslands Community Fund Rossco was able to get some great prizes for competitors.

The Anzac biscuits and the stews were a great hit and the judges had a hard time deciding on winners as all were delicious.

We've all heard of 'egg on the face', but try flour and watch the expressions of those who experience it.



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Important Dates

Ordinary Council Meeting—date changed to 17 May 2011

Charity Run

Sunday 2 May saw a big influx of visitors to the caravan park when eleven vehicles arrived and nineteen people camped for the night. The Suzuki 4WD Club members are travelling from Shark Bay to Byron Bay on the east coast and are fundraising for the Variety Club. Tani again came to the rescue with steaks and salad for their bar b que.



Miles Kennedy—Organiser of the event

Council Corner

Shire President Broad & Deputy Shire President Halleen are Council's delegates for the Cue Parliament to be held on Friday 6 May 2011. Councillor Seaman and CEO Mike Sully will also attend as observers.

Councillor McTaggart is attending a Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency Forum in Melbourne on 18 and 19 May with costs being covered by the Dept. There will be representation from 90 Councils across Australia. The Forum is titled 'Local Adaptation Pathways Program Forum: *from risk to action.*'



Two new generators have been ordered for the Settlement which will bring welcome relief to residents after the myriad problems experienced with generator issues since the recent floods. The new system should be appropriate for the current and projected needs of the Settlement for some time.

Dan and Vicky Hewton, together with their daughter Casey have left the Settlement and the Shire of Murchison's employ. They have returned to Geraldton where Dan has obtained a truck driving position. The Shire is looking to replace Dan on the Works Crew and Vicky as cleaner of Settlement facilities.

Sharon Wundenberg will commence duties at the Settlement on Monday 9 May. Sharon will assist Works Supervisor Brian with the massive documentation requirements related to the flood damage. This has previously been undertaken by Brenda Hipper who will now take over management of 'The Big House' from Vicky Hewton.

Murchison's Roads

Most roads within the Shire are now open and Northcoast Contractors will be working to repair the flood damage for some time yet. By-passes have been constructed north of the Settlement to allow that section of road to be opened. There is a 50kph speed limit on these by-passes.

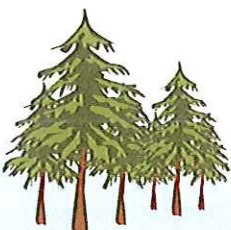
The opening of roads has resulted in a steady flow of visitors to the Settlement a number of whom have stayed for varying periods of time in the caravan park.

All Settlement accommodation is overflowing at the moment with the large number of Contractors and Tani is run off her feet catering for them at the roadhouse.

Ten kilometres of Carnarvon Mullewa Road are undergoing final preparation for sealing which should be completed by the end of the month. This will take the sealed section to the Twin Peaks turn-off.

The Shire maintenance crew is undertaking constant maintenance grading of roads.

**I don't suffer
from insanity—I
enjoy every
minute of it!**



My Day Off

Saturday is a day off for me
But that's a laugh as you will see
Up at seven, the dog to run
Sometimes it's raining, oh what fun!

Back home again and into the shower
Have to hurry to leave in an hour
Get dressed again, then there's hair to do
Strip off the bed, spread sheets anew

Down to the kitchen to wash the dishes
Some daily help is one of my wishes
Tidy away all the bits and the bobs
There really is no end to my jobs

Drive to town for the weekly shop
Home by eleven ready to drop
Rest for a minute with morning tea
Would be just great to have weekends free

Back to the grind and start all the chores
It's really amazing these jobs are all yours
Do all the washing and vacuuming too
Clean out the bathroom and then the loo

Hang out the washing and wind it up high
Hope like the devil that it will get dry
While back indoors there's dusting yet
And after that our lunch to get

If there's time there's windows to clean
And the aquarium is turning all green
Get in the garden and tackle the weed
A jobbing gardener's what we need

The patio needs a really good sweep
To rid it of cobwebs and leaves in a heap
Then it's time to fold all the clothes
And all the hanging and pot plants to hose

I really wonder why I'm not thinner
As after all that it's time to get dinner
I get Saturday off—oh lucky me
And I'm luckier still, Sunday's also free!

Joe

Who in the community was seen in a pub recently with his hands full,
pants around his ankles and no undies?

Profile—Who is Brian Wundenberg?

Brian is the Shire of Murchison's Works Supervisor. He was born at Boolardy Station, but left at an early age to live in the Bindoon area where he attended school.

Prior to commencing employment at Murchison in June 2010 Brian had completed 17 years of employment with the Shire of Chapman Valley. The past five months have been very challenging for Brian and his crew owing to the major damage that was caused to our roads by floodwaters.

During the time of floods Brian became a grandfather, and had to make the trip to Karratha through flooded roads to introduce himself to his granddaughter.

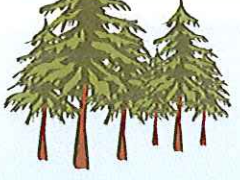
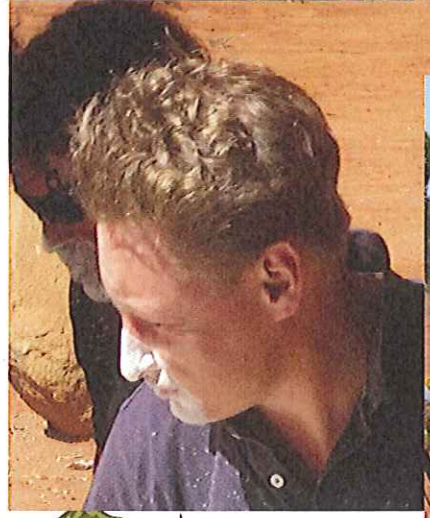
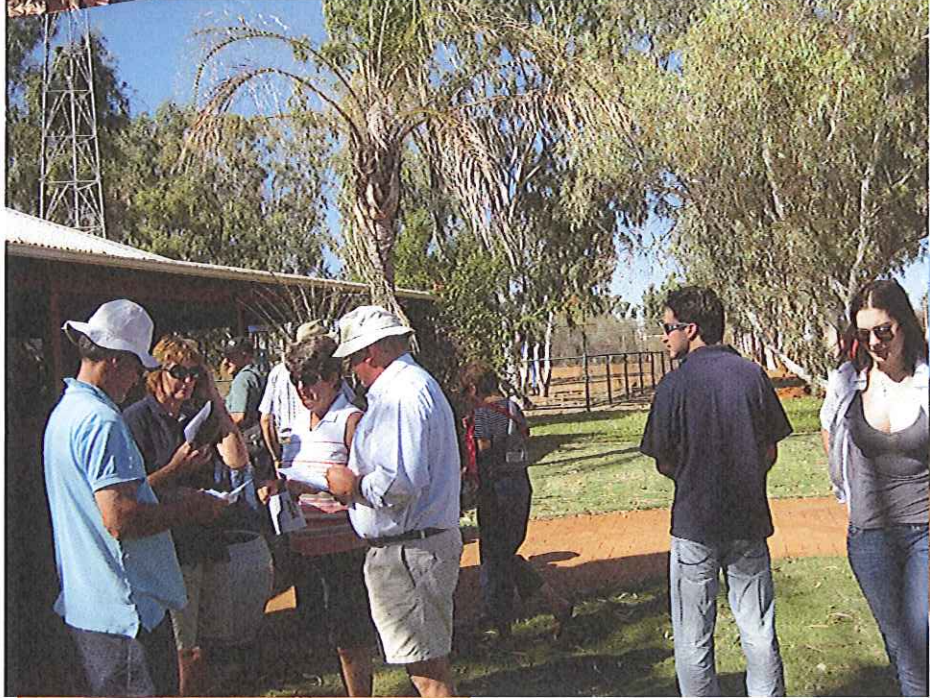
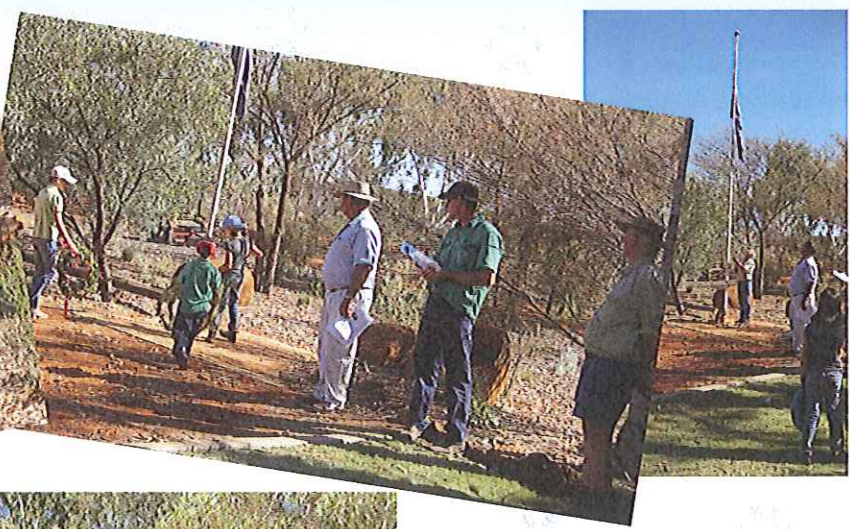
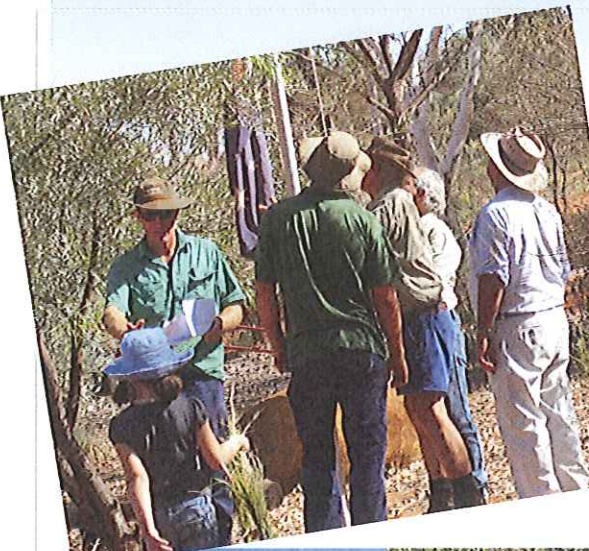
Brian has been a polocrosse player, but has retired from the game while maintaining his interest. He also enjoys a game of tennis.

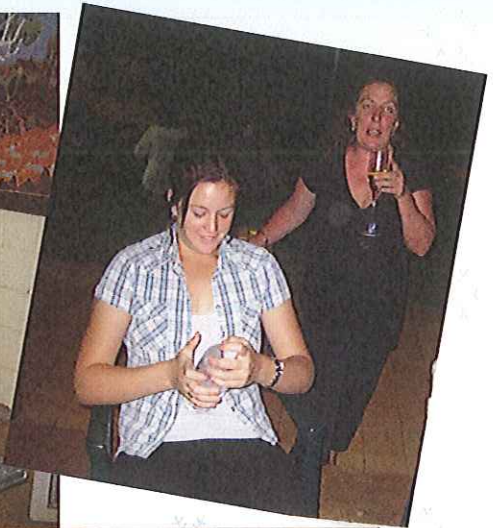


Brian with one of his toys

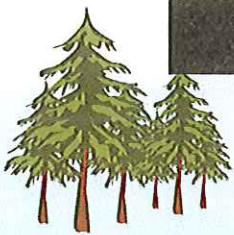
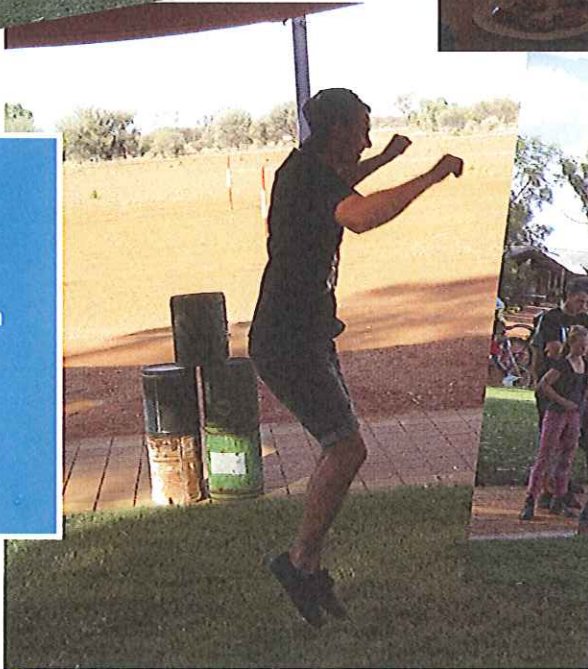


Anzac Day 2011





Oh what a feeling!!



Snippets from the Murchison Oasis Roadhouse

Well, Happy Easter to all and I hope you were all rewarded with a safe weekend. Congrats also to those involved with the Anzac Day Service and community day. Dave and I had a great time and it was lovely to take the day off and ham it up with the locals. There was certainly a lot of enthusiasm and extreme competitiveness amongst a few—I will definitely be looking for a few ring ins for the up and coming polocrosse season!



On a more subdued note, I was unfortunate to have lost a great mate of mine on Easter Friday. He didn't talk, but knew how to listen to my ramblings. He never complained about the weather or the flies and he just had a knack of looking over at me whenever I was around. For those of you who have ever lost an animal, then you will understand my sadness. He wasn't just a horse, he was my best friend. Animals are an honest lot and a few people on this Earth would do well to take a lesson from them.

With the change in the weather (hasn't it cooled off this past couple of weeks?), I am pleased to announce that my frog population has definitely retreated. (I know, there I go again!), but fair go—how do you explain to a German tourist that they are not going to jump on their 'bum' if they sit on the toilet? I've got whiplash in my neck from spinning around every time I hear a 'plop' so it's hard to keep a straight face and tell them that it would never happen! He, he—although I did get a little pay back on one little Kermit—thought he would be clever and climb up the tiles in the kitchen one morning. He came to grief though when he fell onto the hotplate I was just cleaning and turned himself into a French delicacy!

The other day I was looking for that elusive can of Mr Sheen to polish that beautiful counter top in the roadhouse, remembered I had used it all and so turned to my Nan's ever faithful CWA Cook Book and discovered a very easy alternative, works great and easy to prepare.

Mix equal parts of raw linseed oil, turpentine, methylated spirits and vinegar together, apply with a soft cloth and then polish with another clean cloth.

Oh, and here's another tid bit I found, to remove that annoying wine stain, just apply tomato juice! AMAZING!

A quick word from Poppy's corner. A certain little pup was caught excavating my back yard recently. Well, I had good advice from someone over the weekend, that by putting water filled balloons into the holes fixes the problem. Haven't tried it yet, but is on the agenda!!

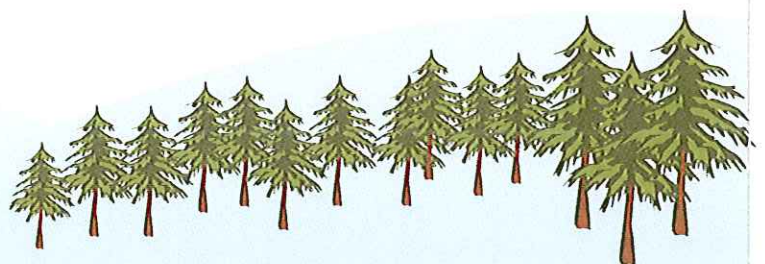
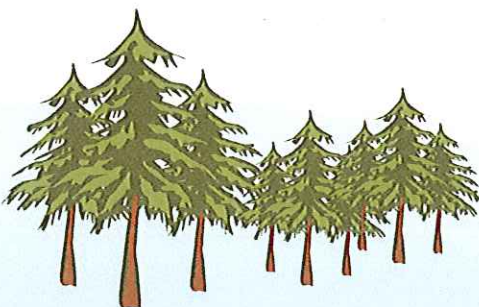
From the wise Sid, "What's the hurry? It'll get done—don't worry about it!" - If only!!

Cheers for now.....Tani

LIBRARY

Records show that there are many outstanding library loans throughout the Shire. Could you please search all your nooks and crannies and return all items that are finished with.

When a stocktake is carried out at the end of the financial year the Shire will be liable to pay for missing books. The last lot cost ratepayers almost \$2,000. We would like to avoid similar costs this year.



Donation made from proceeds of collection tin in Sportsmans Club



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Once again, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Heather Crombie
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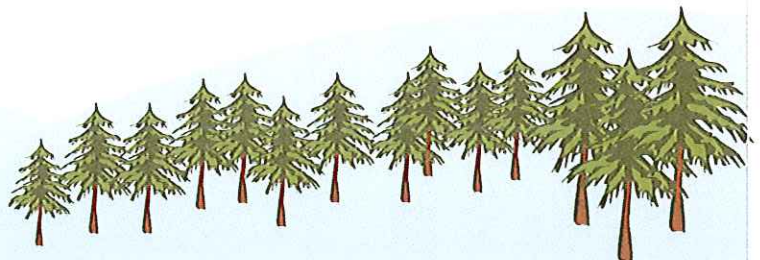
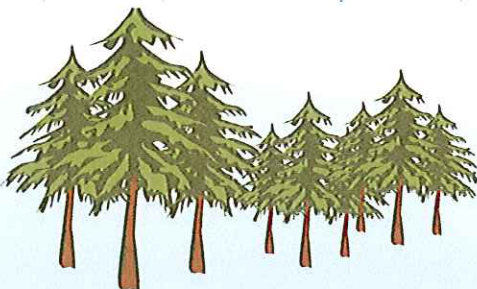
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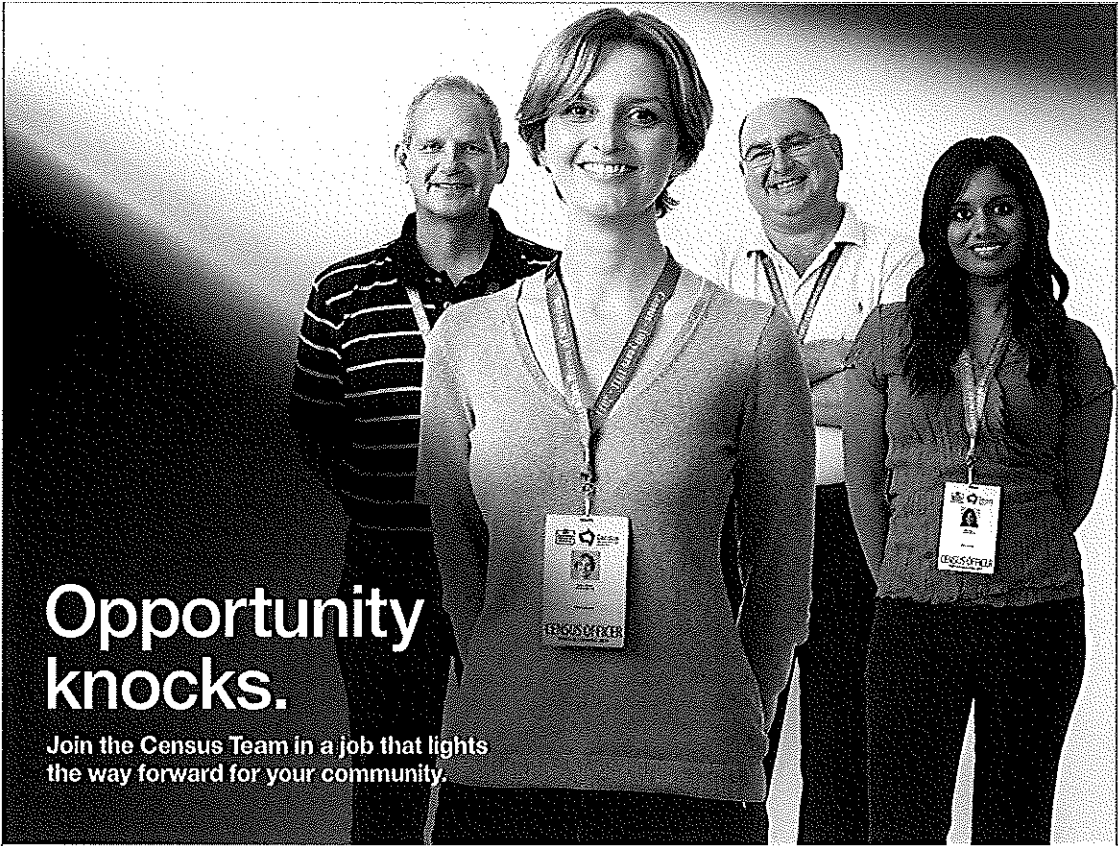
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- Collector jobs are part-time, home-based, flexible and will involve evening and weekend work.
- Collectors are required for work between 1 July and 8 September 2011.
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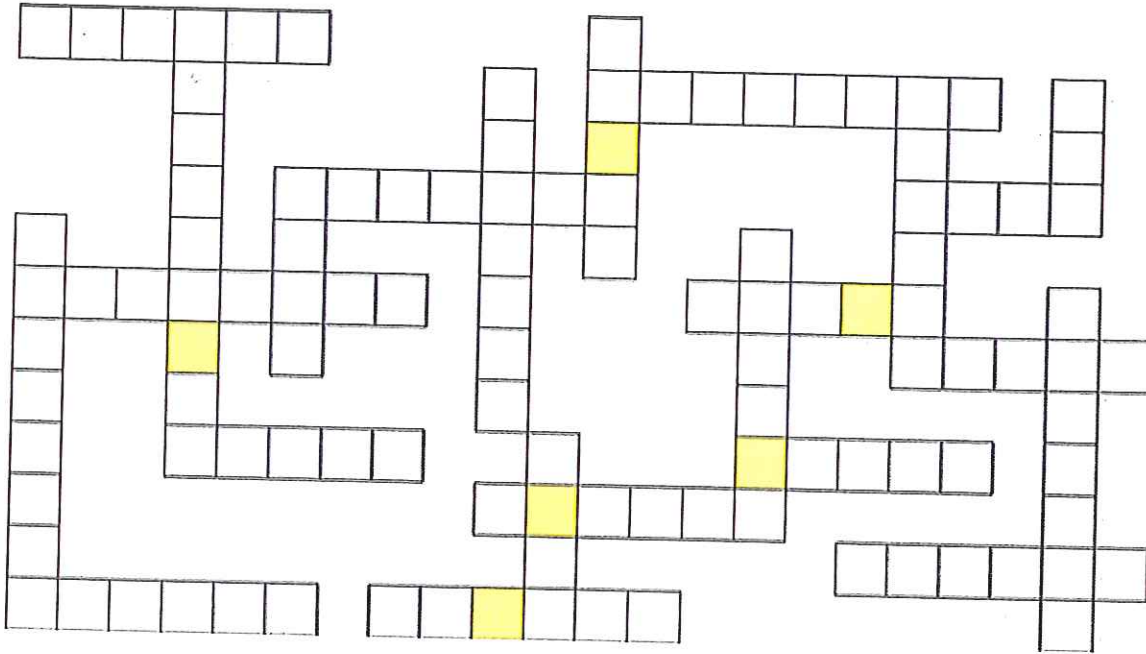


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For a brighter future

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Can you fit the words correctly into the grid? The letters in the yellow boxes will spell out another word.



3 letter word
SUN

4 letter words
MARS
MOON
STAR

5 letter words
COMET
EARTH
PLUTO
SPACE
VENUS

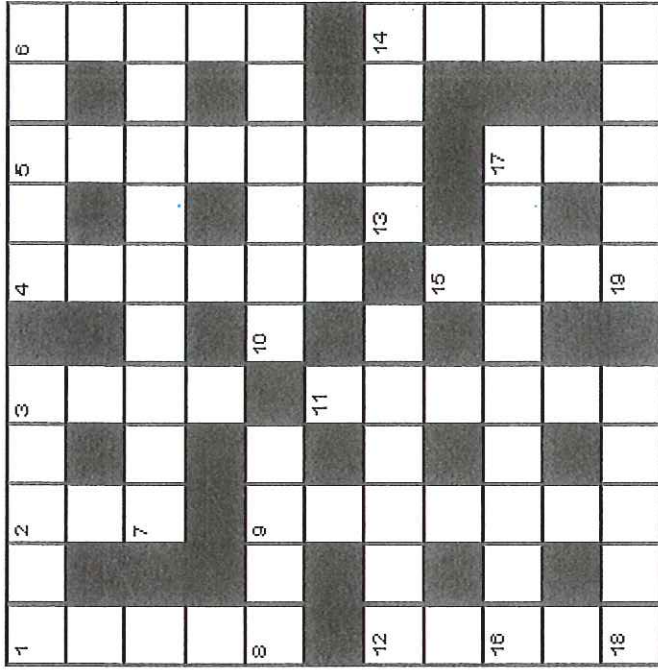
6 letter words
COSMOS
GALAXY
METEOR
NEBULA
PULSAR
SATURN
URANUS

7 letter words
JUPITER
MERCURY
NEPTUNE

8 letter words
ASTEROID
MILKY WAY
UNIVERSE

9 letter word
SUPERNOVA

Quick Crossword - 01



Across

1. Twelve (5)
4. Hoard (5)
7. Unaware (9)
8. Gape (4)
10. Wore away (6)
12. Birds of prey (6)
13. Notion (4)
16. Large spider (9)
18. The lowest point of anything (5)
19. Implied (5)

Down

1. Journal (5)
2. Menagerie (3)
3. World's longest river (4)
4. Secret or hidden (6)
5. Bustling (7)
6. Abated (5)
9. Placed a bet (7)
11. Thinner (6)
12. Consumed (5)
14. Proficient (5)
15. Female relative (4)
17. Part of a circle (3)

Solutions next month

sweet corn and cheese muffins

ingredients

250 g (8 oz) self-raising flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
315 g (10 oz) can corn kernels, drained
60 g (2 oz) cheddar, grated
2 tablespoons grated parmesan
1 egg, lightly beaten
3/4 cup (185 ml, 6 fl oz) milk
3 tablespoons butter, melted
extra butter for greasing
makes 10

1 Preheat oven to 180°C (350°F, gas mark 4). Into a large bowl, sift flour and salt. Add corn, cheddar and parmesan, and mix to combine. Make a well in the centre of flour mixture.



2 In a small bowl, whisk together egg, milk and butter. Pour milk mixture into the well in the flour mixture. Use a fork to mix ingredients until just combined.



3 Spoon mixture into 10 greased 1 cup (250 ml, 8 fl oz) capacity muffin tins. Bake for 20–30 minutes or until muffins are cooked when tested with a skewer. Turn onto wire racks to cool.



preparation time
20 minutes
cooking time
30 minutes
nutritional value
per serve
fat: 9.3 g
carbohydrate: 27 g
protein: 7.2 g

The Race

A champion jockey is about to enter an important race on a new horse. The horse's trainer meets him before the race and says, "All you have to remember with this horse is that every time you approach a jump, you need to shout, "ALLLLLLLEE OOOO!" really loudly in the horse's ear. Providing you do that, you'll be fine."

The jockey thinks the trainer is mad, but promises to shout the command. The race begins and they approach the first hurdle. The jockey ignores the trainer's ridiculous advice and the horse crashes straight through the center of the jump.

They carry on and approach the second hurdle. The jockey, somewhat embarrassed, whispers "Alee oop" in the horse's ear. The same thing happens—the horse crashes straight through the centre of the jump.

At the third hurdle, the jockey thinks, "It's no good, I'll have to do it," and yells, "ALLLLLLLEE OOOO!" really loudly. Sure enough, the horse sails over the jump with no problems. This continues for the rest of the race, but due to the earlier problems the horse only finishes third.

The trainer is fuming and asks the jockey what went wrong. The jockey replied "Nothing is wrong with me—it's this bloody horse. What is he—deaf or something?"

The trainer replies, "Deaf?? DEAF?? He's not deaf—he's BLIND!"



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