



Murchison Monologue



This lovely picture of Christmas was drawn by Catherine Prow. Catherine is our only School of the Air student in the Settlement.



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News from the CEO's Desk

Hullo Community Members

Christmas is upon us again – it's not called the silly season for nothing! We're always busy at the Shire at this time of year, trying to get projects finished before the Christmas shut-down and finalising preparations and planning for new works when the crew return from annual leave in late January.

The office will be closed from Friday 23rd December 2016 until Monday 2nd January 2017 inclusive, and staff are happily making plans to catch up with family and friends over the break.

Since the last newsletter, we have had the back room of the museum cottage enclosed so that the caretakers are more comfortable during their stay with us, the new Outside Payment Terminal for the 24 hour fuel service is currently being installed at the Roadhouse and roads around the Settlement and parts of the Carnarvon Mullewa Road are being prepared for sealing and re-sealing which is scheduled to commence on the 14th December. So, please be aware when you come to the Settlement for the Community Christmas Party that traffic controls will be in place.

On the 27th October, we appointed Peter Dittrich to the role of Deputy Chief Executive Officer – welcome Peter, I hope your time with us is long and rewarding. Pete has provided a brief introduction, which is included later in this edition.

Our Community Strategic Planning Workshop held on the 25th November was well attended. Thank you to all of you who made an effort to contribute to the strategic direction of your community. We're still working on prioritising the community wish-list, identifying constraints and setting performance measures. Those of you that were present at the meeting should receive the wish list that came out of the meeting soon and I ask that you assist us in the process by ranking the priorities and giving us feedback on what you think might be the constraints to their successful implementation.

The Annual Meeting of Electors is being held on the 17th December at 2:30 pm, prior to the Community Christmas Party. The purpose of the Annual Meeting of Electors is to discuss the 2015-16 Annual Report and any other general business, so come along and discuss any issues you may have with your elected representatives and senior Shire staff.

We are lucky enough to have a very dedicated team of employees and councillors here at the Shire of Murchison. Thanks to you all for another productive year. Working remotely certainly comes with its challenges, but also great satisfaction when we achieve what we set out to achieve. Our small band of Councillors often go unrecognised for the time and effort that they commit to their position of governing the Shire. I know that it takes a lot of commitment to keep up with the responsibilities of the job and thank you for your contribution.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Travel well and safely.

Dianne Daniels
Chief Executive Officer



Hi,



Just a quick note to introduce myself.

I came up to Murchison on a temporary contract at the end of August. During the months that followed the Deputy's job was advertised. I was fortunate enough to be appointed the position at the end of October. There is something special in the beauty and isolation of the area.

The team at the Shire has been most welcoming. They face the same challenges as large Shires but with far fewer resources. It is wonderful to work with such a dedicated team.

I have two wonderful children. My son, Hugh, is studying Maths at Curtin and my daughter, Jayne, has just completed Year 12. Tessa, my wife, is the manager of The Cidery in Bridgetown. They make the most wonderful cider from local pink lady apples.

In years gone by I have been a volunteer with St John and the SES. For the last couple of years I have limited my volunteering to that of one of the trainers for the Roe Districts Hockey team at Country Week.

I want to thank those of you that I have met for the warm welcome received and look forward to meeting more of the community as time goes by.

Wishing you all the best for the festive season.

Peter Dittrich



Farewell MillyMilly Pastoral Co (WA)



November Shire meeting, Simon drove from Melrose and I drove from Geraldton – It's an end of an era for both of us!!! Simon has lived in the district for 35 years and I for 30 years and 1 month!!! It is with mixed emotions, on the one hand I for one, didn't want to do "another" summer but then again I'm not one to go swimming at the beach either!!! I like to look at the ocean and I do enjoy walking our feral dogs with no leash manners along the great walk way next to the beach.

One of the last nights I was at Beringarra on my own I walked over to the engine room to turn off the water pump after emptying the tank one last time on the garden, I turned off the torch and looked into the heavens and thought-There is nothing like this, pure silence only the sound of the odd cricket off in the distance and the magnificent sky above, I soaked up those precious moments because I knew there wouldn't be another. My last weeks were frantic, cooking housekeeping over mustering – a new experience having 2 choppers parked next to the chook yard and with people coming and going more so than normal. Packing the last of our stuff and wondering if it was all going to fit in the car and float – of course it didn't!!! So, still have a stash which Shelly and Quentin are looking after but I did manage to get most of my beloved pot plants in the float. Cleaning or should I say attempting to clean the homestead, at least the smell of bleach over powered the smell of dead mice trapped in cavities unable to be reached for a day at least.

I spent 2 days putting everything in the car, pulling it all out and repacking, then discarding the boxes and shoving "stuff" into every conceivable space – the car was "chockers to the blocker"!!! With only the driver's seat and passenger seat free for my 2 x 4 legged companions.

By the time I hooked up the float, the back of the car was only about 10 inches off the ground, yes I know – need new shockies!!! Called the dogs – closed the door, jumped in – fastened my seat belt. This was it – the next chapter off our lives – it was really happening – you know the old saying "One door closes, another one opens" well it didn't stop me bawling all the way to the boundary after the last door and gate were closed though.

Hello Geraldton at 3.30am after an eventful trip – that's another story!!!

We will always consider ourselves Murchisonites and will try and get to whatever we can and to promote what we think is a great community. Living at Milly and Beringarra has been a good mix of mostly good with a pinch of bad – a few good things that come straight to mind are:

- Bringing our kids up in the bush
- Close family and friends
- Breeding and racing Landor winners!!!!
- Being a part of the community
- Checking the rain gauge after a good down pour
- The smell of wet mulga
- Paddocks of colour after a good season
- Freedom to not have to lock up... Not that you could anyway.

The bad:

- The loss of family and friends
- Drought

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Shelly, Quentin, Cobb and Dane all the very best, and that they be just as happy as we were living at Beringarra, the old house has a great feel to it. Last but not least Farewell to the Murchison as a resident...we wish everyone well and that you all have a happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas tree ! love and hugs to all Nat xo



We'd love you to come to the

Murchison Christmas Tree

at the

Murchison Sports Club

on

December 17th at 5pm

Father Christmas will deliver presents for all children primary school aged and younger

Please let Emma know the names and ages of your children by Dec 5th
ph 9963 7982 yuinmob@westnet.com.au

The Murchison Arts Council and the Sports Club will provide meat, bread and dessert. Each family please bring a salad. The bar will be open for drinks.

Please RSVP to Emma by Dec 10th for catering purposes

If you would like to participate in Kris Kringle please bring a gift to the value of approx \$10, or something homemade.



nbn Update and New Help Line

Further to the [nbn Australia](#) Round Forum last month where industry stakeholders met to discuss issues of the Sky Muster satellite service, **nbn** is currently implementing a satellite service improvement program. This is being led by a committed task force to address and resolve the issues identified. Some of the correction action already undertaken includes software fixes to reduce connection times and configuration updates to improve the stability of the service. This work is ongoing and seen a substantial improvement in network stability.

nbn has implemented changes to their call centre and social media processes which means they are now providing network information directly to end users as it becomes available. **abn** have also set up a dedicated regional support team in their call centre (**1800 687 626**) to handle regional-specific queries. In addition, **nbn** is working with retail providers and delivery partners, to help improve the installation process and ensure the number of rescheduled and missed appointments are minimized.

Attention re In Satellite Service (ISS)!

Do you have a satellite dish on your roof that has been there longer than six months?

By now you should have been notified by your service provider that the ISS is being switched off in February 2017. You need to transfer your internet plan to SkyMuster. It does not happen automatically.

News from Pia Wadjarri Remote Community School

Welcome to the last newsletter for 2016. We have finished a very successful year with a wonderful assembly where we celebrated the success of Jandamarra Dwyer, our first ever student to finish year 12. It was marvellous to have so many members of the local and wider community attend to help us celebrate and to give out prizes to very deserving students. Thank you to the families that came and also to Dianne Daniels, CEO Shire of Murchison, Brett Hiscock and Leonie Boddington from the CSIRO, Ron Pace and Nathan Johansen from WAPOL and Joanne Harris, Regional Education Director and Marg Maxwell from Aboriginal Education

I am proud to announce that our school won the “Midwest Excellence in Teaching and Learning in Aboriginal Education 2016” award for which I congratulate our hard working staff.

Lisa Capewell was also awarded a “Certificate of Excellence” for “Outstanding achievement to education in the Midwest Region” at the Midwest education awards. Congratulations Lisa!



Michaela Simpson won an Aboriginal Education award for her schooling efforts and attendance.

Jandi received a graduation gift from the Regional Education office, from the Aboriginal Education office and from Meenangu Wajarri Aboriginal Corporation. It's pretty special when you are the first year 12 student from a school!



Florrenza Merry received a bike from the Meenangu Wajarri Aboriginal Corporation for her great academic progress and attendance

The school looked very tidy and well presented thanks to the hard work of Sonia Nelson and her husband Mark and son Brad, who also cooked the BBQ lunch. Thank you also to Kylie, Claudine, Julie and Karen for helping prepare the salads. It was a great lunch and very satisfying!



This week we have had the TLG (Teach Learn Grow) volunteer university students working with our kids, tutoring them and teaching them great games. They have done a fantastic job and are such enthusiastic and engaging young people. It is a great program and we love having them visit each semester.



It has been a busy year with a few disruptions. We have had some amazing adventures, with the excursion to Canberra and all the incredible experiences there, the sports day at Cue and Meekatharra, the visit to the MRO site at Boolardy Station and the swimming camp in Geraldton.

Unfortunately this year we lost a valuable member of the community with the passing of Rachael Papertalk. She was instrumental in starting the school in Pia and it is because of her work that we have the school today. We are negotiating with her family to be able to place a plaque in a small flower garden at the front of the school and hopefully this will be done early next year.

We also say goodbye to Lisa Capewell. I would like to thank Lisa on the behalf of the school community for all the work she has done over the last three years. She has built strong, respectful relationships with the students and community. She has built the knowledge and resilience of her students and been an active participant in the school community. We will all miss Lisa very much. Lisa has a position as a teacher at Meekatharra SOTA in Geraldton, so I am sure we will still see her from time to time. All the best for the future Lisa and thank you for your work at Pia.



Next year is going to be a great year, and I am excited thinking about the possibilities. I am looking forward to seeing much better attendance and some great programs to keep the kids coming.

Thank you all for your support this year, have a great break over the Christmas holidays, travel safely and see you next year!

The beautiful princess

Once there was a beautiful princess who lived in a castle. One day she walked around the moat and she was looking at the beautiful water.

Unfortunately a frog kissed her.

Luckily it was a prince! And he was looking at her. They fell in love.

Finally they got married and they lived happily ever after.



By Michaela Simpson

The Mean Pirates and the Little Girl

Once there was a happy, proud girl who lived in Perth. One day she was walking slowly to the beach to meet up with her best friends. She was walking slowly because she was looking at the dolphins.

Unfortunately an old rusty pirate ship landed on the beach the pirates jumped off and chased her she got scared.

Luckily she had her phone and called the police .The police came quickly and they saw the mean pirates chasing her.

Finally the police arrested the mean, nasty pirates and the little girl lived happy in the city.



Senior Room

In the senior room we have given the classroom a facelift. Our notice boards are covered in bright paper and colourful borders and we have a new library corner with some bright cushions to lie on and read. We have a new table, so we can sit together and read and do art.

In English we are focussing on narrative writing. Students created some stories by writing "Five sentence stories" and then added more details when typing them up.

In Maths we have been working on Geometry and learning to name shapes and lines and angles. We are making art with our lines and colours.

In Art we used our knowledge of lines to create pictures of "Birds on a birch tree". We used curved lines to make the tree branches appear more curved and filled the negative spaces with colourful lines. The last thing we did was draw our birds on a piece of coloured paper, cut it out and paste onto a branch. Maddison Schwartz has been working hard on her SIDE program with her teacher Miss Sue. Maddy's program is called Everyday Living and features the use of technology like mobile phones and cameras.

Pictures: Maddy on SIDE



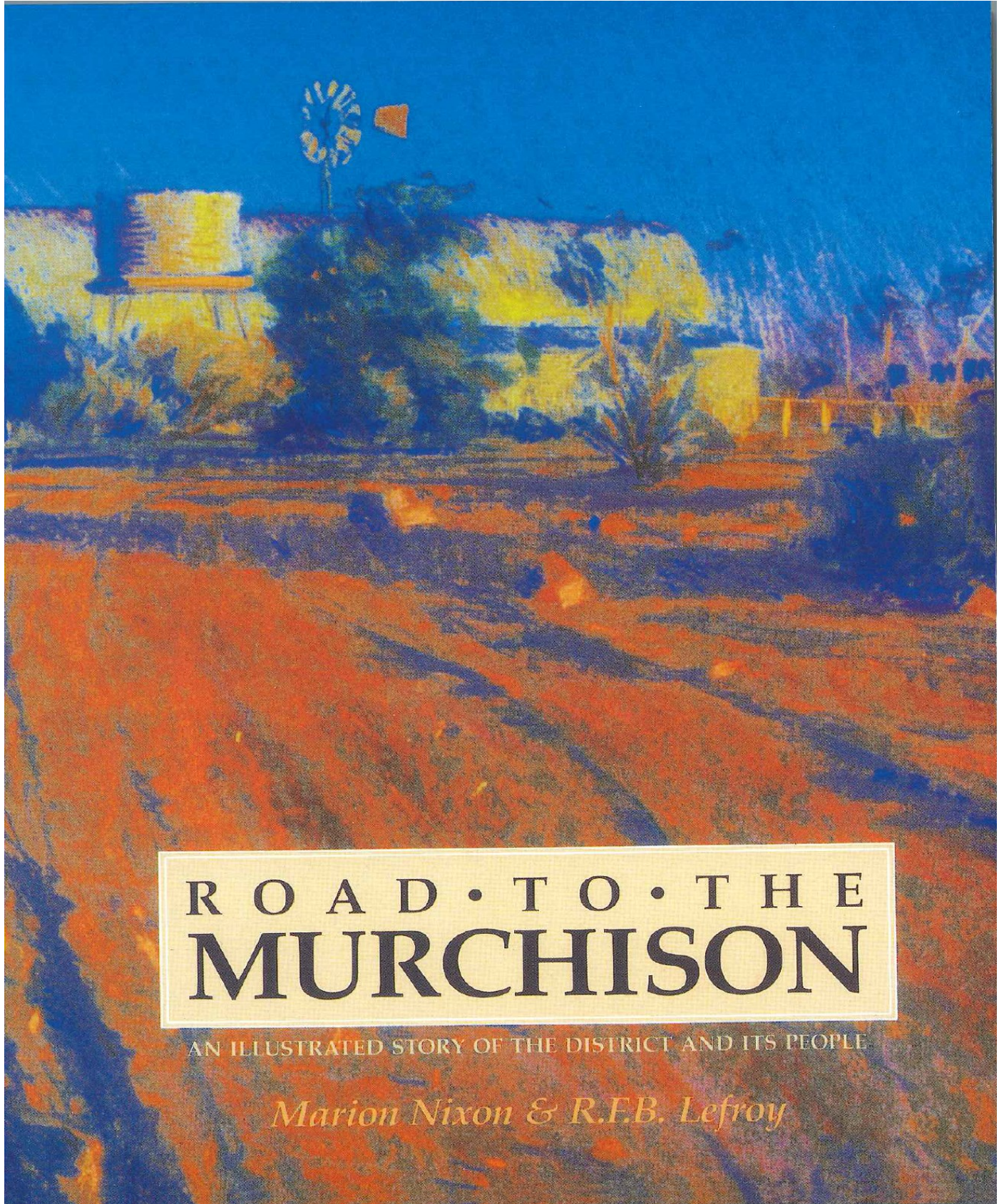
Shayna's bird on a beech tree



Girls reading at the new round table



Need an idea for a Christmas gift? The Shire of Murchison has recently had *The Road to the Murchison* reprinted and it is now available for purchase from the Shire office.



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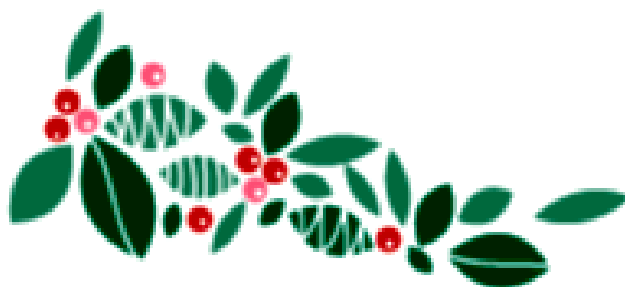
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Price continues to improve Mid West mobile coverage

1st December 2016

The Mid West will have further improved mobile reception, with over 10 new base stations in the region under round 2 of the Turnbull Government's Mobile Black Spot Program, Member for Durack Melissa Price announced today.

"I'm so pleased to announce new coverage for Mullewa, Irwin, Mount Magnet, Marchagee, Mount Singleton, Mt Gibson Highway, Narracoota, Paynes Find, Pindar, Pullagaroo and Stakewell," Ms Price said.

"Mobile coverage for these towns will be fantastic for locals, small businesses and tourism in their town. I have been working hard to ensure that the Mid West did not miss out with this latest round

"Round 2 of the Turnbull Government's Mobile Black Spots Program will deliver new or upgraded coverage to 6500 homes and business across 17,500 square kilometres via 266 new or upgraded towers. This includes 1900 kilometres of major transport routes.

"Labor did not help build a single mobile phone tower nor invest a single cent in mobile coverage in six years of Government. I'm proud to be delivering better mobile coverage to Durack.

"The new base stations in the Mid West are due to the efforts of the community in identifying black spot locations and advocating for them to be fixed; it has been a real team effort", Ms Price said.

The locations of all of the 266 base stations can be found on the national map at nationalmap.gov.au

More information about the Turnbull Government's Mobile Black Spot Program can be found at communications.gov.au/mbso.

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Federal Member for Durack



Price boosting Men's Sheds

15th November 2016

Wyalkatchem Men's Shed will receive \$4,950 from the Turnbull Government to promote and support men's health and wellbeing in the Wheatbelt.

This grant is part of \$400,000 in national funding which will be distributed to 93 community Men's Sheds across Australia.

Announcing the grant today, Member for Durack Melissa Price said the Men's Shed programme is going from strength to strength.

"Men's Sheds are a popular way for men to connect with their community—whether it's through a building project, a first aid workshop or a transition to retirement seminar—that's why I encourage our local blokes to give a shed a go," Ms Price said.

"There are any number of activities for men to take part in, which in turn, provides that important sense of belonging to a community, particularly for older men and men living in rural and remote areas."

Men's Shed grants support the purchase of tools, equipment, community projects, training, building maintenance and development, and health improvement activities.

The Australian Government has provided \$5.1 million (from 2016-17 to 2018-19) to the Australian Men's Sheds Association (AMSA) to provide support and resources to new and existing Men's Sheds and to manage the National Shed Development Programme.

Grants are competitive with priority given to sheds in disadvantaged areas. Further rounds of funding will be available for Men's Sheds and details can be found at www.mensshed.org.

For information on the application process, contact AMSA via email at amsa@mensshed.net or phone 1300 550 009.

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Media Release

Vincent Catania MLA

Member for North West Central

Yalgoo police station opens its doors

3rd November 2016

Member for North West Central, Vince Catania joined stakeholders, members of the community and dignitaries at the opening of the Yalgoo police Station.

“Yalgoo’s new police station will be able to accommodate up to 10 officers and additional support staff. It will boast a reception area, monitored interview room, armoury, drug store, locker room, gym and a purpose built secure detainee processing area,” said Vince.

The new police station has replaced the previously built 1983 building and will be equipped with a CCTV system to protect staff and monitor detainees.

“Sustainable energy initiatives including internal light-emitting diode lighting, solar signage and external compound lighting make this a state-of-the-art and environmentally friendly building.”

“Landscaping, art pieces, car parks and an external storage shed complement and enhance the new police station.”

“I commend the local police officers by involving the students of the primary school to be part of the new station through contributing to the front entrance art work. They have done a fantastic job and should be very proud of their work,” added Vince.



Vince with Hon Liza Harvey, Minister for Police, Hon Ken Baston MLC and children proudly standing beside their front entrance art work.



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Christmas Cookies

125g Butter at room temperature
1/2 cup (115g) caster sugar
1/4 cup (60m) milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups (225g) self-rasing flour
1/2 cup (70g) custard powder
Silver and Gold sparkling cachous, to decorate

Step 1 Preheat oven to 180.C. Line 2 baking trays with baking Paper.



Step 2 Using an eclectic beater beat the butter and sugar until Pale and creamy. Beat in milk and vanilla extract. Fold in the flour and custard powder.



Step 3 Press the dough into a ball and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerator for 30 minutes to rest.

Step 4 Divide the dough into manageable portions. Roll out One portion on a sheet of non-stick baking paper to about 1cm thick. Use christmas cookie cutters to cut shapes and place on trays.



Step 5 bake for 10 minutes or until light golden. Cool for 5 Minutes on trays before transferring to wire rack.



Melissa Price MP

Federal Member for Durack



National Vaccination Program Expanded

2nd November 2016

Federal Member for Durack Melissa Price welcomed news seventy-year-old Australians can now get the shingles vaccine for free.

Ms Price said the shingles vaccine will be free to eligible people, with a catch-up program available for adults aged 71 to 79 years.

“This new National Shingles Vaccination Program is an important reminder that vaccinations don’t stop at childhood,” Ms Price said.

“Regardless of how healthy and fit you feel, as you age you are at increased risk of contracting serious illnesses.

“The start of the National Shingles Vaccination Program is a major investment by the Turnbull Government in the National Immunisation Program to improve the health of older Australians.”

Shingles is a painful rash caused by the chickenpox virus. It is a serious infection that has a particularly debilitating effect on older people. Regardless of how fit and healthy you may feel, one in three adults are at risk of developing the virus in their lifetime.

With the introduction of the shingles vaccine, the National Immunisation Program now provides free vaccines for eligible people against 17 infectious diseases.

The NIP is the key weapon in Australia’s fight against vaccine-preventable diseases.

“The Government recognises that people want assurances that the vaccines they are receiving today are safe. This is why the Government is investing in the AusVaxSafety National Surveillance System,” Ms Price said.

“This will be a world-leading surveillance system providing real-time feedback on NIP vaccines, enhancing the overall quality of vaccine safety in Australia.”

For more information about the NIP and the NIP schedule, visit the [Immunise Australia website](http://immuniseaustralia.gov.au).

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Better facilities for Mid West

Cancer patients

A new state-of-the-art cancer centre in Geraldton will enable patients in the Mid West to receive vital chemotherapy services closer to home.

Member for Durack Melissa Price today welcomed the opening of the Midwest Cancer Centre, which was constructed with \$4.1 million in federal funding.

The new centre has six chemotherapy treatment chairs and one patient bed, as well as facilities for use by breast cancer nurses. The project also includes a hostel for patients and families with seven double bedrooms.

Ms Price said the ageing population in the Mid West meant that the number of cancer cases was continuing to rise.

"Cancer is something that affects us all, directly or indirectly," Ms Price said.

"Investing in facilities and services in regional areas like Geraldton is important for individuals, families and communities and I'm proud to be a part of a Government which has delivered this facility.

"A cancer diagnosis is hard enough on patients and their families. This new facility will allow many local patients to get the treatment they need close to home, without the added burden and cost of having to travel to the city."

Minister for Health Sussan Ley said better health services in rural, regional and remote areas of Australia are an absolute priority of the Turnbull Government's health reform agenda.

"This new cancer treatment centre will make a huge difference to people in the Midwest who are diagnosed with cancer and require chemotherapy," Minister Ley said.

"This cancer centre is a great example of delivering the kind of services that regional Australia deserves."

The Australian Government also provided \$1.2 million for consulting rooms and offices for the new Garburdiny Renal Centre adjacent to the cancer centre. The renal centre has been operating since September.

The Geraldton Cancer Centre is one of five new cancer centres and patient accommodation projects funded by the Australian Government with a total of \$22.3 million.

The Fowler's favourite Christmas Recipe - Delish Chicken Roll

Make the day before and is sliced and served cold.

1.8kg fully boned chicken
150g sourdough breadcrumbs
100g Kalamata olives, chopped
2 tbsp. sour cream
handful chopped mint
100g prosciutto, sliced
2 red capsicum, roasted and peeled
200g fetta, crumbled
handful parsley, chopped
olive oil

Preheat oven to 180C. Place your boned chicken, skin side down, on work surface. In a bowl combine the crumbs, olives and sour cream with the mint. Spread the eggplant slices evenly over the chicken and press mixture on top. Lay the prosciutto slices over the top, followed by the capsicum. Form a log with the fetta and parsley and put it down centre of chicken. Roll the chicken to form a big log, tuck in the ends and secure with wooden skewers. Tie the chicken with string to ensure the shape is even, brush with olive oil and place in a baking tray, seam side down. Bake for one hour, cool and place in the fridge. Serve sliced on a platter.

This recipe came from The West Australian , Nov, 2008.

I use bacon instead of prosciutto and have used the capsicum and eggplant from a jar. Omit mint if not to your liking. We also have this for special occasions as seems a shame to only have it once a year! Great with salads or other hot dishes.



Wild Dogs Bounty Scheme

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 update for the months 25th October 2016 to 5th December 2016

Yuin Station 3 Yallalong station 3 dogs 91 Donkeys

Murgoo Station 6 Mileura 15

Twin Peaks Station 4 Innouendy 3 Donkeys

Murchison Oasis Roadhouse

Proprietors: John Farrell and Marcia McIntosh

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 7am - 7pm

Saturday 8am - 4pm

Sunday 10am - 1pm

(Sunday opening hours from mid April will be extended 8am – 6pm)

Kitchen open during opening hours

24 hour access to fuel bowser with card swipe facility available

Accommodation

Units:

Double unit with ensuite @ \$120 per night for up to two people

One double motel room @ \$85 per night for up to two people.

Two single units with three beds. First bed @ \$75 per night \$10 extra per person after that. i.e. 3 people = \$95 per night

Caravan Park: Powered sites @ \$25 per night for 2 people

(\$5 per extra person per night)

Unpowered sites @ \$15 per night for 2 people

(\$5 per extra person per night)

Free BBQ available in gazebo for guests.

Meals

New meals include T bones, Surf & Turf with creamy garlic sauce, sweet chilli mango chicken with rice and salad, and grilled snapper. Any sit down meals—please order by 2pm for preparation.

Groceries and ice also available

Phone: 08 99613875

Fax: 99613876

Email: murchisonoasis@westnet.com.au

Best steak sandwiches ever...just call up on channel 7 to order .



SHIRE OF MURCHISON 2016-2017 PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

A **Prohibited** burning period is operational in the
Shire of Murchison from the
1st November 2016 to the 31st March 2017 (inclusive).

HAZARD REDUCTION WORK – BUSH FIRES ACT 1954

As a measure to assist in the control of bushfires or prevent the spread of a bush fire, all owners or occupiers of land within the Shire of Murchison are required to install and maintain firebreaks.

Rural Areas

Three metre wide trafficable firebreaks are required to be installed on the land and to be clear of all flammable material.

All buildings require a minimum twenty metre clearance of all flammable material and graded/ploughed/hoed or chemical applied firebreaks should be installed at the outer edge of that clearance.

Advice Is Available

Advice on how to protect your home from fire, and when and how to burn off, is available from the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (CEO). The CBFCO can be contacted at the Shire Office on 08 9963 7999.

Barbecues & Incinerators

Gas and electrical barbecues are permitted to be used at any time. Solid fuel barbecues, incinerators and camp fires are prohibited on days of VERY HIGH and EXTREME Fire Danger and during the PROHIBITED burning period.

Burning Off

Burning is prohibited on days of VERY HIGH or EXTREME Fire Danger and during the PROHIBITED burning period.

FIRE DANGER

Information on Fire Danger Ratings is available at www.dfes.wa.gov.au/firedangerratings and Information on Alerts is available at www.dfes.wa.gov.au/alerts.

The ABC radio also issues information and alerts for your area.

BUSH FIRE CONTROL CONTACT DETAILS

Please note, that under the Bush Fires Act 1954, it is the land owner's responsibility in the first instance to take all possible measures to extinguish a bush fire on your property.

If these measures prove in vain and you require assistance, contact your nearest Bush Fire Control Officer, the Captain of the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade or the Shire Office.

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Dianne Daniels 9963 7999 (bus hrs) or 9963 7977 (a/hrs)

Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (north)

Sandy McTaggart 9963 7972

Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (south)

Tom Foulkes-Taylor 9963 7019

Captain Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Brian Wundenberg 9963 7999 (bus hrs) or 9963 7216 (a/hrs)

Thank you for helping to keep the coming bush fire season event free.

Dianne Daniels

Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Murchison

December 2016



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Council Meeting	17 Annual Meeting of Electors 2:30 pm Christmas Tree 5:00pm	18
19	20	21	22	23 Shire Office Closed	24	25 Christmas Day
26 Boxing Day	27 Shire Office Closed	28 Shire Office Closed	29 Shire Office Closed	30 Shire Office Closed	31	

January 2017

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2 Shire Office Closed	3 Shire Office Open	4	5	6	7	8
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