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### *Editor's Message*

Hello Everyone,

Well I have to say that Bernie and Steven have done a terrific job putting this edition of the Monologue together....who knew our little community could produce so much to report on!

There has been a couple of highlights in the past few months; the Biggest Morning High Tea and Yuck Circus being a couple. You can see photos and read about both further in.

There are several reports about the works crew's activities – there has been a lot of action on the roads with one project and another.

Have you had your COVID jab yet? Unfortunately there's been no talk of a clinic coming to Murchison but they are going to Mullewa a few times a month....usually on a Tuesday it seems. If you go to the WA Health Department website <https://vaccinatewa.health.wa.gov.au/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F> you can set up an account and register. You can't book an appointment without registering first, so if you need someone to help you with this I reckon someone in the office would be happy to give you a hand.

Enjoy this wonderful season!

*Emma*

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## News from the CEO's Desk

Hi All

At the last issue we briefly updated all in relation to works and events that were well underway and we are delighted to say that many have been completed.

### Works & Projects Snapshot

#### *Carnarvon-Mullewa Construction and Sealing.*



15.2 km two-coat, 7.2m wide seal including floodway stabilisation completed at the southern boundary of the Shire. A 1.0km section around Curbur has also been completed. As outlined elsewhere in this issue, a great effort from all.

#### *Murchison Airport Taxiway Floodlighting*

Successful grant application to provide floodlighting at the end of the taxiway to assist with patient transfers.

#### *Indigenous Language & Arts*

A recent funding application has been submitted for an exciting new opportunity with Pia Wadjarri Remote School.

#### *Solar Power to the Murchison Settlement*

Awaiting advice relating to our Clean Energy Fund application.

#### *Flood Damage*

Our contracted Flood Damage crews (THEM Earthmoving and Squires Resources) have all but completed Flood Damage works and also undertaken additional Council funded repair works. Meanwhile, one new Flood Event has been approved by DRWFA.

#### *Murchison Masterplan*

Draft launched on 15 May 2021 with additional public comment being sought. Some Masterplans tend to sit on the shelf but not this one as Council's aim is to start to deliver a suite of long overdue projects in and around the Settlement.

Extent and scope are being determined but these include (in no particular order of priority) a Transportable Classroom, Community Sports Centre Upgrade, Community Swimming Pool and Splash Pad, new Caravan Ablution Block, New Ensuite to Caravan Park, general Settlement Amenity Improvements, plus an interactive playground upgrade. Whilst not all projects will be achievable initially, substantial inroads are expected.



#### *Murchison Oasis Roadhouse and Caravan Park.*

Now in full swing as a Council operation under a community focussed approach. Nick Drew and Pixie Phillips are permanently on site and supplemented by a raft of casual help. Changes and improvements have been steady as we all

adapt to a new operating environment. Feedback thus far has been extremely positive.

#### *YUCK Circus Performance Show*

Terrific performance at the Community Centre on 15 May 2021 as highlighted elsewhere in this issue.

#### **Special Murchison**

For all those that have lived or now reside in Murchison we all understand what is our *Raison d'etre* or purpose or reason for living here.

Previous generations of pastoralists who established the Shire knew this implicitly, with the Murchison Settlement being developed to ensure that it is an attractive focal point, one that enables the Shire to function successfully and deliver a range of services that will underpin community, cultural and economic development within the Settlement and broader Shire.

The decline in numbers of those pastoralists and families means that the recruitment of right personnel is perhaps more important than ever. This is our advantage despite being remote as we have a great place to live and work in.

If anyone needs evidence of this, just look at the recent outstanding Biggest Morning High Tea Cancer Fund raising event, which was held at the Murchison Community Centre in May. Put on by and supported by Murchison locals, to a standard that would be the envy of any larger regional centre.

Many congratulations!!!

That's it for now!!

*ciao*

*Bill Boehm*



## Rosco's Rundown



Apparently, its 4 months since the last Monologue - on the whole a nice damp 4 months and it's great to see the country responding.

I mentioned in my last 'Rosco's Rundown' the promise of a fibre cable for Pia and the Settlement from CSIRO and, as far as I'm aware, the planning for this has commenced. Like the current cable, this one will be owned by AARNET, as opposed to CSIRO so, while CSIRO can influence the outcome, they can't control it. Hopefully they will be sensible and pick up a couple of stations on the way.

There has been a heap of flood damage works done in the first half of the year which is now complete. Thanks to the crews of THEM and Squires that carried out this work. I continue to receive positive feedback about our roads from the public which is very encouraging.

Recently I've been speaking with another Shire's President wanting to pick my brains about the bunding etc that we do, as he had noticed a stark difference in health of the country along the road when travelling between shires and is keen to get this happening in his shire.

On that subject, Council has just finished this year's program of bunding on old Shire roads. I am proud of the rehab work we've done on old roads over the years. It's not very visible to the public but it is important for our environment and, I think, it's the responsible thing to do given the damage old roads can do, when left unchecked, to form man made creeks.

Many of you will have seen the new bitumen north of our southern boundary on the Carnarvon Mullewa Road. Our crew were highly complimented by the bitumen contractor on the excellent preparation of the surface prior to

sealing. The Construction Crew's next job will be a realignment of the section of road at the Pine Grove turnoff to straighten things out a bit.

The Settlement water supply being non-potable and inconsistent in quality continues to be a real concern for Council, and with a recent announcement of some extra funding for next year we have made it one of our top priorities to sort out. A rough plan at present includes a new entire Settlement ring main (with no dead ends which allow stagnant water to build up) and some storage tanks that can be totally sealed. Hopefully we can get stuck into doing something and stop just talking about possibilities, which is something Council has been a bit guilty of in the past.

As I write it is a few days until the Murchison Polocrosse Carnival and I wish the organisers, players and spectators all the best for a successful event.

Until next time ...

*Rosco*

## Hello Murchison!

### Steven Cosgrove Community Manager DCEO Intro



Born in Melbourne, and grew up in Gosnells, nickname is Cozzy...(from Gozzy) Ha! 😊 I have always loved working and living in the red dirt country.

Started working after school hours at the local supermarket, and graduated to Spaghetti's restaurant in South Perth, where I worked in the kitchen on broiling duties. Then off to a carwash where I managed the bubbles - before landing my first post school city job at Jackson McDonald Solicitors as an outside clerk and continued working in the legal sector for a further 12 years - the rest is pretty much history. After a time in and out of the Courts, I decided I wanted to take a break and do something that I enjoy - film...so I enrolled at Murdoch and studied Media with a major in screen production. It was from here that I was first introduced to the Murchison back in 2012 when I was contracted by Rangelands NRM to produce two documentaries on wild dog predation on small livestock, located here in the Southern Rangelands and in SW Queensland.

I participated in the running of the Southern Rangelands Sustainable Pastoralism Bash. The Bash, a three-day event theme was "Re-igniting enthusiasm for, and the profitability of, the pastoral industry and communities through collaborative efforts to facilitate social networks, reduce the predation of livestock and re-build the environment through control of total grazing pressure". The Bash was a prelude to the canvassing of Ministers for support for the establishment of the Murchison Regional Vermin Cell, and keeping industry informed about wild dog predation. In more recent times I have been involved in research and preparation of legal documents for a native title claim which is currently before the Federal Court.

My experience in Local Government began in January 2016 at the Shire of Yalgoo where I was employed as the Coordinator of Governance and Technical Services. Here at the Murchison, I aim to develop a wide range of projects over the years

and just recently completed a funding application with the Indigenous Language and Arts Competitive program to undertake an arts project with the children, Elders and community members at Pia Wadjarri Remote Community School and Community.

Upon settling in, I was invited to dinner by the Shire's Lord and Master 'Bill' who put on a show in the kitchen and is quite the chef if you didn't know...but his efforts were superseded only weeks later by Colleen when I was invited to Curbur station for an evening of delicious roast dining! At the dinner was the Shire's finance guru Keith and his better half Dianne who shared many fascinating stories including their love and collection of cars...Wow...what I would do to get behind the wheel of just one...C'mon Keith! I don't think either of us will ever forget witnessing that incredible lightning storm on our travels back to the Settlement - It truly was something else!

The local mechanic Stewey was nice enough to take me out to a dirt road (this was hard to find) where I could dust off my old firearms and get them sighted in again...I had my doubts but Stewey - you proved me wrong! Your accuracy was pinpoint! If only your mechanical skills were as good haha, kidding mate.

I was drawn to the fire and smoke one cold evening, looking from my backyard...I could see, and hear, a neat little gathering where many of the community were catching up after a long week in the office and/or on the road. It was nice to see everyone outside of work enjoying themselves and I wasn't made to feel like I crashed the party so heads up...you will see me again.

It has been an absolute pleasure Yes Pixie and Nick, You guys!! Great jokes all round and Nick your taste in music! I see many more evenings at the Roadhouse! Get your vinyl player sorted ASAP! No more slacking!

*Cozzy*



**Welcome to Murchison Settlement!!**

**Friendly people, gorgeous weather and an Oasis I am stoked to call home.**

When you hear the word "Settlement" you might have the misconception that it would be a sleepy little place, where not a lot happens. I mean, after all, we are in the "Outback".

Wrong!

Murchison Settlement is its own little world, where everything happens and all at once. When asked to write this piece, the suggestion was to come up with something light-hearted and entertaining. I am still giggling today about the busiest and bizarre experience so far to date. It was the 27th May and we had been here for only a couple of weeks and were still "feeling our way". Our Community Centre held "The Biggest Morning Tea" which was an awesome event which "did them proud". This resulted in more people in the Settlement than usual. Being a Thursday, it was also our delivery day for the Roadhouse, and pick up day of supplies for the community and surrounding stations.

Most important, was the monthly Council meeting where Nick was asked to prepare culinary delights for lunch and afternoon tea. Pressure was building and Nick and I wanted to make a good impression. So, the need was to keep calm and remain professional at all times. Me, not as experienced as Nick in the kitchen, was looking after the Roadhouse. As I entered the Roadhouse, it resembled a football grand final, and I suddenly felt I was on a different plane. "Who's next?" I heard myself say. I'll have 7 hamburgers with the lot, 4 steak sandwiches, fish and chips and these drinks. Right, I'm on it!!! "Next?" I'll have 4 coffees to go, a Chiko Roll, 4 Hash Browns, a Crumbed Chicken Burger, and 16 Nuggets and Chips.

Hmmmm! "Next?" I'll have a Steak Sandwich with BBQ sauce and chips". I then heard myself asking, "Would you like salad with that???" Silently answering myself, I heard, "Are you insane??" You're an idiot!!!" I was still trying to assemble 7 Hamburgers, and now I've just created a salad to make.

On returning to the kitchen, a glaring competition ensued, between Nick and myself, with the underlying vibe of "You should be helping me" "No you should be helping me." The last thing we needed was the oven to go on the blink in the Roadhouse but being "that kind of day" it did. Luckily, ours came to the rescue. Throughout all of this, we started to get the giggles, because it was INSANELY BUSY for a Settlement. The people of Murchison have the patience of each and every Saint imaginable. They could see how under the pump we were and doing our best to please. One customer said, "You just keep smiling love, you'll be right!!" In the meantime, Nick ran the Shire delights over in "Ruby" my red mini, and I was cooking everything. On his return, I was completing all orders in a timely fashion. There were high 5's all round. In our short time here, we have experienced the "Yuck Circus" who were just awesome and cooked us a vegetarian dinner, a motor bike club of 50 or so, where one slept in our spare room, after breaking several ribs on the way. This weekend, Polocrosse where we are expecting 300 or so people, and not to mention "Wildflower Season". "Sleepy Settlement???" I don't think so. Many happy memories to be made here, so bring it on.

Thank you all for your kind welcome.

*Nick & Pix*

# MURCHISON POLOCROSSE CARNIVAL



The Murchison Shire hosted our annual polocrosse carnival this weekend...the one and only polocrosse carnival run in the Shire of Murchison for 2021. The turnout for the carnival was exceptional and the weather held out, ensuring a fun weekend to be had by all in attendance.

Games were played on two fields on Saturday and the final comps were played on the main field on Sunday, complete with observations, annotations, and explanation from the commentary box. It was also great to hear lots of challenges coming from the field, with exceptional sportsmanship and horsemanship on display.



Not only were the on-field events exciting to watch, off field offered opportunities for community members to catch up, share their stories and indulge in good old country fare.

A big shout out to all those people who supported the carnival and for those wonderful chefs who put on a delicious spread of food, and Nick and Pixie for supporting the food run with delicious takeaways and those special bags of lollies for the children - those lolly bags were just the treat! Game stats are revealed at the back of the Monologue.





## *Carnarvon-Mullewa Road*

### **The Official Story**

Whilst it is still COVID-19, COVID-19, COVID-19, last year's 2020 was a very good positive year to reflect upon and appreciate. The COVID-19 situation has enabled the Council heed the messages from State Government to spend to stimulate the local economy, but in a responsible manner, and we have and are doing just that!

Construction wise Mark Jones and crew comprising Ivor Dumbris, Glen Pinnegar, Brent Cowmeadow and new plant operator Peter Troy have been well established down south working on constructing a large section of the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road, working north from the Shire Boundary.

Several floodway sections were stabilised and 15.2 km of two coat of bitumen seal 7.2m wide was laid by Boral in May, in what was perhaps one of the largest Shire Staff related project that had ever been done.

We are all delighted with the result.

At the May Council Meeting Cr P Squires also praised the work of Councils' staff and contractors who worked on the construction and sealing a section of the Carnarvon-Mullewa north from the City of Greater Geraldton Boundary Road as evidence of one of the best projects of its type undertaken by shire staff. It was agreed that this be noted in the minutes.

Funding assistance was obtained from Main Roads WA, Roads to Recovery and the Commonwealth's Local Roads Community Infrastructure Fund.

The project requires considerable adaptation from that originally envisaged. It was originally thought that a single coat seal be undertaken, but this changed to a two-coat seal as it would be more cost effective in the long run and would deliver a better result.



In the process it was realised that the curve at the Pinegrove turnoff needed realignment so this work, and the associated boundary grid, will need to be undertaken in the future.

Meanwhile, delays due to rain, cyclone Seroja and the late arrival of Boral meant that the crew needed to water and roll the pavement (prepared for sealing) for several weeks. All up a very trying period.

Since this time Council has received advice of additional Local Roads Community

Infrastructure Funding so the construction and sealing of the remaining 21km of gravel road within over the next 3 years is a real possibility.

### ***The Unofficial Story***

As with most things in life, there is often a hidden story behind the story that perhaps sheds some light on really what may have gone on.

Our intrepid Monologue Reporter has been checking this very thing out with learnings being the *Making of Jonesy's Cavaliers*. (Aka Mark Jones and crew comprising Ivor Dumbris, Glen Pinnegar, Brent Cowmeadow and new plant operator Peter Troy)



It seems Jonesy and Co have seemed formed a lasting love affair with the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road with work at both ends and in the middle.

Initially Mark was not too keen on Works Manager William Herold's desires to work between the Wooramel and Bilung, especially when told that we would be using coffee rock. Will assured him that everything would be all

right. Ivor and Glen, who have had a bit more experience in these areas, also shuddered.

Still Thurkle's push up went well, fear soon dissipated and despite lots of bang and crash, the resheet laid out well, notwithstanding the hard going.

Squires was also impressed, with words to this effect recorded at Council. Will was chuffed and CEO Bill rapt as he now had some decent costings to use for budgeting.

But our Will was troubled and confessed to Mark that he was getting a hard time at home for being away so much and what could he suggest. Mark assured him all would be well, and his brains trust would consider the matter over a few beers. This duly came about with some very sound advice that Will took up with and was able to con Bill.

Mark didn't reveal the source of his advice, the most inexperienced part of the crew, who could see that if they moseyed on down to Curbur, constructed a section, promise Colleen (Will's Wife) a seal, keep her happy and be closer to home. Might get some South African cakes and biscuits as well!

By this stage Jonesy's Cavaliers were pretty pumped and they floated the idea of working down south (being closer to Gero),

and perhaps start construction ahead of sealing, rather than just a resheet. Will took it to CEO Bill and, fresh from a rethink and with additional funds in the bag snapped, "yep!"



gravel was easy peasy compared with the Bilung.

However, once the camp was shifted away from the dust all went to plan with the results for all to see.

The next 20km is now in Jonesy Cavaliers sights!

Thank you!

All didn't initially go through as planned though! With staff absences and breakdowns progress was slow. Jonesy couldn't work out why this was so as the



## 1 MAN & A BIKE SERIES 2 – MURCHISON

The Shire of Murchison was recently contacted by *Visage Productions* with a view to developing a series showcasing our unique natural landscape as an amenity providing tourists with a wider appreciation of the outstanding natural landscapes and cultures of the region.

After the successful launch of series one of the **1 MAN & A BIKE** televised on Channel 7 in late 2020 *Visage Productions* have announced they will be producing series two for broadcast later this year. In the first series they

travelled WA's Goldfields, the Midwest, the Central West and the Wheatbelt.

The new episode will provide an opportunity to realise a specific branding and marketing opportunity for the Murchison Oasis Settlement and the greater Murchison. By raising public awareness, the project provides an opportunity to attract tourism to the Shire while boosting the socio-economic and cultural enrichment and regeneration for the Settlement and the broader region.

### FUN FACTS

- The five-episode series will be broadcast throughout Western Australia on the Seven Network, the State's highest rating free-to-air channel, on a weekend afternoon later in 2021.
- After broadcast, the episodes will be added to the Seven Network on-line catch-up service.
- Filming for the series to commence once the episodes are fully subscribed (plan is to commence mid-year with filming in destinations appropriate to seasonal weather conditions and attractions, for example we filmed during the wildflower season last series).
- The overall aim of the series model is to promote Western Australia's road trip possibilities, from a different perspective.
- The series is to be produced by VISAGE Productions [www.visageproductions.com.au](http://www.visageproductions.com.au) a Perth based production company which has been in operation for over 27 years.
- Each episode will be allocated to a particular region or road-trip, with multiple-LGA collaborations coming together to form an episode.
- Series to be filmed in high definition with multiple use of drone technology (within CASA approved areas).
- Each episode, based on previous series' will be filmed over four-five days.

# MURCHISON SETTLEMENT MASTERPLAN REPORT

*Draft*

## PROJECT VISION

*"To ensure that Murchison Settlement is an attractive focal point that enables the Shire to function successfully and deliver a range of services that will underpin community, cultural and economic development within the Settlement and broader Shire."*

## DESIGN PRINCIPLES

- 1 To create an attractive activity hub for the community and visitors to Murchison that maintains the existing character, cultural and built qualities of the Settlement.*
- 2 Provide functional pedestrian connectivity, improved access and sight lines throughout the precinct.*
- 3 Design a unified landscape character that maximises shade.*
- 4 Create a consolidated sequence of spaces and activities for locals and tourists.*
- 5 Allow space in design for Geo/Astro tourism and convey the idea of 'The Oasis'.*

It was a busy day at the Community Hall. On the day of the event, the Shire held a community workshop where members of Council, staff and broader community members were invited to participate. The workshop included a community discussion with regard to the Shire's Masterplan which seamlessly transitioned into the Yuck Circus event in the evening. Volunteers from the Shire, roadhouse staff, community members and event artists mingled throughout the entire day and,

following the circus event, community members and artists shared in a delicious dinner prepared by members of our community. Overall, the day was quite a success.

For me personally, although difficult to choose with the array of great ideas, I'm very excited for the Interpretation Centre... I am learning more and more about the SKA project ...What a unique opportunity!

**WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT ?**



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Murchison community update  
June 2020

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## **The Murchison GeoRegion is Australia's first major geotourism development**

The Murchison GeoRegion harnesses the subregion's incredible **geology, natural landscapes, biodiversity (flora and fauna) as well as culture (Aboriginal and non Aboriginal)** to offer unique experiences to a growing national and international geotourism market worth **millions of dollars**.

The GeoRegion connects **21 key geological sites** across the seven Murchison local government areas to draw people into each community, providing **new markets and opportunities for local people (particularly Aboriginal people), businesses, schools and community groups**.

The concept was first identified at a FACET (tourism) conference in Mount Magnet (2009) and was formalised in 2014 / 15 via the Mid West Regional Blueprint and Mid West Tourism Development Strategy. Through engagement and consultation throughout the Murchison, **geotourism was confirmed by local people as a significant future economic development opportunity**.

The seven Murchison local governments drove this project collaboratively, with support from external agencies and stakeholders. All seven Councils have endorsed the Murchison GeoRegion, that is the Shires of Cue, Meekatharra, Mount Magnet, Murchison, Sandstone, Wiluna and Yalgoo. Organisations and residents across the Murchison region have shared their expertise and materials.

Through 2019 and 2020, stage 1 of the Murchison GeoRegion project was developed. This comprises consistent branding and designs, site research, brochures, an app and a website. These will be released once inter-regional borders are relaxed, following the lift of COVID-19 restrictions.

With regional and intrastate tourism expected to see significant growth in the near future, this presents a wonderful opportunity for Murchison businesses to leverage off something new and unique, which is now ready for launch. Once interstate and international borders are relaxed, Murchison businesses could be well positioned to continue that growth.

An opportunity and challenge now exists for businesses to develop new ideas, attractions and tourist packages (tours etc) based on geotourism. Having a plan for recovery, built on new product offerings and markets, makes a lot of sense for all regional businesses.

Future stages of the project are expected to include the following.

- Signage and visitor infrastructure at each site
- Marketing and promotional activity / materials (advertising, merchandise etc)
- Digital media including virtual / augmented reality, enhanced digital storytelling
- Tourism product development and business development support
- Progress towards hosting Australia's first UNESCO Global Geopark in the Murchison. There are 147 UNESCO Global Geoparks in 41 countries, but none in Australia so a Murchison geopark would be a unique global addition

**For more information, please contact your local government or visit [www.murchisongeoregion.com](http://www.murchisongeoregion.com)**

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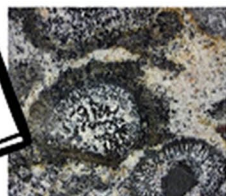
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## YUCK Circus



*YUCK Circus is an all-female ensemble with a strong focus on womanhood ...not a typical circus, these women put on a physical theatre performance with just enough acrobatics and groovy dancing to keep the audience in awe.*

*Refreshingly different, community members spent an evening watching and having a laugh while this awesome group of performers put on a fun show that had a great dialogue and excellent circus skills.*

YUCK Circus hit Murchison in May. Multi-award winning YUCK Circus champions the female voice, and they had a bloody great time doing it with Regional Arts WA and Act Belong Commit's latest Lotterywest 'Shows on the Go' tour. YUCK Circus is a 6-strong crew of elite acrobatic gals, ready to flip off double-standards and kick art in the face. They're not lightly throwing around women's issues-they're literally throwing women! Their award-winning Western Australian company

of circus chicks tackled the uncomfortable through dance, circus, and comedic timing. YUCK was fun for the faint hearted, the strong willed and the everyday battler. YUCK showed us the humour of the trials and tribulations of what it's like to be a young woman growing up in Australia. But it wasn't a girls-only, no boys allowed show. They made this content relatable through comedy gold and crazy flips, even Dazza from down the road had a good time.



*Expectations were met above and beyond. Both attendees and artists had an amazing night! It was a very different type of event to be held in a place like the Murchison.*

### *"Community Manager"*



The Circus was held on the grassed/lawn area in front of the community hall. While the area dedicated to the circus was not a floored area, the artists were accommodating and their performance was outstanding. Outdoors gave the evening a special ambiance, having the performance under the stars - A large gathering was seated next to the performing artists which helped to engage the audience in a fun and entertaining community and personal experience.





## Station Quilt

The Station Quilt was conceived and executed by members of Murchison Arts Council in the late 1990s. The idea was to create a piece representing the stations of Murchison Shire to hang in the community meeting room of the Sports Club.

Each member was given a square of calico to embellish in any medium they preferred, with a scene that they felt was representative of their property.

Once the squares were completed they were joined together with brown felt to make a quilt. I want to say that Helen Pollock from Wooleen did this work but I can't be sure!

In any case, it all came together beautifully and was hanging in the community room for many years before it was taken down for repainting, or some such reason, and disappeared.

Fortunately it was found in the workshop and has been cleaned and restored to its former glory and beautifully framed. Thanks very much to Kaye for organising the restoration of this creative piece of Murchison's history.

The quilt now hangs in the Shire Office for the staff and visitors to enjoy.



*Emma Foulkes-Taylor*

## Cancer Council fundraiser of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

*On the 27th May the Murchison community gathered for a Cancer Council fundraiser of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.*

*Cancer Council relies on fundraising and awareness to help rural and remote patients in the form of support and accommodation at Crawford and Milroy Lodges in Perth, as well as other supporting outlets in regional areas.*

*Our morning tea was in High Tea style with us all bringing an amazing selection of delightful foods. With a bit of bling in the form of floral and lace cloths, tiered cake stands, antique tea trolley and silver tea service, the appropriate cups and a lot of bunting thrown in, we had an event to be proud of.*



*A great thank you to all that donated items for the raffle as well as Mooreview Nursery, Mitchell and Brown and IGA Geraldton, and all that contributed to our funds for a great cause. Well done!*

*Thank you to the Murchison Shire for their dollar matching and the use of our great facilities, also for help in getting set up for the day.*

*I think we all came away well fed, had a cuppa for a cause, a raffle win or a plant to take home and great company enjoyed.*

*Our community event raised \$1740, which will go a long way to support the Cancer Council.*

*Thank you all again for making this happen.*



### Social Media Comments:

- \*You ladies did an amazing job cooking this wonderful Morning tea and Shelly what a wonderful setting you did.**
- \*I was so glad to be there today.**
- \*Love the Murchison.**
- \*Absolutely beautiful and so happy it was well represented for all Shelly's hard work**
- \*30+likes**

*Shelly Fowler*





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## TRADITIONAL ANZAC BISCUITS

### INGREDIENTS [Serves 24]

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup plain flour
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 3/4 desiccated coconut
- 125 g butter
- 1 tablespoon golden syrup
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 tablespoons boiling water



### PREPARATIION/METHOD

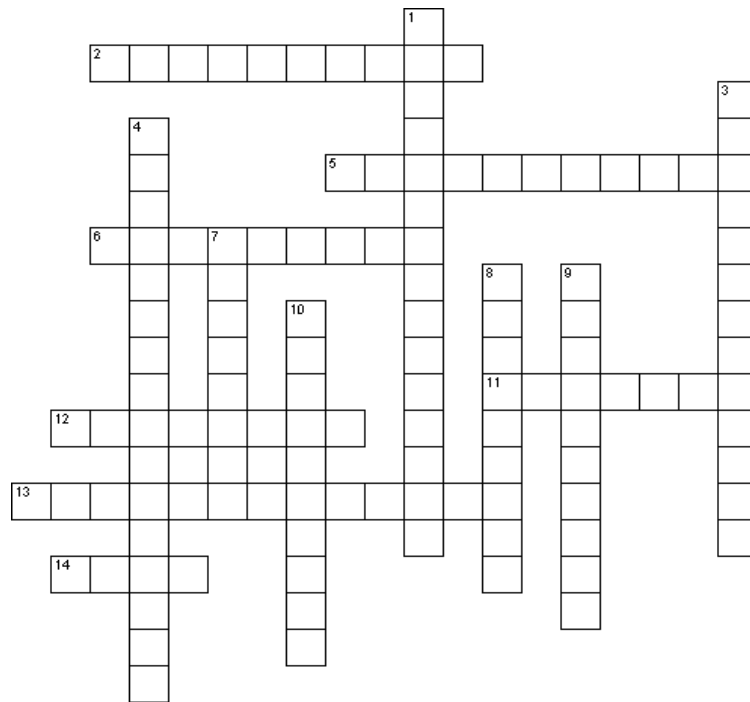
**Prep:** 10 minutes. **Cook:** 15 minutes. Extra time 5 minutes

- 1 Preheat oven to 180°C
- 2 Grease biscuit tray
- 3 Mix oats, flour, sugar and coconut together
- 4 In a small saucepan over low heat, melt the syrup and butter together
- 5 Mix the soda and the boiling water and add to the melted butter and syrup
- 6 Add the butter mixture to the dry ingredients and combine
- 7 Dollop the mixture by teaspoon onto greased tray
- 8 Bake for 12-15 minutes

### NB:

- 1 Cook times may vary depending on the oven.

# CROSSWORD



## Across

2. Tom Cruise is Vincent in this 2004 movie (10)
5. Joaquin Phoenix is Johnny Cash in this 2005 movie (4,3,4)
6. Maggie Smith is Mother Superior in this 1992 movie (6,3)
11. Dustin Hoffman is Raymond Babbitt in this 1998 movie (4,3)
12. Julianne Moore is Clarice Starling in this 2001 movie (8)
13. Jessica Alba is Sue Storm in this 2005 movie (9,4)
14. Brad Pitt is Achilles in this 2004 movie (4)

## Down

1. Glenn Close is Alex Forrest in this 1987 movie (5,10)
3. Arnold Schwarzenegger plays the title role in this 1984 movie (3,10)
4. Clive Owen is Louis Salinger in this 2009 movie (3,13)
7. Arnold Schwarzenegger is Harry Tasker in this 1994 movie (4,4)
8. John Travolta is Edna Turnblad in this 2007 movie (9)
9. Tom Cruise is David Aames in this 2001 movie (7,3)2
10. Leonardo DiCaprio is Howard Hughes in this 2004 movie (3,7)





# Gardening

B J E M L Z H E S O R N A W  
 V O R D X T U P G M Y I K O  
 H L Z I S C N J B E D F Q R  
 U X G R O W E A H K R A P M  
 Q D Y T N I D O L C S E E D  
 M H E J B F R G U P K L R X  
 Y P C A Y S A Z N I T V E J  
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 L I O S T C E J O Y A P O N  
 G L Y W K U N R A D Q Z L I  
 P T O S E H S U B R M C F X  
 I Z N K R E L Q W A T E R O  
 M D I G U X D P E Y C H T B  
 R W T A F O V S Z N L Q J S

BED	GROW	SOIL
BUSHES	HOE	STEM
DEAD	LEAF	WATER
DIG	PLANT	WEEDS
DIRT	ROOT	WILT
FLOWER	ROSE	WORM
GARDEN	SEED	YARD



**JUMP START**

### Picture Puzzle

Write the picture names in the boxes. One is done for you.

A blue bird is pointing to a horizontal box.  
 A mouse is pointing to a horizontal box.  
 A pink flower is pointing to the word 'flower' in the grid.  
 A grey mouse is pointing to a horizontal box.  
 A brown bear is pointing to a vertical box.  
 A blue watering can is pointing to a vertical box.  
 A yellow corn cob is pointing to a vertical box.  
 A blue watering can with a red flower is pointing to a vertical box.

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A red lobster is labeled 'A'.  
 A brown bull is labeled 'B'.  
 A white sheep is labeled 'C'.  
 A lion is labeled '1'.  
 Two yellow fish are labeled '2'.  
 A brown goat is labeled '3'.

A vertical box on the right contains the numbers 1, 2, 3 from top to bottom.

~Murchison Polocrosse Carnival Results 2021~

E Grade sponsored by Bronny & Tuby Bain of Mobarocks Transport

Runners up: Moberup 2  
Winners: Mullewa 8

Best Pony Award:  
"Blue" ridden by Georgia Henderson

D Grade sponsored by Kiya White & George Tunstill

Runners up: Murchison 10  
Winners: Moonyoonooka 12

Best Pony Award:  
"Crystal" ridden by Jenny Martin

C Grade sponsored by Stuart Broad & Sammy Walton

Runners up: Walkaway 8  
Winners: Mullewa 14

Best Pony Award  
"Shiraz" ridden by Hayley Levett

B Grade sponsored by Tom & Hayley Levett

Runners up: Moonyoonooka 13  
Winners: South Midlands 17

*I hope that you have enjoyed our edition of the Murchison Monologue. If you have any ideas on what we could include in our next issue, or any local happenings, please feel free to email me at [cm@murchison.wa.gov.au](mailto:cm@murchison.wa.gov.au)*

*I am looking forward to getting your feedback and ideas*

*Cheers*

*Steven Cosgrave*



# **Community Feedback Page**

The Shire is welcoming community feedback on the draft Masterplan & DAIP. Both documents are available on the Murchison Shire Webpage [www.murchison.wa.gov.au](http://www.murchison.wa.gov.au).

Thank you

## **Masterplan**


## **General**


## **Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP)**




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