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Ancient land under brilliant skies

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Editor's Message

Hi Everyone,

A big welcome to Harley Broad and congratulations Sam and Stuart! I loved the photos of your new addition to the family.

There are a couple of fun events happening at the Settlement this month advertised in this edition - I hope can get to one or both of them.

Just a reminder that the nomination period for an extraordinary Council Election is open now and closes on Thursday the 21st of Oct, so if you want to nominate (and I would encourage anyone that is interested to do so) then please don't delay in getting your nomination in ASAP!

Happy reading until next time 😊

Emma

Calling For Submissions

If you have any articles you would like to add to the next Monologue edition, please contact the Shire Office, we want to hear from you.

Sending out a big thank you to everyone who continues to support and contribute to the Monologue. We continue to look forward to hearing from you again.

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More wildflowers, just gorgeous!



Roscco's Rundown

Hello anyone interested in reading a few brief updates on what has been going on in the Murchison Shire Council area of late. Even if you aren't that

interested then it's probably too late to try and stop reading now, I'm afraid because I reckon it's a bit hard to resist my riveting way of describing what has been going on.

The construction works crew continues to do some good work preparing the gravel road base in the Pinegrove/Woolgorong area which should allow for the planned sealing to continue when the weather warms up (roughly planned for around November-December). Some recent funding applications have been successful, so the whole road between the Settlement and our south boundary is a good chance to be sealed within three years. We continue to lobby and negotiate with the City of Greater Geraldton to have a crack at beginning some sealing on their section of the Mullewa Carnarvon Rd but with no success so far.

Traffic within sections of the Shire this past few months has been abnormally high and the maintenance graders are under some pressure to keep up at present. Even though the roads are now very dry they continue to do the best job possible and are currently working north from Pindar on the Beringarra-Pindar Rd.

After plenty of discussions and a budget workshop, plus day-to-day adjustments over the past few months, the 2021/2022 budget has been put together and accepted. As well as many usual tasks, Council has allocated funding to try and sort out the water quality issues at the Settlement and replace the old concrete crossing near Bilung Pool.

A couple of engineers scoping out a potential path for the fibre cable that has been promised for Pia and the Settlement were spotted in the area a month or so ago, so hopefully this means something has kicked into gear regarding getting this project underway. Council doesn't necessarily get regular updates about the scheduling for this project, but we will keep the community informed if, or when, we learn what is going on.

The Roadhouse has experienced what appears to have been its busiest six months ever and plenty of credit is due to Pix, Nick and all who help them because I have heard lots of positive feedback from people who have stayed there.

I would like to welcome Shelly Fowler who has successfully nominated to be a Councillor for the next four years, and also thank Emma Foulkes-Taylor who has committed for another four years. We were one short in our nominations for Council so an announcement regarding the date for

another nomination opportunity plus an election (if required) will be made shortly.

Paul Squires has indicated he is going to retire from Council, and I thank him very much for his contribution during the past number of years. I would also like to thank Jo, who I know has been a very good support for Paul in his time on the Council.

Until next time.

Roscco

PS. This Rundown wasn't really as exciting as I bragged at the start, so I'm impressed if you made it down here to the bottom of the page.

CEO News - Election Update

As indicated in the last issue Emma Foulkes-Taylor and Shelly Fowler were elected to Council unopposed as part of the 2021 Ordinary Elections.

Work in filling the remaining councillor vacancy is well underway with the date of an Extraordinary Election scheduled for Saturday 27 November 2021. Nominations are now open and close at 4:00pm on Thursday 21 October 2021.

A community email has also been sent out to supplement normal advertising

ciao

Bill Boehm

Chief Executive Officer



Landor Crowds having fun!



EXTRAORDINARY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION 27 NOVEMBER 2021

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are called for a 2021 Extraordinary Election within the Murchison Shire, to be held on **Saturday, 27 November 2021** to fill one vacancy.

Nomination Time and Place

Nominations for all vacancies open on **Thursday, 14 October 2021**

Nominations close at 4.00pm, **Thursday, 21 October 2021**

Nominations must be lodged with the Returning Officer at any time during the above period at the **Murchison Shire Offices** as listed below.

Nomination Requirements

Candidates are required to lodge with the RETURNING OFFICER:

- a completed nomination in the prescribed form, signed and witnessed. This form is available from the Murchison Shire Offices as listed below
- a single A4 page profile containing not more than 800 characters, containing biographical information about the proposed candidate and statements of the candidate's policies or beliefs.
- a nomination deposit of \$80 (cash, cheque, bank draft or postal order, or other means subject to Returning Officer approval).
- a recent passport-sized photograph (optional).

To nominate, every individual must complete the candidate induction for prospective candidates' course, available via the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries website at www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au

Where an agent lodges a nomination on a candidate's behalf, it must be in the prescribed form with a written authorisation signed by the candidate.

The documents may be hand delivered, posted, faxed, or sent by electronic means to the Returning Officer and must be received by the close of nominations.

Full details about eligibility and nomination procedures for prospective candidates in the election listed below can be obtained by contacting Murchison Shire Offices as follows.

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OFFICES VACANT	DISTRICT
TERMS OF OFFICE	One remaining vacancy for a 4-year term

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 4:00PM THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER 2021



Welcome to the Newest Member of our Community

HARLEY Andrew Simon Broad born on the 27 July 2021 @ King Edward Memorial Hospital @ 12.42pm. Parents Sam Walton and Stuart Broad welcome another little Broad boy to the Murchison and their family.



Dad introducing son Tyler to his baby brother Harley!



Update – Mummy and Harley 14 Oct.



Bush Fire Awareness

Bush Fire Season has commenced!

Stay alert, stay informed and know what to do during an emergency.

Western Australia's bushfire warnings will have a new look this summer as a new national framework for emergency information comes into effect.

From today, the Emergency WA website will feature new bushfire warning colours of yellow for Advice and orange for Watch and Act, while Emergency Warnings will remain red.

The new colour scheme and icons bring Western Australia in line with other states and territories using the Australian Warning System (AWS).

The changes are the first step in WA's adoption of the AWS, which delivers nationally consistent emergency information to help the public recognise and understand warnings no matter where in Australia they are.

The AWS was developed based on community consultation and research conducted across the country and is being implemented in all states and territories.

Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner Darren Klemm AFSM said a national approach would help simplify emergency information for all Australians.

"By adopting a nationally consistent approach, we can make it easier for people to understand how to act when disaster strikes – whether they're at home in WA or travelling interstate," Commissioner Klemm said.

"With summer approaching, now is the time to start familiarising yourself with the bushfire warning system and making a bushfire plan.

"Knowing the warning system will help you know what to do if a bushfire threatens you."

As well as new bushfire warning colours, Emergency WA will show warnings in an 'accordion' format, making it easier for people to quickly locate information relevant to them such as road closures and evacuation centres.

These changes are the latest in a suite of improvements based on community feedback, including the recent addition of visual weather information layers.

Managed by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services on behalf of the State Government, Emergency WA is Western Australia's trusted source of emergency information.

For information during an emergency visit [emergency.wa.gov.au](https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)

Media Contact: DFES Media and Corporate Communications 9395 9543



Council Works

Construction Crew

Apart from installing the culverts and completing the shoulder work, the Construction crew have completed a section of the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road north from the recent 2020/21 wide sealed section to the foot of a hilly section. They are now busy on the Pinegrove corner. By the time Council meets they should have the Culverts in, and the road butted up to the new grid.

The Crew were off for the Landor break (1 week). On completing the Pinegrove corner, the 3.3km section south of the existing bitumen will be constructed, ready for the sealing towards the end of November.

Maintenance Crew

Since Council last met the Maintenance Crew have finished Butchers Track, cleared fire breaks around the Settlement and mobbed down to the south end of the Beringarra Pindar Rd.

Unfortunately, they have been held up with various mechanical issues. The John Deere grader had electrical problems and the new Cat grader not having a reversible fan and the radiator constantly blocking with seed. A new fan assembly has been ordered and should be installed at around the time Council meets.

Bilung Creek

Work has begun on the new crossing and judging by the progress will more than likely be complete before the expected date.

Sealing Tenders

We expect the new sealing tenders to be out in the next few weeks.

Flood 9

We are waiting for the final sign off from DRWFA fairly soon and can then proceed with getting the required tenders out and finalised. It looks as if the end of the calendar year will once again be a busy time

Wildflowers

This year's wildflowers were just stunning...here are a few pics taken by some travellers.

The famous Wreath Flowers



Roadhouse

The Shire is delighted to introduce two new Roadhouse staff - Nicky and Jack, who arrived just in time as the Roadhouse prepared for all the travellers passing through to attend the 100th Anniversary of the Landor Races.

Nicky and Jack are settling in just great and will be staying with us for a couple of months, while Nick and Pixie take a well-earned break.



Driving into the Murchison last week, we were excited for a new adventure, but hadn't a clue what we'd find way out here in the bush. In the time that we've been travelling together we've been blessed with wonderful people, strange coincidences, and amazing luck. Despite (or perhaps in credit of) our many hurdles and setbacks, we always seem to find ourselves in the right place at the right time, with our half-formulated plans turned on their head, and thinking that we wouldn't have it any other way. The Murchison Oasis fits well into this story.

Having planned to go north from Broome and be all the way in Queensland by now, we made a quick detour to follow some friends to Karijini, which turned into a road trip halfway down the west coast. A couple of months in, we found ourselves in Denham thinking that it was about time we looked for our next job. We did a quick Google search for roadhouses in the area and sent out a couple of short messages along with our CV's. As it turned out, this was perfect timing. We had a quick chat on the phone with Nick, decided that it just felt right, and started celebrating. Another chat with Steven the following day bolstered the feeling that we had stumbled onto something good.

We knew soon after we arrived that the Settlement has its own kind of magic, and that Pix and Nick are our kind of people, with warm hearts and free spirits. We felt right at home and knew that once again we were where we're meant to be. We're really pleased to get a glimpse of a

small community like this, where every person has something unique to give, and is an important piece of a beautiful picture. It's lovely to feel like a part of it for a short time, and to know that our help really makes a difference here; we've been made to feel much appreciated.

We've been loving the little things, like waking up in our sweet caretaker's cottage, walking to the community garden to pick some fresh rocket to garnish our breakfast (thank you Vicky), opening the museum, and being greeted by Chirpy on our way into work. Whilst working in the roadhouse, we talk to a lot of people. Many of these people have been here before, and a few tell us that they've gone out of their way to pass through it again, which shows us just how special it is. We look forward to getting to know more about the people and the history here. Every day is a new adventure, there seems to always be something happening, and we can't wait to see what tomorrow will bring.

Thank you for having us, and for all the warm welcomes that we've received. For those that we haven't yet met, we'd love it if you popped in to say hi.

*Much love,
Nicky and Jack*

Reminder 2022 Kindergarten Enrolments

A colorful poster for Kindergarten Enrolments 2022. The top half features a close-up of a young child's face with colorful handprints on their cheeks and hands. Below this, the text reads "KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2022". There is a small logo for Carnarvon School of the Air. The text continues: "Children born between 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 are eligible to enrol for kindergarten for 2022. Do you live out of town or on a station and not sure of the options for schooling for your child? Let us help you at Carnarvon School of the Air!". Below that, it says "We are very excited about your child's future at Carnarvon School of the Air." and "CONTACT US 9947 2600 or email rachel.johnson2@education.wa.edu.au". The bottom of the poster shows a photograph of the school building and a child's face next to a colorful circular graphic.

Landor Races

The 100th Anniversary of the Landor Races was expected to be a big event...and it delivered. With much of the Murchison Settlement in attendance.



Photos from members of the Community, we thank you!

Station Visit - Nookawarra

(Feature and photographs by Steven Cosgrove)

It was a beautiful day at Nookawarra Station where I stopped by to introduce myself to Merve. He was delighted to show off some of his prized possessions so I thought I would share with you all on his behalf.

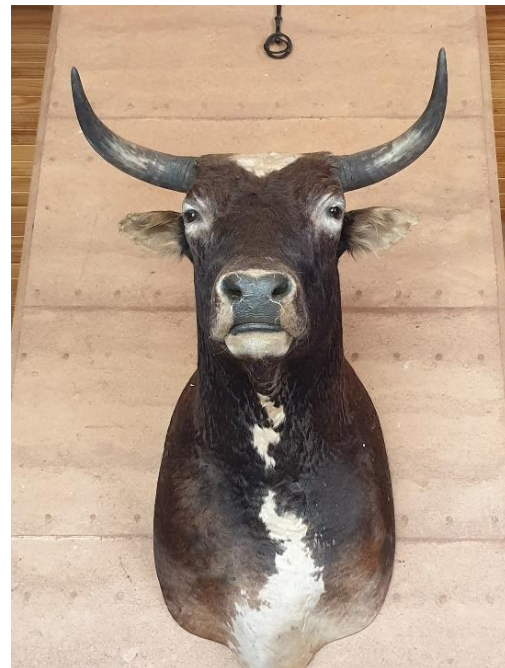


This wagon, pulled by 8 camels used to carry timber from Cue to Murchison. Merve had this restored, and it looks amazing!



This tractor, after not being switched on for over 40 years started on its first turn over! Another favourite that also looks remarkable after Merve had this restored.

It seems that Merve is all about preserving things... interestingly, this Bull was hunted by Merve in the exact region where the current lava is flowing from the Halema'uma'u crater in Hawaii ... Whether you're a fan or not of taxidermy, this is quite the eye catcher mounted on the wall of the 2-storey homestead.



Thanks for the stories, Merve!
Steven Cosgrove

Upcoming Community Events

Shinema Bus & Live Band "Fresh and Salty"



SHINEMA

ENJOY **FREE** AUSTRALIAN CINEMA

OPEN AIR LIVE MUSIC MOVIE

FOOD & COLD DRINKS AVAILABLE

BYO CHAIR

Sat 30th of Oct - 5 pm @ Murchison River Settlement Polocross Oval

movie : "THE FURNACE"

live music : - FRESH & SALTY -

PRESENTED BY CHAPMAN VALLEY MENSHEd

WA Primary Health Alliance phn

Another exciting opportunity for the community to get together and enjoy a night under the stars.

5pm starts the evening with live music so people can chat, eat, listen to music, and mingle...

By nightfall there will be a series of short movies for 30 mins with a chance to grab your popcorn before the feature presentation....'The Furnace'

Live music from 3-piece band 'Fresh & Salty'

A big thank you to the



October is Breast Awareness Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign to raise awareness about the impact of breast cancer. Join us as we RISE together to help uplift women in need.



MURDOCH UNIVERSITY STERILISATION PROGRAM

Veterinary students from Murdoch University under the guidance of a senior veterinarian will be travelling to the Shire of Murchison to perform sterilisations, pet checks and micro chipping for registered dogs and cats in the Shire of Murchison.

DATE: Sunday 24 October 2021

TIME: 7:30am – 1:00pm

VENUE: Community Hall

Vaccination Costs

Vaccinations are free for pets being sterilised

\$30 for Concession card holders

\$50 for non-Concession card Holders

Microchipping - \$55 to be paid by owner



Murdoch students will carry out sterilisation and pet checks for **cats and dogs free of charge** to residents of Murchison and pastoralists. Registrations and microchipping are to be paid for by the owner prior to surgery or on the day and a registration tag will be issued.

Cash only is taken on the day. If paying by eftpos, this must be done during office hours at the Shire Admin Building.

Please contact the Shire by 18 October 2021 if you are interested in having your pet sterilised and micro chipped.

There are limited sterilisation opportunities available.

For further information please call the Shire office on 9963 7999



Reminder

As of November 1, 2013, ALL cats must be sterilised, micro chipped and registered.

ALL dogs must be micro chipped and registered by 1 November 2015



STAR LIGHT-STAR BRIGHT
Go For 2 and 5 Children's Week



Join us at the Murchison Settlement on the 26th October 2021 for a family fun afternoon!

Children, mums, dads, and family members are invited to join in an afternoon of fun, celebrating Children's week.

Commencing at 3pm, the Shire of Murchison and CSIRO are proudly sponsoring an afternoon and evening of celebrations, where children can connect, attend a themed party, eat a delicious and healthy dinner and spend an evening of cool activities and star gazing, teaching children about the wonderment of the moon and stars in our night skies.



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Halloween Fun
Trick or Treat

Across:

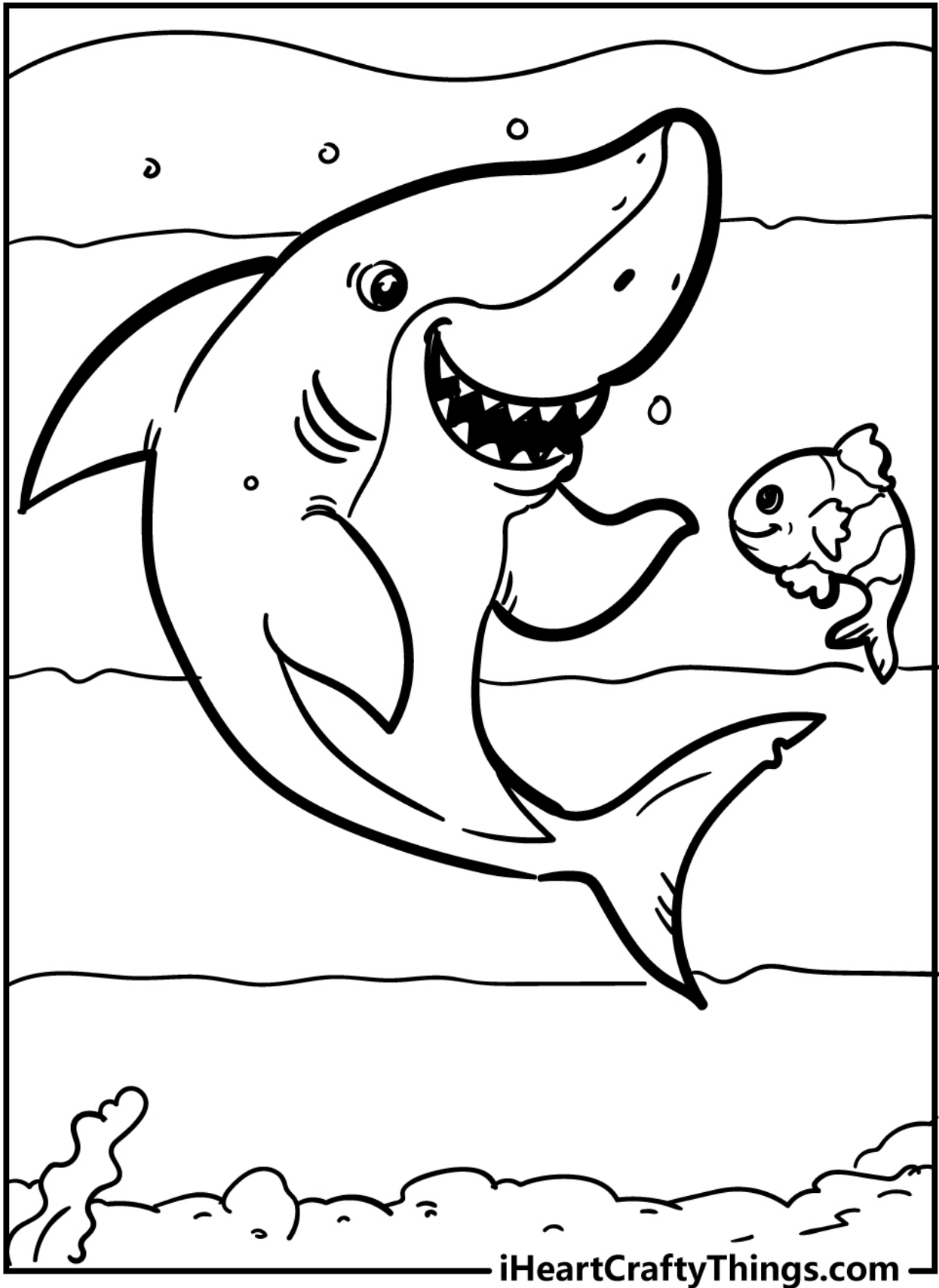
2. Jack O' _____
5. Casper the _____
7. Green Monster
8. Tissue Wrapped
9. Carve a _____

Down:

1. What witches ride
3. Loud Cry
4. Candy _____
6. Trick or _____

LABYRINTH







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