Field of Poppies—ANZAC Day in Merredin

By NAEDINE COCKRAM

Living in a small town is pretty good, but being in a wonderful community that helps everyone out for all different reasons is just fantastic.

Last year the Merredin Shire had the idea of doing something different for Anzac Day and getting the whole community involved in helping to make it really special. They asked people to make poppies with any material they desired and after they were all made, they would be displayed at the town centre entrances on Great Eastern Highway. The Merredin Shire called it the “Field of Poppies”. So many people and community groups got involved that we ended up with over 6,000 poppies! This year we continued the “Field of Poppies” with the aim of adding to last year’s to make 10,000 poppies in total and we got very close to that record.

It’s amazing how many people helped ‘paint the town red for Anzac Day’ to show our respect for the soldiers who went to war and fought for our country.

To make the poppies we used materials like plastic plates and bottles, chicken wire, plastic bottles, felt, cd’s, horse shoes, cotton wool, wood and so much more. It’s really beautiful to see all the different and unique poppies that people in this community have spent their spare time to make. Some people start making new ones for the next year straight after Anzac Day.

We really do have a lot of beautiful souls in this town. A lot of kids in and around town have either made them at school, painted some at the Merredin CRC or planted them at one of the entrances. Well done to all the children who helped!

Thanks to Lillian Armstrong, Marilyn Sayers, Michelle Marks, Merredin College, St Mary’s Primary School, Merredin CRC, Men’s Shed, Merredin Shire, and everyone who helped out in any way to make Anzac Day so memorable in a positive way in this beautiful town of Merredin.

Please check out the Field of Poppies on Great Eastern Highway at both main town centre entrances, and the rose garden at the corner of Farrah Parade. On Anzac Day there were poppies planted at both services around the memorials.

LEST WE FORGET.
Tales of Times Past

This story concerns a small place on the Merredin/Narembeen line called Norpa. It was surrounded by bush and comprised a CBH weighbridge and wheat bin. There was also a small corrugated iron shed on the line for any goods delivered by train. A diesel rail passenger car travelled to Narembeen on Fridays.

There used to be at least one train a day and farmers got superphosphate or machinery delivered by rail to the siding along with other items.

One farmer had some special sheep delivered by train. He off-loaded them and put them in the local sheep holding yards intending to drive them by road to his far. Unknown to him, the yard was full of Box Poison (a plant deadly to sheep) and he lost all the flock.

To submit an article or photos, email administration@merredincrc.com.au

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By WENDY PORTER

Renovations of the North Merredin Primary School began in November 2015 in preparation for moving the library. Work included knocking down the old offices and walls to create a wonderfully open entrance area, creating a walkway through classrooms and enclosing the back veranda to include offices and a lunch room for staff. Electrical fittings, phone and data lines were checked and brought up to code, new carpeting was laid, walls painted and the outside of the building was given a facelift. The overgrown gardens were cleared to make way for new landscaping.

The Merredin Regional Library closed the doors to the Queen Street address at 12 noon on Saturday 19th March, in preparation for the big move to come. From Monday 21st March to Thursday 24th March, Library staff and one volunteer tirelessly packed over 16000 items (into over 460 boxes), dismantled over 90 bays (over 360 shelves) of shelving and boxes of workroom items. Shire depot staff were called in to transport all of the packed items to the new library, doing an absolutely excellent job. IT staff pushed to reconnect all the library computers in the new building.

After a break for Easter library staff and 6 volunteers began the laborious job of reassembling the library. Shelving was reconstructed into new configurations, including the extra shelving procured from the Old City of Perth Library (free of course), then books were returned to the shelves. By 5pm on Saturday 2nd April the library was ready to reopen, with staff happy to have Sunday 3rd April to rest up.

The library reopened on Monday 4th April at 10.00am, with several people waiting outside the door to be the first people in to check out the new library. 292 people, members and the curious stopped in the first week. Visitors were asked to comment in a visitors' book with some of the comments including "wonderful", "fantastic", "This is so cool!", "A special Library, Great for Merredin.", "Good as any library anywhere", "A great effort while still retaining the old school look." Many thanks go to the staff and volunteers who worked so hard to create such a wonderful space. Special acknowledgement goes to Pam Last, Anita Metcalf and Jenny Doncon. It wouldn’t have happened as quickly, or as successfully without them.

The Merredin Regional Library has been arranged with each classroom dedicated to a section: Reference, Local History and Young Adult; Non-Fiction, Music Scores and the Indigenous Collection; Fiction, Large Print and Audio-visual collection (Talking Books and DVD’s); Junior (including fiction, non-fiction and junior kindergarten books). The large Admin area has a reading area, newspaper miche and community noticeboard. The final area will be used for a variety of activities including Author Talks, the Tales of Times Past Senior Storytellers, Children’s Activities, meetings and much more.

The new Merredin Library counter

Renovated library with old fireplaces

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By MICHELLE MARKS

I want to talk about inspiration. It is such a beautiful word. Inspiration represents the birth of new ideas, new projects and new adventures. With a world made up of people with such diverse interests, inspiration can take on so many different forms and is truly one of the most positive feelings that can be experienced.

What inspires you? It may be as simple as listening to someone who has travelled the world, seeing a beautiful painting, or it could be something that generates from going for a jog. For me, I get inspired through being in the natural world; out in the bush, in the garden and particularly being around animals.

Why is inspiration so important to me? To begin with, being inspired makes me feel happy and energised, but it has also led me to some of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I always dreamt of working with animals, but it was inspiration that led me to helping and rescuing them. Many know of my particular interest in reptiles and amphibians; and many believe that it is a ‘weird’ interest and that starting a rescue organisation would never take off. But it has. All because I was inspired to follow my dreams, doing what I love. Sure, it takes experience, planning, time and business sense; but that was all achievable due to inspiration. I am not alone either. I am aware of many people who had unusual ideas or interests that are now flourishing.

If I can advise you of anything; let your children be inspired. Let your partner be inspired. Let your mother and father be inspired. Let your brothers and sisters be inspired. Most of all, let yourself be inspired. You may well end up being somewhere you always wanted to be.

Henry McIntosh was found guilty of breach of violence restraining order, fined $300 and ordered to pay costs of $88.50.

Tragen Pty Ltd plead guilty of allowing clearing of native vegetation to occur without authorisation, fined $9000 and ordered to pay costs of $1112.

Thomas Lawrence was found guilty of stealing a motor vehicle to use without the consent of the owner, received an 8 month imprisonment order suspended for 12 months, had his licence suspended for 6 months and ordered to pay costs of $88.50. He was also found guilty of no authority to drive—never held an Australian licence and disqualified from holding, received an 8 month imprisonment order suspended for 12 months and had his licence suspended for a further 9 months.
Letter to the Editor

Poppy Making

Everyone had a great time making more poppies for ANZAC Day. We made them by cutting the top and bottom of a plastic bottle out, we then made petal shapes with the top and bottom of the cut bottle and to finish it off we painted the petals red and the middle black. ANZAC Day is a day we think about and love the people who fought for our country. ANZAC Day is on April the 25th. The poppies we have made this year and last year will be seen when going into Merredin.

Chelsea Routledge, 10 Years old

Anzac Day 2016

By MICHELLE MARKS

At 5:45am on ANZAC Day our Returned Servicemen were joined by the 510 Army Cadet Unit, Merredin Volunteer Fire and Rescue and Merredin Police in a march to the Cenotaph for the Dawn Service. The Cadet’s led the parade, and formed a Catafalque Party around the Cenotaph as Councillor Malcolm Willis welcomed all to the service. Father Zigmund led the Lord’s Prayer, followed by the laying of wreaths. The Ode was led by Aub Tompkin, and recited by the Merredin community. Malcolm Willis introduced Jade Healey-Ratima, who sang the Australian and New Zealand National Anthems.

At 10:30am, the parade departed to Cummins Theatre. It was a humbling sight to see our Cadet’s forming an honour guard as our Returned Servicemen entered the Theatre for the Mid-Morning Service. The attendees were welcomed by Councillor Malcolm Willis. Hymns and prayers were led by Father Malcolm Eastwick and were followed by words from the guest speaker, Kim Friis KSI, FCILT. Students from Merredin College were invited onto the stage to read the World War 1 Roll of Honour. The audience was again graced by the beautiful voice of Jade Healey-Ratima while she sang the Australian and New Zealand National Anthems.

2pm saw the community join at Cummin’s Theatre again for the “Let Us Entertain You” Variety Show. The audience were very impressed at the incredible talent shown by our locals, including Anthony and Emmalisa Tilli, The Junk Room Gypsies, Rochelle Willis, Emma Davis, Brian Goddard and students from the Merredin College Choir. The show ended with vibrant performances from Hot Liquid.

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Young Filmmakers at Cummins

By BRANDON BOWMAN

Students were ready for their close up at the Youth Music Video Workshop at Cummins Theatre. The workshop was held for a week during the school holidays and 15 eager filmmakers participated. The Shire of Merredin and LotteryWest sponsored the event that hosted students between the ages of 9 and 17.

The workshop was part of the Cummins Kids initiative which tries to expose children to the Arts. “Cummins Theatre is trying to get kids engaged in the arts a bit more and this kind of program is a great way to do that,” said Emma Marie Davis, Director of Cummins Theatre. The students produced three music videos a day. On May 6th at 7 p.m, the fruits of their labour will be shown at a red carpet premiere held at Cummins Theatre.

Desiree’ Longworth, filmmaker and founder of Eden Productions, taught the class and edited the music videos for the students. “I’m absolutely impressed by the amount of talent these kids have. They are using iPads to film their movies, and they are getting some great shots with them,” said Longworth. Eden Productions is an American based filmmaking company focused on connecting with local artists and businesses all over the world.

Longworth taught a Silent Filmmaking Workshop during the Spring Holidays, and the students created short films that were submitted to the International Youth Silent Film Festival. During the Youth Music Video Workshop, the students studied music videos from all over the world.

“I think it’s really important to focus on what’s local to you as a community,” says Longworth. “These workshops are a great way to inspire children to create and express themselves in constructive and artistic ways.”

According to Longworth, the Youth Music Video Workshop is perfect for children that are not drawn to athletics. “When I was young, I was horrible at sports. I really love this workshop because I wanted to do things like this when I was young, but I never had the opportunity,” said Longworth.

The Red Carpet Premiere of the music videos produced by the youth of Merredin will be held on May 6 at 7 p.m. There is no charge for tickets, so bring everyone and anyone to this event and support the aspiring filmmakers of Merredin.
National Youth Week Fun

By TARA CARROD

As part of National Youth Week celebrations Avon Youth facilitated several youth focused events.

We kicked off the week with a pancake breakfast at the Merredin College on Thursday the 15th April.

The kids eagerly devoured their way through 800 picklets, 150 juice boxes and 10 kilos of fresh fruit. The morning was a great success and something we will certainly be doing again next year.

We then held a Youth Art Competition with the theme ‘what inspires you’ where youth entered in three categories ‘Art, Photography and Writing’ and winners will receive a $200 gift voucher. Winners will be announced in the next edition of the Phoenix.

Northam Avon Youth held a Forever Young event in Bernard Park that we ventured over for. There were lots of youth inspired activities to do and see with some great local music playing on stage.

Finally came our much anticipated ‘Road Trip’ Sunday 17th April at 6am, 30 Youth and 6 staff ventured off to Fremantle Youth Esplanade to take part in Fremantle’s National Youth Week Celebrations. The day was full of activities with a fun youth vibe. The youth had lots to do and see such as skateboarding clinics, Parkour, slacklining, hip hop workshops, SCITECH displays and much more.

In the afternoon we checked into our accommodation for the night, none other than the YHA Fremantle. This is a historical site also known as the Fremantle Women’s Prison, the building has been converted into youth hostel accommodation but the kids were not fooled, as it still resembles a prison in every aspect with an eerie ghostly feel.

Of course we could not stay there without taking a tour of the Fremantle Prison itself and what better than a night time torch light tour to get the kids all wound up. Luckily for staff the big day wore the kids out and they slept soundly throughout the night.

Back on the bus Monday with Dave from DJ & TG Hendricks Bus services, who with his awesome driving abilities getting us through the tight streets of Fremantle. We took a stroll along the beach and stopped in at the Ship Wreck Museum followed by fish and chips and Gelato ice creams on the boardwalk.

Our last leg of the trip was a session at BOUNCE Cannington to burn off all that energy ready for the long journey home.

I am pleased to say that the kids behaviour was fantastic and the trip has created many friendships and lasting memories for the youth.

A huge thank you to Collgar Wind Farm for your continued support and contributions to our local youth and programs. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the many staff and volunteers from Merredin, Bruce Rock and Northam that helped make National Youth Week 2016 a smashing hit for the youth of our Community.

Tara and Megan at the Fremantle Youth Plaza

Elyse, Cooper, Paxton and Jarryd checking out the view from the top on board the Fremantle Ferris Wheel

Karlee, Kia;aynna, Krystal and Ashlee splashing about at Fremantle South Beach

Tara and Megan at the Fremantle Youth Plaza

Chilling watching the hip hop dance workshop

Elyse an India at Bounce

Group at Bounce

Boys playing Prison Football waiting for pizza
Energy Smart Homes Need Not Cost the Earth

By RENEE MANNING

Building an energy smart home in Merredin is not impossible, and need not cost the earth, according to eco-effective architect Sid Thoo, with correct orientation of your living areas a key to a more comfortable home. Lighter roof colours, good insulation and external shading are also helpful.

Small Green Steps, a small group of Merredin residents passionate about sustainable housing and landscape design, invited Mr Thoo to town, initially to undertake consultations on their own homes to discussed improving the thermal comfort of their homes. This expanded to a seminar for local residents, some extra consultations, and at Mr Thoo’s suggestions, fees for these consultations are going towards a local charity.

Mr Thoo, a Perth based architect, captivated a group of around 25 people for a seminar at the Merredin Community Garden, which included a positive discussion on how towns like Merredin can influence and improve the effectiveness of buildings in terms of energy and water efficiency. It is clear that this will require local government leadership, including education and potentially incentives for more efficient design, as well as continued ground up action by groups such as Small Green Steps and the Merredin Community Garden. The City of Cockburn and the City of Vincent are two such local governments leading the way in this regard.

Mr Thoo discussed the core principles for sustainable design – with the number one most influencing factor being orientation of your home – living areas facing north and minimising windows to the west and east. He also touched on appropriate building materials including insulation and roof colours, window design, shading, airflow and landscape impact.

Consultations were also undertaken by six local residents – with a range of options discussed at each site, all reporting the sessions were extremely helpful, worthwhile, and motivating, reassuring some they were on the right track with their plans, giving some ideas they didn’t previously consider, and in one case, resolved a debate on an appropriate flooring option!

For a copy of the presentation, contact Renee Manning on rmanning@westnet.com.au. Some other resources you can access to learn about improving energy efficiency in your own home include the websites http://www.yourhome.gov.au and http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au.
By MICHELLE MARKS
This Mother’s Day weekend we are in for a treat; Phil Doncon is visiting for 3 days to show us his unique and energetic artistic style!

For those who are not familiar with Phil, he is an artist and performer who delivers ‘live’ painting performances that are highly energetic and entertaining. Phil was raised right here in Merredin, and growing up on a farm provided him with ample time in nature to practice painting. “My best paintings are always of subjects that I love and feel a strong connection to; the ocean, the Wheatbelt, the history and culture of Fremantle” says Phil.

After graduating fine art at Curtin University in 1989, Phil began almost immediately staging shows around the Wheatbelt and beyond. Phil has staged numerous solo exhibitions and holds 6 art collections around Western Australia.

On the Destination Merredin Mother’s Day weekend Phil will revisit Merredin and will hold an exhibition of his work at Cummins Theatre on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th. On Sunday 8th May he will be attending the Mother’s Day Picnic at Roy Little Park where he will present two energetic and inspiring live art performances for visitors to the park. For more information on Phil’s visit please contact the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre on 9041 1666.
The CRC is a community owned and managed organisation that supports volunteers, provides events, services, information (government and non-government) and facilities for the community which include the Seniors Luncheon, Australia Day Breakfast, Merredin Markets and Pet Cemetery to name a few.

**CRC COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Tasting Plate**
The CRC will be holding a ‘Tasting Plate’ on Tuesday 10th of May from 10am—12 noon. This event will be held in Neighbourhood House Week which is a nationwide initiative to celebrate the role of community, neighbourhood, family, resource and learning centres in the community.

This year the theme for the week is Grow Together, Eat Together. The CRC would like to give people the opportunity to try something health focused that they haven’t tried before. The Tasting Plate will include a number of things, like mandala art, boot-scooting, drumming and a healthy lunch.

**Science Film Workshop**
A science film workshop will be held at the CRC on Monday the 2nd of May from 5.30 to 8.30. Did you know, the very earliest cinematographers were thought by many to be magicians? The conjuring of light has bemused and entertained audiences for centuries...

Now is your chance to create a film and share your science story with cinema audiences state-wide. Learn the science of film, and discover the ‘magic tricks’ that will make the difference to your science short film entry at these informative and hands-on Sci Film workshops. The top 15 shortlisted films will be showcased at selected cinemas around the state.

**Governance Workshop**
If you are part of a committee it is vital that you know what is expected of you. This workshop covers a huge range of what you need to know. Including principles of governance, roles and responsibilities of the management committee, legal responsibilities and financial responsibilities. The workshop will be help on Thursday the 12th of May at 6pm. Call the CRC to RSVP as this is a catered event.

**Poppy Making**
The CRC hosted poppy making again this week, adding to poppies that are currently displayed on the highway coming into town. It was great to see everyone getting involved, especially the kids. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Another visit from Dave after the release of his next novel.

**Are you interested in volunteering?**
There are plenty of opportunities to get involved with the community through volunteering in Merredin. Volunteering provides many benefits, not only to the group or organisation, but to the volunteers themselves. People can learn new skills, make new friends, develop confidence and have input into what is happening in Merredin.

If people have an interest then their volunteering can be directed to a specific organisation, however for those who are willing to do any volunteering there is always plenty of opportunities through the Merredin CRC.

The Merredin CRC currently has 4 volunteers who man and operate the Centrelink Agency from 9.30am – 1pm weekdays. The current volunteers are keen to encourage and teach other people the operations, as there are many times when they are on holidays, sick or have other commitments. No prior knowledge is required. Learning the processes and operations of the Centrelink Agency can provide people with some good skills and knowledge that could lead to future employment.

The CRC coordinates the Merredin Show in conjunction with a Show Committee who are all volunteers. The Show Committee meet once a month and a few extra times closer to the show. The Committee are always looking for new people to become involved with the Show, whether it be on the Committee or helping with a specific section of the show (float parade, entertainment, exhibition, gates/parking, encouraging stalls, displays, organising the grounds, agricultural section, catering etc). If anyone is interested in being involved with the Show, please contact the CRC.

**Mother’s Day Ideas**

We invite you to view all the new ranges of gift ideas in store. Perfect for mothers day on Sunday 8th May.
Turia Pitt an Inspiration

By NARELLE MILLINGTON

Last month, through the generous funding from Collgar, the Board of AWWE (Agricultural Women Wheatbelt East) were given the opportunity to travel to Adelaide to hear Turia Pitt speak at a “Business Chicks” breakfast.

In 2011, Turia was badly burnt while running an Ultra marathon in the Kimberly in WA (she endured burns to 65% of her body). She has had more than 200 surgeries including ongoing facial reconstruction. During her (far too brief) talk last month, she showed such intelligence. She's funny, unpolished, sweary and lovely. And so very stylish.

Here are 13 things Turia Pitt taught me at Business Chicks. (taken from the blog of Carly Findlay who also attended the breakfast)

1. Turia’s appearance alone doesn’t make her interesting.

“I find it hard people think I'm interesting because I've been burnt. Truth is, I've always been interesting”, Turia said.

2. Humour is everything.

The first time she wiped her own arse after her accident, she felt like she'd won the Olympics, she told us. She's funny. And she sees the funny side. Turia showed us photos of her wearing the compression mask. She laughed, and we laughed, as she showed us her driver's license and passport - her face covered by the mask. She said she could be the world's friendliest terrorist.

3. She is a burns survivor, not a victim.

A woman in the audience asked Turia advice for her young daughter - describing her as a 'burns victim'. Turia answered, saying she is a burns survivor. The audience applauded.

4. Turia wants people to own their appearance diversity.

She said that she's embraced her physicality and appearance, and is not letting it stop her enjoying life.

5. She doesn't set out to be an appearance activist.

Turia said she doesn't feel she's a celebrity, and doesn't actively promote positive body image. But it's merely by being, by speaking and showing confidence in herself that she is.

6. Gratitude is so important.

Turia credits her mother and partner for being with her every step of her journey since the accident. She acknowledged how hard it is for them to see her in pain (“it's traumatic for the people we love to see us go through pain.”). She thanked many strangers who did their jobs, risked their lives and gave up their time to save her. She said she feels she has a duty to live life to the fullest to thank and honour everyone who's helped her. She credits her success to everyone who has helped her.

7. There will be bad days, and that's ok.

While she's the fittest she's ever been, and happily engaged, she has bad days.

“I accept life isn't always going to be great. It's ok to own a bad day.

8. She challenges people to grow by getting outside of their comfort zone. (Because that's how she grows.)

“We don't grow & hold onto an outdated version of ourselves 'cause we don't want to evolve or try something new”, she says. “It's crazy the excuses people use to keep themselves stuck.”

9. She has proven naysayers wrong.

From her highschool teacher who said she wasn't smart enough to do the subjects she chose to a doctor who challenged her during rehab, Turia is using peoples' negativity to drive her success. She says "screw you mate" to those who said she can't.

10. She's living the dream life.

Speaking, doing charity work for Interplast, training for an iron man event, surrounded by amazing people. And she's engaged! She's seen amazing kindness in times of tragedy.

11. Pain is tortuous, and inevitable.

Anticipating the pain has been one of the worst things since her accident.

"Anticipating pain has got to be the most torturous experience I've ever had", Turia said. She spoke of the fear of bandage changes: lying in a burns ward hearing others having their bandages changed, screaming, made Turia fear her turn.

12. While she doesn't let the fire define her, she believes her wounds have made her so strong.

"Your wound, your weakness is your biggest strength", Turia said. She said everyone has wounds - they're not just physical - and everyone wears a mask. She doesn't have to wear a mask around her fiancé.

13. Successful people have a team behind them.

Turia has a team behind her. They cheer her on, give her praise and encourage her to be the best she can be. “When you surround yourself with like minded and successful people, anything is possible”, she said.

I’ve seen a few high profile speakers now. Turia Pitt has been my favourite. She is so honest and so lovely. It made my day. Thanks Turia!
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**Friday 6th May**
 Premiere screening of the Music Videos produced by Cummins Kids at Music Video Workshop
 Preview of Art created by award winning, Merredin born artist Phil Doncon

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**Saturday 7th May**
 Meet Merredin born artist Phil Doncon and view his unique and energetic artistic style
 Cocktail Night at the Tivoli Room with nibbles, drinks and live music

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**Sunday 8th May**
 Mothers Day Picnic in the Park
 Church Service & Dove Release
 Markets, games & photo booth
 Musical Jam Session
 Tales of Times Past & featuring Live Art Performance with Phil Doncon

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Celebrating Merredin’s heritage... and future
Registrations opened this week for the inaugural Aquaculture Western Australia State Forum which will be held in Perth on Thursday, 26 May 2016.

The Forum is a collaboration between eight Regional Development Commissions, each of which identified aquaculture as a transformational economic growth opportunity in their respective Regional Investment Blueprints released over the last 12 months. This follows the State Government’s landmark Statement of Commitment released in August 2015 to develop aquaculture in Western Australia. Hosted with support from the Aquaculture Council of Western Australia and the Department of Fisheries, Forum attendees will learn from the experiences of existing commercial operators and investigate opportunities for the industry’s development in Western Australia. The event will conclude with a workshop that will inform an industry development strategy and identify priority areas for investment.

The Mid West and Pilbara Development Commissions are working on behalf of the Forum partners to manage the inaugural industry event.

Chief Executive Officer of the Mid West Development Commission Gavin Treasure said a state-wide strategic approach to aquaculture development was a smart move in a competitive market.

“The Forum is a great example of the Regional Development Portfolio working in partnership with industry to maximise economic outcomes for regional WA,” Mr Treasure said. “To be competitive in the global market and provide the best return on investment we need to work together to make strategic investment decisions.”

Chief Executive Officer of the Pilbara Development Commission Terry Hill said aquaculture offered an important economic diversification opportunity that would bring new skills, jobs and investment to the regions.

“Well-placed to develop a sector that can supply a major share of high-value seafood and other products to world markets,” Mr Hill said.

The State Aquaculture Forum is presented by Western Australia’s Regional Development Commissions, in partnership with the Aquaculture Council of Western Australia and the Department of Fisheries.

Tickets are available to purchase online. For more information visit the Pilbara Development Commission website www.pdc.wa.gov.au or contact the Commission on 08 9185 0600 or pdc@pdc.wa.gov.au.

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The winner for March is Fay Kenwood. And Fay won a $500 BP Fuel Voucher.

**March winner Fay Kenwood with staff member Vanessa**
Meeting a Storyteller—Dave Goddard Talk

By EMMALISA TILLI

On the 11th of April 2016, Monday, there was an author talk given by David Goddard at the Community Resource Centre, and his wife Karen was also there along with his lovely mother in law Estelle.

There were about 20 people that attended and the locals were very interested in the novels as Aboriginal heritage is quite tremendous here in Merredin.

I learnt that Dave was born in Narrogin and he has an interest in sports, music, teaching and educational administration and research.

When I first met him, I said “Oh, are you the author?”, and he replied “I like to say that I am a storyteller”, and storytelling he does!!

His first novel is “Hiding Place” set in 2017 and he read a few excerpts out to the audience. Hiding Place is a novel based on excerpts out to the audience.

The Hiding Place has been reviewed in the West Australian, and for more information on his first novel, you can go to his website: http://www.hidingplacenovel.com

Dave also completed and published a second novel called “The Wiluna Solution”, which is based in Kalgoorlie and a small town called Wiluna which is 500 kilometres north of Kalgoorlie. His wife Karen read out a couple of paragraphs to us, and it sounded most intriguing! It is about a detective named Greg Johnson who is on the search for a teacher, Jessie Croft. She has mysteriously disappeared in the town of Wiluna!

Also, a new webpage has been developed as well called www.aussieyarns.com which summarises both novels as well as a third that he is currently working on. It is based in 1902 and is set in an Aboriginal prison in Rottnest. He loves to focus on Australian and Australian people in his novels and his fictional work in solely based on his experiences working in remote and rural places of Australia.

He has a confident voice, and knows how to talk with great expression. He also lived in the Kimberley and there are also short stories found on the Aussie Yarns website.

He is also working on “Turn on a light”, “Ferris Wheel” and “Life Sentence”.

On that day the single books were $30, but if you buy both it was $50. Hiding Place was published by Balboa Press, and you can also get an e-book for cheaper on the website www./bookstore.balboapress.com, and a kindle version is on Amazon for $5.30.

So, if you like reading about Aboriginal heritage with a fictional twist, this is the book for you!

Enjoy Reading!

MY DAD WAS BORN AND BREEDED IN THE Murchison gold fields and was working in a small town called Youanmi when the Second World War broke out. He applied to join the RAAF but was rejected because he was such a good “machine Miner” that he was “manpowered” (a classification that meant he was more important doing his job than being in the battlefront) because the gold industry was financially supporting Australia in the war.

In 1941 he met my mother, paid cash for a house and furnished it and then got married and moved her in. Six weeks later the mine closed and the house was worth nothing and he had no cash left.

Dad left Mum with his last pay packet and rode a push bike over 200kms to Wiluna, found a job and a house to rent then brought Mum to be with him. While they lived in Wiluna, I came along in 1943 and so I lived there for my first three and a half years and then we moved to Sandstone. Three years later when my sister Elaine went up there to work.

Elaine (my sister) went back and go back to Wiluna for her birth. The Wiluna Solution, which renewed our connection with the town. I visited her then and that is the only time I have been back since her birth.

However, Dad went to that indigenous community and dug a well to supply water for the community sometime before Elaine went up there to work. I have always kept an interest in Wiluna as my place of origin and David Goddard brought it all back with his photo of the building where I came into the world.

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ERIC TROUSON who also attended the author talk had this to say: “David showed a slide presentation of the places referred to in the book “The Wiluna Solution” that sparked my interest as he showed the old Wiluna hospital which later became the Shire offices and remained so until the mid 1960’s. My interest was that my sister and I were both born in that hospital.”

Dave Goddard—Author of The Wiluna Solution
April Merredin Markets

With the long weekend concluded by Anzac Day, the Volunteers were quite pleased with the turnout on Sunday 24th April at the Merredin Markets. With a whopping 30 stalls booked including a new Ice Cream Van that will be making regular appearance to the Markets, Lion’s Club train taking the kids on joy rides and even an appearance of Elmo!

We are encouraging anyone who would like to make a sale or get rid of some clutter out of the garage to book a stall at the markets. A DISCOUNT will apply if you book one week or more in advance. The Merredin Markets is a great family fun event, providing plenty of things to gaze upon. There is entertainment and stalls for the kids to keep the little ones happy, and plenty of stalls for the rest of the family.

The Merredin Markets are run by the Merredin CRC and volunteers, who are constantly looking for ways to improve the venue, advertising, entertainment and generally the overall experience. If you would like to talk to us, or supply some feedback, please contact us. If you would like to Volunteer your time for the Markets, get in touch with us at the CRC.
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By KIRSTY ROCHFORD

With the cold and flu season upon us, now is a good time to start taking action to prevent getting the dreaded lurgy.

Here are some things that may help:

**Wash Your Hands**

Yes, your Mum was right! One of the easiest ways to get a cold is touching other people’s leftover sneezes on pens, tables, computers, phones etc. So wash your hands throughout the day with warm soapy water. And remember to avoid touching your mouth, nose or eyes as this is how the germs will get in. Also, to be extra careful, don’t eat with your hands, instead eat food with clean utensils.

**Wipe Surfaces**

Every time someone with a cold sneezes or coughs they are leaving behind germs that would love to get to know you better. So wipe all surfaces regularly, particularly with antibacterial wash. Pay attention to computer keyboards, phones, door handles and pens.

**Boost Your Immunity**

The best way to stop a cold from taking hold is to have a strong immune system to fight it. Having a great immune system is important for so many reasons. So make sure you get some exercise, 30 minutes of walking 5 days a week is good, get plenty of sleep, and eat well. We all know what we are supposed to eat to be healthy (and if you don’t, google it), but now is the time to actually do it.

**Supplements**

Vitamin C—Vitamin C is great for the immune system and it’s also an antihistamine and anti-inflammatory which means it helps dry up a runny nose if you do start to get a cold.

Echinacea—Echinacea is also great for supporting the immune system. It contains polysaccharides, which go about the body looking for germs. Once they find them, they create leucocytes (little white blood soldiers) which fight the germ and stop your cold from taking over.

Zinc—studies on the benefit of Zinc are divided, one theory is that it reduces the amount of pro-inflammatory cytokines (molecules that tell the cells what to do) and therefore prevents inflammation during colds or other infections. Zinc also stimulates leucocytes to help fight the germs.

Garlic—Garlic is anti-inflammatory, anti-bacterial and anti-viral among a host of other great things. Garlic should be a part of your diet every day. During the cold season though, it’s important to get a higher dose than what is possible to eat. Just remember to talk to your doctor about taking garlic supplements if you are on blood thinners like Warfarin.

Vitamin E—is an antioxidant and boosts the immune system. It protects the cells when attacked by germs. It speeds up cell regeneration and slows down cell destruction when attacked.

And finally, keep it to yourself! If you do get a cold, don’t offer to shake hands, make sure they are clean before you touch anything that anyone else may come into contact with, and cover your mouth when you cough (then go and wash your hands).
What type of petrol?
Customers often ask me if they should be using regular unleaded or premium unleaded in their small engines. Well the answer is to only use regular unleaded. Premium & High octane fuels may cause damage to the engine due to an increase in RPM and engine temperature. Each issue I will be providing information related to outdoor power equipment. If you have a question you would like answered about your lawnmower, chainsaw, line trimmer or other piece of equipment just email it to chris@merredinmowers.com.au.

The Travelling Phoenix

By DEBBIE MORRIS

The Wheatbelt Mercury used to have a section that showed the Mercury travelling to other destinations and this was thought to be something that could be continued by the Phoenix.

To start it off the CRC Coordinator, Debbie Morris and husband Martin recently travelled to Sydney to watch the West Coast Eagles play the Sydney Swans (unfortunately the Eagles didn’t win). They had planned to have a photo on top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge whilst doing the bridge walk, but there are very strict rules which include not taking anything on the walk, so decided to have a photo at ANZ Stadium (Sydney Olympic Park) while doing the Stadium tour.

The Stadium was home ground to the Sydney Swans until they changed permanently to the Sydney Cricket Ground. The Stadium is now used for Rugby League and Union, Big Bash Cricket, Soccer and major entertainment and corporate events and functions.

If anyone is travelling, please take a copy of the Phoenix and send through a photo and a bit of a story of where you are.

Promoting the Phoenix is promoting Merredin and the region.
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**GOVERNMENT HOME IN TOP LOCATION**

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**Will Morris**
Going Batty in Merredin

By GRANT STAINER

Around 50 people attended the bat workshop and associated night stalk on Saturday the 23 April, where we learnt about bats and their habits, were able to deconstruct and reconstruct bat boxes, and then see some of our local bats at Merredin Peak Nature Reserve.

This free event was organised by Wheatbelt NRM, and the workshop was hosted by the Merredin Men’s Shed.

The workshop presenter and bat enthusiast Joe Tonga spoke about the variety of species, their sizes and behaviours, and the bat boxes he has designed and built.

Key points of interest included that medium sized bats will eat around 1000 mosquitoes per night, that there are about 6 different species in Merredin alone, and that around one fifth of the world’s mammals are bats. Also, bat pups are born naked.

Bat boxes are important due to the continual reduction in bat habitat, especially the reduction in the number of suitable tree hollows for nesting.

Joe Tonga explained his box design in detail, that it is best to place boxes around 4-5m above ground due to the fact that bats need to fall 1.5m to begin flight, and that it is best to face bat boxes to the east (or failing that, to the north) in order to capture warmth.

The biggest threats to bats are destruction of habitat by humans, feral cats, and feral bees.

Everyone then divided into groups and set about deconstructing bat boxes, and then rebuilding them. This gave everyone a clear idea of the important aspects of construction that are needed by bats. Mr Tonga also said that boxes need to be robust, as it can often be 1-5 years before bats move into a new box, although they will be loyal to that box after moving in.

After the box building, a nice dinner was provided, with soup, bread, salads, and barbequed food. The raffle was then announced, with several people winning bat boxes, and many others winning various books.

Michelle Marks also gave a presentation describing the great work that the Hands for Earth community group does in cleaning up the rubbish at the Merredin Peak Nature Reserve.

Everyone then travelled to Railway Dam, where Joe Tonga demonstrated the use of his various gadgets and gizmos, including bat call detectors, thermal imaging, ultraviolet torch, animal-sound simulator, and night vision scope.

The ultraviolet torch was a particular hit with the younger attendees, who were very excited about highlighting the scorpions (which is the purpose of the UV torch).

Numerous bats were seen flying through the sky, usually with a few seconds warning of their impending approach from the bat call detector/amplifier gadget.

Overall, it was a great workshop and night stalk that was enjoyed by all.
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I was born in Subiaco Perth W.A, and grew up in the south-west. I married a local boy, Barry Gibellini (no baggage just didn’t work for both of us) and have three children – Jason, Kylie (who lives in Perth) and Shane who lives in Geraldton and all are normal. I am mentally and physically fit - no past, present illnesses nor criminal convictions. For all misinformed people – neither I nor any member of my family are affiliated with bikies (however, I do enjoy riding my push bike) Non sex worker, no drugs and have never been known by any other name than Dianne (not Christine, Debbie or Karen).

Looking to make friends and find a male companion 50 – 65 age group to share the rest of our lives with (can’t have a dog at my unit BUGGER). I may not be wealthy but I do have a caring heart. I know it is a lot to ask but friends and companions text me on 0456753869. Cheers Di.
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Merredin Community Men’s Shed Saturday 7th May 9am start. If you have items to sell, bring them to the Shed before 8am. Sellers $5 per bay. The Men’s Shed will be open for viewing, come along and have a look. Sausage Sizzle, Tea or Coffee available. All enquiries to Dennis on 0411 984 123.

Sunday 1st May, Camping gear, welders, ladders, 1 metal cupboard, metal shelves, docking saw, drill press and lots of shed stuff. Timber assorted lengths and widths. 20 Railway Ave Nungarin call 9046 5008.

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Any person who wishes to object or otherwise comment upon this proposal should do so in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Merredin, PO Box 42 Merredin WA 6415, not later than 4.00pm on Tuesday 17 May 2016.

GREG POWELL
Chief Executive Officer

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Sports

By GRANT STAINER
The Merredin District Lawn Tennis Club held its season windup with an enjoyable dinner at the Northside Tavern on the 6 April.
The evening started with the AGM, where Cam Gethin was returned as president. Some of the positions changed around. Returning officer Ken Hooper thanked the outgoing committee members Rebecca McCall and Paul Madaffari, and welcomed the incoming committee members.
We then moved to the dinner tables, where we enjoyed our meals and much socialising.
After dinner, the presentation of the season’s trophy winners was held.
The Men’s Doubles Championship (prize donated by E&Y Gray) was won by Thami Ngwenya and Stephen Crook, with the runners up being lan Lane and Daniel Giles. The Ladies Doubles Championships (prize donated by K&M Hooper) was won by Emma Growden and Jessica Wallace, with the runners up being Meg Gethin and Jacinta Herbert.
The John Maghun Memorial Trophy Mixed Doubles Championship was won by Todd Clemenha and Emma Growden, with the runners up being Canray Gethin and Rebecca McCall.
The Ladies’ Singles Championship was won by Tenille Hooper, with the runner up being Luke Growden.
The Men’s Singles Championship was won by Camray Gethin, with the runner up being Luke Growden.
After the presentations, Cam Gethin and Rebecca McCall read out some email correspondence from between themselves when they were looking for tennis partners before the Mixed Doubles Championships. The emails were written in an artificially formal style, and had everyone cackling with laughter as they were read out.
Everyone then simply enjoyed the rest of the evening.

Tennis Season Finishes with Great Evening

Nukarni News
By HEATHER GILES
Nukarni Football Club started their season on Saturday 16th April playing Southern Cross at the Cross.
Nukarni 10.10 (70) to Southern Cross 9.6 (60)
Award Winners: Liam Brown - Tyre Right Merredin , Dave Snelling – Marley’s Transport, Noel Moseley - Byfields, Tom Melville – Merredin Panel & Paint. Special mention to Zac Alvaro on kicking the game winning goal.
The League were beaten by Southern Cross 11.6 (72) to Nukarni 8.10 (58)

East Avon Women’s Hockey Lightning Carnival
The Lightning Carnival was held on Saturday 23rd April, as the lead into the 2016 season. The Carnival was hosted by Burracoppin Ladies Hockey Club, who are the organising club and Executive for the 2016 East Avon Women’s Hockey season.
Dowerin joined the East Avon teams of Burracoppin, Cunderdin, Kellerberrin, Meckering, Merredin, Quairading and Tammin.
The Marg Shenton Best Dressed Team went to Cunderdin.
The Final saw Cunderdin play Merredin, with Merredin winning 5-2.
Good luck to all teams for the 2016 season.
Sports

By SHARON SOUTHALL

Summer Cup
Final round of Summer Golf was played on 10th April. Overall winner was Lyndsay Barker and runner-up was Rob Gearing. Response to Summer Golf was very good, well done to Captain Justin Watts for reintroducing this to the golf calendar.

Winter Golf
Opening Day for winter golf was held on 16th April with 31 players coming out to play a two person ambrose. Thankyou to sponsor for the day Cellarbrations Merredin.

Club Patron Syd Crees opened the 2016 season by addressing the players and hitting the first ball for the season. Winners for Opening day was the pairing of Lenny Jones and Simon Kenward. Runners-up only half stroke behind was Gerrard Rennie and Peter Western. Third place Rob Gearing and Shaun Avery. Nearest the pin #4 and #13 Rob Broomhall. Nearest the pin on #14 Shaun Avery and nearest the pin on #16 was Ron Coleman.

Sunday 17th April was Club Day Stableford. Winner on a great score of 38 points was Trevor Waterhouse, runner-up on 35 points was Peter Western. Nearest the pin Gerrard Rennie, best second shot on #2 Grevne Motzel and longest putt on #18 Peter Western.

Saturday 23rd Landmark Merredin Trophy, Sunday 24th Club Day Wednesday 27th May: Ladies Opening Day 10 holes Stableford.
Saturday 30th Merredin Carr Care Trophy, Sunday 1st May Round 1 LIP’s Match Play (mixed) and Stableford for players not participating in the match play.

Reminder to all members that if you have some spare time during the week then head down to the club and check the board, from next week there will be a list of jobs that need to be attended to and we would appreciate as much help as possible.

Happy Golfing.

The Cats
By MATT BALTOVICH

The Cats faced off against cross town rivals Nukarni on the weekend, and although showing signs of improvement, were no match for the Demons.

The Reserves were missing all seven of its experienced soldiers, and the young side struggled all day to apply any scoreboard pressure. During the week the focus on the training track was aggression and pressure, and to the young kids’ credit they delivered on that, coming out a lot more fierce than the week before. After a tight first half, the Demons’ older and bigger bodied team pulled away, running out comfortable winners.

Davis’ (Captain for the day) finger received a lovely dislocation; check out the photo on the Facebook page if you haven't seen it already. David Lindroth played an excellent game off half back, with Kane Lewis and Ben Welsh continuing their strong starts to the season. We welcome back hundreds of games of experience this week against the might of Kulin/Kondinin, and the boys will be looking to get the first win on he board.

The League side were missing two of their premier on ballers in Tanner and Litterick for the derby, but the early signs were very promising. Burra should’ve held the lead at quarter time, with a few misses from new recruit Andrews proving the difference.

A third quarter comeback where Burra kicked 6 unanswered goals had the boys fired up and looking ready to launch a final assault in the fourth, but to the Demons credit they were able to stem the flow and run out the game stronger. The boys will be ruing the missed opportunities they had to get a win over the Demons for the first time in half a decade. Darren Flockhart and Shaun Trenex were excellent down back, with Ben Hadland receiving the John Crook medal.

Thanks to our sponsors Wheatbelt Country Supplies and Merredin Panel and Paint for the awards which were presented after the game.