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New Ideas

Do you have any new ideas for The Dryblower?

We are looking for ideas, old photos, stories or poems. If you have any of the above or would like to have a regular article published in the Dryblower, please let us know. Fill in the suggestion form below and drop it in to the Cue CRC or email your ideas to us at info@cuecrc.net.au. We will take all ideas into consideration.

Suggestion Form

Name: _____

Email: _____

Yes/No: Can the Cue CRC contact you in regards to your suggestion?

SUGGESTION:

Cue CRC Report

The gazebo and decking at the CRC has been completed and looks fantastic. We are making plans to make use of the gazebo for workshops, morning teas and whatever we can come up with. We are having a opening for the gazebo on the 13th April, this will be a community event, so everyone is welcome to attend.



In April we have quite a few things happening at the CRC including the usual craft groups on Wednesday, walking group on Thursday afternoon, morning tea on Friday, the gazebo opening on the 13th April, craft workshops are starting back up and so are Sunday markets.

For our first craft workshop this year we are going to learning how to etch on glass using etching cream and adhesive vinyl (which will be cut out on our Cricut cutting machine. Check the poster further into this edition.

Our first Sunday Markets are going to be on the 28th April, and will continue to be on the last Sunday of the month throughout the tourist season.

Julie Humphreys
Manager



CHC News

In the past, a food safe or meat safe was a wooden cupboard with doors and sides open to the air apart from a covering of fine galvanised wire mesh. This allowed the air to circulate while keeping insects out. Our example has some patches on the side which have been sewn together with wire. This safe was recently collected from a distant station and was used from 1890 - 1930. There is a single shelf in both the upper and lower compartments and is made of wood throughout. It is a large safe on legs and was designed to keep on the verandah outside the house in the fresh air, somewhere where it was cool, shaded and draughty.

The CHC also has a 1920s perforated metal food safe which hung under a verandah or shady tree. Its four feet would sit in water to prevent ants access and a small bowl filled with water on the top prevented ants from moving down the chain to get inside.

The many holes allowed air to flow through. A wet hessian bag would be draped over the top and sides and any breeze would cause the water to evaporate. This cooled the air inside the safe to prolong the life of meat and dairy products. It has a single shelf and a couple of hooks inside for hanging lightweight items.

The Coolgardie Safe was invented in the late 1890s on the Western Australian goldfields. It was different to the above two items because on top of the cabinet, a tank was filled with water and strips of felt trailed down from the tank to the hessian sides. Through a wicking action, water dripped onto the hessian, keeping it damp. The CHC is looking for a Coolgardie Safe to add to the collection of pre-refrigeration items so please keep a lookout for one.



By Sandra Box

**CUE HERITAGE
CENTRE**

GAZEBO OPENING

Join us at the
Cue CRC on:

Saturday
13th April
6.00pm

MUSIC WILL START
FROM 5:30PM

**FREE
EVENT**



BYO Alcohol
nibbles provided

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PLEASE NOTE: As this an event with alcohol, children are restricted
from attending.

ASHLEY FRIESEN

DIY ETCHING WORKSHOP

SUNDAY
21st April
10.00am
@Cue CRC

Learn how to etch on a glass or a bottle using adhesive vinyl and etching cream. And of course your Cricut cutting machine.

Everything provided.



For more information or to book your place, please contact the Cue CRC on 9963 1198 or email us at info@cuecrc.net.au

CRICUT CRAFT



HAVE FUN AND RELAX WITH

Barefoot Bowls



FREE

Every Wednesday Night

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Bowling Green is beside the Town Hall

Equipment supplied

BYO refreshments

(No flippers!!!!)

Enquires: Tracy at the Shire Office 9963 8600



From the CEO

This month we farewelled Jonathan Stanley from Westgold Resources Limited Cue Operation as he has transferred to Westgold's Fortnum Mine. We thank Jonathan for his positive interactions with the Shire and people of Cue and wish him all the best. I would also like to welcome Jacob Mesiha to the role.

Westgold Resources Limited Managing Director Wayne Bramwell will be at the Cue Shire Hall on Monday 8 April 2024 at 5:30pm for a community update. Wayne will discuss Westgold's operations.

Meekatharra Airport has been closed this month due to their runway being resealed, so all Meekatharra flights have been diverted to the Cue Aerodrome. This has seen a significant increase in air traffic and landing fees for the Shire. The Shire of Meekatharra are due to finish the sealing works at the end of March 2024.

On Friday 8 March 2024 I attended the Local Government Professionals WA Mid West Branch meeting in Morawa. Some of the topics covered on the day included the creation of vibrant public spaces for pedestrian amenity and to support social interaction and community engagement. There was a demonstration on recording equipment for capturing Council meetings which will become a legislated requirement from January 2025.

Shire President Les Price and I attended several meetings in Geraldton on the 11 & 12 March 2024. We attended the Local Government and Mining in the Murchison Region Forum, the Murchison Executive Group meeting, and the Regional Road Group Murchison Subgroup meeting over the two days. The Local Government and Mining in the Murchison Forum is looking at ways to align mining companies environmental, social and governance initiatives to Local Government Strategic Plans and the Murchison Regional Strategy. The Murchison Executive Group are exploring solutions to affordable housing in the Murchison region and the Regional Road Group had a focus on the condition of the Geraldton-Mt Magnet Road and the heavy vehicles utilising the road.

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions had a meeting with me in Cue with regards to suitable locations for their operations. They have asked for the Shire of Cue to draw up a lease agreement for Lot 592 Heydon Place, Cue.

Horizon Power announced on 26 March 2024 every home in Cue can now apply for roof top solar due to their Smart Connect Solar technology being activated. For further information visit the Horizon Power website page "Introducing Smart Connect Solar" www.horizonpower.com.au/about-us/news-announcements/introducing-smart-connect-solar/

On Friday 22 March 2024 Shire President Les Price and I attended the black-tie world premiere of the movie Before Dawn held at Reading Cinemas in Belmont with 1,500 attendees. The film is a WA made World War 1 drama by Jordan Prince-Wright with some of the filming undertaken at Coodardy Station.



Filming on Coodardy Station

Don't forget Barefoot Bowls is on every Wednesday night from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. All equipment is provided free of charge. Everyone is welcome to come along and have a game.

We ask everyone to be vigilant as snakes are still present in and around town. Please use caution when out walking. Keeping grass short and cleaning up around the yard will help to keep them away. In February 2024 a number of Shire workers completed a Snake Handling Course. Once the Shire has secured the correct equipment, we may be able to assist in the removal of snakes, when required.

The Shire has some blocks of land for sale that have been taken possession by the Shire for non-payment of rates. More information is available on the Shire notice boards and website.

Dog owners are reminded of their obligations to keep their dogs contained within the boundaries of their property or on a leash while walking. Please be considerate of others as it can be quite confronting to be approached by an unknown dog while out walking. The Shire Ranger visits the area frequently and will take action against unrestrained dogs in public places. This may result in a financial penalty to the owner. The only authorised area within the townsite where dogs are permitted to be exercised off-leash is the town oval. It is your responsibility to control and look after your pets.

Following the recent rains, mosquito fogging operations have commenced when weather conditions allow. Residents are asked to check their properties and remove any potential mosquito breeding areas, by emptying containers holding water, ensuring gutters are not holding water and checking yards for areas that hold water.

Upcoming events:

- Wednesday of every week - Barefoot Bowls
- First Tuesday of every month - Family Barefoot Bowls
- First Wednesday of every month - Seniors Morning Tea (Queen of the Murchison)
- Monday 8 April – Westgold Resources Limited Community Update (Cue Shire Hall)
- Thursday 25 April - Anzac Day
- Wednesday 22 May - Little Red in the Hood
- Tuesday 23 July - Romeo and Juliet
- Wednesday 21 August - Gina Williams and Guy House
- Wednesday 18 September - Australian Baroque Vivaldi
- Monday 11 November - Remembrance Day

Richard Towell
Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Cue

Next Ordinary Council meeting - 6:30pm Tuesday 16 April 2024



HAVE FUN AND RELAX WITH

Family Night Barefoot Bowls

(children to be accompanied by an adult)



FREE

First Tuesday of each Month

5.30pm - 7.30pm

Bowling Green is beside the Town Hall

Equipment supplied

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**MEEKATHARRA
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CUE**



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Council News

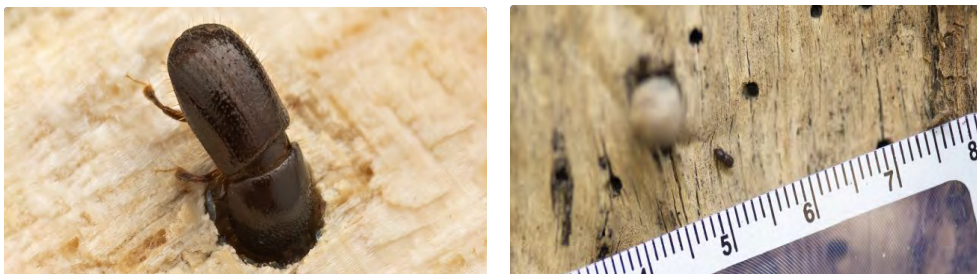
Hi to all 'Dryblower' readers,

I hope you find some interest in the monthly articles that the CRC produces. I take the opportunity to give you an insight into what is happening in and around the Shire of Cue and also more broadly within the Murchison Region.

As is becoming the norm of late, March 2024 Council activities we again focus of a lot of my time both at the Shire and Western Australian Local Government Association ('WALGA') level. On 6th March 2024 I attended the WALGA State Council Meeting in Perth to represent the Murchison Country Zone where my role is to advocate for the interests of our six (6) Murchison Shires. Of course, there is always a particular interest in ensuring that matters which affect the Shire of Cue are identified and given the consideration they deserve.

Combined with the WALGA State Council meeting I attended a Strategic Forum as art of WALGA's future direction focus along with an Information Form. These Forums allow State Councillors to engage on an informal basis to canvass ideas and identify issues for future consideration by State Council. I also chaired WALGA's Environment Policy Team meeting where matters relating to environment and waste management are dissected and discussed. The team also looks at a wide range of topics which include the emerging electric vehicle sector as well as dealing with the State Government on Planning issues, Biosecurity, Biodiversity, and Climate Change.

Of particular concern across the metropolitan area is the introduction of a Southeast Asian exotic beetle referred to as the '*Polyphagus Shot-Hole Borer*'. The tiny beetle is the about the size of a sesame seed and tunnels into the trunks and branches of trees where the food source is a fungus. The fungus ultimately kills the vascular tissue of the tree causing dieback and tree death. The giveaway signs of the existence of the beetle in a tree are small pinholes in the trunk.



There are currently 25 Local Governments which have now been quarantined as the spread of the beetle is becoming uncontrollable and widespread. Trees in Fremantle, Claremont, Kings Park, Perth Zoo and Hyde Park are currently being removed by The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) to prevent the spread of the exotic beetle. The spread in the metropolitan area is being hastened through green waste collection services by contractors and Local Governments and ending up at refuse sites.

The State Government is currently introducing reforms to the *Local Government Act 1995*. Many of these reforms will impact the way we operate our Local Governments across the State. I attended a webinar delivered by John Carey MLA, the Minister for Local Government and Mr. Tim Fraser, A/ deputy Director General Department Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries ('DLGSC') on the progress of the introduction of the 1st tranche of the reforms. The Bill was passed by the WA Parliament on 11 May 2023 and focuses on electoral reform, which is designed to strengthen local democracy and provide greater transparency and accountability. There will be a series of further webinars as the 2nd tranche is introduced.

As we are aware a State election is looming and expected to be held around March 2025. On 7th March 2024 I and other State Councillors attended a workshop run by WALGA to determine the sector's key asks in advance of the State election. The workshop was designed to develop our advocacy campaign around these priorities, and this will become a key focus of our work in 2024. State Council's input to this process will be crucial and I welcome any feedback as to the issues and priorities you would like advanced ahead of the election.



On Friday 1st March I was fortunate to be able to attend a Shire run Snake Handling Course. This was a fascinating workshop and I now have a new respect for our local snakes. The course was delivered by Mr. Gary Davies from 'West Aussie Reptiles' whose knowledge on how to handle snakes, read their body language, and generally understand what snakes react to is second to none. The course accreditation was through 'Desert to Coast Training and Assessing'. Given an opportunity, this is a course well worth attending as it could lessen the chances of being bitten and potentially save lives. We now have a number of our Shire workers who have some basic snake handling skills so if you see a snake within the proximity of your homes, please feel free to call one of our newly educated snake handlers.



On Monday 11 March I attended 'Mining Industry and Shire Relationships in the Western Australian Murchison region' with the CEO, Richard Towell. The meeting was organised by Mr. Mark Holdsworthy from Regional Development Australia (RDA) and attended by representatives from the mining sector and Local Governments. All stakeholders engaged in or impacted by mining activity in the region met to work out strategies going forward to ensure the business interests of miners and the activities of Local Government could work in harmony.

Professor Fiona Haslam McKenzie from the University of Western Australia Winthrop Research Professorial Fellow undertook extensive research to understand the extent and impact of mining in the region taking into consideration the environmental, social, and governance impacts and responsibilities of mining companies. Her report was well received. There is still a lot more to do to build strong relationships with our mining community. Development within our Shire is essential and here to stay and, as a Council, we are mindful that these miners have the largest footprint in our Shire and form the major part of our rate base. We welcome the ongoing support of our miners give to our town and hope that their new focus on environmental, social and governance ('ESG') outcomes will see further benefits flow to the town. The ESG outcomes are now becoming an essential tool for investors to assess a company's sustainability and ethical performance. The council encourages ongoing communication between the Shire and mining companies whose activities do have a lasting social and environmental impact.

On 12th March 2024 the CEO and I attended the Regional Road Group Murchison Sub Group meeting in Geraldton at the offices of the Main Roads Department to discuss all things roads and other matters affecting our regional Local Governments. The relationship between our Local Governments, the Main Roads Department ('MRD') and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services ('DFES') is essential if we are to improve and maintain the safety of our road infrastructure.

Councillors attended the monthly Forum held at the Cue Shire Council Chambers on 12th March 2024. The Forum provides an opportunity to get together and discuss current activities within the Shire and receive progress reports on the projects currently underway and what we might do for the town and those who live in it. This is a very informal meeting at which no decisions are made. Only the Council can make decisions at formally held Council meetings.

On 19th March 2024 Cue Shire Council Audit Committee Meeting was held to consider the annual Audit Report signed off by the Office of the Auditor General ('OAG') and to discuss and approve the Report for consideration by full Council at its meeting held on the same day. This is a mandatory requirement for Council and party of our ongoing obligations and responsibilities. The Council wishes to acknowledge the tireless work and efforts of the CEO, Deputy CEO and finance team for the way in which they professionally engaged with the Shires external auditors and conducted the audit with the Office of the Auditor General. We came through unscathed with no major issues or concerns for the way in which the Shire conducts its business on your behalf or complies with its statutory and regulatory obligation.

As you may be aware the movie 'Before Dawn' was partly made in the Shire of Cue and on Coodardy Station. The Shire was, and continues to be, a valued supporter of Jordon Price-Wright who directed and produced the film in the Esperance and Cue regions. Former CEO, Mr. Rob Madson encouraged the Council to consider the value of supporting the arts and culture and Council provided a financial contribution back around 2018.

The CEO and I, along with Jackie and Catherine, were invited to attend the opening of the movie in recognition of the Shire's contribution to the making of the film on location in our Shire.

This world premiere of the movie was held at Reading Cinemas in Belmont and attended by some 1,500 people from the State Government, Local Government, the film industry, actors, 'extras', support staff and others along the way who supported and contributed to the movie. The movie was the largest made entirely in WA with Australian actors by an independent film director and producer and it is a testament to Jordon and his father Jeffrey Prince-Wright for their passion and dedication to the film industry. I am sure Jordan will produce many more films. The occasion was a red carpet and black tie affair. The Shire was featured prominently in advertising material on all Reading Cinemas screens.



The photo above shows Jordon with the three main actors who have previously been involved in TV productions Like 'Home and Away' and other Australian produced shows.

2024 continues be very busy and I and all Councillors look forward to hearing from you should you wish to raise and discuss any issue that is of concern to you. Please feel free to contact anyone of the Councillors as we are here to represent you and the interests of the wider community.

That's it from me until next month!

Shire President Les Price





Ray wins TAFE ATSI Student of the Year Award

Congratulations to Raymond Binsiar who took-out the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award at this week’s Central Regional TAFE Graduation and Major Awards night in Kalgoorlie.

Raymond, who late last year completed a four-year apprenticeship with Westgold as a diesel fitter, is now employed full-time at our Bluebird Underground Mine.

Raymond’s lecturer at TAFE said he excelled at both theory and practical tasks and finished the unit in record time.

Westgold Project and Planning Superintendent Nian Weary said from the beginning of his apprenticeship Ray demonstrated a willingness to take on challenging tasks even if failure was a possibility.

“His adaptability to the evolving demands of the business has been exceptional. Moreover, Ray has exhibited maturity in managing apprentice training in Kalgoorlie far from his home base in Meekatharra whilst balancing family and work commitments.

“We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Ray on being chosen the Aboriginal Student of the Year for 2023.”

In 2018, Ray also won the ABC’s Heywire storytelling competition, which encourages young people to talk about their life living in rural and regional Australia.



Choose Safety



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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Please join Wayne Bramwell, our Managing Director, for a community update at the Cue Town Hall. Wayne will discuss Westgold's operations and looks forward to meeting local community members.

Date 8 April 2024

Time 5:30pm

Location Cue Town Hall



Wayne Bramwell

Managing Director, Westgold Resources Limited

If you have any questions prior to the update, please contact our Community Relations Superintendent: John Isgar.

We hope to see you there.

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A close-up photograph of a male plumber with a beard, wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt, focused on adjusting a modern chrome kitchen faucet. He is leaning over a stainless steel sink. The background is slightly blurred, showing a window and a white countertop. A large blue rectangular box is overlaid on the top left of the image, containing white text.

FREE Plumbing Service

Do you have a sneaky leak, dripping tap or toilet you've been meaning to get fixed?

A running tap can use up to 10 litres per minute, while a constant trickle in the toilet bowl wastes 9,000 litres of water a year! It's crucial to reach out to a plumber to ensure you have a water-efficient home.

The Water Corporation are currently offering Cue residents a FREE Plumbing Service from a licensed plumber, including fixing minor leaks on taps, toilets and showers.

To apply for a FREE plumbing service visit: www.watercorporation.com.au/plumbingservice

Terms & Conditions apply. Offer available until 31st May 2024



Police Beat

Hello Cue

The period since Christmas has been relatively good crime-wise with only a few minor offences being committed by juveniles. Most of those offences have been resolved by way of court appearances, Juvenile Justice Team referrals and Written cautions issued to the younger ones involved.

It was with great sadness that we had the funeral of Mr Rodney DONGARRA which was a great celebration of his life and I think most people learnt something knew about RD during the service. I know I did have a beer with him on the odd occasion and he certainly had some colorful stories about growing up in Cue. It was disrespectful that after the funeral some of the families decided to argue and fight, which continued for a number of days afterwards. It's time for a few people to grow up.

And again, the cooler weather is here, and the lost prospector season has already started. The latest being in Meekatharra where two men from Perth went out in the last of the heat and became lost. This cost both their lives in a short time because they were not prepared. Please, if you or your family are doing this, be well prepared. If you're one of the experienced mob at the caravan park, when you're sitting round the fire having a beer at night, get into the newbies to ensure they are prepared.

Last month I spoke of a serious offender that I'd been looking for since arriving from Perth. Well, I finally caught up with the suspect yesterday in the beer garden at the pub. As a lot of you had guessed, it was of course Pam (not Geoff).

Since coming to Cue one of the many jobs we do is have a walk through our well-run Murchison Hotel and I don't think there was a night I walked in there and Pam wasn't sitting in the corner with a big smile. We would often have a chat and during those conversations, my training (preclusion) alerted me to the fact Pam was eyeing off my handcuffs. This meant she was either hiding something or wanted to be handcuffed. As it turns out, it was the latter so I promised her one day I would walk her out the front door in handcuffs. So, on my last shift this happened!!!

Thanks for playing along Pam.



This will be my last Dryblower article as we leave town and head into some leave before retirement. Julie and I have loved our time in Cue but it's that time when we both need to go back to Perth to be near our parents.

I was keen to write a list of people to thank during our time in Cue, but I figured most people in town would crack a mention. I can't mention you all, but I will give a few special mentions below:

Pete and Joe for their support at the station. These guys don't get paid on call for after-hours work but every time I call them, they answer the phone and are there to help the community. (Pete is now moving on and we don't which new staff will arrive yet)

The Shire of Cue for their ongoing work in the community trying to make it safe (which it is) for everyone. Their financial support goes a long way in reducing crime and their staff for all their volunteer work is to be applauded.

The Cue Primary School was always welcoming, and Neil and Mel put a lot of extra effort into with the local kids. There was the Marlu Junior Football League which I got to be a part of and hope everyone gets behind again. They also supported the kids after hours, which assisted us when responding to jobs.

Westgold for being supportive of the town and their financial assistance with the football and being a good corporate citizen by trying to get local people into mining by supporting them with jobs and futures.

Once again, thank you for your friendship and support over the past almost 2.5 years and we will definitely be dropping by for a few days in the caravan in the future.

We wish you all the best.

Regards

Mark and Julie

Little Red in the Hood

By A.J. Bailey

FREE



JALLY
ENTERTAINMENT

A FAMILY FRIENDLY INTERACTIVE PERFORMANCE

DATE: Thursday 16th May 2024

VENUE: TOWN HALL

TIME: 6.30PM

Dinner and refreshments provided

ALL BOOKINGS PLEASE CALL

Shire of Cue

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the
Murchison

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Wednesday of
the month
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Auraria: Part 4

A fictitious story of a small gold mining town in the Western Australian outback.

The Mother Lode

The discovery of the mother lode had unleashed an enthusiasm in Auraria. Miners flocked to their claims, driven by the promise of untold wealth hidden beneath the red earth. The town's hills, once dotted with lone prospectors, now resembled an army of hopefuls, each digging and sifting through the soil in pursuit of the next big find.

Jack "Lucky" O'Reilly's claim became the focal point of the town. Other prospectors watched in awe as he extracted nuggets of gold, each find more spectacular than the last. His success fired up the belief that Auraria was destined for greatness, and the townspeople began to see their fortunes tied to the prospector.

But as the initial rush subsided, whispers of uncertainty permeated the air. Miners, having exhausted their claims without striking gold, faced the harsh reality of the outback. The dreams that had drawn them to Auraria now seemed elusive, leaving behind only the harshness of the desert sun and the unyielding earth.

A sense of competition and tension emerged as miners vied for the remaining viable claims. Disputes over boundaries and resources became commonplace, and the once united community faced the strains of individual ambitions. The promise of gold, which had once united them, now threatened to divide.

Amid this evolving drama, Jack O'Reilly stood at the crossroads. His leadership, once unquestioned, faced its first test. The legacy of the mother lode hung in the balance, and the fate of Auraria was uncertain. As the sun dipped below the horizon, casting long shadows over the town, the golden glow of newfound prosperity began to reveal the shadows of challenges that lay ahead.



CUE YOUTH CENTRE 2024

SO FAR IT HAS BEEN A GOOD YEAR AT THE YOUTH CENTRE

WE HAD FAIR GAME IN FOR THE DAY AND THEY DID SOME FUN ACTIVITIES WITH THE KIDS





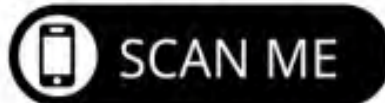
FOOTBALL STARTS

FIRST GAME IN CUE.

**SATURDAY 27TH APRIL 2024
10:30AM-12:30PM**

Scan the code below to register your child for the Murchison Junior Football League.

REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY TO PLAY ON THE DAY.



<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/a44fb6>

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MEEKATHARRA: Wes Ward 0456 183 354

MT MAGNET: Celica Kelly 0499 562 174

CUE: Michelle Lowen or Tracy Bachraty 9963 8600

Be a witness to your kids success!



FOOTBALL FIXTURES

FIRST GAME IN CUE.

**SATURDAY 27TH APRIL 2024
10:30AM-12:30PM**

REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY TO PLAY ON THE DAY.

Week 1.	27th April	Cue
Week 2.	4th May	Cue
Week 3.	11th May	Meekatharra
Week 4.	18th May	Cue
Week 5.	25th May	Mt Magnet
Week 6.	1st June	Cue
Week 7.	8th June	Cue
Week 8.	15th June	Mt Magnet
Week 9.	22nd June	Cue

School Holidays 29th June 2024 - 14 July 2024

Week 10.	20th July	Meekatharra
Week 11.	27th July	Cue
Week 12.	3rd August	Final Game to be decided.....

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**ANZAC DAY
DAWN SERVICE
Thursday 25 April 2024**

**Assemble: 6.00 am
Arthur Gurney Memorial Park
(Next to the Cue Shire Admin)**

**Following the service breakfast will be
served at the
Murchison Club Hotel**

Peter Foster MLC

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Cue Community Resource Centre

SUNDAY MARKETS



WE OFFER:

- ✓ CRC OPEN
- ✓ Market Stalls
- ✓ Homewares
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Tea & Coffee
- ✓ other goodies

28th April
10:00am

For more information or to book a market stall, please contact the Cue CRC on: 08 9963 1198 or email info@cuecrc.net.au.

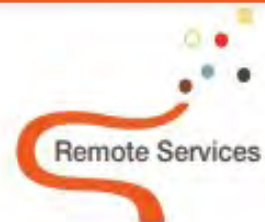
Cue Community Resource Centre

BOOK A STALL

For Sunday Markets
to be held on

28th April
10:00am

Contact the Cue CRC on:
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info@cuecrc.net.au
to book a stall.



Department of Transport Remote Services

Visiting: Cue Community Resource Centre

When: Monday 15th April, from 1pm

Where: 72 Austin Street, Cue WA 6640

We will be able to help you with the following services:

- theory test
- photo card applications
- driver's licence applications
- change of address
- registration and driver's licence renewals
- vehicle transfers
- return of vehicle plates
- driving assessments

To enable us to help you, please ensure you bring your birth certificate, Medicare card, bank card and two types of proof of residency, along with cash or card for payment.

For enquiries please call: Karen - 9216 8194

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April 2024

RFDS:

Tuesday 2nd

Tuesday 16th

Tuesday 30th

**Please contact the
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GRAMS.**

Dates were correct at time of print.
Please contact the Nursing Post to
confirm dates (08) 9963 0100.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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In case of emergency please call

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Join us for

**CUE CRC
MORNING TEA
EVERY FRIDAY @ 10AM**



GOLD COIN DONATION

Proceeds go to 2024 Biggest Morning Tea.

For more information contact the
Cue CRC on 9963 1198
info@cuecrc.net.au



BIGGEST MORNING TEA

DONATIONS WANTED

We would appreciate donations of:

- Cakes
- Brownies
- Cupcakes
- Cheesecakes
- Biscuits etc



The Biggest Morning Tea is coming up fast and we would love to get some help. Donations of baked goods is always great and helps us raise the much needed funds for Cancer research, but if you could donate some time on the day that would be awesome. Please contact us at the Cue CRC for any assistance you can provide.

 info@cuecrc.net.au

 08 9963 1198

LOGIC PUZZLE

		names					drinks					vices				
		Charles	Chris	Cindy	Lila	Patricia	cherry cola	diet cola	grape soda	orange soda	root beer	chocolate	reality tv	shopping	smoking	soap operas
orders	1st															
	2nd															
	4th															
	6th															
	9th															
vices	chocolate															
	reality tv															
	shopping															
	smoking															
	soap operas															
drinks	cherry cola															
	diet cola															
	grape soda															
	orange soda															
	root beer															

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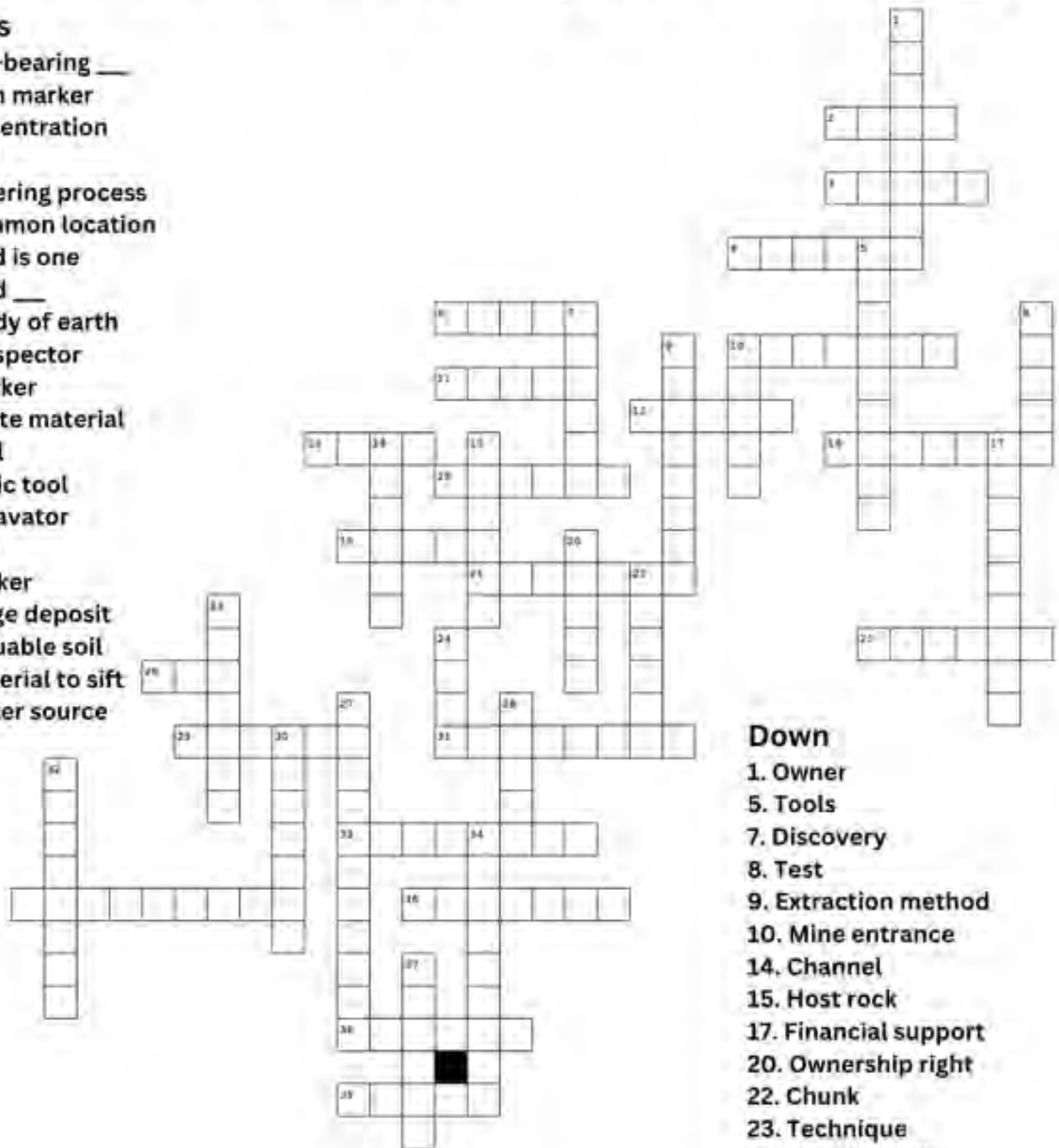
1. The person whose vice is shopping doesn't like root beer, cherry cola or grape soda.
2. Cindy is farther down the line than the one who likes orange soda.
3. The person 2nd in line doesn't like shopping
4. Cindy is farther down the line than the one who likes root beer.
5. The one who likes cherry cola is farther down the line than the person who likes reality tv and the person who enjoys reality tv doesn't like diet cola.
6. Charles doesn't like diet cola but is either the smoker or the one who likes soap operas.
7. The one who likes chocolate is not Chris and doesn't like grape soda. Chris is 9th in line. And loves cherry cola.
8. Between the person who smokes and Patricia, one is 6th and the other loves root beer.
9. The 5 people were the one who is 9th, Cindy, the one who likes orange soda, the smoker and the one 4th in line.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Gold Prospecting

Across

- 2. Gold-bearing ___
- 3. Claim marker
- 4. Concentration
- 6. Gold
- 10. Filtering process
- 11. Common location
- 12. Gold is one
- 13. Gold ___
- 16. Study of earth
- 18. Prospector
- 19. Worker
- 21. Waste material
- 25. Tool
- 26. Basic tool
- 29. Excavator
- 31. Dig
- 33. Seeker
- 35. Large deposit
- 36. Valuable soil
- 38. Material to sift
- 39. Water source



Down

- 1. Owner
- 5. Tools
- 7. Discovery
- 8. Test
- 9. Extraction method
- 10. Mine entrance
- 14. Channel
- 15. Host rock
- 17. Financial support
- 20. Ownership right
- 22. Chunk
- 23. Technique
- 24. Rich deposit
- 27. Activity
- 28. Measurement
- 30. Shine
- 32. Gold rush era
- 34. Concentrated deposit
- 37. Small pieces

Crossword supplied by
Shane Baker
Access Electrical



ANZAC Slice with Passionfruit Filling

INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup coconut
75g melted butter
1/2 cup condensed milk
1 1/4 cup icing sugar
2 tbs passionfruit pulp
400g ANZAC Biscuits

DIRECTIONS

1. Finely crumb ANZAC biscuits in a food processor.
2. Place crumbs into a large bowl. Stir in the coconut, butter and condensed milk. Mix well.
3. Press the mix firmly into a 20cm x 30cm slice tin.
4. Refrigerate for a few hours or until firm.
5. Sift the icing sugar into a bowl, then stir in passionfruit pulp to make a firm paste. Microwave on high for 30 seconds, or until it is warm and spreadable.
6. Spread icing over the slice. Return to fridge until the icing is set, cut into squares then serve.



Lemonade Scones

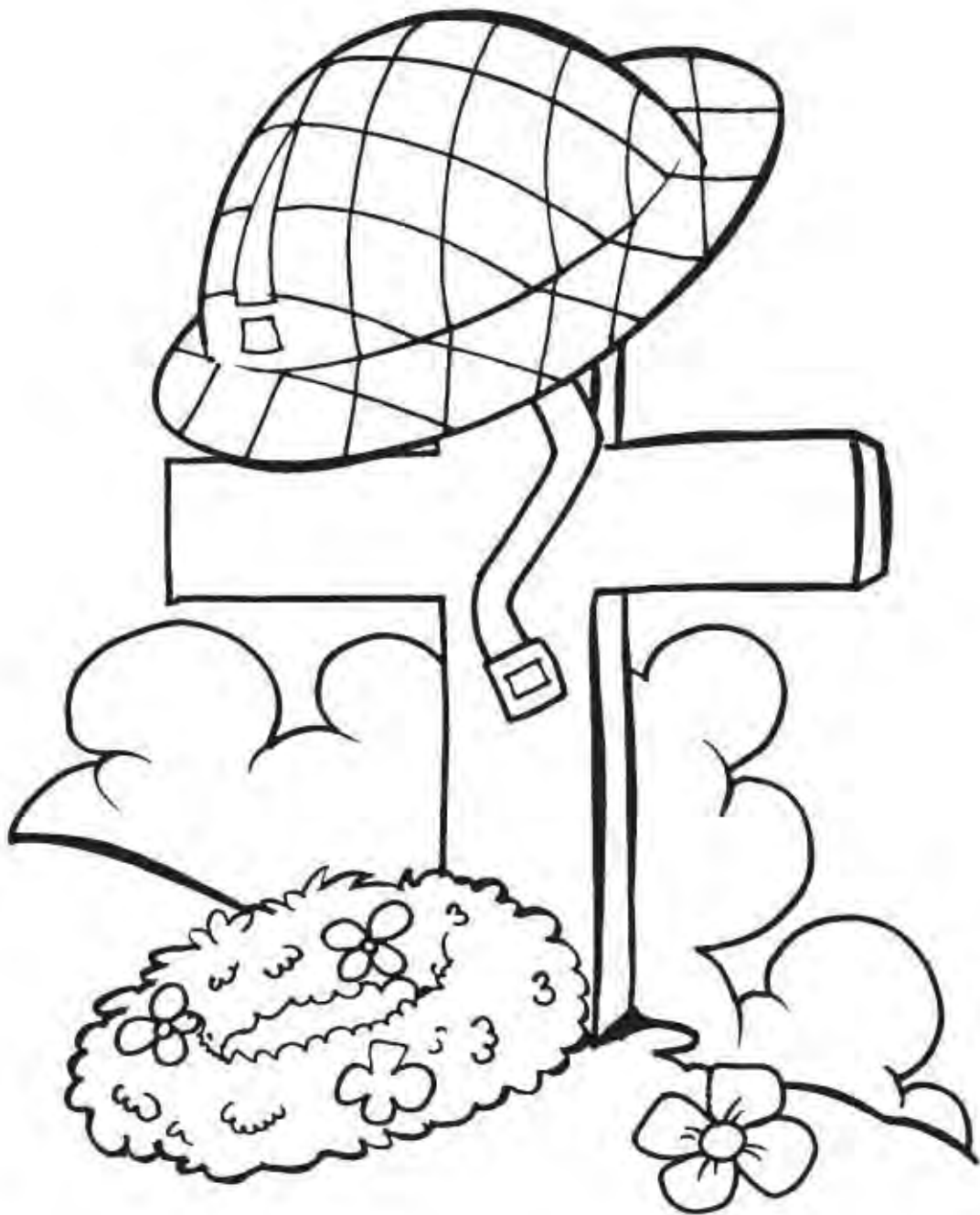
INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup of lemonade
- 1 cup of cream
- 3 cups of self-raising flour
- 1 egg

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 220 degrees Celsius.
2. Add lemonade and cream to flour, mix to form a soft dough, then place onto a floured surface.
3. Knead dough to a 2cm thickness and cut with floured cutter.
4. Place close together on a tray, brush with beaten egg and bake for 10 to 15 minutes.

Kids Pages





MARCH ANSWERS

LOGIC PUZZLE

ages	names	costumes	candy bars
31	Keith	mad scientist	3 musketeers
34	Kayla	zombie	milky way
58	Leo	werewolf	butterfinger
74	Sara	mummy	twix
84	Ciara	vampire	baby ruth

SUDOKU PUZZLE

1.

6	7	8	1	5	2	3	9	4
3	9	2	4	8	7	5	6	1
1	5	4	3	6	9	7	8	2
9	8	6	7	2	4	1	3	5
5	2	7	8	3	1	9	4	6
4	3	1	6	9	5	8	2	7
2	4	5	9	1	3	6	7	8
8	1	3	2	7	6	4	5	9
7	6	9	5	4	8	2	1	3

2.

1	3	9	7	6	5	4	2	8
5	6	7	2	8	4	9	3	1
8	2	4	1	3	9	5	6	7
9	4	6	3	1	8	7	5	2
2	8	3	4	5	7	1	9	6
7	1	5	9	2	6	8	4	3
3	5	8	6	9	1	2	7	4
4	9	2	8	7	3	6	1	5
6	7	1	5	4	2	3	8	9



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Barramundi Portions (Kimberley Aust)	1kg	\$51.00
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Barramundi Fillets	1kg	\$36.00
Red Emperor (Onslow WA)	1kg	\$57.00
Salmon Portions - Premium (Norway)	1kg	\$57.00

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Family Pies (Beef, Chicken & Leek)	850g	\$20.00
Quiche - (Spinach & Feta)	900g	\$20.00
Pizza (Hawaiian, BBQ Chicken, Supreme)	ea	\$20.00
Chicken Breast Nuggets	1kg	\$25.00
Chicken Wings & Drums (Mild or spicy)	900g	\$25.00
Chicken Sweet Chilli Tenders	800g	\$25.00
Meat Balls (Aussie BBQ)	1kg	\$25.00
Chicken Meat Roasted	1kg	\$25.00
Mini Spring Rolls - Vegetable	900g	\$27.00
Gourmet Beef Burgers (New Zealand)	1kg	\$27.00

LENARDS CHICKEN

Jumbo Chicken Burgers (8 on a tray)	1kg	\$27.00
Mignons (4 tray)	4pk	\$27.00
Enchiladas (4 tray)	1kg	\$29.00
Marinated Chicken Skewers (10 tray)	10pk	\$29.00
Garlic & Herb Schnitzel (4 tray)	1kg	\$31.00
Rolled Roast - Honey Mac or Cheese & Bacon	1kg	\$31.00
Chicken Kievs (Breast - 4 tray)	4pk	\$32.00

PRAWNS

Marinated Prawn Meat (Garlic or Chilli) (Aust')	500g	\$28.00
Garlic Prawn Skewers (10 pk) (Thailand)	500gr	\$32.00
Cooked Exmouth Endeavours (West Aust)	1kg	\$33.00
Raw Northern King (West Aust)	1kg	\$33.00
Large Cooked King Prawns (West Aust)	1kg	\$51.00
XLarge Raw Prawn Meat (Aust & Thailand)	1kg	\$51.00
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XL Raw King Prawns (West Aust)	1kg	\$51.00
Shark Bay Prawn Meat (West Aust)	1kg	\$67.00

MISC SEAFOOD

Mussels Whole (New Zealand)	1kg	\$14.00
Chilli Squid Rings (New Zealand)	500g	\$20.00
NZ Littleneck Clams (New Zealand)	1kg	\$24.00
Raw Crab Meat (Shark Bay WA)	200g	\$24.00
Seafood Marinara (Thailand)	1kg	\$24.00
Squid Tubes (New Zealand)	1kg	\$28.00
Mussel Meat (New Zealand)	1kg	\$30.00
BBQ Combination Pack (prawns, fish, squid, scallops, mussels, feeds 4)	1kg	\$31.00
Oysters ½ shell (New Zealand - South Island)	1doz	\$31.00
Scallop Meat (Tasmanian)	500g	\$37.00
Moreton Bay Bug MEAT (Queensland)	500g	\$42.00
Crayfish - vary in size 450-600gr	aver	\$37.00ea
Kinna	170gm	\$35.00

CRUMBED SEAFOOD

Fish Nuggets (New Zealand)	1kg	\$25.00
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Fish & Chips (5 fish & 1kg chips)	1.5kg	\$27.00
Salt & Pepper Squid (NZ & Thailand)	1kg	\$30.00
Prawn Fritters (Aust & Thailand)	900gr	\$31.00
Salt & Pepper Prawns (Thailand)	500gr	\$31.00
Fantail Prawn Cutlet (Thailand)	1kg	\$41.00
Fisherman's Basket (Fish, Squid, Prawns)	1.4kg	\$41.00

DESSERTS

Apple Pie - (Perfect Family Pie)	900gr	\$20.00
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Mixed Berry Crumble (Family Size)	900gr	\$20.00

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Next visit: Tuesday 9th April 2024

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APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		RFDS	Craft Group Barefoot Bowls		Morning Tea	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	WestGold town meeting	West Coast Seafood	Craft Group Barefoot Bowls		Morning Tea	Gazebo Opening
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		RFDS Council Meeting	Craft Group Barefoot Bowls		Morning Tea	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Craft Workshop			Craft Group Barefoot Bowls	ANZAC DAY	Morning Tea	
28	29	30				
Markets		RFDS				



Cue
Community Resource Centre
Your local connection

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday
9:00am to 4:00pm

Saturday
CLOSED

(may be opened throughout the tourist season)

Sunday
CLOSED

(open on market days throughout the year)

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