

MUKA NEWS

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COVID-19 stats WA: As of 29 April 2020

Cases WA: 551

Cases Wheatbelt: 9

Cases Mukinbudin: 0

Recovered WA: 500

Tested negative WA: 35,980

Deaths WA: 8

Whilst the number of cases decrease and restrictions start to relax, a reminder that if you are feeling unwell please stay home.

Social distancing requirements are still in place. However, gathering indoor or outdoor have been relaxed from 2 people to 10.

Total cases in Australia: 6,732

Total deaths Australia: 84

Statistics Information Source:
Government of WA,
Department of Health Website

ANZAC LONG WEEKEND

ANZAC DAY

SATURDAY 25th APRIL

IT WAS PLEASING TO SEE SO MANY CANDLES ETC SHINING FOR THE 6AM LAST POST PLAYED FROM THE LOUD SPEAKERS AT THE POOL. THANK YOU TO SIMON (AT THE POOL), TAYLA (AT THE FLAG), THE SHIRE, AND ALL WHO WERE CONCERNED TO MAKE THIS EVENT LIKE NO OTHER. PEOPLE IN THE CITY SAID THEY FOUND IT MORE MOVING TO GATHER ON THE VERGES ALONG THE STREETS, THAN THE BIG CROWDS AND MORE FORMAL ANZAC REMEMBRANCES. WAS GREAT TO SEE ON TV, A VERY YOUNG GIRL PLAY THE LAST POST ON HER SAXAPHONE IN FRONT OF HER HOME.



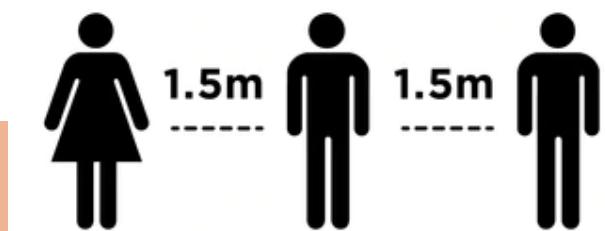
SUNDAY 26TH APRIL

About 12 people enjoyed a game of self distancing golf on Sunday 26th April. They weren't allowed to touch the flags in the holes.

Monday 27th April

The WA Government has announced some stage 3 restrictions will be relaxed from Monday, 27 April 2020, following the continued low number of new cases. Based on health advice, we can

cautiously relax the number for indoor and outdoor gatherings to a maximum of 10 people, while practising social distancing.



Sandalwood Arts and Crafts



We know everyone is keen to get back to our social circle! However Sandalwood will not start our regular Friday meetings yet. As before, the building is available for individuals to access.

Please keep track of all of your iso-SEW-lation projects so we can have a big Show and Tell when we all get back together!

If you need a key to access the building, please contact Wendy 0487471012 or Peggy 0419782227

School's gone back.

Thinking of all our teachers and staff returning to school this week to begin a difficult term ahead.

Term 2 started yesterday 29.4.2020 with parents having the option to send their kids to school or to keep them home, teaching them with school made packs.

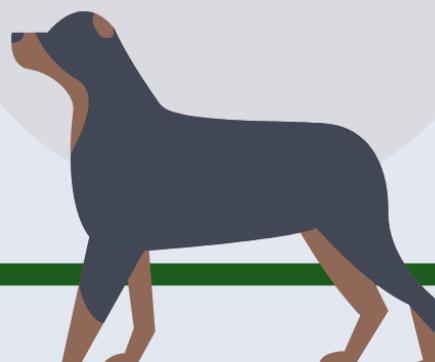
TAKING YOUR DOG FOR A WALK?

DOG OWNERS - PLEASE NOTE!

Dogs in Public Places

When in any public place in Western Australia (including the Shire of Mukinbudin), dogs must be tethered or on a leash unless the place is a designated "Dog Exercise Area". Even when in a dog exercise area, owners are still held fully responsible for the control and behavior of their animals. If a dog is found to be wandering at large or being walked by its owner off a leash in a public place, an infringement notice may be issued by Council Rangers.

The Ranger may choose to give an explanation of the laws and a warning, however it is entirely up to the discretion of the Ranger as to whether a warning or fine is appropriate.





Please note that from Tuesday 28th April, the Shire Administration Office will be open for business as usual.

However, hours will initially be restricted to 1pm - 4.30pm until further notice.

Customers will be limited to one person at a time. Please take note of social distancing signs.

Contact: Ph. 9047 2100 or admin@mukinbudin.wa.gov.au



Department of Transport

We're working for Western Australia.

Department of Transport transactions - support Mukinbudin!

Community members are encouraged to continue utilising Licensing services at the Shire of Mukinbudin Administration Office. All face-to-face transactions are of financial benefit to the Shire, keeping much-needed Licensing commission funding in our community.



MUKA DEVELOPMENT

Considering the current global economic situation due to COVID-19,
Muka is experiencing an incredibly productive time!

1. CATERPILLAR 140 Grader - arriving in town next week;
2. Shire owned 4x2 GROH house under construction on Gimlet Way;
3. Concrete pad ready for construction of Communications Room for the Bonnie Rock Bushfire Brigade;
4. Arrival of the purpose-built Early Learning Centre;
5. Sealing of the Mukinbudin-Wialki, Koorda Bullfinch, Wilgoyne and North East Roads.
6. New multi-use concrete footpath being constructed on White Street;
7. Concrete pad ready for construction of a new ablution block for the Bonnie Rock Bushfire Brigade;
8. Shire owned 4x2 GROH house under construction on Earl Drive.



Seedling



5mm of rain fell in town on ANZAC day morning, not exactly the "opening" rain, or enough to settle the dust that's flying in great clouds as farmers work dry seeding.

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR AGRICULTURAL SPRAYING

Source: www.agric.wa.gov.au

Management of Spray Drift

Best practice in the use of agricultural chemicals means that you will apply chemical only on the target area or crop.

This involves being aware of the factors that contribute to spray drift, such as the accuracy of your equipment, wind speed and direction, the proximity of sensitive areas or animals and crops. You should be prepared to cancel the operation if conditions deteriorate.

Regularly notify all your neighbours and others in the locality as appropriate for the district, having regard for:

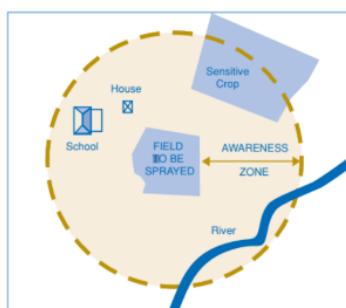
- the chemicals to be used and the intended method of application;
- your plans to minimise spray drift;
- the sensitivity of their crops or enterprises; and
- the length of notice they may need to put in place risk-minimisation practices, such as moving stock to another paddock.

Ground Application

- Notify neighbours;
- Set the release height of the boom as low as possible;
- Spray pressure should be as low as possible;
- Select nozzles that minimise the number of fine droplets that have the potential to drift;

Be Considerate

Spray drift awareness zones should take into account all areas outside the paddock that may be potentially sensitive to spray drift, e.g. - schools, dwellings, organic farms etc.



Above: Spray drift awareness zone



Happy Birthday to you!

1st May- Heather Behme, Kaitlyn Waters
2nd May- Blayne Paterson, Bronwyn Palm
3rd May- Melanie Hobbs
4th May- Lucas Watson, Hannah Gamble
5th May- Mark Congdon, Sil Piper, Keira English
6th May- Gemma Maddock, Justine O'Donnell



Mother's Day-

Sunday 10th May 2020



Much joy for grandparents

Ross and Val English, now of Triggs, with younger son Chad and partner Jess McArthur, giving birth to a dear little baby girl (13th grandchild), Hazel Yvette, born on April 21st, sister for Violet.

So many happy and wonder-filled times ahead for you



BRAIN TEASER ANSWERS FROM LAST WEEK..

"I take off my clothes when you put on your clothes. I put on my clothes when you take off your clothes. What am I?" - a coat hanger

"Many have heard me, but no one has seen me, and I will not speak back until spoken to. What am I?"- an echo

Going banana's?

Throughout the pandemic people around the world are turning to banana bread for something to bake and enjoy whilst at home.

Have you been a part of this and baked some too?

Try Jamie Oliver's recipe for banana bread listed to the right.



Tip: This works best with super-ripe bananas, so use up any that you've got at home.

Banana Bread

Ingredients

olive oil
250 g self-raising flour , plus extra for dusting
3 ripe bananas
2 tablespoons fresh apple juice
2 large free-range eggs
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 tablespoons runny honey
125 g unsalted butter , (at room temperature)

Method

Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/gas 4.
Lightly grease the bottom and sides of a 1-litre loaf tin with olive oil.

Dust the sides of the tin lightly with flour, then tap to get rid of any excess.

Peel and add the bananas to a mixing bowl.
Using a fork, mash the bananas so you've got a mixture of smooth and chunky, then put aside.
Add the apple juice and stir to combine.

In a separate bowl, beat the butter with a wooden spoon until creamy.

Crack in the eggs one at a time, beating each one in well before adding the next. It might look a little lumpy at this stage, but it will come back together.

Fold in the flour, cinnamon, honey and banana mixture, taking care not to over mix.

Roughly chop the pecans on a chopping board, if using, then fold through the mixture.

Spoon into the loaf tin, then bake in the hot oven for around 40 minutes, or until golden and cooked through.

To check if it's done, stick a cocktail stick or skewer into the middle of the loaf, remove it after 5 seconds and if it comes out clean the loaf's cooked; if it's slightly sticky it needs a bit longer.

Allow the loaf to cool slightly, then carefully turn out on to a wire rack to cool completely.

Transfer to a nice plate, cut into slices, then serve.

PETER KAYE GERAGHTY



Dad was born at Mt Lawley on the 3rd of February 1931 the second son of Victor James and Adelaide Lily Geraghty. He attended North Perth Primary, Perth Boys School and for a short time both Dad and Uncle Dud stayed with their Grandmother Mrs Johnson and went to school at Karloning. He later went to Narrogin Agricultural School where he was Dux in 1947. He never really spoke much about his younger days at Mt Lawley but I believe he was quite good at ice skating as well as a keen swimmer.



Dad came to Karloning to work for Gran after he finished school in 1948.

It was during this time that he was bitten by a snake while repairing a pump down a well and after a dash to Kununoppin Hospital and a dose of anti-venom was sent home with no ill effects. In 1952 Gran sold the farm known as Callum to Dad.

He also showed an interest in visiting the Neighbouring Tallis farm where he met Mum (June Tallis) and they were married on the 11th July 1953. I was born 1955, Neville 1957, Linda 1960 and Lee 1966.

Mallee root picking, carting hay and fencing as well as the usual seeding, harvesting, sheep work kept Dad busy. For a few years he worked in the Tig Watkins mainly with sheep.

Dad always got up early, lit the fire and made breakfast. He would cook porridge most days during winter. He often would make toast, butter it and put it in the oven. Sometimes it was more like fried bread than toast by the time we got to eat it.



Holidays especially after harvest were important to him and we had good times at Rottnest, Busselton and later at Rockingham. Dad liked the surf. Later on he bought a surfcat and many good times were had with it. August holidays when we went camping with Fergusons and Watkins held many good memories. Dad was also keen on tennis and he had a court made with lights so we could play at night. Many New Years Eve's were spent playing tennis at Callum.

In 1979 we purchased a farm at West Toodyay and Mum and Dad moved there permanently in 1987. They made many friends from the area especially Rowley and Chick Read. Rowley always referred to Dad as TOP MAN. They also became good friends with local Elders rep Kevern Read (no relation). Dad, Rowley, and Kevern enjoyed many good times together including a trip to the Mackerel Islands.

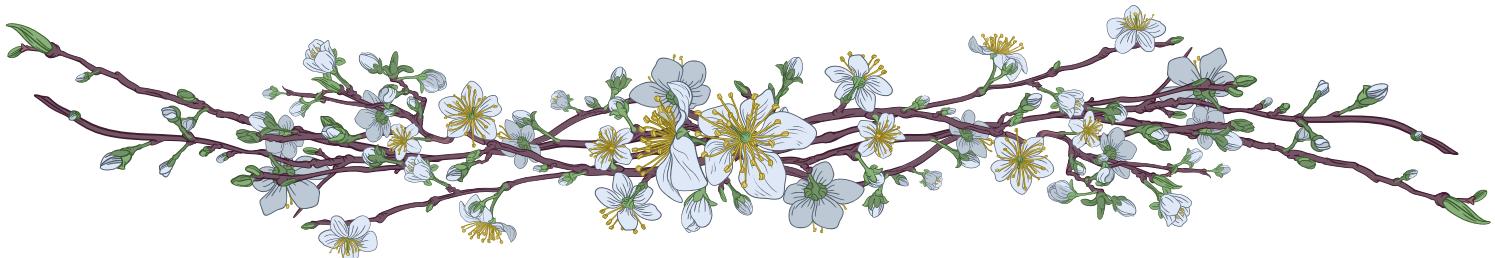
We all enjoyed our times at "Currawong." Marron in the dams, nice green paddocks with creeks running, and it used to rain a lot more there. Grandad's fluffy milo's were always a favourite with the Grand Kids.



In 2001 they sold Currawong and moved to Bullsbrook. Mum played golf at Chequers and I think Dad decided if you can't beat them join them so he took it up himself. He had a couple of mates that he used to play with most weeks and he even took on the Greens chairman's job for a couple of years. Mum and Dad made regular trips to Albury to catch up with Lee, Rhena and the Grandkids. Once they went by train and had their car transported, then drove back, I always remember because as they got to Karloning on the way back it rained. Next morning was one of the worst frosts ever.

Five years ago Dad suffered a stroke and spent about a month in hospital and although he made a good recovery his health deteriorated and he had several issues that meant him being in hospital. Eventually we were told that he couldn't go home and fortunately room was available at Ningham Lodge for both Mum and Dad. He never wanted to be in a Nursing home though he enjoyed catching up with old Muka friends, and seeing more of his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He enjoyed trips out to the farm to see the crops especially 2018 when they were exceptional. The last couple of years have not been kind to the Geraghty Family losing Grant, Geoff and Lee. Dad was greatly affected by this and not being able to attend Lee's funeral over in Albury really upset him. He recently had to go to Perth for radiotherapy treatment and missed Mum and just wanted to go back to Kunno.

Dad was highly regarded by everyone who knew him. They talked about his happy friendly attitude to life, his integrity. Dad just got on with everyone. The last time I saw him he was tired and in a lot of pain although he reckoned he wasn't. He said I just want to get out of here. You got your wish Dad. You couldn't ask for a better Husband, Dad, Grandad, and Great Grandad. We all love you and will miss you but your in peace now, no more pain. Rest in peace.



June, Chris & Sue, Neville & Karen, Linda & Families would like to thank the Mukinbudin community & friends for the beautiful cards, words of condolence, messages and phone calls for the loss of Peter.

We would also like to thank Dr. Brian Walker and caring staff at Kununoppin Hospital and Hingham Lodge for your dedicated care for Dad for last 2 years.