



# Eugowra NEWS

December 2013

*A Lions Club project for the community we serve*

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## Harvest Underway

The 2013 harvest is well underway. The lead up to the harvest season is always a tense time. Will it rain? Will it hail? Will the header keep going until all the crops are off?

There has been a little bit of rain to interrupt proceedings, and some hail. There was also a very cold snap and a late frost which reduced some yields. However the harvest is now well underway and going well.

Eugowra farmers are pleased that the Trajere Silo is open .

Patrick and Bede Anderson are pictured below, happy with their harvest.



# from the editor

Well this is our last issue for 2013 and how the year has flown by. Its been a big year for the Eugowra News and a big year for Eugowra. I feel that each month there has been a great variety of news and activity in the town for us to write about and to share with you.

The online News and facebook page have expanded our readership and our contributors and I look forward to continuing to develop all aspects of the News in the coming year.

These days we have a very reliable base of contributors without whom there would not be a News. Their work makes the job of editing a whole lot easier. I hope to welcome some new contributors next year.

I could not do this job without the assistance of Cassie Gates, she fixes up lots of the artwork that you see in these pages and puts things into a format that is easy to work with. We have a lot of fun "playing" with the layout each month. Thank you so much Cassie. Jodie Greenhalgh also finds some time in her busy schedule to help keep some of our ads and articles looking good. Thanks Jodie.

Behind the scenes Peter makes sure the News is collected from the printers each month and organises the folder uppers to meet at the Central each month, he has also taken on the responsibility for the issues we mail out. Lots of man hours go into the News each month, I believe it is a really important part of our community and hope to continue to improve it next year.

I welcome ideas and feedback from the community and would encourage you to think about what you would like to see more of in the News.

The addition of Barb Roaches column "Talk of the Town" is something I have wanted to see for a long time. I would also like to have a regular sports section, The Football was great this year wasn't it? The news from the schools and preschool is always great but what about our young people in the various High Schools ? I would love to publish some stories from you.

Enjoy the Carols by the Creek, enjoy the harvest, have a very happy Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Until February, enjoy the News,

Anne



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The season of Spring has certainly seen an array of climatic conditions. The erratic temperatures can cause problems with our plants, and so also does the wind.

We all know that rain is the best thing for our plants but we also know that we cannot always get what we want. So the next best thing is to give a good deep watering at least once a week to try to limit stress to our special trees and shrubs. Watering by a drip system for at least 4 hours or by running a sprinkler for about an hour or so is best. Mulch well to insulate roots and this will also help to limit some soil cracking.

Deep watering will encourage development of deeper root growth, which will give plants more ability to cope with hot and dry conditions. It is not a good idea to give a light watering every day as this can actually cause more problems for plants.

The wind for nearly all of Spring has been almost unrelenting and there a number of plants in our garden which are suffering because of it. Unfortunately, apart from good watering and mulching practices there is not much else we can do, except to provide windbreaks and shelter. The wind has been the cause of damage to some leaves, flowers and fruit. Especially affected is the soft developing foliage on deciduous ornamental and fruiting trees.

Fruit drop on citrus and other fruit trees may be caused from buffeting by the wind or the warmer days and then sudden cooler nights.

Again, there is not much one can do except to consider protection by wind breaks to lessen impact of the unfavourable conditions.

There are some very good commercial fertilisers available, which are said to help plants gain ability to cope with the stresses of the weather.

Summer is just beginning and we have plenty of warm weather to come, so a few favourite, colourful and easy care summer bloomers will add some cheer to your patch.

As always Petunias are a popular choice and are available in every colour of the rainbow.

Gazanias are another favourite with dazzling colours of yellow, tan, orange and pinky tones.

These plants are so tough, they hail from South Africa and that should vouch for their good drought tolerance. Purchase established plants for instant colour or mixed colour seed packets for a variety of colours. They will self seed.

I really like Zinnias because they are such tough but cheerful and colourful flowers. There is the tall, medium and dwarf growing variety in enough bright colours to create a fiesta. They make superb cut flowers, do well in hot climates and the seed heads can be collected for next year.

Succulents are still going through quite a fashionable phase, therefore Portulacas, with their succulent like stems and heaps of cheery, colourful double flowers will put on a pretty show. Because they are tough they would be a worthy plant of choice for hanging baskets, where their blooms could be viewed cascading over the sides of the basket. They grow to a height of about 20cm and a spread of 15cm.

#### **Some organic hints**

To keep ants out of fruit trees when the fruit is ripe, rub a ring of Vaseline about 10cm wide around the tree trunk.

When cutting flowers for indoors, cut stems with a slant wise cut. This will allow flowers to absorb a greater amount of water.

If you do not wear gloves when gardening, rub your fingernails across a cake of soft soap to help keep them free from dirt.

To be rid of caterpillars, spray with a mixture of flour and water. This will kill the caterpillars in just a few days.

Fill an old hot water bottle with sand and use to kneel on when gardening.

Save egg shells, soak in water. Use water to water pot plants.

Place crushed egg shells around plants. This is said to promote glossy leaves.

A piece of charcoal placed in the soil in pot plants will help to keep the soil sweet.

Grow parsley near roses, it will improve their perfume.

To help prevent powdery mildew on roses, zucchinis, cucumbers and their relatives, spray foliage with one part full cream powdered milk mixed with five parts water

Mix one part dishwashing liquid with four parts sunflower or other vegetable oil. Add to one litre of water. Mix well. Spray foliage to control sap-sucking insects.

Good organic poultry manure contains a broader content of major and micro nutrients than most complete commercial fertilisers. Use sparingly.

With Christmas just a couple of weeks away, it can be a nice idea to have a living Christmas tree. There are many types of conifers which would make a lovely specimen not only as a nice potted Christmas tree in your family room but after the season has passed it could be a nice addition to your garden, veranda or patio.

Nurseries are sure to have a good selection in stock, from the lovely small, compact bookleaf type to any of huge range of the larger varieties.

Grandparents would be delighted to receive a homemade gift from their talented and thrifty grandchildren. Use some recycled clean cans, plant with any herb or potted colour plant. Wrap with colourful Christmas wrapping, add a bow. It will be enough to make any Grandmother or Pa smile with pride, when they know their special little one has done it just for them.

I wish each of you the compliments of the Christmas season and I hope 2014 brings you and all whom you love a happy and healthy year.

“Happy Gardening” Jenny



# Caring for the Land

With Nina Hooper



Well harvest is underway well and truly, with some people to the west nearing the finish line!

Hope that those of you on headers are having not too many interruptions – it's great to hear that some of the yields have been okay as well.

It's a tense time and it will be great when it's complete so that we can take a brief pause!

Central West Lachlan Landcare in conjunction with Forbes Urban Landcare hosted a Salinity workshop and bus trip in Forbes recently.

Andrew (Woolly) Wooldridge was the presenter and he really does make the potentially dry subject of salinity come to life!

There have been many successful salinity projects over the years but it does remain an ongoing issue in both urban and rural areas.

Forbes Urban Landcare, Cooks Myalls Landcare and Terrara Landcare would be three Landcare groups that spring to mind when I think about those who have worked really hard on this issue.

I know too that there have been many Landcarers in the Eugowra area battling the problem.

The Lachlan CMA Farm Planning offer has been extended to the 1st of February.

The course is online and you have until April to complete it and claim back your enrolment fee.

I have long been a farm planning advocate – I feel that having one - in whatever form – on the computer or in hard copy is such a great guide for planning what's going to be happening with your farm now and into the future.

And it's a great communication tool for the family to each other, to advisors and to the banks.

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Best of all you can try out ideas on paper – or photo – before you have to spend money and try them for real.

If you are keen on a farm planning course talk to Melissa Henry on 0263 851018 and she will be able to help you enroll!

The Prograze course the Lachlan CMA has scheduled for Condobolin has also been left open, with the thought of running the course in early 2014.

It really is a great course and very practical and hands-on – fat scoring, pasture assessment and feed budgeting

are all handy skills – especially for the dry times that are never far away.

Once again call Melissa if you would like to enquire.

And a shout out this week to the kids of St Josephs, Eugowra who spent some time learning about Aboriginal culture at the Forbes Lake recently.

It is great to see all of our local schools so eager to learn about the environment and aboriginal culture!

There will be lots more school opportunities in 2014 – with Envirostories running again, Kids Teaching Kids with a sustainable Agriculture theme and of course Eco Day.

Local Land Services moves a bit closer to fruition with the announcement of some appointed board members this week.

The Central Tablelands LLS will have Reg Kidd, Pip Job and Ian Rogan and the Central West LLS will have Bob Freebairn, Greg Matthews and Tim Ferraro.

An interesting mix of people from a variety of backgrounds.

And on that note, I'll say goodbye for the year.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas with your family and friends.

Thanks so much to Anne and the Eugowra news team for allowing us Landcare types continued column space – we really appreciate being able to talk to the good people of Eugowra!

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Upon completion of his apprenticeship, Allan continued working in North Sydney until the onset of WWII, when he enlisted with the Air Force. During this time, a talent-scout spotted Allan and his work and suggested he make the most use of his machining skills by joining the munitions division of the Army. So, after a short stint in the Air Force, Allan joined the Army and finished as an inspector of Army Munitions. He was responsible for establishing munitions factories in Hobart, Melbourne and Perth. An example of his work was to turn the Sunshine Harvester plant at Maribyrrong in Melbourne into a production line of Bren gun carriers for export to the troops overseas.

After the Korean War, Allan retired from the Army and moved his family to Parkes. In 1952 he started his own business trading as A.A.Blatch which he operated from a small shed beside his house at 33 Hill Street. In those days, there was no end of broken agricultural parts to be repaired. Welding, fitting and machining day and night, he made many farming friends as he continually "got a farmer out of trouble". There was also a huge demand for engine and cylinder head reconditioning.

Outgrowing his small workshop, Allan relocated to 143 Clarinda Street in 1961. In 1980, Allan's son Warren and his wife Nancye returned from 12 years in Papua New Guinea and joined him in the workshop. As the workshop on Clarinda Street began overflowing with bearings, belts and chain, Allan and Warren bought the larger retail premises a few doors up at 155 Clarinda Street, and began trading in a wide range of automotive, industrial and agricultural parts.

The family business A.A.Blatch continued to grow over the years with Warren and Nancye running the day-to-day operations and Allan keeping an ever-watchful eye over things (while still finding enough time for his other passion- racehorses!) until his death in October 2004. In

June this year, Allan's grandson Allan Andrew Blatch (Yes, also named A.A.Blatch) returned from the UK with his British wife Susannah and they are presently working in the family business.

A.A.Blatch is proud to have served the Eugowra area since 1952.



Susannah Blatch, Warren Blatch and Allan Blatch (Jnr) with a bronze-caged cylindrical roller bearing out of a Rolls Royce Merlin engine which powered the WWII Wirraway fighter planes. (Photo by Bill Jayet )

Pictured below, Allan Blatch (Snr) at an A.A.Blatch Trade Expo in the late 90s





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## Pirates, painting & chocolate spiders!



Miss Kathy and the kids on their pirate ship



Using their fine motor skills



Sheridan helping Philo with his artwork



Cooking time at preschool, choc spiders



**Welcome to our new members of ECCC**  
(pictured left to right) Chloe Gibson, Claire Pengilly & Georgia Parker

**IN THE KITCHEN**  
WITH  
*Jessica  
& Ben*

December Recipe



Black Forest Cherry Trifle



**Ingredients**

500ml custard  
100g dark chocolate, chopped into small pieces  
400g chocolate brownie or dense chocolate cake  
300g fresh cherries, pitted.  
100ml kirsch (cherry liquor)  
50g sugar  
300g double cream  
300g sour cream  
25g icing sugar

**Method**

Heat up custard gently on stove, add chocolate pieces. Stir through till melted. Pour into a bowl, cover and refrigerate.  
Heat kirsch and sugar, add pitted cherries. Poach on very low heat for around 5 minutes. Discard liquid, cool. Whip cream, then fold in sour cream and icing sugar.

**To assemble**

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A good attendance of members was recorded at the November monthly meeting.

At the time of the meeting our members were still waiting to hear if our branch has been successful in gaining a grant for floor covering for the new kitchen.

Members are reminded that Handicraft competition and display will again be held in March next year.

Talk with our Handicraft Officer, Noela Lane if you require any information about exhibiting your entries.

The 88th Annual conference was held on 30th October at Woodstock.

Eugowra was represented by Margaret Swift, Wendy Carey, Kay and Dorothy Jones and Frances Anderson.

State President Mrs Tanya Cameron presented Margaret Swift and Wendy Carey with a gift of appreciation for carrying out so diligently, the work they did while Vice Presidents of the CWA Central Western Group.

Wendy Carey was re-elected as Group International Officer.



Left to right:  
State  
President Mrs  
Tanya  
Cameron and  
Mrs Wendy  
Carey.

Eugowra Branch was the winner of the Group International Doll Competition. The doll was beautifully dressed by Yvonne Smalley. It will now go to the State competition to be judged in May, 2014.

On Saturday, 9th November eight of our members attended the launch of Merle Parish's second Cookbook, at Cudal.

A lovely High Tea, catered by Cudal CWA members was enjoyed by those in attendance.

All the speakers spoke very highly of Merle's contribution to baking, as a competitor, then a judge and a teacher.

Group President Mrs Margaret Brown commented on the fact Merle was never judgemental and she has always been most helpful.

Our local member, Dorothy Jones was the lucky winner of a signed copy of Merle Parish's Country Show Baking.

Two pages of signatures has been sent to CWA Head Office, following the motion passed at the State AGM in regard to opposition to the sale of energy drinks to people under 18years of age

Following the wonderful success of the CWA Garden party held in Lorraine Carty's delightful garden in 2012, Lorraine has agreed to host another Garden party for CWA. This is in the planning stages for September 2014. We are expecting to have the pleasure of a very interesting special guest.

We hope readers will mark this on their new 2014 calendar.

Eugowra CWA members send best wishes to Margaret Gransden for a complete and speedy recovery after her recent surgery.

Also, our thoughts and prayers are with and for Noel and Beverly Pengilly and their family as Noel under goes treatment for his illness.

Due to lack of interest, there will not be an evening Christmas dinner this year.

After the next meeting on Friday 13th December at 11am, a bring and share luncheon will be had in the CWA rooms.

There will not be an exchange of gifts but members are asked to give a donation of \$5.00, which will go to The Victims of the Bushfires Appeal.

Eugowra CWA members extend hearty greeting to one and all for a happy Christmas and a wonderful year in 2014



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**LIFE'S MILESTONES**

Norman Parker, formerly of "Nangar" Escort Way Eugowra, now of Surf Beach Batemans Bay is celebrating a major milestone in December. Norm, older brother of Geoff of "Goimbla" Murga, will be marking his 70th birthday on December 22nd, taking a bit of time out from his official Santa duties at the Centro Shopping Centre in Batemans Bay, to kick up his heels.

Norm and wife Sandra, who subscribe to the Eugowra News newsletter to keep up with what's been happening at home, are set to celebrate the occasion with daughter Monique, son-in-law Carl and grand-daughter Bronte of Albury, NSW, son Nick and partner Tracy of Deniliquin, NSW and daughter Stephanie and son-in-law Brett of Ngin, QLD.

Over Norm's 40 plus years of living in Eugowra he was heavily involved with countless local community organisations and fundraising events, including the Show Society, Hospital Board, the Self Care Units and APEX to name just a few. He also was a long time Councillor for Eugowra and surrounds with Cabonne Shire Council and also at one point as the Council's Mayor.

Norm continues serving the community, now involved with the Greater Southern Area Health Service presiding over several coastal hospitals and regular volunteer duties with Eurobodalla Shire Council.





# Eugowra Evening View Club

voice, interests and education of women

Eugowra Evening VIEW members enjoyed the talk by guest speaker Kelly-Ann Sackey at their November dinner meeting. Kelly-Ann, who now teaches at Red Bend Catholic College Forbes, gave a very interesting talk on her experiences teaching science in places such as Venezuela, Bangkok, Beijing, and of her travels to Northern Vietnam, Thailand, Western and Southern China, and also the experience of living in a yurt in Mongolia.

Kay Jones moved a vote of thanks to Kelly-Ann on behalf of members and presented her with a little gift. Kelly-Ann has been invited back next year to speak of other places she has taught overseas.

Suggestions from members for proposed guest speakers throughout 2014 include 'The Poo Fairy' 'The Candle Lady' 'The Horse Whisperer', Sister Helen and Kelly-Ann Sackey.

Pat Bailey was congratulated by members for the award which she recently received.

The NSW Government Community Service Award was presented to Pat Bailey by Local State Member for Dubbo, Troy Grant, with a certificate signed by NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell.

The NSW Government Community Service Award recognises people who have substantially contributed to the improvement of the quality of life of members of their community. Mr Grant said that he believes Pat is an extremely worthy recipient of this award as she has worked tirelessly over two decades with Can Assist helping cancer patients and their families. Pat is involved in many community groups, either in conjunction with her role at Can Assist or as a proud member of the community. She is passionate about helping people through the cancer journey and is a strong advocate of increased health services for local cancer sufferers.

Discussion at the recent meeting centred on the December dinner meeting, which will be the club's Christmas party. This will be held at the Gooloogong Hotel on Monday December 2 at 6-30pm with drinks and nibbles on the upstairs verandah followed by dinner. Members are requested to RSVP to Esther on 6859 2368 by November 25. Guests are very welcome to go along, just contact Esther.

Members are asked to take a gift to the value of \$10-00 to exchange and a financial donation in an envelope for the Smith Family- this is of course optional.



# A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY



A Re-enactment of the "Raid on Goimbla" was held at the Eugowra Showground on 19th of September. The Showground was lit up by the fire set in the "barn" as the bushrangers and the Campbell family exchanged rifle fire.

Members of the Campbell family attended in period costumes. As did local school children.



Local historian Elaine Cheney was interested to come across this article printed below that was published just a few weeks before the raid on Goimbla.

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## NOVEMBER NEWS

The end of the school year and Christmas celebrations are fast coming upon us. The students have been busy singing and learning their lines for their concert play and the teacher's have been busy preparing for the Graduation Mass and writing reports.

## VALE LORNA HOSWELL

This past week we have been mourning the sudden passing of Mrs Eppelstun's mother; Lorna Hoswell. Please keep in your prayers the Eppelstun and Hoswell families during this sad time.



Lorna & her late husband Keith Hoswell have been an integral part of St Joseph's for more than 50 years, as parents of Ian, Cathy and Rick and then as grandparents of Krystal, Jacob and Gerard. Lorna was always there at carnivals, concerts, and school functions, P & F fundraising and even helping with checking my spelling and grammar in the newsletter each week. Lorna was a passionate Scrabble player - a whiz with words, cross words and reading.

Lorna will be sadly missed but lovingly remembered for her commitment to her family and the Community and Parish she was a part of. Her children and grandchildren are a wonderful legacy that she and Keith have left behind.

## GRADUATION MASS

On Friday 29th November, Year 6 students Katie Townsend and Ryan Huckel will celebrate their Graduation Mass with Fr Laurie, Staff, family and friends. During the Mass a DVD of their childhood and school years will be shown followed by a BBQ. The announcement of the 2014 School leaders will also be made.

Katie and Ryan have both shown a wonderful example of leadership, kindness and Christianity during their time at Joeys. We wish them all the best as they head off to

Red Bend in Forbes next year.



*Katie Townsend & Ryan Huckel when they were in Year 1*



## NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Recently the whole school took a day trip to Forbes to the Dreaming Centre. Thanks to Catie Guise & Larry Townie the students enjoyed a very informative and entertaining day learning stories and skills of the Indigenous culture. They were entertained by the indigenous dancers of St Laurence's, Forbes, didgeridoo playing, eating Johnny cakes and damper, craft - making an echidna, aboriginal drawing and painting and animal stories.

## KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

8 young pre school children have been coming to Joeys these past few Fridays for Kindie Orientation. A chance to tour the school, play some games and meet new friends was enjoyed by Sheridan, Aidee, Sienna, Zane, Gaby, Jada, Alana and Lucy. Some of the children have older siblings who



enjoyed looking after them during their visit.

*Lucy and her big brother Charlie Philipzen*

*Jada and her big sister; Kirbie Mongan.*

## END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND PRIZE GIVING

All are invited to our end of year Concert on Thursday 12th December at 7.00pm in the St Joseph's Community Hall.

This is always a lovely way to end the year and reward all the students for their hard work during the year.

The children will be enjoying a Pool Party on Tuesday 17th December and the last day of school is Wednesday the 18th. We look forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten children in 2014.

- Teachers resume Tuesday 28th January
  - Years 1 - 6 resume Wednesday 29th January
  - Kindergarten children Thursday 30th January
- Until then, God Bless, have a wonderful holiday and stay safe in 2014.*

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# Carols by the Creek

**Sunday, December 15th  
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# Talk Town

What do you do when you want somewhere to display and sell the excess goodies you grow or make at home? You get together with friends, form a cooperative, rent a shop and call it Craft on the Creek!

## **I asked member Wendy Drady how the Craft on the Creek cooperative came about.**

"It all started when "Di Agustin, at a meeting at the Museum, encouraged a group of us to get together and make a wall hanging to celebrate the sesquicentenary of the gold robbery by bushrangers at Escort Rock", Wendy explained.

Over several months fifteen to 20 women met mornings at Eugowra Public School, each contributing their bit to the final work. At the time Wendy was taking long service leave and joined the group. Wendy's husband Dominic, then school Principal, "would shout us all a cup of tea or coffee". As their project neared completion, someone said, "It's a pity we can't continue to meet up regularly!" "We all enjoyed being together so much", Wendy added.

Following the sesquicentenary, the group wanted to find somewhere suitable to display their bushranger wall hanging. This sowed the seed for members Kerry O'Malley, Gwenda Rue and Judy Smith to investigate how and where they could hang the work: somewhere where food smells and dust would not spoil it. They finally decided to set up a shop of their own, to sell their work AND to display their wall hanging "It's a great talking point when people come into the shop" Wendy added.

The old Bakery shop next to the creek and the bridge in the middle of Eugowra was found to be available, and a start-up rent of \$20 per week for 12 months was negotiated.

"In the beginning over 50 people joined, some just to support by volunteering a day" Wendy explained.

Craft on the Creek first opened its doors on Fathers Day 2012 to great acclaim but tinged with a little concern as members watched their then meagre stock quickly sell out. Since then, Craft on the Creek members have worked feverishly and enthusiastically and packed their little shop to the rafters with all sorts of wonderful home made and home grown goodies.

Indeed, Craft on the Creek has become a local showcase for the varied and exquisite talents of proud cooks, quilters, embroiderers, woodworkers, artists, jewellery makers, gardeners and sculptors, and the perfect place to visit for crafty inspiration, gift shopping, or just for a friendly chat.

Kerry O'Malley, once Nurse Manager of the Eugowra MPS, has become famous as "The Lumberjack Cake" cook. Gwenda Rue, Kerry's cousin, having sold Christmas decorations in Eugowra a few seasons ago, had experienced retail and now makes a lot of jewellery, Christmas items and bookmarks. She also does crocheting, knitting and makes "I Spy" bags for babies. Judy Smith, of course is well known for her involvement in many things in Eugowra; a tireless worker, organiser and supporter of her town, and a businesswoman in her own right at "Smith's Shed". Judy brings in oranges, pumpkins and plants.

As of 13th November 2013, there were 48 members, many originals and some new members, including me.

## **Where did the name Craft on the Creek come from?**

"Following much discussion over several weeks we voted on it" and "Craft on the Creek" was selected by majority.

Wendy told me about some other members and what they make:-

"Graham is a very jolly fellow, and does beautiful woodwork which attracts a lot of interest. He makes things to order – we all do. Janet and Julie bring in eggs; Barbara sews library bags and does patchwork. Janeen has her lavender products. Bozena and Kay do cards. Bozena also makes doorstep owls and marinated olives. Hugh makes barbed wire and scrap metal sculptures. Andy makes quilts. Helen cooks cakes and makes beautiful jams. Val does patchwork- table runners and bags, pickles and jams and brings plants in. Jenny's baby singlets with hand embroidery are very popular. Also her embroidered baby socks & bibs. Jenny also brings in plants. Kerry does cooking – especially her slice and her Lumberjack Cake, and makes tablecloths. Noela makes the fairy costumes, cloth books and wine aprons. She does cross-stitch bookmarks with "Eugowra" embroidered on them, ideal for posting. Zoe makes

babies caps, teddy bears, brooches and little girls' capes. Billie makes melting moments...."

### **Big sellers in the shop**

"Cooking walks out the door. Cakes. A steady stream of plants"

### **I asked Wendy what were her best sellers**

"Last year, Christmas stuff – Santa bags, sewing, plants." Apparently the plants do indeed sell well "I have sold over 50 plants since the shop opened", Wendy exclaimed excitedly, "and my hand towels are also a good seller. I also do embroidery, babies' bibs. I've been making babies quilts; scissor keepers in Christmas colours"

Wendy, like many fellow craftspeople, admitted to having "hundreds of things" she had made at home, stashed away in cupboards. "Now I have a reason to keep on making things" she added. She also explained how being a member had helped her "become more part of the community", which proved especially important when her husband Dominic died unexpectedly last year.

### **I asked Wendy what comments were made by people coming into the shop.**

"Comments about our reasonable prices, about our great range of items on offer and how great it is for the town", she said. Wendy added how she enjoyed working in the shop, "and I always get some of my sewing done too"

### **How do people join Craft on the Creek?**

"Just come into the shop and talk to whoever is there", Wendy explained.

Only members can place items in the shop for sale, and items must be "home made". A 12 month membership costs \$20. If members take a turn serving in the shop, the Co-Op retains 15% of the value of all their sales. Members who choose not to serve have 25% commission taken from the sale value of their items.

Meetings are held at the shop on 2nd Wednesday each month at 10am, where members discuss Co-Op business, plan for events, renew acquaintances and welcome and sign up new members.

### **What advice would you give to someone thinking of setting up a cooperative such as this?**

"Go into the background. Come to us for ideas. Everyone is willing to share ideas"

"It is very worthwhile, that feeling of belonging. You feel as if you are doing your bit" said Wendy.

She added, "The shop has given a lot of people a purpose, and has helped us become part of the community – and it encourages us to keep sewing and gardening. It has created interest in the town – people

are proud it has started up. It is somewhere for people to stop and talk. It is a happy and welcoming place to visit".

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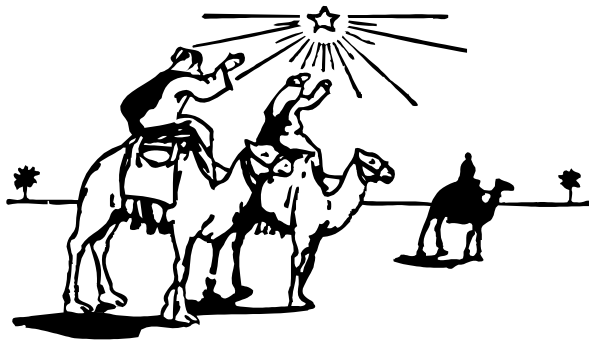
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# Eugowra Health Report

EUGOWRA MULTI-PURPOSE HEALTH SERVICE

## Heat Survival Plan

With the early start to the bushfire season this year hopefully everyone has their bushfire survival plan in place and even had a trial run to make sure it will go smoothly.

It's also time to make sure you have a plan to survive the heat that comes this summer. We don't know if it's going to get as hot as last year but it is time to get prepared.

Heat-related illness can range from mild conditions such as a rash or cramps to very serious conditions such as heat stroke, which can kill. Heat can also make an existing medical condition worse, for example heart disease.

### People most at risk of heat-related illness

Anyone can suffer from heat-related illness, but those most at risk are:

People over 65 years, particularly those living alone or without air conditioning

Babies and young children

Pregnant and nursing mothers

People who are physically unwell, especially with heart disease, high blood pressure or lung disease

People on medications for mental illness.

### Causes

Dehydration – to keep healthy, our body temperature needs to stay around 37°C. The body cools itself by sweating, which normally accounts for 70 to 80 per cent of the body's heat loss. If a person becomes dehydrated, they don't sweat as much and their body temperature keeps rising.

Lack of airflow – working in hot, poorly ventilated or confined areas.

Sun exposure – especially on hot days, between 11am and 3pm.

### Prevention

Prevention is the best way to manage heat-related illness. Some tips to prevent heat stress include:

Keep up your fluids – you need to drink more during hot weather, regardless of how active you are. Do not wait until you are thirsty to drink. Drink plenty of water or other cool, non-alcoholic fluids. (Check with your doctor if you are on limited fluids or fluid pills.) Avoid alcohol or drinks that contain lots of sugar. Don't have extremely cold liquids, as they may cause stomach cramps.

Avoid exposure to heat – stay out of the sun as much as you can. Protect yourself outside – if you must be

outdoors, remember to protect yourself from the sun – 'slip, slop, slap' by covering exposed skin with lightweight clothes, using sunscreen and wearing a hat, 'seek' shade and 'slide' on sunglasses.

Limit physical activity – too much physical activity on a hot day can lead to heat stress. If you can, restrict activity to cooler parts of the day.

Don't leave children or pets in cars – even on cool days, cars can heat up to dangerous temperatures very quickly. Children or pets that are left unattended in parked cars for even a few minutes are at risk of serious heat-related illnesses and possibly death. Never leave children or pets in a parked car, even if the windows are left open a fraction.

Take it easy – rest often and, whenever possible, stay indoors or in the shade.

Keep up your energy levels – eat regular, light meals.

Watch out for others – check on older, sick or frail people who may need help coping with the heat (at least twice a day).

Stay cool – and keep air circulating around you. Use air conditioning if possible. Take a cool shower, bath or sponge bath.

**Maintenance** – check your fans and air-conditioners are working. Check the radiator in your car – you don't want to break down in the heat. Keep water in the car for drinking in case you are held up in the heat of the day.

In Eugowra we do not have a public area that is air-conditioned – the MPS is air-conditioned and we have plenty of seats and tv's. If the heat is getting to you come up to the MPS and take a break from the heat.

### If you do start to feel unwell?

Stop activity and sit/ lay down quietly in a cool place.

If fully conscious, increase fluid intake.

Wet skin with cool water or wet cloths.

Rest a few hours before returning to activity.

Seek medical (ring 000) help if there is no improvement.

The staff at the MPS would like to wish everyone a very healthy relaxing Christmas and

a New Year full of trust and hope.

The Community Nurse and Physio will be shut over the Christmas period from Monday 23/12/13 recommencing on Monday 13/1/14.

## Pinkeye in Cattle

Veterinarian column by Belinda Edmonstone, district vet, Lachlan LHPA

Pinkeye is caused by the bacteria *Moraxella bovis*.

Flies are a major contributing factor to the spread of pinkeye as they feed on the secretions around the eye and nostrils of carrier cattle and then transfer the bacteria to a susceptible animal.

Dust and physical irritation to the eye caused by thistles and grass seeds are other major contributing factors, as they cause excessive tear production which attracts flies to the eye.

They also compromise the surface of the eye allowing the *Moraxella* bacteria to invade the eye, multiply and cause disease. Pinkeye can spread rapidly when animals are closely confined, therefore, another contributing factor is yarding animals and feeding animals in a confined area.

*Bos Taurus* cattle are more susceptible than *Bos indicus* cattle, and cattle with protruding and/or non-pigmented eyes are more likely to get pinkeye.

The first sign of pinkeye is excessive tear production noted by staining down the cheek of the animal. The animal will blink a lot and squint as light causes pain. The eye looks red and blood vessels start to grow into the eye as an ulcer develops.

This looks like a white spot and depending on the severity the ulcer will grow to encompass the whole eye or remain localised and start to heal.

In severe cases, the ulcer starts to fill with pus and this can then rupture with permanent loss of the eye as a result. Healed ulcers can leave a scar on the eye which will affect sight to varying degrees depending on the extent of the ulcer.

While the animal has pinkeye, they will experience pain and likely lose weight and if both eyes are affected they will also be blind for a period of time.

Pinkeye outbreaks can affect up to 80 per cent of animals with 10 per cent experiencing weight loss, therefore it can have a major impact on production.

Cattle with scars may be rejected at feedlots or discounted at sales. It is mainly calves, weaners and yearlings affected, as older cattle will develop some immunity to the bacteria.

Treatment involves the use of antibiotics applied to the eye to kill the bacteria and in some situation eye patches to provide pain relief through protection from sunlight. Treatment may involve mustering most of the mob into the yards and as mentioned this may aid in the spread of pinkeye.

Prevention of pink eye involves a few considerations

Reduce fly numbers through an Integrated Pest Management approach.

This may include using fly traps around areas where there are a lot of flies such as sheds, yards and areas where cattle may be fed. Ensure cattle do not have access to these traps.

Clean up any spilt feed as this is a great breeding ground for flies.

Backline fly treatments on cattle to control flies around the animal. These can be effective for up to 6 weeks.

When drenching cattle consider using a drench that does not kill dung beetles as they are very effective at burying cattle faeces (another good breeding ground for flies).

Minimise yarding during risk periods and isolate affected animals to minimise spread.

You may consider vaccinating "at risk" cattle with Piliguard three to six weeks before the risk period. This vaccine protects against three of the seven strains of *Moraxella bovis*, so how effective it is will depend on the strain affecting your cattle.

# Community Gardeners Update



We will be holding our usual monthly Pioneer/Apex Park and Nanima Street gardening days on the 1st Sundays of the Month over the summer period, but this will be the final Eugowra News for the year.

The weather is really heating up so we will continue with weeding & mulching the Nanima Street gardens.

Gardening days usually involve a mid-morning coffee/cool drink, and a BYO BBQ/picnic lunch at conclusion, and of course the more people that show up, the more fun we have, and the easier it is for everyone!

Look forward to seeing you all there Sunday, 1 December – 8.00 till 12.00, or whatever time you may be able to spare.

The spinach & lettuces are spent, but herbs & strawberries are going well, so help yourselves! You may even water some of the beds in passing if they look a little parched!

Given that this will be the final 'News' for the year I would like to take this opportunity to say a BIG thankyou to all our Volunteers who have given so generously of themselves throughout the year, and once again thank all those people who have contributed in the form of compost, deliveries, time & equipment, hay for mulch, plants, ideas and good advice throughout the year, and in so doing have made our task infinitely more economical, timely and sooo much easier.

Congratulations also to Anne Heath and the team who put the Eugowra News together to keep us all up to date with local events & activities. They all do a terrific job and we are very lucky to have such a dedicated & selfless team providing this great service to our community.

May you all have a wonderful Christmas and festive

*Max & Lalla, Sis & David, Kevin & Dianne, Gwenda & Tony and Greg & Kay, together with our families, would like to thank you for the comfort, love and caring, you gave us after our Mum passed away on 12th July 2013.*


*We are very fortunate to have had her in our lives.*

*We will carry our memories forever.*


## LIVE EVERY MOMENT LAUGH EVERYDAY

Mark, Kathy, Jono, Laura and families would like to thank the many people for the kindness, friendship, love and care that you have shown us, whether it be by attending The Celebration of Brendon's Life, flowers, plants, food, phone calls or just by your presence and support to help us through this tragic time. Please accept this as our personal heartfelt thank you.





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## A Special Visitor on Melbourne Cup Day for Wendy

There was much excitement at the Mater Nursing Home on Melbourne Cup day when Laurie Norris arrived with his miniature Shetland pony Peanuts. Complete with his own fascinator attached to his halter, Peanuts entertained the residents with his special racing day tricks. Afterwards he happily did the rounds so all the residents could say hello and give him a pat. While saying a special hello to Laurie's sister Wendy, Peanuts was delighted to discover some left over crumbs on her tray which he quickly devoured. This brought much laughter and the manager Leona Fisher said, "At the Mater we support pets as therapy, but to actually experience a horse at the Mater was a first and was a truly enjoyable treat."



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**By Anne Burns**

Ag n Vet's Big Bucks Bonanza is becoming an enjoyable yearly event in Eugowra. For many many years the original JC Adams had put on a Christmas party for all their loyal customers, when Ag n Vet purchased the business in August 2005 they brought along a new type of Christmas party, one that included presents!!

Colin, Jono, Tim, Josh, Chris and young Tom de Lange go to a lot of trouble to make it a great fun night for their customers. Colin said "It is a great way to thank loyal customers for their support throughout the year".

As the year draws to an end, the display of "BBB" prizes grows in the store, on the night the Bowling Club is a buzz with activity with a large crowd this year ready to enjoy the auction.

The Ag N vet team warm up the audience with quizzes and fake horse races to enable customers to win even more \$\$ before the auctioneer gets down to business

The smart money is on those that get in early and bid for the major prizes remembering that the play \$\$ can only be spent on the night. The big customers of Ag N Vet get to throw their money about but with the limit of one major prize for each business it makes it fair for everyone.

The list of auction prizes this year included a large car fridge, a kayak, full socket set and many other items.

A great night was had by all and I am sure the 2014 event will be a cracker.



Anne has also been out and about taking photos of the harvest. Who is this man avoiding the harvest paparazzi?



# EUGOWRA YEAR 12 RED BEND GRADUATES

Congratulations to the Eugowra Year 12 students who were well represented in the Red Bend Catholic College Graduation on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>.

It must be the fresh air of Eugowra, their Primary Schooling or just perhaps plain old hard work which resulted in most of the students receiving a Major Award of some sort.

**Ty Healey** – Bishop Fox Award for excellence in Conduct, Study and Sport, Excellence in HSC Assessments, 1<sup>st</sup> place in Maths Extension 1, Studies of Religion.

**Maddison Townsend** – Meg Treloar Award for Commitment to Literary Studies, 1<sup>st</sup> place in English Extension 1, Community and Family Studies, Excellence in HS Assessments.

**Gemma Howell** – Br Paul Gilchrist Award for a person who relates well to everyone.

Proud fathers at the Graduation; Tim de Lange, Graham Blackwood and Tony Harvey



**Emily le Mesurier** – Class of '87 Award for the person who has outstanding achievement in subjects other than academic or sport, 1<sup>st</sup> place in Agriculture and Primary Industries.

**Torben Heinzl** – 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Design & Technology, Standard English, Excellence in HSC Assessments.

**Thomas Blackwood** – Excellence in HSC Assessments.

Also graduating that evening were; **Jamie Yell, Tom de Lange and Laura Harvey**. Congratulations to all of you for achieving great results. We look forward to hearing of your future careers.

David de Lange, Tom Blackwood, Torben Heinzl, Tom de Lange, Cameron Harvey, Laura Harvey and April



## Pool Season Open

The Pool is finely open even with a few hiccups that is always the norm.

A special thanks go to the volunteers that turned up to our working bee recently!

You know who you are.

The sausage sizzle which followed was kindly donated by:

Mick at Gentle Cow

Danny at Newsagent

Bill and Helen at Butchers

We must also thank our supervisors for the time and effort that is needed before the kids etc actually get in the pool without you the pool would not open so a huge thank you.

We are also asking for any volunteers for the canteen all help is welcomed

We hope to have another great season!



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## AGRONOMY UPDATE

### Stored Grain Insects – Follow up on last month

As with last month's update, I thought I would put in a reminder for growers handling the 2012-13 grain that will hopefully be filling grain silos around the district.

Some of the options that are available to help protect clean grain are as follows:

Conserve On-Farm (500g/L chlorpyrifos-methyl + 30g/L S-methoprene + 120g/L spinosad)

K-Obiol ( 50 g/L DELTAMETHRIN + 400 g/L PIPERONYL BUTOXIDE)

Reldan Plus (500g/L chlorpyrifos-methyl + 30g/L s-methoprene)

IGR grain pack (30g/L s-methoprene + 1000g/L fenitrothion)

Rizacon S (300g/L s-methoprene)

Fenitrothion (1000g/L fenitrothion)

Some issues that I have been seeing around the district is the practice of using Fumitoxin tablets in clean grain as it is being put into silos from harvest. This is a treatment that is unnecessary unless there are already live insects in the grain which would be highly unlikely.

Fumitoxin (phosphine tablet) is a knock down treatment ONLY which means there needs to be live insects in the grain before it has any benefit in controlling the pests. There is NO residual with this product so for best results applying one of the above options will help in protecting your grain from insect attacks.

So if you have any questions regarding your harvest grain treatment needs please feel free to drop in or call the AgNVet staff which we will be happy to discuss the best strategies and options for your grain needs.

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### 15 Wilbe Street EUGOWRA

**\$345,000**

- Immaculately presented 3 bedroom home, main with ensuite and walk thru robe
- Beautiful light filled lounge, a well appointed kitchen, and a generous dining area
- Split system A/C units throughout, wood heater
- Generous verandahs on three sides overlook the well established garden
- Huge barn style shed/workshop with concrete floor & power plus a 2.2 kw solar system
- Property is only 7 years old & is a credit to the current owners, well worth your inspection



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### 12 Oberon Street EUGOWRA

**\$109,000**

- Neat and tidy 2 bedroom home.
- Freshly painted throughout
- Large block with rear lane access and six foot fence to ensure privacy
- Ideal for first home buyer or investor



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### 20 West Street EUGOWRA

**PRICE REDUCTION \$220,000**

- 3 bedroom home with the best views in town from the front deck
- New bathroom upstairs, huge rumpus room downstairs and second shower in the laundry
- Large shed/workshop with power and concrete floor, town water and rain water tanks
- Situated on a 3/4 acre block this property is ready for its new owners... inspect today



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### 45 Oberon Street EUGOWRA

**\$75,000**

- 1 Bedroom plus two sleepouts, dine in kitchen, separate lounge room
- Rear lane access, huge block with shed/workshop with concrete floor and power.
- Sundry furniture and electrical included plus tools in shed.

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### **Evelyn Street EUGOWRA WOW... BUYERS TAKE NOTE \$183,000**

- 3 Bedroom brick Home, open plan living area, screened entertainment area
- Huge block, plenty of room to move
- Home set half acre within walking distance to town



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### **3 West Street EUGOWRA \$250,000**

- 4 Bedrooms, new bathroom, generous lounge/dining room,
- Huge hallway with timber and leadlight features
- Evap air conditioning and wood heater
- Huge terraced block offers several access points for vehicles, garage big enough for two vehicles
- In ground salt water pool, established low maintenance gardens
- Wrap around verandahs create plenty of entertainment areas.



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### **28 Pye Street EUGOWRA \$199,000**

- 3 generous Bedrooms, all with built-ins
- L shaped lounge/dining room, plus family room all beautifully renovated
- Split system A/c and open fire place
- Double lock up garage with power and concrete floor
- Well fenced yard with easy access



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### **"Heatherville" Canowindra Road PRICE REDUCTION P.O.A**

- 45 acres, minutes from town
- 4 bedrooms, lounge, dining, family room and well appointed kitchen
- Quality inclusions throughout
- Inground salt water pool
- 3 Bay shed/workshop
- Established landscaped gardens



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### **"Throndale" The Escort Way EUGOWRA \$295,000**

- 8.5 acres on the outskirts of Eugowra
- Neat and tidy 3 bedroom home
- Evap A/c and gas heating
- Double lockup garage and two garden sheds
- Large Machinery shed with concrete floor
- Town water, two permanent springs and large rainwater tank