



The not so Wrinkly Rag

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What's on in the Next Month or 2?

General Meeting	11am on 16 th of July 2026.
Wood carvers	7:00pm every Monday – contact Terry 0429-951-393
Fundraising	Next raffle on 8 ^h of August at Woolies. Ticket sellers needed.
Public Open Saturday (usually last Saturday of the month unless it's a public holiday)	25 ^h of July - Open Morning 8:00am-noon. Bacon & egg toastie and juice plus tea or coffee for \$5 - 8:00am–10:00am. All welcome, even family, friends, neighbours.
Thursday Theatre	10:30am on 6 th of August 2026 in the main hall – subject to interest
Committee Meeting	11:00am on 13 th of August 2026.
Deadline for Wrinkly Rag copy	5:00pm on 14 th of August 2026.
Wrinkly Rag publish	5:00pm on 16 th of August 2026.
Speakers' Circle	10:30am on 14 th of July 2026 – Nash Swami from <i>The Stroke Foundation</i> . 11 th of August - tba

Editorial – Ross Boughton

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Please send articles of general interest (up to 2 A4 pages), photos, funnies, leads to president@mundaringshed.org.au for inclusion in the Wrinkly Rag. Only **minimal** edits will be applied – **spelling and grammar errors** may slip through. 😊

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President's Patter – Ross Boughton



Our Annual General Meeting is just over a month away and our secretary has put out the call for nominations for committee positions. The way incorporated, not-for-profit organisations like the MCMS work is that all positions are declared vacant and a new committee elected; that is, committee members don't just continue on. If you are interested in becoming a committee member, and need more information, just talk to me or one of the current committee: David Bowden (vice president), Ian Allison (secretary), Russell Porter (treasurer), and ordinary committee members Nick Bains, Kevin Bryant, Barry Crossley, Stephen Fox, Pat Page or Ken Parker.

Leaving stuff in the “meeting space”

In our concept design from 2019 the area with the board table and chairs, leading to the secretary/treasurer office, computer alcove and back doors to the shop and hall is labelled “meeting space”. As this is also a thoroughfare, we must maintain accessibility and not leave stuff on the floor. Incoming and outgoing jobs can be left in the respective workshops in areas so designated, but with some form of identification (usually a jobcard tag). Items destined for the workshops that don't warrant a jobcard tag can be identified with notes attached with string, tape or rubber bands (ask the duty manager for supplies).

Items destined for other members should have a small note attached to their QR code card with a paper clip explaining where the items are. The top shelf above the sink is an acceptable place to leave small items.

Donations for raffles or disposal in other ways can be left on the table in the shop as long as they are labelled. Unlabelled items may be transferred to the “free” table outside.

Fresh produce may be left on the tray so labelled on the boardroom label, but please add a small note indicating its provenance (your name and the type of produce is sufficient e.g. Pat P - cumquats, Neil M - Tahitian limes).

Finally, paperwork for the committee and several appointed positions can be left in the trays above the duty manager desk.

Safety & evacuation

We continue to work on primary safety, mainly to do with accessibility and tidiness, but also ensuring that only people with current signoffs work with machines that need that sign-off. More to come over the next month or so as we re-assess all current endorsed members.

We had our first evacuation drill on the 7th and though it all worked well we learnt a few lessons, including the need for an evacuation siren and a safer muster point.

Don't forget



breakfast on the 25th

New Members

New members in the last month: Please welcome Bruce Newton and Mark Cousins.

Around the Shed

Woodwork (Building 5)

Before



I just wanted to thank you again for beautifully restoring our jarrah table. Many thanks to Nick for all your hours of hard work. You have done an amazing job, thank you!

We are delighted to have it home again and it will see many more meals again in the future.

Regards Donna and Michael Tasker

After



Daring Red Bloomers – Denise Caldwell



Daring Red Bloomers, the Red Hat ladies from Mundaring and the Hills, get together to share in fun and friendship. We hold our monthly Activity Day on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the MCMS function hall.

Our June Activity Day was held on Tuesday 23rd. The topic was “*Laughter Yoga*” and the guest instructor and facilitator for the workshop was the lovely Nafisa, from *Laugh WA Inc*.

Red Hatting is all about social connection and having fun, so with *Laughter Yoga* we learnt the relevance of laughter for wellbeing.

The emphasis for the workshop was on laughing exercises and breathing techniques. The practice is to encourage hearty belly laughs. This reduces stress hormones and stimulates the release of good endorphins to improve physical and emotional wellbeing. We may have felt a little apprehensive at the start of the session but by the end real laughter became contagious.

Coming up - 28th of July 2026

Our July Activity Morning tea will be at 10am at the MCMS.

The Theme will be “Xmas in July” with a murder mystery plot. Cost \$2 and a small plate of Xmas food to share. Free tea and coffee. Dress code is red or anything Christmasy. Raffles available. These activity days are aimed for fun and there are a lot of laughs. Friends are always welcome.



Coming up - 25th of August 2026



Red Hat Activity Morning Tea will be at 10am at MCMS. We have Jeff from Mundaring & Hills Historical Society coming along to share with us stories about Mundaring of Old. Cost \$2 and a plate to share. Friends are always welcome.

Wrinkly Smiles – Max Hore

If you've never tried blindfold archery, you don't know what you're missing.



A study just released says that if you drink coffee in the nude you're much less likely to spill it

And something educational!

And perhaps a little contentious
- editor



GRAMMAR RULES

They Never Taught You in School

- 1. LESS vs. FEWER**
Less is for uncountable nouns.
fewer is for countable ones
Less water, fewer bottles.
- 2. WHO vs. WHOM**
Who = subject, Whom = object
Who is calling? To whom are you speaking?
- 3. OXFORD COMMA SAVES MEANING**
I love my parents, Lady Gaga, and God.
- 4. 'THAT' vs. 'WHICH'**
'That' introduces essential info,
'which' adds extra detail
The book that I borrowed was great.
The book, which I borrowed, was great.
- 5. MAY vs. MIGHT**
May = possible, Might = less certain
- 6. NEVER SPLIT 'TO' AND A VERB (HOST)**
Wrong, to quickly run
Better, to run quickly
- 7. SINCE vs. BECAUSE**
Since = time. Because = reason
- 8. 'THAN' vs. 'THEN'**
Than = comparison, Then = sequence/time
- 9. I.e. vs. e.g.**
Le. = 'that is, .e.g. = 'for example'
- 10. DOUBLE NEGATIVES DON'T MAKE A POSITIVE**
- 11. AFFECT vs. EFFECT**
Affect = verb (influence)
Effect = noun (result)
- 12. ADJECTIVES BEFORE NOUNS, BUT IN ORDER**
Opinion → Size → Age → Color
Origin → Material → Purpose → Noun
A lovely small old red italian wooden coffee table
- 13. BETWEEN vs. AMONG**
Between = 2 things. Among = 3+ things
- 14. FARTHER vs. FURTHER**
Farther = physical distance
Further = figurative
- 15. LAY vs. LIE**
Lay = put something down. Lie = recline
- 16. COULD HAVE not COULD OF**
I could have gone,
- 17. COLLECTIVE NOUNS CAN BE SINGULAR OR PLURAL**
The team is winning, (US style)
The team are winning, (UK style)
- 18. 'WHO'S' vs. 'WHOSE'**
'Who's' = who is / who has
'Whose' = possession
- 19. USE 'FEWER THAN' not 'LESS THAN'**
for countable things
Fewer than 10 people

Bungabiddy Rockhole to Mount Leisler amongst camels and via the Sandy Blight Junction Road

by

Heinz Dreher

compiled from observations & field notes of August 2014

Come with me on a tour of discovery into an infrequently visited and almost unpopulated region of the eastern part of Australia's Gibson Desert. Our trek takes us some 250km from south to north through splendid sand plains interspersed by sand dunes, among the rather pretty desert oaks, and past impressive mountain ranges.

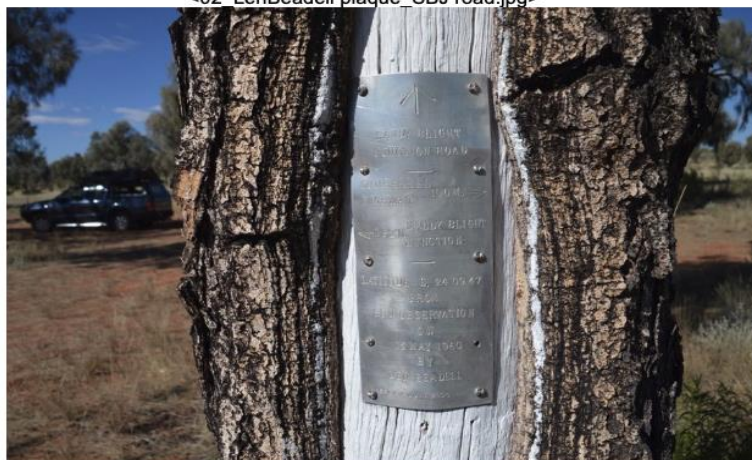
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Sandy Blight Junction Road highlighted on the map of AU
(source: Geoscience Australia)

In 1960 as part of the Woomera Rocket Range project, surveyor Len Beadell and his Gunbarrel Road Construction Party (GRCP) pushed through a track, from near Docker River in the south, up to Kintore in the north. He named the circa 250km winding track the "Sandy Blight Junction Road" after an eye condition which afflicted him during the survey. A hallmark of his work is the series of informative plaques he placed at points of interest for 'future travelers'.

<02_LenBeadell plaque_SBJ road.jpg>



LenBeadell plaque – affixed to a blaze on a Desert Oak

As Len Beadell was conducting the original survey in this hot and arid part of Central Australia, he was delighted to discover permanent water now known as Bungabiddy Rockhole. He was weary and thirsty at the time, so one can well imagine his delight at its discovery. It is at the foot of a narrow gorge in the Walter James Range and is almost permanently shaded, meaning that its water is cool and not subject to much evaporation, and hence permanent despite infrequent and minimal rainfall.

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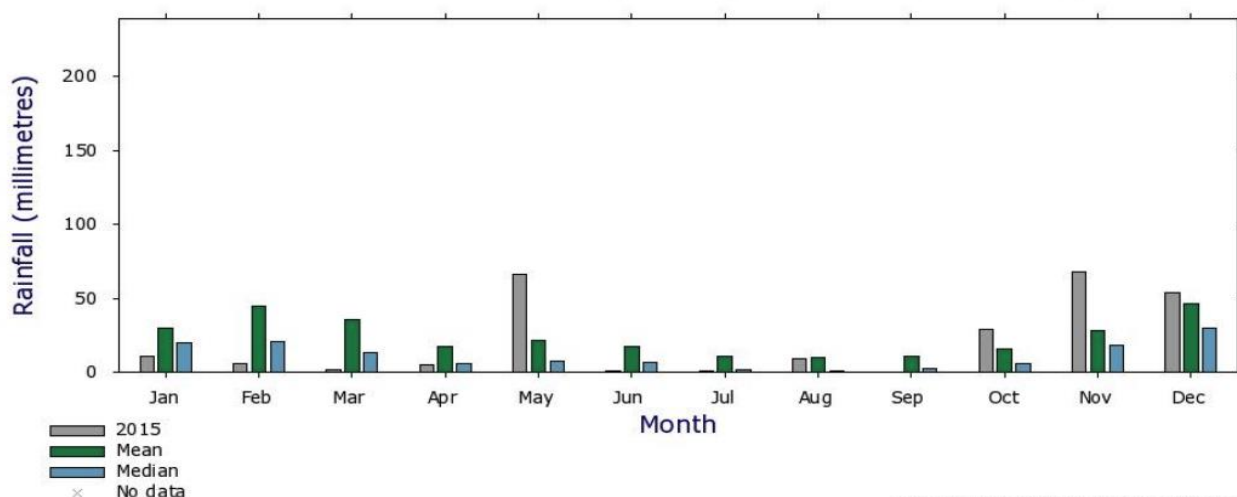
The WalterJamesRange - Len Beadell reasoned there must be rockholes and hence water

The permanent pool of water is located at the foot of a steep and rocky gully, practically inaccessible except from the valley where an intermittent stream directs the overflow in times of the heavy but infrequent rain showers.

Inspection of the rainfall graph for Giles, just 60km south west of Bungabiddy Rockhole, reveals there is not much precipitation, so any that does fall accumulates in gullies and rockholes is most welcome for the intrepid traveler, and the flora and fauna, in this remote region.

<04_giles 2015 rainfall & longterm data.jpg>

Giles Meteorological Office (013017) 2015 Rainfall (millimetres)



Note: Data may not have completed quality control

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In the graph, Giles rainfall data for 2015 (leftmost column) is compared to the *mean* for all years (middle column) and *median* for all years (rightmost column). Giles Weather Station was opened on 1st August 1956. During 2015 there were just 34 days out of the entire 365 days on which any rain was recorded and just 10 or so days on which the daily rainfall exceeded 4mm. The varying water levels can be seen on the rock walls of the main pool at Bungabiddy.

<05_ Bungabiddy Rockhole permanent water.jpg>



05_The permanent water of Bungabiddy Rockhole

<06_ Bungabiddy Rockhole valley entrance.jpg>



06_The valley entrance to Bungabiddy Rockhole

Camping in this amphitheater-like setting is rather special as the high rock walls of the gorge provide a shield from all but a north-east wind. Sunrise is also delayed due to the steep hills, and sunset is much earlier than for the surrounding area. Being so remote, it is very likely that you will be the only visitor to the area – except for the dingoes, whose eerie howls in the dead of night can make one's skin prickle! But for the modern explorer with the capacity to take all needs (almost) that one desires, it makes for a most pleasant camp.

Australia's desert regions are rarely devoid of vegetation, and a magnificent tree found in abundance in these parts is the Desert Oak (*Allocasuarina decaisneana*)

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<10_SBJ road_mature desert oak.jpg>



Desert Oaks along the Sandy Blight Junction Road

A magnificent mature Desert Oak (*Allocasuarina decaisneana*)

And with the wide and open spaces, here as elsewhere in the desert regions, the sunsets can be a veritable joy to experience whilst having dinner in between the time when the flies have found their sleeping quarters and the mosquitoes are looking for you to feast on.

An oft-mentioned query one receives from moderately interested potential travellers is: "What is there out there? Why do you go to so much effort and expense to be there? One reason is that I don't like queues – waiting in line for things to happen. However, it appears queues are such a natural part of life even out here, where the closest aggregation of people are to be found some 10km up in the sky flying from hither to thither in the jet aircraft, the camels force waiting in line while they assess your credentials, and then most reluctantly, and leisurely clear the track for your passing.

<11_SBJ road_sunset.jpg>


Sunset along the Sandy Blight Junction Road

<12_SBJ road_mob of camels.jpg>


Sandy Blight Junction Road mob of camels

Towards the northern end of the track one sees Mount Leisler appearing in iconic form and rising some 450m above the surrounding plain, which is itself at 450m above sea level.

<13_Mt Leisler_from distant south.jpg>


Mount Leisler in the distant north

<14_Mt Leisler_from south.jpg>


Mount Leisler beckons your attention

And now it's a challenge - Mount Leisler awaits your visit.

According to the website "peakery" < <http://peakery.com/mount-leisler-australia/>> Mount Leisler has not yet been summited! Quite clearly, it presents the challenge of being 'conquered'.

If that is your wish, do get in contact and we can make preparations and plans for your ascent!

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