



# Meekatharra Dust

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Santa's Trip to Meeka

More photos on page 12





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*PO Box 129, Meekatharra WA 6642*

or drop them in at the Shire office.

Alternatively, you can email us at:

***cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au***

## **Council Dates**

Dates for Ordinary Meeting of the  
Shire of Meekatharra for 2021 are -

Meeting Date	Last Date for Items
16 January	4th
20 February	5th
20 March	5th
17 April	1st
15 May	30th
26 June	11th

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# A FRIENDLY REMINDER ABOUT DOG CONTROL

When walking your dogs on the town oval, please ensure you are in complete control of your animal at all times and dispose of any waste in the rubbish bins provided by Council.

The Shire of Meekatharra provide the Town Oval as the only off-lease exercise area in town—at all other locations your dog must, according to law, be collared and restrained.

To allow your dog to be unrestrained in public is an offence in the Dog Act 1976.

Being responsible for a dog that attacks a person causing injury is also an offence which attracts a significant penalty of up to \$10,000.

Please be a responsible pet owner—keep your dog restrained when exercising them to avoid both injury to bystanders, and significant penalties, and please pick up any droppings left behind. Nobody wants to step in that!!

The Shire of Meekatharra support the neutering and desexing of pets to reduce the number of strays, and provide sponsorship to the Murdoch Veterinary Clinic to attend Meekatharra to provide this service at no cost to health care card holders. Additionally, the Shire fund regular visiting vet service—Newman Veterinary Clinic—to the value of \$5,000 to neuter the pets of health care card holders at no cost to the owner.

Local residents can access this service by attending the Shire Office to present your Health Care Card and prove registration. You will be issued with a voucher for the appropriate service at the visiting clinic.

*Further info, contact Tralee at the Shire—99800609*



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**1800 264 914**



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## Note from the Editor

Welcome to 2021! I hope everyone is feeling refreshed and ready to tackle another year.

This edition of the Dust has many photos of the December festivities including Santa's several trips to Meeka and the Carols by Candlelight performance.

Looking forward, 2021 is going to be a great year with many events and activities for the whole community. To get these events up and running we are seeking people from Meeka to be a part of the Events Committee, more information on page 24 & 25.

The Shire is also planning to do murals throughout town and would love some local artists to be involved, using their skills and creativity to create meaningful artwork. More information below.

The newly published **Meekatharra Support Guide** is located on page 8 and is a list of numbers to call when support is needed. This document will be distributed on Facebook, the Shire Website, pamphlets and posters around town so that each person in our community can have access to this support guide.

*The Editor*



### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

# MURAL PROJECT

THE SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA IS  
LOOKING FOR LOCAL ARTISTS  
TO PARTICIPATE IN A MURAL  
PROJECT

The Mural Project will run in 2021  
and will use local talents to create  
amazing art pieces throughout the  
town.

For more information or to express interest please  
contact Amy on [cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au) or  
9980 0600





# Your Council News

January 2021 • by Anna Johnson on behalf of the Shire of Meekatharra

## Meeka's 2020 Vision

As we bid a not-so-fond farewell to the difficult year that was 2020, it's good to take a look back via the Shire's Annual Report as a reminder of Meekatharra's dynamic, resilient community spirit. The report is available to all online, and has a great summary of the busy year behind us as well as leads on what's coming up.

We had a great year full of events, enhancements and achievements, including the small wheels park and skate clinics, camps and other activities for the kids, the wonderful performance put on by the Tjuki Mala dancers, the Lloyd's grand opening, the Festival and the helicopter rides, and the best Christmas party ever. A big highlight of the past year was our Meeka kids winning the state's "Showcase in Pixels" competition with their painting of our night sky; you can see it on the Shire's web page.

The pet sterilisation program proved to be a solid success, with many locals commenting on the reduction of wandering animals. Improvements were made to a number of town and regional features, including the Nannine cemetery and various upgrades to public facilities.

While COVID brought many things to a halt and affected local business, we were among the many fortunate remote towns of WA to remain safe from the virus and to benefit from the tourism tsunami that helped bolster the coffers. We also saw an increase in local mining, drilling and exploration projects, as evidenced by the many locals phoning dinner in early at the pubs in order to beat the meal time rush!

Our local accommodation services reported that they have been receiving lots of calls for next-season bookings, and both the Shire office and the Community Resource Centre assisted a record number of visitors who had plenty of nice things to say about our region, particularly the people – that's us! This year saw some terrific community events and initiatives, with people pitching in to help on every level. The Shire is looking forward to more events and community momentum in 2021, and welcomes your input via our contact details on the next page.

## Moments from the Minutes

The December minutes feature the Annual Report, which includes end of year summaries from Shire President Harvey Nichols and CEO Roy McClymont; while there's plenty of number crunching to digest, what emerges is a very positive overview of our Shire operations and budget.

The annual audit went well, with Shire staff busily dotting i's and crossing t's to ensure detailed recording of compliance and best practise. The Shire has been working hard to meet the standards and goals set within various plans and legislation, including disability access, our ongoing revitalisation projects and more. Many locals have already noted the various improvements appearing around town, ranging from the colour-coordinated public seating, the clean up at the Cemetery, upgrades at the swimming pool and of course the bigger projects such as Lloyds and the small wheels park.

Our Animal Ranger has feral cats firmly in his sights and has been attending to all reports put in to the Shire. The December minutes identify a total of fourteen feral animals being euthanased, including five feral cats trapped at a residential property, at the owner's request. Cats remain a problem in Meeka and the Shire appreciates all the locals who took time to submit formal complaints so that action could be taken. The ranger does his best to ensure that no pets are caught up in the program, so it's vital that you make sure your pets have collars and registration tags. The free desexing service is continuing; all you need to do is bring your health care card to the Shire office and then make an appointment with the visiting vet.

Those with dentures, lower back pain or crockery in the caravan will be pleased to hear that further bitumenising has been completed on the Ashburton Downs Road. Road crews on the Meeka side have been working hard to keep the old bone-rattler in good nick, especially with our increased mining and tourism traffic.

A big news item is the Council's endorsement of an Events Subcommittee. Expressions of Interest have been advertised for potential committee members; if you are interested, please contact the Shire. The goal of the subcommittee is to work with Shire staff on the development and execution of community events throughout the year, building on the success of our 2020 activities, special events and festival.



# Termite Treat is a Bitter Pill to Swallow

Number one on the hot topic list these days of course is the Meekatharra Hospital. As most locals are painfully aware, our busy medical facility is in desperate need of improvements and the fight is on to get our state government to recognise and act on how necessary it is to our region.

Meekatharra Hospital, once located on the southeast side of town, has a vital and colourful history, bringing relief and life-saving services to our once rough and ready outback region where, in the olden days, the best you could hope for was a few gulps of whiskey and a stick to bite down on. We have produced some legendary nurses from our region, including Pearl Ashwin, and today our amazing hospital staff somehow manage to provide top notch services while doing their best with the ageing building facilities.

The Midwest Times did a front page story on the sorry state of affairs in December, featuring comments from our Shire President Harvey Nichols, Nationals MP Vince Catania and our CEO, Roy McClymont. For those not in the loop, the Department of Treasury and Finance “formally identified asbestos, termites and a leaking roof” at the premises over a decade ago. Despite “loose plans” to address the hospital situation over the years and a more recent visit by Health Minister Roger Cook, the Meekatharra Hospital received no mention in the 2020-21 state budget handed down in October.

While some may think that a hospital for a town of less than 1000 people isn't a priority, its important to recognise that the catchment area for its services covers much, much more than just the immediate local population.

Meekatharra is also a Flying Doctor base, and provides much needed medical and mental health services for thousands of people including residents, station families and workers, the very busy mining industry, travellers and our high number of temporary workers. With COVID still on our horizon and an ageing population, having modern medical services is even more important, and the Shire is committed to pushing for action on behalf of our community.

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**Phone : 08 9980 0600**  
**[www.meekashire.wa.gov.au](http://www.meekashire.wa.gov.au)**

***"Meekatharra - A Golden Prospect"***



*News stories, emails and meetings galore, and all the while the termites gnaw – the Meekatharra Hospital has played a vital role in our region, saving lives and providing top level health care despite its ageing infrastructure. The Council and Shire are working hard on getting action on its much-needed refurbishment.*

## You Spin Me Round...

Did you know we have a bust-out beat baron in our midst? Chief Executive Officer Roy McClymont first revealed his bass-boss bodaciousness at the community footy gathering, and got our feet flapping again at the 2020 town hall Christmas party. Who would have guessed? Our unassuming turntable tyro got plenty of shake shake going, with all ages moving on up to his superior scribblin' and scratchin' serenading. There were plenty of admiring comments on his choices of classical music (such as songs recorded back in the late 1900's, for those who can remember that far back) and plenty of modern musical mojo stacked on his deadly digital deck.

It all goes to show you can never judge a book by its cover, so next time you spot our normally quiet CEO, give him a high-five – and get ready to shake your tail feathers for our next musical event, where our super spin doctor is bound to get our booties boogie-ing once more.

*You're welcome to attend the monthly Council meetings (dates and times are listed in The Dust) and have your say. You can also obtain a copy of the Council Minutes to find out about the many other projects, discussions and improvements that the Shire is undertaking on behalf of the Meeka community. All items or letters for Council should be addressed and sent to the Shire of Meekatharra CEO, at the Shire address (see right).*



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# Meekatharra Support Guide

## EMERGENCY

<b>Ambulance/Police/SES/Fire</b>	<b>000</b>
<b>Meekatharra Police Station</b>	<b>9918 7120 / 131 444</b>
<b>Meekatharra Hospital</b>	<b>9981 0600</b>

## ALCOHOL & DRUGS

Services		Phone Support Lines	
Mission Australia	9956 5100	Alcohol & Drug Support Line	1800 198 024
(Alcohol and Other Drugs Support Service)		Quitline (smoking)	13 78 48
Mental Health and Community Alcohol Drug Service	1800 051 999	Parent & Family Drug Support Line	1800 653 203

## HEALTH

Services		Phone Support Lines	
Meekatharra GP Clinic	6444 7980	Health Direct	1800 022 222
Meekatharra Pharmacy	9980 1798	Elder Abuse Hotline WA	1300 724 679
Meekatharra Hospital	9981 0600		
Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service	9956 6555		
Aged Care	9981 0645		

## MENTAL HEALTH

Services		Phone Support Lines	
Midwest Mental Health Service	9981 0625	Lifeline	13 11 14
Mission Australia (Mental Health Support Services)	9956 5100	Beyond Blue	1300 224 636
Youth Focus	6266 4333	Suicide Call Back Service	1300 659 467
Meekatharra GP Clinic	6444 7980	Men's Helpline Australia	1300 789 978
		1800RESPECT	1800 737 732
		Rural Link	1800 552 002

## YOUTH

Services		Phone Support Lines	
Shire of Meekatharra Youth Services	9980 0600	Kids Helpline	1800 551 800
Youth Justice	9980 2070	Lifeline	13 11 14
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	9981 0625	Beyond Blue	1300 224 636
Youth Focus	6266 4333	eheadspace	<a href="https://headspace.org.au/eheadspace/">https://headspace.org.au/eheadspace/</a>
Meekatharra District High School	9981 1092		
Mission Australia (Remote Attendance Program)	9956 5102		
Department of Communities	9981 0300		
(Child Protection and Family Support)			
Hope Community Services	0418 135 031		

## HOUSING

Services	
Department of Housing	9956 5000
Mission Australia (Public Tenancy Support Services)	9956 5103

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Services		Phone Support Lines	
Emergency/Ambulance/Police	000	Men's DV Helpline	1800 000 599
Meekatharra GP Clinic	6444 7980	Women's DV Helpline	1800 007 339
Meekatharra Hospital	9981 0600	Sex Assault Helpline	1800 688 922
Meekatharra Police	9918 7120	Crisis Care 24hrs	9223 1111 / 1800 199 008
Mission Australia	0458 881 488	1800RESPECT	1800 737 732
(Nyarlu Duwa Women's House, Family and Domestic Violence Response Service)			

## FINANCIAL & GAMBLING

Services		Phone Support Lines	
Centrelink	13 62 40	Gambling Helpline	1800 858 858
Mission Australia (Emergency Relief)	9956 5100		

## EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

Services	
Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	9980 1339
Centrelink	13 62 40

## LEGAL

Services		Phone Support Lines	
Aboriginal Legal Service	9265 6666	Legal Aid	1300 650 579
Aboriginal Family Legal Service	9965 4654		
Meekatharra Court	9981 1008		
Carnarvon Court	9961 5500		
Nyarlu Miyarnumalgu	9936 0600		
(Indigenous Women Paralegal Service)			

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

Services	
Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	9980 1339
Mission Australia	9956 5100
Department of Communities (Housing)	9956 5000
Department of Communities	9981 0300
(Child Protection and Family Support)	



# CRC News



## A New Year for the CRC

2021 will be quite a year for the Meeka CRC and Visitor Centre as we get ready to move over to the Lloyd's Plaza premises and get cracking on some great community initiatives. If you would like to get involved with the CRC, get in touch—we'd love to hear from you!

For the moment, we are still at our premises across from the swimming pool (in Main Street). If you haven't visited yet, pop in—we have lots on offer including our community table, computers and free WIFI. Artists are welcome to work here.

## Get Involved

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on March 9th, 2021. All are welcome to attend. If you would like to be a committee member or volunteer, get in touch with us after the holidays—we're back on deck from Monday January 11th.

## Working On Your Behalf

We are discussing some options with Department of Transport to make it easier for locals to access shorter-period registration payments. At the moment we need to remind everyone that you need to do online or over the phone payments for the 3-month rego option. Fingers crossed we can get permission to process shorter payment periods for you at the CRC—we'll keep you posted.

## Markets in March?

The popular Meeka markets will resume in either March or April, depending on the heat—we're leaning towards April at this point. Stalls are free for all, just bring your own table and chair and make sure you comply with any laws in relation to your product/services. If you need a hand with this, just come to the CRC and we'll sort you out. We also provide help with online certificates, ideas on what works best at the markets, and a number of small business resources that you will find very handy (and easy to use).

## January 2021

By Anna Johnson

# Happy New Year!

### NEW AT THE CRC:

**Aboriginal artist fabric by the metre**  
**Aboriginal artist quilting fabrics**  
**TONS OF NEW LOCAL BOOKS!**

**COMING SOON:**  
**BUNDARRA POLO SHIRTS!**

**CRC HOLIDAY DATES**  
**We will be closed from**  
**3:30pm Wed Dec 23rd and**  
**open again 9:00am Monday Jan 11th.**

## Stay Hydrated!

## It's Hot Out There



Meekatharra Community  
Resource and Visitor Centre  
Lot 55 Main Street  
Meekatharra WA 6642  
**08 9980 1811**  
welcome@meekatharracrc.com.au



Department of Transport



**REFRIGERATION & AIR CONDITIONING MEEKATHARRA**

43 MAIN STREET

PH: 9980 1212

*GET YOUR COOLING SYSTEMS WORKING THEIR BEST BEFORE THE HOT WEATHER*

IMPROVE PERFORMANCE AND REDUCE ELECTRICITY COSTS BY CARRYING OUT PRE SUMMER MAINTENANCE – FOR ADVICE OR TO BOOK A SERVICE,  
CALL TODAY – PH: 9980 1212

**WE CATER TO ALL REQUIREMENTS -  
REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND NEW INSTALLATIONS for  
DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL AND MINING.**

**ALL AREAS – KUMARINA, WILUNA, CUE, MAGNET, SANDSTONE and SURROUNDS**

## **Meekatharra Community Church (Uniting Church)**



**Services held 9.30am  
every 2nd & 4th  
Sunday of the Month**

**Contact:  
Rev Mitch Fialkowski  
9981 1053  
0419 547 175**



# WORKSHOPS

**UPCYCLING – REUSING – CRAFT –  
HOMESTEADING – "MAKING DO"**  
(turning ordinary things into awesome things)

**@ RECYCLING CENTRE RAILWAY STREET  
FIRST **SATURDAY** OF EACH MONTH **11 AM****

**All Welcome!**

**Gold Coin Donation Entry**

New Date &  
Time: Now  
Saturdays!



## **MEEKATHARRA CHRIST THE KING**

CORNER OF DARLOT & HIGH  
STREETS

**SERVICE TIMES  
FEBRUARY 2021**

**LITURGY**

6TH OF FEBRUARY

**MASS**

20th OF FEBRUARY

RECONCILIATION TIMES BY  
REQUEST BEFORE OR AFTER  
MASS

CONTACT CATHY JONES ON  
08 9963 4176



**For if a kangaroo jumps out  
on John's drive home.**

Every beat of this ordinary life is an extraordinary thing.  
And we need your help to protect it.

St John urgently needs volunteers.

If you'd like to help the people of Meekatharra, visit  
[stjohnchangelives.com.au](http://stjohnchangelives.com.au). Or, give Meekatharra Sub Centre a call  
on 9980 1467, or email [sjameekatharra@westnet.com.au](mailto:sjameekatharra@westnet.com.au).



Life goes on.  
Volunteer with St John.







## TOWN CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Town Christmas Party on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December was an absolute blast! There was presents, Santa, elves, a DJ, food, slideshow of photos throughout the year and of course all the amazing people of Meeka. The Christmas Party was a great way to celebrate as a community the end of a very tough year with smiles and laughter. The Town Hall was decorated with tinsel, a 6m high Santa and a 4m high Christmas Tree built by our very own Youth Services Team with help from Shannon.

Santa and his elves went around to each child to say hello and then everyone got the chance to sit on Santa's throne with him and take some photos. The presents he bought with him from the North Pole put a smile on each child's face. The elves made sure each child got a chance to say hello to Santa.

Yulella put on some amazing food to keep us all happy and fed throughout the evening. There is no better feeling then eating delicious food with the community you love. Thanks to all that helped prepare the food. And of course, where would we have been if our volunteers didn't help set the food up and serve it. Thanks to Sarah, Anna, Nikie and everyone else who helped in this department.

Throughout the evening DJ Roy created the atmosphere with Christmas Carols and fun music. At the end of the night there was even some talented young people showing off their dance moves.

At the end of the event everyone pitched in to help clean up, it was incredible to see everyone working together to pack away. Thank you to all those who helped at the end of the night, you are very much appreciated.

























## SANTA'S TRIP AROUND MEEKA

This year Santa made his way around Meeka slightly differently than other years. He opted for the Youth Services ute covered in tinsel to do his annual Christmas Day Lolly Run.

Santa and his helpers were ready to spread Christmas Cheer around town. They rehearsed and prepared for the long trek from the North Pole and made their way down to Meeka to hand out lolly bags

and say hello to the children who were eagerly awaiting his arrival.

Santa and his elves had a great time talking to the kids and saying 'Merry Christmas' to each person they saw.

Thanks to our volunteers Andrew, Jimayne, Andrea and Vivian for helping Santa find his way around town. You guys will definitely make the nice list next year!





## MEEKATHARRA PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH

### We're here to help you

It's important to share any concerns, issues or ideas you may have to allow us to work together to find solutions as we all travel through difficult times

CONTACT US & STAY in TOUCH



Email - [northwest@mp.wa.gov.au](mailto:northwest@mp.wa.gov.au)



Telephone - 99412 999



@VinceCataniaMP

Regular updates will be available via facebook & email

Let's Stay Safe, Stay Well  
& Keep our Distance...



**THE NATIONALS** for Regional WA

## VET SERVICE

**Meekatharra  
Mnt Magnet  
Cue**

**DR RICK FENNY**

**Friday**

**15 Jan 2021**

**FOR APPOINTMENTS**

**PHONE**

**0408 936 061**

**Dr Rick will have signed copies of his  
book, Red Dog Vet – Pip, available for  
purchase.**

## YOGA CLASSES

Enjoy an hour-long  
Online Yoga Session

Every Monday 6pm-7pm  
at the Meekatharra Town Hall

Yoga mats available



“

The new year  
stands before us,  
like a chapter in  
a book, waiting  
to be written.

MELODY BEATTIE





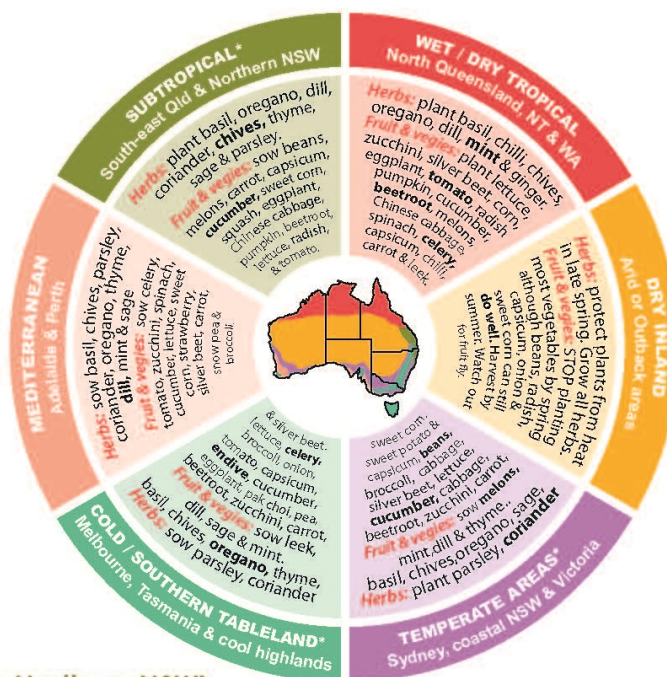
# Summer

## Herb, Fruit & Veggie Planting Guide

By Temperate/Regional Zones

For Summer Flower Planting or Seasonal Planting Guides;

[www.aboutthegarden.com.au](http://www.aboutthegarden.com.au)



### Subtropical (includes: South-east Qld & Northern NSW)

**HERBS** – plant basil, chives, coriander, fennel, gotu kola, heliotrope, lemongrass, mint, parsley, tarragon and winter savoury.

**FRUIT & VEGETABLES** – plant artichoke, beans, capsicum, celery, Chinese cabbage, cucumber, eggplant, kohlrabi, leek, lettuce, melons, okra, onion, potato (tubers), rosella, silver beet, spring onion, squash, sweet corn, sweet potato and tomato.

### Wet & Dry Tropical (includes: North Queensland, NT & WA)

**HERBS** – plant basil, coriander, lemongrass, mint and tarragon. thyme.

**FRUIT & VEGETABLES** – plant artichoke, beetroot, capsicum, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, cucumber, eggplant, lettuce, pumpkin, radish, shallots, spring onion and tomato.

### Dry Inland (includes: Arid or Outback areas)

**FRUIT & VEGETABLES** – No sowing or planting throughout summer due to hot and dry conditions

### Temperate Areas (includes: Sydney, coastal NSW & Victoria)

**HERBS** – plant basil, chives, coriander, fennel, gotu kola, heliotrope, lovage, mint, parsley and tarragon.

**FRUIT & VEGETABLES** – plant beans (dwarf and climbing), beetroot, broccoli, cabbage, capsicum, carrot, cauliflower, celery, chicory, chilli, Chinese cabbage, cucumber, eggplant, endive, kohlrabi, leek, lettuce, okra, parsnip, potato (tubers), radish, rhubarb (crowns), shallots, silver beet, spring onion, sweet corn, sweet potato and zucchini.

### Cool & Southern Tablelands (includes: Melbourne & cool highlands)

**HERBS** – plant basil, chives, coriander, lemongrass, marjoram, mint, oregano, parsley, rosemary, tarragon and thyme.

**FRUIT & VEGETABLES** – plant beans, beetroot, cabbage, capsicum, carrot, cauliflower, cucumber, English spinach, kohlrabi, leek, lettuce, onion, parsnip, pumpkin, radish, silver beet, spring squash, swede, sweet corn, tomato, turnip and zucchini.

### Mediterranean (includes: Adelaide & Perth)

**HERB** – Keep picking the flowers of parsley and basil to prevent them bolting.

**FRUIT & VEGETABLES** – Plant tomatoes, zucchini and capsicum by the end of January. Spray apples and pears against codling moth.





# NEW YEAR NEW GOALS

Use this sheet as a way to reflect on the past year and look forward to a new year. Take your time to thoughtfully answer. By looking honestly at the past year, it allows us to be more successful and honest in goal setting for the new.

**MY GOAL THIS YEAR IS....**

**WHY?**

**HOW WILL I ACHIEVE  
THIS?**

**WHY IS THIS  
IMPORTANT TO ME?**

**WHAT DID I NOT  
ACHIEVE LAST  
YEAR?**

**HOW DID THIS MAKE ME  
FEEL? WHY WAS I  
UNSUCCESSFUL?**





## YOUTH SERVICES

Last year was a big year for the youth team with many events such as Movie Nights, the Town Christmas Party, NAIDOC Week, the Meeka Outback Festival, the Djuki

Mala performance and of course supporting other organisations within the town.

The Youth Services Team are now back and ready for another exciting year. There are many fun and exciting activities prepared for 2021 including visits from Fair Game, Pool Days, Basketball Games, Movie Nights and visits from Karalundi students and staff. All this and so much more!!

The team are currently underway with their School Holiday program which includes extended hours and more activities to keep the young people of Meekatharra positively engaging with the community.



## MSOTA PLAYGROUP

Do you have a child or know a child who will be starting Kindy in 2022 at Meekatharra School of the Air?



Play group takes place in Term 3 and 4- a great opportunity to prepare children for School of the Air.

For further information or to enrol, please contact Naomi Haynes or Shona Nash on 99235200 or email

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**SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA  
ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS**

The Annual General Meeting of Electors will be held in the Council Chambers on Saturday 16 January 2021 commencing at 9:00 am. The order of business will be:

1. Reading of the Auditors Report
2. Presidents Report
3. Receiving of the Financial Statements for 2019/2020
4. Other General Business

The Annual Report (including Financial Statements and the Auditors Report) are available for inspection at the Shire Office, Main Street, Meekatharra during normal office hours.

**Roy McClymont**  
Chief Executive Officer



# **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

# **EVENTS COMMITTEE**

**The Shire of Meekatharra is looking  
for local people who would be  
interested in forming an events  
committee for the upcoming events in  
2021 and beyond.**

**We want people who are interested  
in being a part of the activities and  
events within the Shire.**

**For more information or to express interest  
please contact Amy on  
[cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au) or  
9980 0600**





# EVENTS, EVENTS, EVENTS!

2020 saw many events get cancelled but also many successful events run! Throughout last year the Shire ran several community events all with great engagement. The events included:

- ⇒ Meeka Outback Festival
- ⇒ NAIDOC Week Footy Game
- ⇒ Town Christmas Party
- ⇒ Movie Nights
- ⇒ Djuki Mala Performers
- ⇒ Lloyd's Art Exhibition

In 2021 we are aiming to put on more community events throughout the year. For us to put on events we need helpers so this year we are starting an EVENTS COMMITTEE! The Events Committee will work with the Community Development team at the Shire to advise and support the upcoming events within the community. The committee will play a vital role within the team providing hands on support before, during and after each event. We are looking for people who live in Meeka, are interested in community activities, like to support the community to create events, are passionate about the town and are happy to work within a team.

Upcoming 2021 events could include:

- ⇒ The Meeka Outback Festival
- ⇒ NAIDOC Week

- ⇒ Town Christmas Party
- ⇒ Youth Week
- ⇒ Harmony Day
- ⇒ Movie Nights
- ⇒ Music Events

There is always so much to celebrate, creating memories out of the many occasions is something so special. The Events Committee will be a part of the exciting Meeka social life and be a large part of making memories for those who attend.

If you are interested in being a part of the committee or would like more information please get in contact with Amy at the Shire on either [cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au) or 9980 0600.



ART EXHIBITION 2020



DJUKI MALA DANCERS 2020



NAIDOC WEEK 2020



## Meeka Family Welcomes Workers by Anna Johnson / Meekatharra Community Resource Centre

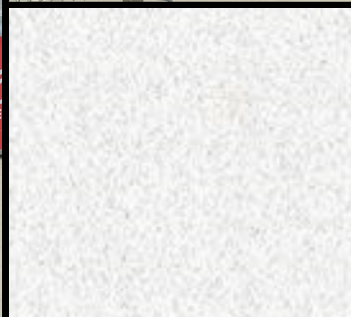
The Meekatharra CRC was successful in obtaining a grant from Linkwest/Lotterywest to host a “COVID Response” event, aimed at identifying and supporting people in the community who might be experiencing hardship as a result of the pandemic situation. A morning tea was held at the Meeka Markets on December 12th, with invitations going out to our many interstate and international workers who are away from family at this time of year. We have people from all over the world working in Meeka! Santa came along, bubble blowing by kids (and grownups) added to the atmosphere, and Cue musician Gus McKay entertained us with some outback tunes. Jo Bonnilly and Santa (they’re good mates) provided a delicious morning tea of home made fruit cake, gingerbread and fruit platters, while CRC Manager Anna Johnson, wearing a very fetching elf hat, made sure everyone got a tasty barista coffee or hot chocolate from Farmer Jacks. We had quite a few out of town workers come along to meet their Meeka family and get a list of local phone numbers they could call for emotional support or just a chat.

The message from the CRC was that all of us in Meeka appreciate their hard work and empathise with the sad hardship of being kept away from family and home due to the pandemic, and are here to be their family in the meantime. The CRC contributed drink ware, lollies and other gifts. To make sure our ever-busy police crew didn’t miss out, a call was made to the police station: “There’s a strange man in a red and white costume annoying people at the markets, come quickly!”. Our local police aren’t slow on the uptake and suspected a Santa prank, but raced to the scene as promised and were given tasty treats from Leeschelle and Sarah’s stall, plus some morning tea and prezzies from the CRC’s mysterious man in red. The CRC thanks Linkwest and Lotterywest for making the event possible, it exceeded our expectations and sent an important, caring message to our many out of town workers who don’t have the option of going home to their families over Christmas. We also thank the Shire and the Commercial Hotel for supporting the Markets this year and making it all possible—the next Markets will likely be in April, when it’s not so hot! Happy holidays everyone, and remember, if you are feeling alone in Meeka, just reach out—we understand, and we care.





## SANTA AT MEEKA MARKETS







## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

The Christmas Carols in 2020 were definitely ones to remember. The event brought out the Christmas Spirit in everyone who attended. Singing Christmas Carols and waving candles was a sight to see.

The kids did an amazing job performing the Christmas Story. They were all dressed up, some as angels, some as shepherds and others as wise men. The kids patiently sat and waited for their act to begin and then smashed it out of the park. They followed their very professional performance by singing a song together. Good job to Tracey and the team that helped put on this performance and

thanks to all the kids who participated.

The Christmas Carols kept coming and they were beautifully sung. Good job to the team from Karalundi who sang and played instruments. The Karalundi choir sang 'Go tell it on the mountain', they practiced this song for a while and it showed. They all sung wonderfully.

Reverend Mitch did a speech to tie the event together. He spoke about kindness and love.

Congrats to Dave and the team putting on an amazing community event to bring us all together.

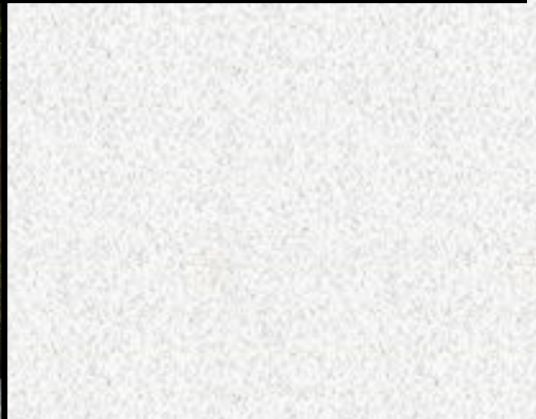
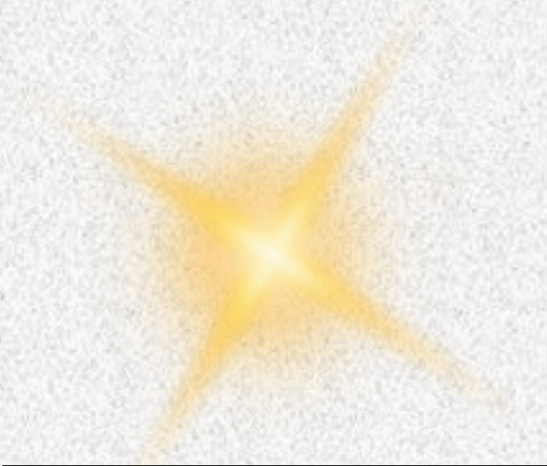
Thanks to the Karalundi Staff for the photos.

















## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

# GEOTOURISM REPRESENTATIVE

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT  
TOURISM IN THE MEEKATHARRA  
REGION?

The Shire of Meekatharra is looking for  
a local representative to a part of the  
GeoTourism Working Group. This group  
looks at promoting the region to  
tourists and creating a diverse holiday  
destination.

For more information or to express interest please  
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# NAME PAVERS

Be apart of this fundraising activity for the  
Meektharra Outback Festival Committee

### NAME PAVERS ARE:

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Your donation entitles you to have your name engraved into a paver  
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Or go to any refund point in WA and use Scheme ID C10286593

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## Gym Memberships

The Shire gym has all the equipment (plus more) that you  
will need to achieve your fitness goals. Come into the  
Shire Office to sign up today!

Monthly Membership \$32  
Monthly Concession Membership \$16  
Yearly Membership \$350  
Yearly Concession Membership \$175  
Swipe Card Bond \$30



Concession fee only applicable on sighting of valid  
Health Care Card by Shire Staff

Access restricted to adults 18 years or older

Please adhere to the following when using the facility:

- Stay 1.5m away from others
- Not go to the gym if you are feeling unwell
- Use the hand sanitiser provided on arrival and as needed throughout
- Make sure you sign in on arrival and sign out on departure
- Use the disinfectant provided to wipe down equipment before and after use





# Pool Party

**TUESDAY 26TH OF  
JANUARY 2021**

**MORE INFORMATION  
TO COME**







HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
2021

from MEEKATHARRA PHARMACY

## NEW YEARS RESOLUTION

What a year 2020 was. Since Covid-19 has struck, a lot has changed with our ways of life and difficulties arose. Yet we hope everyone had a safe, happy and healthy December celebrating Christmas and the New Year in Meekatharra. It is now time for all of us to draft a New Years Resolution and we've got some handy tips to get you started below. We have had some big ideas which are getting put into motion in the pharmacy this year. We have lots of different stock coming in all the time. Come down and have a look!

### First Aid Supplies

A First Aid kit should be an essential item in everyone's car and house. Make sure you're prepared if you are going bush or just hanging out in the back yard. Cuts, grazes, splinters, snake bites, strains and burns are just some of conditions you can help treat with a well-stocked kit. So get prepared today!

### Quit Smoking

Have you decided to kick the habit this January? Quitting smoking can be hard and can take time. If you would like a hand, we have some tips and tricks that may help. We have lots of different aids and advice depending on how much and how often you smoke, we can recommend products to suit you. Nicotine replacement therapy is a good way to start and can be tailored to your circumstances. We have patches, gum, lozenges, sprays & inhalers that may help.

### Weight Loss

Losing weight is challenging. Diet and exercise are some of the best ways to help lose those few extra Kgs, but if you need some more encouragement, come down and chat to your pharmacists, we may have some weight loss aids that could help. Very Low Calorie Diets (VLCD) which come in the form of replacement meals, may be suitable for some people to aid in weight loss. There are also products that can boost your metabolism such as green coffee bean extract and Garcinia Cambogia.

### Webster Packs

A Multi Dose Webster-pak is a sealed weekly calendar pack designed to help people take their medication correctly, according to their doctor's orders. All regular medication that needs to be taken each week is sealed within the blister compartments. If you or your family members may benefit from this, come in and have a chat to us. We offer packing services at low or no cost to you.

Meekatharra Pharmacy carry a range of vitamins & supplements, first aid supplies, quit smoking products, suncare, hair, skin & nail care items, ear and eye products, perfumes, cosmetics, jewelry, gifts, baby items, hats, sunglasses, readers and cleaning products. We also provide professional services such as prescription handling, webster packing, free blood pressure checks, medchecks, Diabetes supplies and lots more.

**Come in and say HI!**

**Monday – Friday: 9am-5pm**

**Saturday – 9am-1pm**





Budget Requests from Ratepayers, Residents, Community and Sporting Groups

### **OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT BUDGET REQUESTS**

Council is currently preparing its budget for 2021/22 and as part of that process invites residents, ratepayers, community and sporting groups to submit suggestions or requests for projects they would like to see included in the budget.

Council, when considering budget items will include items from the Strategic Community Plan and other adopted plans. Any requests or suggestions received may be referred to these planning processes.

All submissions should be submitted by way of a formal letter outlining all relevant details, including, if possible, quotes or estimates relating to the proposal.

Submissions should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and;

posted to: Chief Executive Officer

Meekatharra Shire

PO Box 129

Meekatharra WA 6642; or

delivered to: Chief Executive Officer

Meekatharra Shire Administration Office

75 Main Street

Meekatharra; or

by Fax: 9981 1505; or

emailed to: [dceo@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:dceo@meekashire.wa.gov.au)

**Submissions will be received until 4:30pm on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021.**



# January School Holidays 2021 Youth Services Program



**MONDAY**

10am-1:30pm  
Drop In  
@ Youth Centre

2pm-4pm  
Water Polo  
@ The Pool

6pm-8pm  
12 and Over  
Cricket  
@ Youth Centre



**TUESDAY**

10am-1:30pm  
Arts and Craft  
@ Youth Centre

2pm-4pm  
Water Volleyball  
@ The Pool

6pm-8pm  
8 and Over  
Football  
@ The Oval



**WEDNESDAY**

10am-1:30pm  
Music  
@ Youth Centre

2pm-4pm  
Water  
Basketball  
@ The Pool

6pm-8pm  
10 and Over  
Project Night  
@ Youth Centre



**THURSDAY**

10am-1:30pm  
Drop In  
@ Youth Centre

2pm-4pm  
Water Toys  
@ The Pool

6pm-8pm  
8 and Over  
Basketball  
@ The Oval

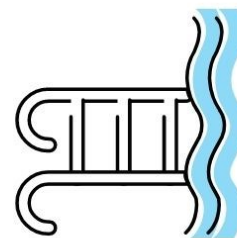


**FRIDAY**

10am-1:30pm  
Pool Comp  
@ Youth Centre

2pm-4pm  
10 and Under  
Movie  
@ Youth Centre

6pm-8pm  
12 and Over  
Movie  
@ Youth Centre



**Starting from 1<sup>st</sup> of January**





## Integrated **Chronic** **Disease Care Program**

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call our Care Coordinators Beryl or Danielle on **0447 268 603****



**Meekatharra ICDC visiting dates for 2021**

19<sup>th</sup> January, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 22<sup>nd</sup> June





## First aid fact sheet

# Heat-induced illnesses



- If a person with heat exhaustion is not managed appropriately, they can develop heat stroke.
- Heat stroke is potentially life-threatening and immediate medical aid is needed.

### Heat exhaustion

#### Signs and symptoms

- feeling hot, exhausted, weak, fatigued
- persistent headache
- thirst
- nausea
- faintness, dizziness
- rapid breathing, shortness of breath
- pale, cool, moist skin
- rapid, weak pulse

#### What to do

- 1 Move the patient to a cool place with circulating air.
- 2 Help the patient to sit or lie down in a comfortable position.
- 3 Remove unnecessary clothing from the patient, and loosen any tight clothing.
- 4 Sponge the patient with cold water.
- 5 Give the patient cool water to drink.
- 6 Seek medical aid if the patient vomits or does not recover quickly.

### Heat stroke

#### Signs and symptoms

- high body temperature of 40°C or more
- flushed, dry skin
- pounding, rapid pulse that gradually weakens
- headache and irritability
- nausea, vomiting
- visual disturbances
- faintness, dizziness, confusion
- loss of consciousness
- seizures

#### What to do

- 1 Follow DRSABCD.
- 2 Call triple zero (000) for an ambulance.
- 3 Move the patient to a cool place with circulating air.
- 4 Help the patient to sit or lie down in a comfortable position.
- 5 Remove almost all the patient's clothing, and loosen any tight clothing.
- 6 Apply a cold pack to areas of large blood vessels such as the neck, groin and armpits, to accelerate cooling.
- 7 If possible, cover the patient with a wet sheet and fan to increase air circulation. Stop cooling when the patient feels cold to touch.
- 8 If patient is fully conscious and is able to swallow, give them cool water to sip.

**In a medical emergency call Triple Zero (000)**

**DRSABCD** Danger ► Response ► Send for help ► Airway ► Breathing ► CPR ► Defibrillation

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## Lunch

# TANDOORI CHICKEN AND SALAD WRAPS

### Ingredients

- ▲ 2 skinless chicken breasts, trimmed of fat (450g)
- ▲ 1 tablespoon tandoori paste
- ▲ 2 tablespoons low-fat Greek yoghurt
- ▲ ¼ teaspoon tandoori paste, extra
- ▲ 4 wholegrain or reduced-fat soft wraps (20cm)
- ▲ 2 Lebanese cucumbers, halved, sliced into thin strips lengthways
- ▲ 1 small red capsicum, seeded and sliced into thin strips
- ▲ 60g snow pea sprouts
- ▲ 20 mint leaves

**Preparation time:** 15 minutes

**Cooking time:** 20 minutes

**Serves:** 4

### Method

Preheat oven to 200°C (180°C fan forced). Coat chicken in tandoori paste then place in a medium baking dish or onto an oven tray lined with baking paper. Bake for 15-20 minutes until cooked through. Once cool enough to handle, slice thinly. Combine yoghurt with extra tandoori paste; spread 2 teaspoons evenly on each wrap. Layer equal amounts of chicken, cucumber, capsicum and sprouts on one edge of each wrap, top with a row of mint leaves. Roll up tightly to enclose filling and cut in half.

### Hint

Cover and refrigerate tandoori coated chicken for as long as time permits, from 30 minutes to overnight.





## QUICK CHICKEN PIZZA

### Ingredients

- ▲ 1 thin 23cm pizza base (dinner plate size)
- ▲ 2 tablespoons salt-reduced tomato-based pasta sauce or paste
- ▲ 1 cup (30g) baby spinach leaves
- ▲ ½ large red onion, peeled, finely sliced and separated
- ▲ 100g cooked or BBQ chicken breast, thinly sliced
- ▲ ½ small red capsicum, seeded and sliced in thin strips
- ▲ 12 small whole or 6 large halved cherry tomatoes
- ▲ ½ cup grated reduced-fat mozzarella cheese
- ▲ Basil leaves, to serve

### Method

Preheat oven to 220°C (200°C fan-forced). Spread tomato paste evenly over pizza base. Top with spinach leaves, sliced onion, chicken, capsicum strips and cherry tomatoes. Sprinkle with cheese and place on a baking tray, pizza stone or wire rack. Bake for 5 minutes until cheese is melted then cover with foil to prevent burning. Bake for a further 5 minutes until base is crisp. Sprinkle with roughly torn basil leaves on top to serve.

### Hint

Use mini bases, pita or wholegrain English muffins for individual pizzas.

### Variation

For a Mediterranean chicken pizza add drained fat-free sundried tomatoes, fat-free marinated artichokes and eggplant.

**Preparation time:** 10 minutes

**Cooking time:** 10 minutes

**Serves:** 2



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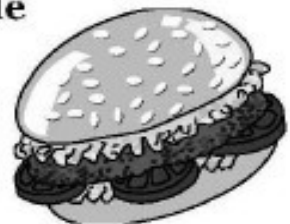
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## CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF... BEAUTY



Look at these clouds coming in. Isn't that a spectacular view? The cloud formations are incredible and such a lovely sight to see.

This photo was taken by very our own Wayne Dark at the Old Stock Yards on the Wiluna Road. Proving once again there is beauty in everything if you look.





## Commonly Misspelt Words 1

a d e w o l l a t r e y  
b e l i e v e t s m f j  
y z a b c c d b a g h k  
k l m n a e r e f w r e  
w x y n w o l d k q e d  
i j n o u i o c a e r p  
u o l g h z a a e n i s  
n l h w k l m n r e h i  
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b a g t h g u a c o h e

allowed  
awhile  
believe  
breakfast

brought  
cannon  
can't  
caught



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### Across

- Two teams have both won 16 premierships. They are the \_\_\_\_\_ Blues and the Essendon Bombers.
- In AFL, a catch is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
- A goal is worth \_\_\_\_\_ points.
- There are \_\_\_\_\_ teams in the AFL.
- The only Australian state without an AFL team is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Only \_\_\_\_\_ current AFL teams have never won a premiership.

### Down

- In 2016, the AFL played its first game in Asia. The match took place in \_\_\_\_\_.
- The 2017 premiers were the \_\_\_\_\_ Tigers.
- A behind is worth \_\_\_\_\_ point.
- The home of the AFL is the Melbourne \_\_\_\_\_ Ground.
- The player who kicks the most goals in a season wins the \_\_\_\_\_ Medal.
- The best and fairest player each year is awarded the \_\_\_\_\_ Medal.
- A player must make a running bounce every \_\_\_\_\_ metres.
- The newest team in the AFL is the GWS \_\_\_\_\_.



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## Summer Addition Mosaic

Solve the maths problems to reveal the hidden picture. Each answer has a special colour:

7, 2 – pink

1, 9 – yellow

4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 – blue

0, 3 – green

1+4	9+1	10+0	7+3	1+4	9+1	10+0	7+3	7+1	1+7
2+8	1+5	1+1	0+7	8+2	6+2	5+2	3+4	2+3	6+4
2+6	5+5	1+6	7+0	6+1	2+5	2+0	0+2	3+5	1+3
1+4	9+1	10+0	0+2	1+0	5+4	5+2	4+0	8+0	6+0
0+10	0+4	4+4	5+2	7+2	0+1	3+4	5+0	2+2	0+4
0+8	3+3	5+2	3+4	6+1	2+5	1+1	0+7	0+6	10+0
9+1	0+0	4+3	0+2	1+2	0+3	1+6	7+0	3+0	9+1
8+0	6+0	2+1	3+5	1+2	2+1	1+4	0+3	0+10	0+4
4+0	8+0	6+0	3+0	0+3	3+0	0+0	0+10	0+4	4+4
1+4	9+1	10+0	7+3	2+1	1+2	1+4	9+1	10+0	7+3



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## Commonly Misspelt Words 2

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c h o c o l a t e m f i  
y z a b c c d b a g h s  
c e n t r e v e t l e a  
a x y s w t c n k c e p  
n j n a n e e g o o s p  
n o l s n r y u t n e e  
o l e t e l l j n e h a  
n o r f w d y t d e t r  
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## ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR



***"THEY ARE CONDEMNING THEIR OWN CHILDREN TO END UP LIKE THEMSELVES" WELFARE JUNKIES WITH NO FUTURE.***

**ROBIN SCOTT MLC – BUDGET REPLY SPEECH 04/11/ 2020.**

### ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Everywhere in my electorate, the story is the same – people have had enough of alcohol abuse and anti-social behaviour, affecting their lives in Regional WA.

The policy of the McGowan Government and the 'do-gooders' simply isn't working.

### IT'S TIME FOR A NEW POLICY:

A policy of direct intervention into aboriginal communities and child welfare. A policy which puts the tackling of alcohol abuse as a top priority. A policy which puts a stop to the 'soft-handed' approach to youth justice.

### NO CONSEQUENCES FOR ACTIONS

The best way to change a person's behaviour is for them to learn that there are consequences for actions.

Right now, anti-social behaviour is terrorising regional WA. We need to impose measures that teach offenders that there are consequences for their actions.

### JAIL IS NOT A DETERRENT

At the moment there is no fear of going to jail, instead, it's become a "rite of passage", and somewhere for kids to learn the behaviours of criminal adults.

We need take offenders off the streets for longer periods, which protects society and which allows for intensive education and rehabilitation programs to be delivered to the offender.

### THE PROBLEM

COVID-19 reduced crime numbers significantly, but now the worst is over, things have gone back to "normal"- burglary, property damage and assaults are being reported more than ever before. Politically-correct policies of the Government have failed. We need to stop this idea of a 'partnership model' and instead directly intervene.

### THE SOLUTION

We need to start right away implementing both short-term and long-term solutions:

- Provide government subsidies for home and business CCTV camera systems.
- *Confiscate phones that are being used to upload criminal behaviour to social media.*
- Tougher prison sentences with intensive education programs.
- *Provide beds at schools 24/7 for children to escape abusive homes.*



**Hon. Robin Scott MLC**

**Member for Mining & Pastoral Region**

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Containers for Change is coming to Meekatharra and **Yulella Aboriginal Corporation** and the **ABC Foundation Ltd** is bringing it here from **Saturday October 3!**

A new state-wide container deposit scheme, Containers for Change lets you cash in eligible containers for 10-cents each.

Your local refund point in Meekatharra is: **18 Marmont Street, Meekatharra.**

Open: **Wednesdays 1.00pm-5.00pm & Saturdays 8.00am-12.00pm.** (From Sat Oct 3)

You will be able to cash in up to 800 containers and receive up to \$80 cash-in-hand during these times. You can also have the money deposited straight into your bank account by signing up for a Scheme ID at [www.containersforchange.com.au](http://www.containersforchange.com.au).

Anything more than \$80 will be deposited directly into your bank account via your Scheme ID, so make sure you sign up for one today!

Most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard drink containers between 150ml and 3L are eligible for a refund.

There are some drink containers that are not eligible for a refund. Generally, excluded containers are those that are less than 150ml and greater than 3L. Containers excluded include:

- Any plain milk containers
- Any glass containers which have contained wine or pure spirits
- Containers 1L or larger which have contained flavoured milk, pure fruit or vegetable juice
- All cordial or syrup containers
- Registered health tonics.

Any containers that are presented as either broken glass or damaged/cut containers will NOT be eligible for a refund. Light crushing of cans, plastics and liquid paperboard is acceptable.

Please remember when coming down to exchange your containers:

- Make sure they are CLEAN and cleared of any contamination. Contamination includes: sand, cigarette butts, sharps and lemon/lime, plus much more.
- Sort and count your containers before into their types (glass, aluminium, plastic etc) as this will assist us in processing your containers quicker.
- Be nice – we are just starting out, so please be patient if we are a bit slow in the first days.

If you would like to bag up your containers for us to count and process later so you don't have to wait, just make sure to mark your bag clearly with your Scheme ID, Full Name and Contact Number. Alternatively, put your details on paper inside a sealed plastic sleeve and pop that in your bag.






To find out more about Containers for Change in Meekatharra contact Leanne Sharrock from Yulella Aboriginal Corporation via email at [admin@yulella.org.au](mailto:admin@yulella.org.au) or on 08 9980 1339.





# IMPORTANT DATES

## January 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
28 Boxing Day Public Holiday	29	30	31 New Years Eve	1 New Years Day Public Holiday	2	3
4 Yoga 6pm 	5 360 Health Community Visit—Clinic	6 360 Health Community Visit—Clinic	7	8	9	10
11 Diabetic ED & Renal Nurse Visit—Clinic Yoga 6pm	12 Diabetic ED & Renal Nurse Visit—Clinic	13	14	15 Dr Rick Fenny Vet Visiting 	16 Annual Electors Meeting Ordinary Council Meeting Meeka Goes Green Recycling 9am-11am	17
18 Midwife Visit—Clinic Yoga 6pm	19 Midwife, Podiatrist & 360 Health Community Visit—Clinic ICDC Physiotherapist Visit—Hospital	20 360 Health Community Visit—Clinic 	21	22	23 Meeka Goes Green Recycling 9am-11am	24
25 Yoga 6pm	26 Australia Day Public Holiday Pool Party 	27	28 WACHS Physiotherapy Visit—Hospital	29	30 Meeka Goes Green Recycling 9am-11am 	31