



# Meekatharra Dust

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## 2021/2022 Council Meeting Dates

The dates for Ordinary Council Meetings of the Shire of Meekatharra for 2021/22 are:

17th of July 2021  
21st of August 2021  
18th September 2021  
16th October 2021  
20th November 2021  
17th of December 2021 at 2pm  
15th of January 2022  
19th February 2022  
19th of March 2022  
9th of April 2022  
21st of May 2022  
25th of June 2022

All meetings are held in the Shire of Meekatharra Council Chambers at 9:30am unless otherwise stated. Last day to submit items for Council Meetings is Friday, 4:30pm two weeks before the Council Meeting occurs.

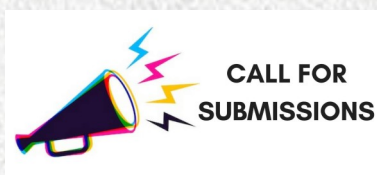
### Calling for Submissions

The Meekatharra Dust is always looking for new submissions to be added to the community newsletter. We are chasing articles about things happening around town. If you have any articles with information about any upcoming community events then we want to hear from you!

The Shire of Meekatharra will pay for articles that are related to Meekatharra. Articles include short stories, poems, photos or similar. Get in contact to find out more about this opportunity.

"The Meekatharra Dust" is a non-profit community newspaper. The Meekatharra Dust is published during the first week of each month. The deadline is the 24th of the previous month.

If you have an article, a photo you would like to share or an advertisement, you can post them to: *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](mailto:cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au)



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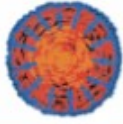
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NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2022

**NRW Virtual Breakfast**

**Friday 27 May**

**8.00am - 10.00am**

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27 MAY – 3 JUNE  #NRW2022





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## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers

Last month Meeka was lucky enough to have the Murdoch Vet team come to town again to offer free sterilisations and health checkups for cats and dogs. Through collaboration between the Shire Rangers and team, Community Resource Centre, Yulella and the local animal lovers team **36 animals were desexed** (18 cats and 18 dogs), 34 were microchipped and registered, 49 received vaccinations, health checks or tick treatment.

A big thank you to all parties involved for making it the success it was. Sterilisation is one key part in reducing the numbers of stray cats and dogs roaming the streets. Missed out? You don't have to wait a year for the Murdoch Vets to come back! Concession card holders can also get free desexing vouchers for Rick Fenny's next visit. Come and see us at the Shire.

*The Editor*





# CEO COUNCIL MESSAGE



Welcome to the May 2022 edition of *The Dust* CEO Council Message Report that provides information for all residents regarding the Council ordinary meeting that was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 as well as the Health, Building and Town Planning Committee meetings that was held on the same day. This section of *The Dust* is intended to provide a snapshot of the issues discussed at Council's Ordinary Meetings that are held each month.

The unconfirmed minutes of Council Meetings are placed on the Council website as soon as possible within the prescribed time limit whereby they are confirmed at the next scheduled Council Meeting. Furthermore, items listed on the agenda when published for the community may not include all the items that were discussed at the Council Meeting, as provision is made for councillors and/or staff to introduce late items for consideration as permitted by legislation and Councils Standing Orders. Therefore, the following resolutions are only an extract of the full meeting agenda with the entire meeting proceedings being available in the official Council Minutes that are confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

## **Items from the Ordinary Meeting 9 April 2022**

### **Item 9.3.4 – Application for Mining Tenement Miscellaneous Licence 51/122**

*That Council approve the Application from M&M Walter Consulting on behalf of Cyprum Metals for approval of the application for Mining Tenement Miscellaneous Licence 51/122 situated east of Yarrabubba as depicted on the attached Tengraph map and application.*

The above resolution confirms Council's approval in regard to the request from M&M Walter Consulting on behalf of Cyprum Metals for approval of the application for Mining Tenement Miscellaneous Licence 51/122 situated east of Yarrabubba.

### **Item 9.7.1 – Mission Australia Lease – 64 Hill Street Meekatharra**

*That Council approves the Lease between the Shire of Meekatharra and Mission Australia for the premises located at 64 Hill Street Meekatharra in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the Lease and approves the affixing of*

*Councils Common Seal and execution of the Lease by the Chief Executive Officer and the Shire President.*

The above resolution confirms Council's agreement between the Shire of Meekatharra and Mission Australia to formally lease the premises at 64 Hill Street Meekatharra to Mission Australia that they currently occupy and use for the purpose of a domestic violence safe house.

### **Item 9.7.2 – Meekatharra Speedway Lease – Yulella Aboriginal Corporation**

*That Council approve a request from the Meekatharra Yulella Aboriginal Corporation to enter into a lease arrangement for the management of the Meekatharra Speedway Complex located on Part Reserve 36131 that is vested under Management Order with the Shire of Meekatharra pending approval from the Minister for Lands.*

The above resolution confirms Council's agreement to enter into a lease arrangement for the management of the Meekatharra Speedway complex located on Part Reserve 36131 that is vested under Management Order with the Shire of Meekatharra following the dissolution of the former Meekatharra Speedway Club in 2021.

### **Item 9.7.3 – Lloyds Café Lease – Mama Moon's Bakery**

*That Council approve executing the Lease between the Shire of Meekatharra and Mama Moon's Bakery for the premises located at Shop 6 Café Lloyds Plaza 64 – 66 Main Street Meekatharra in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the Lease appended to this report, and approves the affixing of Councils Common Seal and execution of the Lease by the Chief Executive Officer and the Shire President.*

The above resolution confirms agreement to lease the Lloyds café shop to Mama Moon's Bakery. The lease will commence in early May 2022.

## **Further Information Snippets**

Extraordinary election – as previously advised in *The Dust*, an extraordinary election was scheduled for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 due to the resignation of Cr Phil Moses in February this year. At the close of nominations only one (1) qualified nomination was received from Mr Maurice Anderson for the one vacancy. Therefore, in accordance with section 4.55



of the Local Government Act 1995, Maurice Anderson is duly elected for the remainder of the term until 21 October 2023. He will be formally sworn in as a Councillor for the Shire of Meekatharra at the next ordinary Council meeting on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2022.

Annual 2022/23 budget – the process for Councils 2022/23 budget has commenced with Council approving its Fees and Charges, Allowances and Setting of the Annual Rate in the Dollar that are advertised for comment. Council intends to adopt the 2022/23 budget at its meeting scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.

Coles Express – a development application has been submitted by Coles Express Meekatharra which is compliant with Councils Town Planning Scheme and therefore does not require any formal Council approval. Coles Express intend to extend their internal shop area as well as develop the external car/truck bay areas.

Meekatharra Swimming Pool – a review of the swimming pool infrastructure was completed and presented to Councils Health, Building and Planning Committee for consideration. The review included quotations for the painting, re-tiling and replacing of splash items in both the main pool and kids pool. Council has requested staff to submit an application for funding to the Department of Sport & Recreation.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled for 9.30am on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2022 and the next CEO *Council Message* column will appear shortly after this meeting in the June 2022 edition of *The Dust* to provide information from this Council meeting as well as general information updates to the community. Until the next edition Bye for Now!

**KJ Matthews - CEO**



The Shire has had the pleasure of two new managers joining the team this last month: Danny Humphries as Works & Services Manager (left picture) and Peter Dittrich as Deputy Chief Executive Officer (on the right).

Danny grew up in Sandstone, used to be a pastoralist and worked at various local governments throughout the district. He has been told he has a beautiful back of the head but the most beautiful aspect to Danny is his furry little offside Louie—a little Mount Magnet special. You may have already noticed increased activity and things happening in the works department and around town; that's due to Danny having an affinity for getting things done and getting them done now. Procrastination is not in Danny's vocabulary.

Peter, too, has previously worked in the region, as CEO of the Shire of Murchison. He has gained a lot of experience and knowledge in various local governments as well as other sectors. He believes the shire office isn't 'the Shire' but that the people in administration merely act on behalf of the other departments and the community. Pete is looking forward to getting involved in the community and has already lodged his application with St John Ambulance (he's been an ambo for many years, yay!). In terms of hobbies Pete says he's "pretty boring", he just goes to the gym or works on his 'extreme anger management problem'. Lucky we have Louie the support dog to help with that. (Pretty sure he's joking.)



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10am Saturday mornings



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# BE RESPONSIBLE



Please ensure whilst exercising your dog to pick up any waste and dispose of in the bins provided.

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Corner of Main & High Streets, Meekatharra

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## **MARKUS SIMPSON**

# **SUPPORT MARKUS TO GO TO THE DOWN UNDER WINTER CLASSIC**

Hello My name Markus Simpson and I was born in King Edward Memorial Hospital in Subiaco, Western Australia. I am a Yamatji boy from Meekatharra who has a passion for baseball.

MY DREAM ONE DAY IS TO PLAY AT AN ELITE LEVEL BASEBALL. AS A LITTLE FELLA GROWING UP IN MEEKATHARRA MY FAMILY AND I MOVED TO MANDURAH AND LIVED THERE FOR EIGHT YEARS.

My family moved to an area near an estuary where my brother and I would go mess around and throw rocks down the water, this is where my passion for baseball came along. At the age of nine I started playing Teeball for the peel diamonds sports.

I have played in three state champions and was selected to represent Coastal Bay Sharks and play at an Australian National Tournament in Lismore NSW.

After that my family and I relocated back to Meekatharra this is where I missed out on my baseball for two years, after that I got accepted into boarding school at Clontarf Aboriginal College and continues playing for South Perth Baseball club.

I have been selected for the West Coast Rays seventeen and under team to represent Western Australia at the 'Down Under Winter Classic' national tournament in Gold Coast on 3rd July to 9th July 2022.

"PLEASE HELP ME GET TO 'THE DOWN UNDER WINTER CLASSIC' IN THE GOLD COAST."

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT MARKUS PLEASE CONTACT DEANNE YOUNG ON 0455 472 899.**



24<sup>th</sup> April 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Baseball WA wishes to acknowledge and congratulate **Markus Simpson**.

**Markus** has been selected for the West Coast Rays 17U team to represent Western Australia at the Down Under Winter Classic. The competition will be held on the Gold Coast, Queensland, 3<sup>rd</sup> July to 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

We appreciate any financial support that you can provide Markus and his family to reduce their expenses. As you would be aware expenses add up with flights, accommodation, equipment and tournament costs and I am sure that Markus and his family would be extremely grateful for any assistance you can provide.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the players and coaches and is a huge honour for Markus and his team to participate in the Down Under Winter Classic.

Thank you in anticipation of your support and if you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Baseball WA direct at [admin@baseballwa.asn.au](mailto:admin@baseballwa.asn.au)

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L Dale".

Lachlan Dale  
Chief Executive Officer  
Baseball WA



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### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**

EOI 21/22 - 02 - LLOYDS BUILDING GALLERY OPERATOR

EOI 21/22 - 03 - LLOYDS BUILDING HAIRDRESSER OPERATOR

EOI 21/22 - 04 - LLOYDS BUILDING MUSEUM AND FORMER CRC AREA

EOI 21/22 - 05 - LLOYDS BUILDING SHOP 1

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are sought for occupants for the above shop spaces in the recently completed Lloyds Plaza building, 64 Main Street Meekatharra.

EOI documentation is available by contacting Mrs Svenja Clare on 08 99800600 or emailing [cdsm@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdsm@meekashire.wa.gov.au).

EOIs shall be contained in a sealed envelope clearly endorsed with the EOI number and description above and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and either mailed to PO Box 129 Meekatharra WA 6642 or deposited in the tender box situated in the Meekatharra Shire Office, Corner Main and Savage Streets Meekatharra. All EOIs received will be considered by Council at its ordinary meeting.

**KJ Matthews**

**Chief Executive Officer**



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from Perth

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**ONE WAY**

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from Perth

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**“Our vote  
can help shape  
our mob’s  
future”**






House of Representatives  
Ballot Paper



State

Electoral Division of Division Name

**Number the boxes from 1 to 8 in  
the order of your choice**

|  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| <b>2</b>   | SURNAME, Given Names<br>INDEPENDENT |
|  <b>3</b> | SURNAME, Given Names<br>PARTY       |
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|  <b>4</b> | SURNAME, Given Names<br>PARTY       |

Remember... number every box to make your vote count

**SAMPLE**

## MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!

On election day you will receive two ballot papers:

- a green one for the House of Representatives; and
- a white one for the Senate.

On the green ballot paper, you need to put a '1' in the box beside the candidate who is your first choice, '2' in the box beside your second choice and so on, until you have numbered every box.

You must number **every** box for your vote to count.

**Don't worry if you make  
a mistake – just ask for  
another ballot paper.**

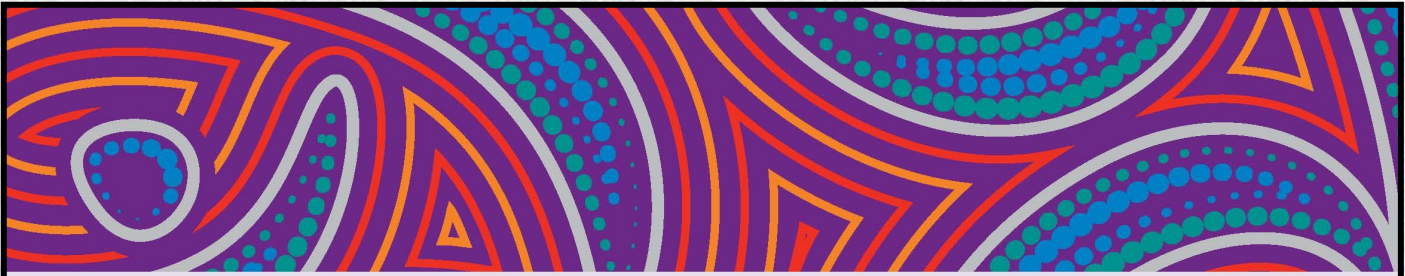


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## On the white ballot paper you have a choice of two ways to vote:

### 1. Above the line – Number at least 6 boxes in the order of your choice.

 Senate Ballot Paper  
State – Election of 6 Senators



**You may vote in one of two ways**  
**Either**  
**Above the line**  
By numbering at least 6 of these boxes in the order of your choice (with number 1 as your first choice).


| A   | B   | C   | D   | E   | F  | G |  |
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| 5   | 2   | 1   |   | 3   | 6  | 4 |  |
| PARTY   | PARTY   | PARTY   | PARTY   | PARTY   | PARTY  |   |  |


**Or**  
**Below the line**  
By numbering at least 12 of these boxes in the order of your choice (with number 1 as your first choice).

| PARTY  | PARTY  | PARTY  | PARTY  | PARTY  | PARTY  |  | UNGROUPED  |
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**SAMPLE**

### Or 2. Below the line – Number at least 12 boxes in the order of your choice.

 Senate Ballot Paper  
State – Election of 6 Senators



**You may vote in one of two ways**  
**Either**  
**Above the line**  
By numbering at least 6 of these boxes in the order of your choice (with number 1 as your first choice).

| A   | B   | C   | D   | E   | F  | G |  |
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|   |   |   |   |   |  |   |  |
| PARTY   | PARTY   | PARTY   | PARTY   | PARTY   | PARTY  |   |  |

**Or**  
**Below the line**  
By numbering at least 12 of these boxes in the order of your choice (with number 1 as your first choice).

| PARTY  | PARTY  | PARTY  | PARTY   | PARTY   | PARTY   |  | UNGROUPED  |
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**Don't worry if you make a mistake – just ask for another ballot paper.**



April has been a massive month at the Community Resource Centre.

Due to an incident in late March at the CRC and another incident later that day, Anna has left the CRC and Meekatharra. We wish Anna all the best as she moves towards a new life with her dogs, somewhere where there is water and green grass and cooler weather.

Nick also resigned to spend more time looking for Lazarus's reef. We wish him luck in finding that elusive Meeka Gold.

Jo is now the manager, and we have 2 amazing new staff members. Tiffany working part time and Mandy full time. Mandy will be going off to her Department of Transport Training soon.

As you can imagine it has been a time of changes, challenges, and accomplishments as we settle into our new roles.

This week we are having our first ever sale!

### Department of Transport

I apologise that the Department of Transport has not always been open when people expect.

Our normal servicing days are Monday and Wednesday, however if we cannot service on one of those days, we will provide the service on Friday.

Once Mandy and Tiffany have been trained, normal hours will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9am to 1pm.

Our next testing day is Tuesday 17 May. Make sure you come into book your test in person or hop onto the Dept of Transport website to make your booking.

## Mothers day Sale

**20% off moisturisers, soaps,  
lip balms, scented reed  
diffusers and hand wash.**

**2 May to 6 May.**





## MEEKATHARRA ABORIGINAL REFERENCE GROUP MEETINGS

2022

(Second week of each month mostly)

Community MARG Members 9:30 a.m.

Invited Stakeholders to attend from 11:00 a.m.

|           |                            |                       |
|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| February  | Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Face to Face          |
| March     | Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Face to Face          |
| April     | Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> | Cancelled Covid       |
| May       | Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> | Face to Face and ZOOM |
| June      | Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>  | ZOOM Online           |
| July      | Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> | Face to face and ZOOM |
| August    | Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> | ZOOM Online           |
| September | Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> | Face to Face and ZOOM |
| October   | Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> | ZOOM Online           |
| November  | Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> | Face to Face and ZOOM |
| December  | Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>  | ? TBC                 |



Government of Western Australia  
Department of Health

COVID-19

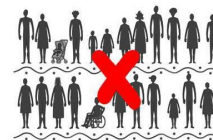
Stay COVID safe

# Stop the spread of COVID

No big mobs

COVID spreads easily when big mobs get together.

Keep your distance.



Wear a mask when required

Masks help to stop COVID spreading.



Get vaccinated



Call the clinic if you're sick



Wash your hands



Two big steps (1.5m)  
Keep your distance



Cover coughs and sneezes



Clean shared surfaces

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# MURCHISON DENTAL TEAM ROSTER 2022

Meekatharra: 2nd February - 11th of February

Mount Magnet: 23rd February - 4th March

Cue: 23rd March - 1st April

Meekatharra: 27th April - 6th May

Mount Magnet: 23rd May - 29th May

Sandstone: 29th May - 3rd June

Meekatharra: 22nd June - 1st July

Yalgoo: 20th July - 29th July

Mount Magnet: 17th August - 26th August

Meekatharra: 14th September - 23rd September

Mount Magnet: 12th October - 21st October

Meekatharra: 9th November - 18th November

Mount Magnet: 7th December - 16th December

## CONTACT NUMBERS:

MEEKATHARRA - 9981 0640 OR 0427 386 647

YALGOO PRIMARY SCHOOL - 9962 8029

MOUNT MAGNET, CUE, SANDSTONE - 0427 386 647

## MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY



|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| Youth Focus                                      | 6266 4333   | youthfocus.com.au                                |
| HeadSpace  | 9274 8860   | headspace.com.au<br>ehspace.com.au               |
| Lifeline WA [24 hrs]                             | 13 11 14  | lifeline.org.au                                  |
| Kids Helpline [24 hrs]                           | 1800 551 800  | kidshelp.com.au                                  |
| Suicide Call Back Service [24 hrs]               | 1300 659 467  | suicidecallbackservice.org.au                    |
| Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service [CAMHS] | 1800 048 636  | cahs.health.wa.gov.au/our-services/mental-health |
| Mental Health Emergency Response Line [24 hrs]   | 1300 555 788 Metro<br>1800 676 822 Peel<br>1800 720 101 TTY | nmahsmh.health.wa.gov.au                         |
| Ngala Parenting Helpline                         | 9368 9368 Callback Service<br>1800 111 546 Rural            | ngala.com.au                                     |

## ONLINE RESOURCES

|                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Black Dog Institute | blackdoginstitute.org.au |
| Bite Back           | biteback.org.au          |
| Reach Out           | au.reachout.com          |
| Beyond Blue         | beyondblue.com.au        |

## AWESOME APPS

Download these Apps for free in iTunes or Google Play



Smiling Mind



Mindshift



Reachout Worry Time



What's Up?



The Check-in

## 5 TIPS TO BE MENTALLY HEALTHY...







**SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA  
PROPOSAL TO IMPOSE DIFFERENTIAL RATES**

In accordance with section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995 notice is hereby given that the Shire of Meekatharra proposes to again differentially rate mining tenements and pastoral holdings in those areas in which unimproved property values apply.

It is anticipated that rating levels for the 2022/23 year will be 8.8869 cents in the dollar for all gross rental valued properties, 20.0000 cents in the dollar for mining tenements and 8.5000 cents in the dollar for pastoral leases. A minimum rate of \$400 can be expected on GRV properties whilst all other ratable properties can expect a minimum rate of \$350. The objects and reasons for each proposed rate may be inspected at the Shire Office, Main St, Meekatharra during normal office hours.

Submissions from electors and ratepayers about the proposed rates or minimum payments and any related matters may be made to the undersigned at the below stated address by 5pm on Tuesday 24 May 2022.

Kelvin Matthews  
Chief Executive Officer  
Shire of Meekatharra  
PO Box 129  
Meekatharra WA 6642



## EGGCELLENT ADVENTURE FOR MEEKA KIDS

The Meekatharra Easter School Holidays bounced into top gear with thanks to Yulella for organising the town community Barbeque and Easter fun day. There was plenty of food and drinks, courtesy of Yulella which was good news as over 100 members of our community converged upon the Meekatharra oval for a day filled with sports and games run by the Shire of Meekatharra Youth services team and the team from Youth Focus.

The highlight of the day was no doubt the giant Easter egg hunt which saw the kids racing all over the sporting complex and oval to find as many of the eggs as possible before the perfect sunny day melted too many. Needless to say no one

missed out and it was wonderful to witness the kindness of the older kids sharing with their younger family members and assisting them in finding the most well-hidden of the chocolate treats.

The rest of the holidays were filled with busy days spent at Kidszone in the mornings where the little ones participated in archery, junior basketball, cooking, and the arts. While at night our older youths came to the youth centre for competitive games of cricket, volleyball and basketball. It was over all a fantastic time for the kids of Meeka and it was great to see so many kids regularly attending the activities.







Department of  
Education

**Shaping the future**

# School enrolments are now open for 2023

If your child is starting **Kindergarten, Pre-primary, Year 7** or **changing schools** you will need to apply to enrol by **22 July 2022**.

Find out more:

[education.wa.edu.au/how-to-enrol](https://education.wa.edu.au/how-to-enrol)







# COVID-19

## Public health and social measures to ease

Thanks to the efforts of the WA community and based on health advice, public health and social measures will ease from Friday 29 April from 12:01am, as Western Australia's soft landing has been secured.



**2sqm rule removed**



**Capacity limits removed**



**G2G Pass no longer required**



**Masks** continue to be required for everyone aged 12 years and older (including year 7s) on public transport, in airports and aircrafts, hospitals, aged and disability care, and correctional facilities



**Proof of vaccination** removed from venues and businesses, but remain for aged care and hospitals. Mandatory workplace vaccination requirements remain



**Two visitors per resident per day** at hospitals, residential aged care and disability care facilities. In addition, essential visitors also allowed at hospitals



**Close contacts with no symptoms** no longer required to isolate, but must wear a mask when leaving the house, avoid high-risk settings, take a daily RAT for 7 days, work from home where possible, avoid non-essential gatherings and inform your employer

### To help keep WA safe:



**Stay up to date** with your COVID-19 and flu vaccinations



**Wear mask**, just because you should



**Wash and sanitise** your hands



**Get tested** if unwell

**WA.gov.au**





# Pulse oximeter

## What you need to know!

- ☐ Are you non-Aboriginal and over 65?
- ☐ Are you Aboriginal and over 50?
- ☐ Are you pregnant?



If you answered YES to any of the above – collect a free pulse oximeter from your local government today!

### What is a pulse oximeter?

It is a small, peg-like device that clips onto your fingertip to read your heart rate and blood oxygen level. It takes only one minute to work, is reusable and can be shared between other people in your household.



### Why do I need one?

If you become COVID-19 positive, you may need to be remotely monitored through the WA COVID Care at Home program. By having a pulse oximeter already in your home, a health professional can assess you and provide health advice from the comfort of your home.

Visit [WA COVID Care at Home](#) for more information.

### Where do I get one?

Visit your local government to collect a free pulse oximeter for you and your household (each eligible household will receive one pulse oximeter).

Do **not** pick up a pulse oximeter if you are already COVID-19 positive. If you have already received a positive COVID-19 test result, the Department of Health will contact you and provide further information.

Visit [COVID-19 \(coronavirus\) \(healthywa.wa.gov.au\)](#) for more information.

This document can be made available in alternative formats on request for a person with disability.

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[healthywa.wa.gov.au](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au)





# COVID-19: Symptom guide

**With COVID-19 in the community it is important to know what the symptoms are and when to seek medical advice.**



Fever



Headache



Loss of taste and/or smell



Fatigue



Dry cough



Sore/scratchy throat



Shortness of breath



Muscle aches



Vomiting



Runny nose



Chills/night sweats



Diarrhea

## Mild symptoms

Most people will have mild symptoms for up to 2 weeks. Avoid high-impact activities, weights, running and workouts.

**Recover at home**

## Worsening symptoms

Symptoms worsen and you are unable to take care of yourself such as showering, putting on clothes or making food.

**Call your GP**

## Severe symptoms

Symptoms become severe such as difficulty breathing when resting. Do not wait, call 000 immediately and let the operator know you have COVID-19.

**Call 000**

**WA.gov.au/symptoms**

We're all in this *together.*



# SNEAK A PEEK AT THE SNEAKER PROJECT

## Youth Focus and 1OFF Store NAIDOC Week Sneaker Project

### Get Up Stand Up Show Up

*Youth Focus and 1OFF Store, with support from the ABC Foundation, Yulella, Meekatharra District High School and the Meeka Youth Shire Services have created a unique opportunity for young people in Meekatharra.*

Youth Focus is partnering with 1OFF Store to create an opportunity for young people in Meekatharra to express their cultural heritage through art and sharing good news stories from Meekatharra for NAIDOC Week 2022.

Up to 14 young people in Meekatharra will have the opportunity to create, design and paint Nike Air Force Sneakers.

Each week the young people in the Meekatharra High School - Future Endeavours class will attend the Youth Focus office on Main Street to design and create their artwork for their sneakers. During this time Meeka community members, Youth Focus staff, artists and others will be involved and invited to talk to the young people on a wide range of topics, from art and design to caring for your own social and emotional wellbeing.

Two winning designs will be chosen by members of the Meekatharra community. The winner will then have the opportunity to gift their sneakers to one West Coast Eagles player and one Fremantle Dockers player (to be announced at a later date), while still being able to keep a pair of sneakers for themselves.

Each young person will get to keep the Nike Air Force sneakers that they create. We are also encouraging the young people involved in the project to choose an older family member or guardian to help create the design with them and to share the experience. During this project there will be lots of giveaways and recognition for those young people that are really involved in the process.

Participants will also be given the opportunity to design a NAIDOC themed shirt to be sold at the 1OFF Store. Money

from selling the shirts will be returned to Youth Focus. The young people involved in the project will have a say in how that money is spent.

This project aims to:

- Encourage young people to draw on cultural knowledge and heritage to restore resilience, hope and a meaningful sense of community through creative art.
- Create an opportunity for the young people's designs to be recognised and teaching them employability skills within the creative industry.
- Create an environment where young people in Meekatharra can learn mental health literacy (resilience, self-esteem, managing anxiety, connection to the social and emotional well-being model of care).

A documentary about the process will be developed by the 1OFF Store team. This will be published on YouTube. Young people and their families will have the opportunity to see the video before it is published.

For more information please don't hesitate to contact the staff at Youth Focus, Main Street, Meekatharra.







BIG SKY READERS & WRITERS FESTIVAL 2022

# SHORT STORY PRIZE ENTRY FORM

Phone: ..... Email: .....

Title of Story: ..... Word Count: .....

I advise that my entry is my own work and has not been published previously. Should my entry be deemed the winning entry, I provide my permission for my work to be included in the Geraldton Regional Library collection, including being uploaded to the online catalogue.

Signed: ..... Dated: .....

Do not include your name on your entry, only the title of your work. Email your story and completed entry form to [council@cgg.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@cgg.wa.gov.au) or submit by mail (Big Sky Short Story Prize, Geraldton Regional Library, PO Box 101, Geraldton WA 6531). Contact Trudi Cornish, Ph: 9956 6659 for any further queries.

## TERMS AND CONDITION

- Open to people aged 18 years plus from across the Midwest.
- Opens Monday 18 April, closes 4pm Friday 15 July 2022. No late entries accepted.
- Length - Maximum of 3,000 words.
- Entry is free. Maximum of three entries per person. Each entry must be accompanied by a completed entry form.
- No responsibility is accepted for lost, delayed or late entries.
- Shortlisted entries announced Wednesday 7 September 2022.
- Entries will not be returned.
- Winners announced Thursday 29 September 2022.
- Winner: Cash prize of \$500, VIP access to Festival Events, Story accessioned into Library, Published online via Library Catalogue, Certificate.
- Runner-Up: VIP access to Festival Events, Story accessioned into Library, Published online via Library Catalogue, Certificate.
- Highly Commended: Certificate.
- Employees of the CGG and their direct family members are not eligible to enter this competition.
- Entries must be unpublished and in English.
- The entry is written with a mature or adult audience in mind.
- Format - must be typed 1.5 line spacing, 12 point font, no contact/name on actual work, only on entry form.

MIDWEST  
REGION





**“Our vote  
can help shape  
our mob’s  
future”**

## THREE LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

Australia has three levels of government that work together to provide Australians with the services they need. The three levels are:

- **local government or councils (also called shires or municipalities)**
- **state or territory governments**
- **federal government**

By voting in elections, you will choose people to represent you in each level of government to make laws and govern on your behalf. Voting is how every person can have their say.

All levels of government collect money through taxes and provide a range of services. Each level of government has its own responsibilities, although in some cases these responsibilities overlap.

Here are some examples:

### LOCAL

- local road maintenance
- garbage collection
- recreation facilities

### STATE/TERRITORY

- education
- transport
- health

### FEDERAL

- foreign affairs
- social security
- immigration





### **Federal Government**

A federal election is held at least every three years so Australians can vote to decide who will represent them in the federal Parliament.

The federal Parliament consists of two houses – the House of the Representatives and the Senate. During a federal election, you will vote for a person to represent your area (known as an electorate) in the House of Representatives. There are 151 members in the House of Representatives in total.

The political party with a majority of members in the House of Representatives becomes the federal Government. The leader of the government is called the Prime Minister.

You will also vote for senators who will represent a whole state or territory in the Senate. There are 12 senators for every state, and two senators for each territory.

### **State and territory governments**

State and territory governments generally have a similar structure to the federal Parliament, but only make laws and decisions for the specific state or territory. Each state, apart from Queensland, has a parliament that consists of two houses. Queensland, the Northern Territory and the Australian

Capital Territory have one house called the Legislative Assembly, instead of a Parliament.

The leader of a state government is called the Premier. The leader of a territory government is called the Chief Minister.

When a state or territory holds an election, you will vote for a person to represent you in your state parliament or in the Legislative Assembly. State and Territory elections are run by State Electoral bodies and not by the Australian Electoral Commission.

### **Local government**

Local governments, often called city councils or shire councils, are established by state governments to look after the particular needs of a city or local community. The head of the council is the Mayor or Shire President. During local government elections, you will vote for people called councillors who form the council. Local government elections are usually run by state electoral bodies.

**To enrol to vote, scan the QR code  
or visit [aec.gov.au/enrol](https://aec.gov.au/enrol)**





# DV-alert

Domestic and Family Violence Response Training

## DV-alert Workshop: Indigenous

Domestic and Family Violence  
Response Training for Frontline Workers

**Date:** 17 & 18 May  
2022

**Time:** 9am-5pm  
both days

**Venue:** Meekatharra  
Town Hall, 54  
Main Street

**Enrol:** [Click here](#)

**DV-alert is free, nationally accredited training to help frontline workers recognise the signs of domestic and family violence and know what to do next.**

**Frontline workers hold a unique position of trust in the community and may be the first to see the signs.**




### Why DV-alert?

DV-alert is led by experienced trainers dedicated to reducing violence against women and their children. Our workshops provide a safe space for frontline workers to learn, connect and be empowered to recognise and respond confidently to those in crisis.

After successfully completing the workshop, you'll receive a Statement of Attainment for the unit of competency **CHCDFV001: Recognise and respond appropriately to domestic and family violence.**

### What will I learn?

In attending our 2-day accredited Indigenous workshop, you'll learn how to:

-  **RECOGNISE** the signs of domestic and family violence
-  **RESPOND** confidently
-  **REFER** people to appropriate support services in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities

### Who is it for?

This workshop is for frontline workers and volunteers in Australia, including those in the health, allied health, education, childcare or community sectors who have contact with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

### Cost

DV-alert training is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

It is free for frontline workers. Financial support is also offered for staff backfill for attendance of the 2-day workshop or a 1-day specialist workshop, and help with travel and accommodation is available in some cases.

Terms and conditions apply.

Go to [dvalert.org.au](https://dvalert.org.au) for more information.

### Any questions?

For further enquiries contact: [training.dvalert@lifeline.org.au](mailto:training.dvalert@lifeline.org.au)

Training delivered by



Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.  
Go to [www.dss.gov.au](https://www.dss.gov.au) for more information.

Training delivered by Lifeline Australia (RTO 88036)



# ★ FIGHT *the* BITE ★



## COMMON SYMPTOMS OF ROSS RIVER VIRUS:

- ★ PAINFUL, SWOLLEN JOINTS ★
- ★ PAINFUL, ACHING MUSCLES ★
- ★ SKIN RASH ★ FEVER ★



[www.healthywa.wa.gov.au](http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au) / **FIGHTTHEBITE**



Government of Western Australia  
Department of Health

## "OFF THE BEATEN TRACK" WITH MATTY



**98.3 MEEKA FM**

Meekatharra, WA

A FAVOURITE TRAVELLING SONG? REQUEST IT FOR THE SHOW.



**MONDAYS LUNCH**





# 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 (Child Protection and Family Support) | 9981 0300    |                     |   |
| 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 (Indigenous Women Paralegal Service) | 9936 0600 |                     |              |

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

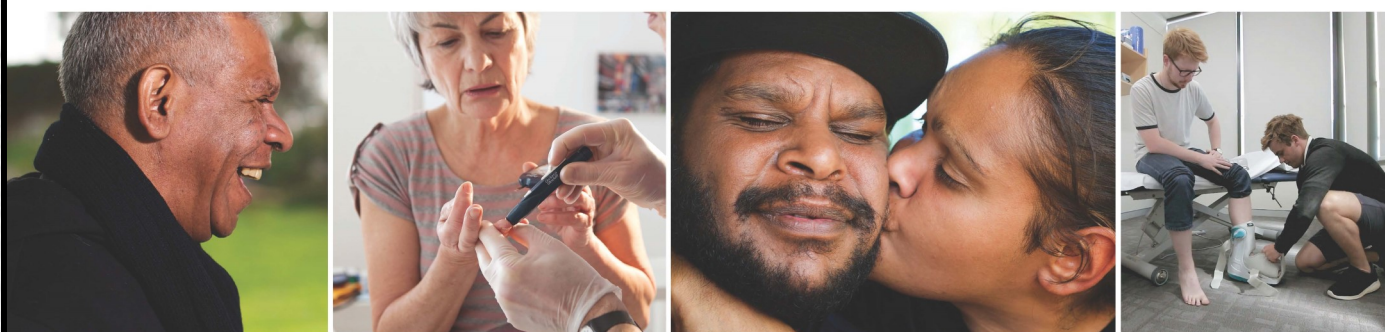






## Integrated **Chronic** **Disease Care Program**

**Do you have a team that can  
assist with your **diabetes**,  
**cardiovascular disease** or  
**respiratory disease**?**



**Podiatry | Dietetics | Physiotherapy | Diabetes Education**

**Our Team can assist with these services and provide  
care co-ordination to assist with all your health  
appointments or enquiries.**

**If you suffer from Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease or Respiratory  
Disease and would like to make changes to improve your health,  
call our Care Coordinators Beryl or Danielle on **0447 268 603****







# Get behind the wheel

Emergencies don't have working hours, that's why we need more volunteer Drivers. If you're looking for a way to help, and love getting behind the wheel, this is the role for you.

You'll help with patient transfers, inter-hospital moves and RFDS transfers. And while this is mainly a driver-only role, you will still receive the training you need to assist an Ambulance Officer in an emergency.

We always need help, so to see how people exactly like you can contribute head to [stjohnchangelives.com.au](http://stjohnchangelives.com.au) or give our Community Paramedic Michelle Fyfe a call on 0437 681 562, or email [Michelle.Fyfe@stjohnwa.com.au](mailto:Michelle.Fyfe@stjohnwa.com.au)

Help keep your ambulance service strong in Meekatharra.

Life goes on.  
Volunteer with St John.





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# MURAL & EXHIBITION

By Helen Ansell

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## MURAL

Artist Helen Ansell is coming to town! Helen spent time growing up in Meeka when she was young is very excited to come back to help beautify the town. She will be working with the community to complete a mural on the corner of Main St and Savage St as part of the Shire's Mural Project.

Want to get involved?

Keep an eye on the Meekatharra Dust and Notice Boards for more information.  
Helen will be painting from the 7th of June 2022.



## EXHIBITION

Helen is known for her amazing art pieces and will be bringing some with her. To view her work come along to the Art Exhibition, Helen will also be selling some of her prints and other amazing pieces of work.

Saturday, 11th of June 2022









## 2021 MEEKATHARRA NAIDOC SHIRTS

For sale in the shire office, \$40 each.  
S, M, L & XL sizes  
for adults  
Limited kids stock

## Want a quicker way to show your proof of vaccination and check in?



The app with everything you need to be COVID-19 safe.

**Free**  
**Secure**  
**Convenient**


**WA.gov.au**

# • FREE WIFI

Did you know... that the Shire has put in **free high speed WIFI** in Lloyds Plaza and the Town Hall everyone to use!

To access this free service you will be able to be outside the buildings or in one of the locally owned shops in Lloyds Plaza.

This service can be used for work, study or personal administration



# MEEKA GYM

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.  
More information is on our website.

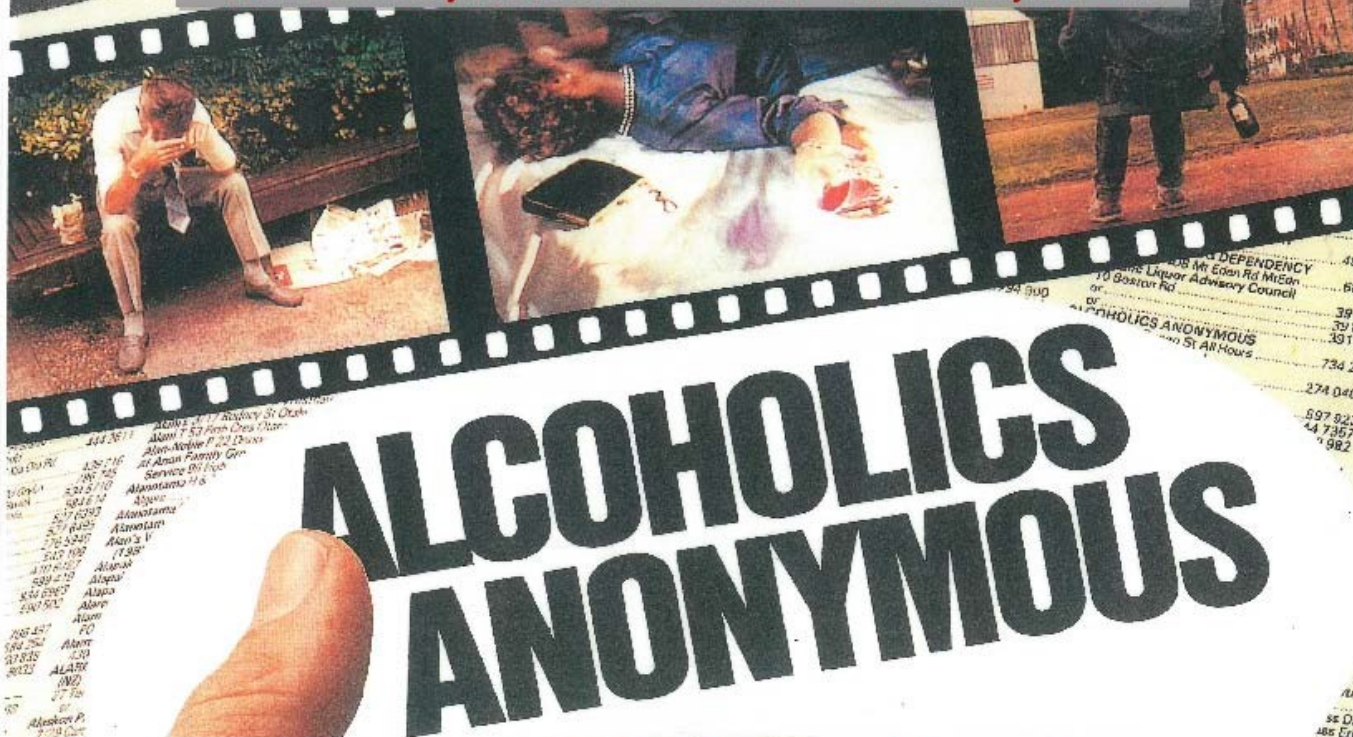
Access restricted to adults 18 years or older  
Unmanned gym open 5am-10pm daily  
Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination is required to enter






**Meekatharra AA Meetings - Wednesdays 7.00pm**

**Seventh Day Adventist Church - Mc Cleary Street**



# ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

**Contact - 0472686962 for more information**

## NAME PAVERS

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

### NAME PAVERS ARE:

- A unique and lasting record of your support;
- A creation of memories and milestones;
- A celebration of a wedding, new baby, birthday or anniversary;
- A tribute to someone special or a precious memorial to a loved one.



Your donation entitles you to have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your valued support. The paver will be permanently installed on the footpath outside the Shire Administration Building proudly showing your donation. To place your order please come into the Shire Office.

## SQUASH COURT

LOCATED AT THE SPORTS COMPLEX

Keys available at the Shire Office  
\$50 Cash Key Bond  
\$10 Per Game

More information on our website  
[www.meekashire.wa.gov.au](http://www.meekashire.wa.gov.au)





# **MEEKATHARRA GP CLINIC**

**Due to an increase in COVID in the WA community, we ask that everyone please stay safe and healthy.**

**Please take the time to look after yourself, and others, and to recognise any health issues early to ensure you receive the best healthcare that we can offer.**

**We now have new measures in place to ensure we are all safe. When visiting our GP Clinic, we ask that you wear a mask, and ring the doorbell at the front door.**

**This is to prevent our Clinic closing due to an outbreak.**

**A friendly reminder that we are not a walk-in Clinic, and you will need to call and book.**

**Meekatharra GP Clinic: 6444 7980**





### **Red Dust Healing Training for Men In Meekatharra**

Due to COVID 19 GRAMS has decided to run 2 separate 1 day training as we are only permitted for 10 men at each workshop session.

Please be advised that COVID PROCEDURES will be put in place at each workshop.

All attendees will be rapid tested on the morning of the workshops

**Date:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup>/ 05/2022, Men only workshop

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>/05/2022, Men only workshop

**Venue:** Youth Focus Building 59 Main Street Meekatharra

**Time:** 8.30am sign in, training will commence 9.00am till 3.00pm

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided.

This training is facilitated by David Batty

To register please email [david.batty@grams.asn.au](mailto:david.batty@grams.asn.au) or please phone 0498466792

**THIS IS A GRAMS SUICIDE PREVENTION STRATEGY**



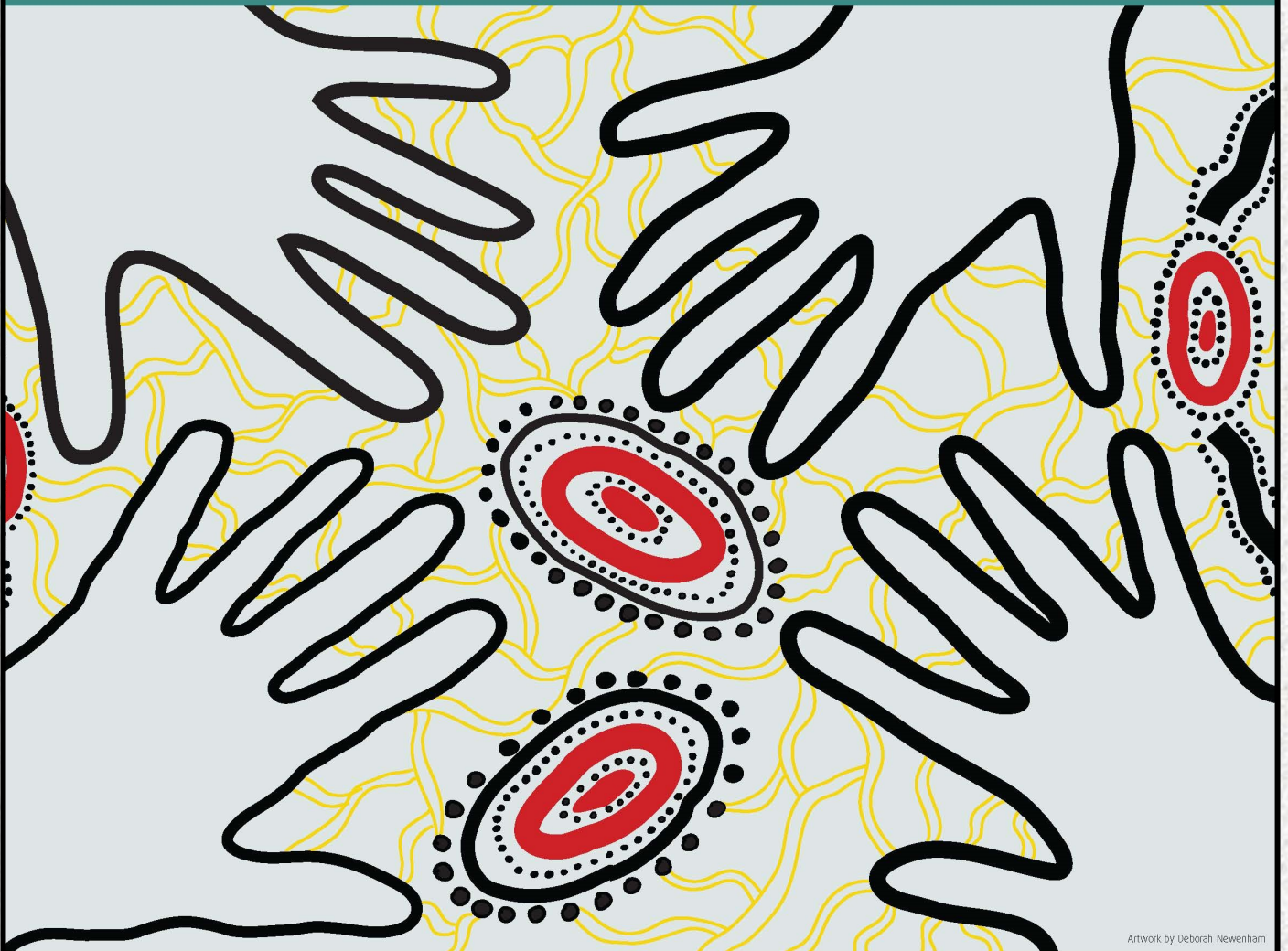




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# Aboriginal Mediation Service

Assisting Aboriginal people to resolve conflict before it escalates to violence or results in court action



Artwork by Deborah Newenham

If you would like more information about the Aboriginal Mediation Service, contact:

**Freecall:** 1800 045 577 | **Phone:** 9264 6176

**Email:** [aboriginalmediationservice@justice.wa.gov.au](mailto:aboriginalmediationservice@justice.wa.gov.au)

**Office hours:** 9am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday (closed public holidays)



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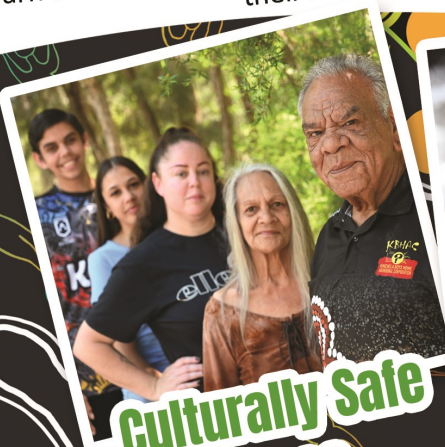
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporters

# 13 YARN

13 Yarn is the first national support line for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people in crisis. We offer a confidential one-on-one over the phone yarning opportunity and support with a Lifeline trained Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporter for mob who are feeling overwhelmed or having difficulty coping. We are here to provide crisis support 24/7 to enable our community to yarn without judgement and provide a culturally safe space to yarn about their needs, worries or concerns.

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership in Social and Emotional Wellbeing, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

This service has been developed in collaboration with Gaaya Dhuwi



## BLAST FROM THE PAST

# MEEKATHARRA DUST

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## THE DOORS ARE OPEN... MEET THE RED SANDBOX STAFF

As the echoes reside from the cheering parents we finally welcome the faces that will be caring for our precious little ones, from left: Simone Deinobili, Krista Keevil, Sheree Deinobili and Jessica Winter.

The "Red Sand Box" is looking so good that many of you wouldn't recognise the place if you haven't been inside yet.

No stone was left unturned in relation to detail, each of the many rooms look fantastic with enough room to swing a cat (or a child) but apparently that is not allowed.

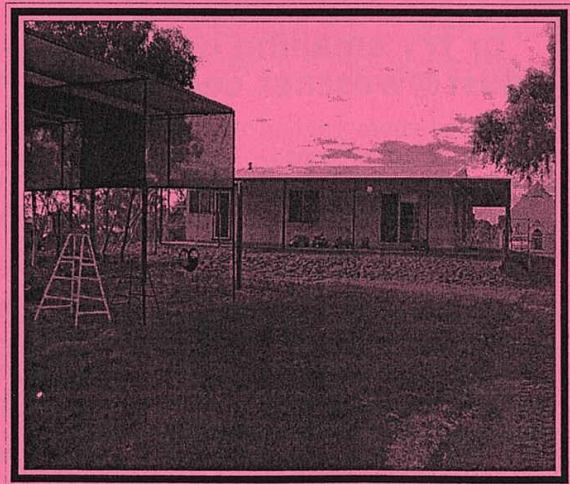
Opening day was rather hectic with children being enrolled all over the place, but all seemed to go well, with the children and staff looking happy with the new building.

With minimum numbers needed to run the facility more bookings are required. For more details on session times the Centre can be contacted on 9980 1284. This is a Centre for the whole community so all are welcome.

**Everyone** is entitled to a rebate from the Government, and Krista is more than happy to help you with the application process. Users of the facility are advised that Day

Care fees must be paid 7 days in advance.

An official opening will be held in mid June, so keep your eyes on the town notice board for more info...





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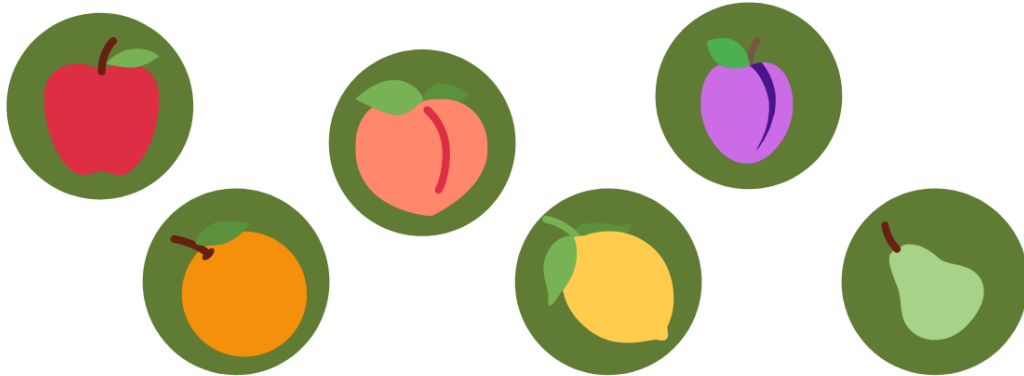
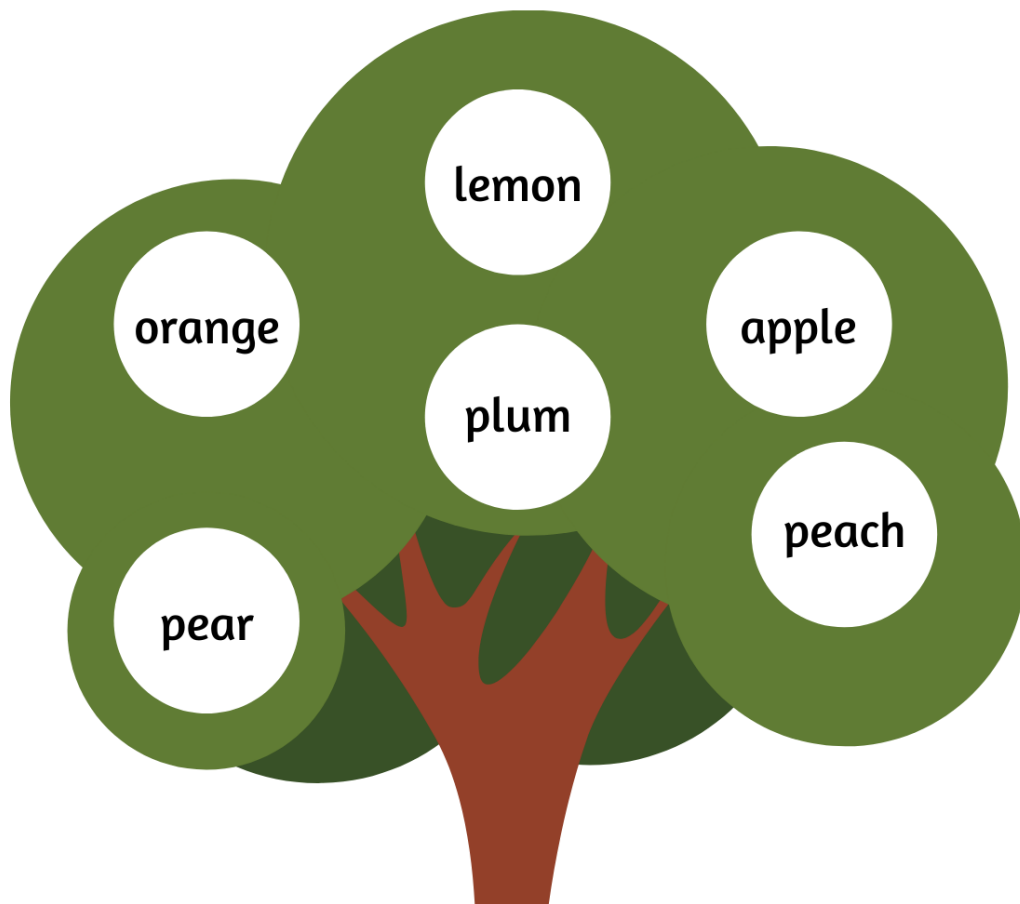


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## My Fruit Tree

- Drag each fruit to its place in the tree.







# One-tray haloumi and chickpea bake

SERVES: 4 | PREP TIME: 20 MINS | COOK TIME: 1 HOUR & 15 MINS | INGREDIENTS: 17

## ingredients

- 80ml (1/3 cup) extra virgin olive oil
- 1 red onion, finely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1/2 bunch continental parsley, stems finely chopped, leaves picked
- 2 tsp harissa paste
- 1 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 red capsicum, deseeded, cut into 2cm pieces
- 1 (about 360g) eggplant, cut into 2cm pieces
- 700g btl passata
- 2 x 400g cans chickpeas, rinsed, drained
- 2 tsp honey
- 500g haloumi, thinly sliced
- 2 tsp mixed sesame seeds
- Flatbread, warmed, to serve

## directions

- STEP 1 Preheat oven to 220°C/200°C fan forced. Heat 1 /4 cup of the oil in a large flameproof baking tray over medium heat. Add onion, garlic and parsley stems. Cook, stirring, for 3 minutes or until softened. Add harissa, cumin, paprika, coriander and cinnamon. Cook, stirring, for 2 minutes or until aromatic. Add capsicum, eggplant and remaining oil. Season. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes.
- STEP 2 Add passata, chickpeas, half the parsley leaves and 1 tsp honey to the dish. Bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to low. Cook, covered, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes or until vegetables are soft. Remove from heat. Top with haloumi. Bake uncovered for 10 minutes. Drizzle with remaining honey and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Bake for 10-15 minutes or until haloumi is golden. Set aside for 10 minutes to cool slightly. Sprinkle with remaining parsley. Serve with flatbread.

FOR MORE RECIPES, VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.TASTE.COM.AU](https://www.taste.com.au)





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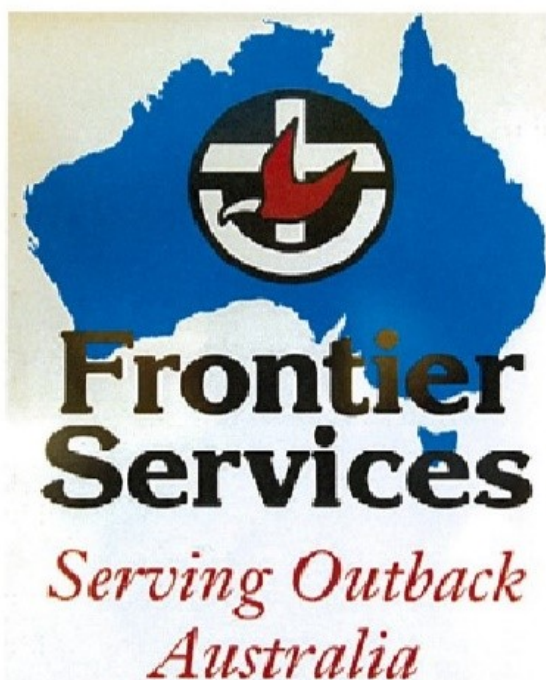
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# IMPORTANT DATES

## May 2022

| Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu | Fri   | Sat   | Sun   |
|---|--|--|-----|---|---|---|
| 30<br>KindiLink<br>10am-12pm  | 31   |  |     |   |   | 1   |
| 2<br>KindiLink<br>10am-12pm   | 3  | 4<br>KindiLink<br>11am-1pm<br><br>Containers for<br>Change<br>12:30pm-4:30pm<br>  | 5   | 6<br>KindiLink<br>10am-12pm   | 7<br>Golf Open<br>(Ambrose Day)<br><br>Containers for<br>Change 8am-12pm<br><br>Meeka Goes Green<br>Recycling<br>9am-11am   | 8<br>Mother's Day<br><br>Golf Open<br>All Day |
| 9<br>Red Dust Healing<br>Workshop<br>8.30am-3pm<br><br>KindiLink<br>10am-12pm | 10<br>Red Dust Healing<br>Workshop<br>8.30am-3pm | 11<br>KindiLink<br>11am-1pm<br><br>MARG<br>Meeting 9:30am<br><br>Containers for<br>Change<br>12:30pm-4:30pm  | 12  | 13<br>KindiLink<br>10am-12pm  | 14<br>Containers for<br>Change 8am-12pm<br><br>Meeka Goes Green<br>Recycling<br>9am-11am<br>     | 15  |
| 16<br>KindiLink<br>10am-12pm  | 17<br>DV Alert Training<br>9am-5pm               | 18<br>DV Alert Training<br>9am-5pm<br><br>KindiLink<br>11am-1pm<br><br>Containers for<br>Change<br>12:30pm-4:30pm  | 19  | 20<br>KindiLink<br>10am-12pm  | 21<br><b>Federal Election</b><br>Ordinary Council<br>Meeting 9:30am<br><br>Markets<br>9:30am-1pm<br><br>Containers for<br>Change 8am-12pm<br><br>Meeka Goes Green<br>Recycling 9-11am | 22  |
| 23<br>KindiLink<br>10am-12pm  | 24   | 25<br>KindiLink<br>11am-1pm<br><br>Containers for<br>Change<br>12:30pm-4:30pm<br> | 26  | 27<br>Reconciliation Week<br><b>Breakfast</b><br>8am-10am<br>Shire Hall<br><br>KindiLink<br>10am-12pm | 28<br>Containers for<br>Change<br>8am-12pm<br><br>Meeka Goes Green<br>Recycling<br>9am-11am   | 29  |