

Meekatharra Dust



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Youth Ball



The Annual Youth Ball was held on Saturday the 14th of November 2009 at the Meekatharra Town Hall. See pages 12-13 for details

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Readers,

December—my favourite month of the year..
Start of Summer (although I'm sure that will
change once it hits 45!), Christmas—time for
Family; great company and great food!, a New
Year—new start, new goals!, And of course
Holidays!!!!

Wishing Everyone a very safe & happy Festive
Period!

To those who are leaving us for good ; We wish
you All The Best!!!

This is the last edition for the year! Thank you to
everyone who has contributed and thanks also
for the nice feedback.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year !!

Thanks

Rach

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*The Best of all gifts around any
Christmas Tree ; The presence of a
happy family all wrapped up in
each other*



Dust Noticeboard...

Calling for Submissions

If you have any articles with information, about events, or photos you have taken that you would like included in the Meekatharra Dust, please drop them into Rachel at the Shire before the closing date shown on the back page.

EVENTS NOT TO MISS

THIS MONTH

- ❖ Family Fun Water Day - Saturday 5th
- ❖ Telecentre Committee Meeting - Tuesday 8th
- ❖ End of Year School Concert - Thursday 10th
- ❖ Year 7 & 12 Graduation - Friday 11th
- ❖ School Holidays - Thursday 17th
- ❖ Ordinary Council Meeting - Friday 18th
- ❖ Christmas Carols - Sunday 20th
- ❖ Christmas Day - Friday 25th

Merry

Christmas


**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

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SHIRE OFFICE HOURS

XMAS PERIOD

The Shire Office will be closed
from

Thursday 24th December 09
4.30pm

until

Monday 4th January 2010
8.00am

WELCOME
to our
newest
Councillor:
Peter
Clancy



Library

We know our library is of the small scale, but we hope we have most of what you need. We get an exchange every month. The number of items we receive is much smaller though.

If there is anything specific that any reader would like we can order it from another library for you. (Sometimes this can take time for them to be sent to us)

Please note that you must be an existing member of the library to order in books.

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*The Library is open:
Monday to Friday
from
8 am to 4.30 pm.*



The Meekatharra Post
Office will be closed
for Christmas
from

**Thursday 24th
December
12 noon**

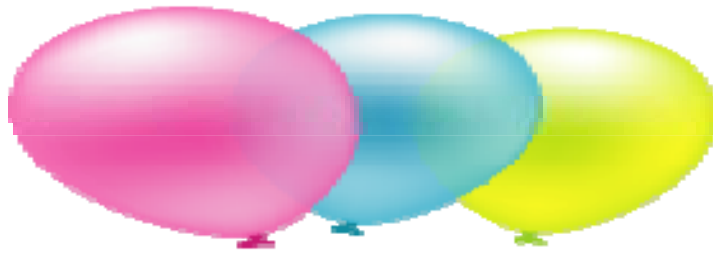
until
**Tuesday 29th
December 09.**

"MEET at the MCG"

**Are you creative or would like to be?
Not into craft, but like to have a chat and some fun?
Then please come along and share a laugh.**

<u>DATE:</u>	Saturday 12th December, 2009
<u>TIME:</u>	12 Noon to 4pm
<u>VENUE:</u>	The Red SandBox Preschool in Darlot Street
<u>COST:</u>	Gold Coin Donation (includes Afternoon Tea)
<u>CONTACT:</u>	Ellen O'Dempsey 9981 2950

FAMILY FUN DAY



On Monday 2nd November 2009 Community Health Staff Delores Gilbert and Gloria Jones held a Family Fun Day at the Community Health Centre. 12 parents and 20 children attend the 2 hours session which included child immunisation, child checks by the Child Health Nurse Mary Ash, hat painting by parents and children, play dough and playing games with toys from the toy tailor. At lunch time sandwiches, fruit and water was supplied to all who attended the session.

It was a good session and all the children enjoyed the day painting their hats which was donated by Tunya Brown from Cancer Council in Geraldton. We also had bags which were given to each parent which was donated from Go for 2 Fruit & 5 Veggies. Community Health will be running another day like this on Monday 30th November 2009 from 10 am – 12 midday and the theme of the day will be Christmas Activities as it will be Christmas soon. ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND.



Better Beginnings & Story Time



Meekatharra Shire is seeking interest in early literacy programs for children aged between 0-3 (Better beginnings) and 3-8 (story time). These sessions will take place once a month at the library .

Please express your interest.

Phone: 99 811 002

Email: reception@meekashire.wa.gov.au



Barry Haase

Federal Member for Kalgoorlie
Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Energy and Resources

MEDIA RELEASE

11 November 2009

Remembrance Day

Mr Barry Haase, Federal MP, said the significance of Remembrance Day this year is particularly poignant with the passing of the last of the World War 1 servicemen in June. Today it is important to renew our promise to remember and honour all the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for all Australians.

"Three hundred thousand Australians fought in World War I and of these 60,000 died with 156,000 wounded or taken prisoner. This commitment out of a population of only five million clearly shows the importance of ensuring that our World War I servicemen must never ever be forgotten. It is essential that the memory of these heroes live forever with us and we owe it to the next generation to keep their achievements alive," said Mr Haase

Mr Haase asks all Australians on Remembrance Day 2009 to make a special effort to pause for one minute's silence at 11am and to wear a red poppy in memory of our service men and women who lost their lives fighting for our freedom and peace in World Wars 1 and 2 and in other theatres of war.

The tradition of the red poppy has its origins in a poem written in 1915 by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, who was so moved by the sight of red poppies stretching across the World War I battlefields that he penned the poem *In Flanders Fields*.

Mr Haase said, the final line of the poem says it all '*If ye break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders Fields*'.

In 1997 the Governor General formally proclaimed 11 November to be Remembrance Day and urged all Australians to observe one minutes silence at 11am on 11 November as a mark of respect for those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflict.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Media contact: De-Arne O'Neil (08) 9021 2035 0407 379 622 De-Arne.O'Neil@aph.gov.au

A Remembrance Day Service was held at Paddy's Flat on the 11th of November attending by approximately 50 people. Senior Sergeant Peter Pope addressed the service followed by the laying of wreaths



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New Years Day Friday 1st January 2010

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Youth Ball

On the 14th November 2009, approximately 60 young people aged 10-17 years dressed up to attend the annual Youth Ball. The girls looked very pretty and the boys very handsome and everyone had a good time.

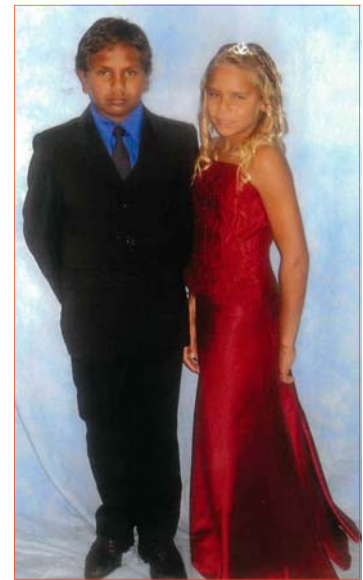
Most kids were more than happy to show off their dancing skills, which was very entertaining. Those who didn't dance were happy to be entertained. Thank you to the Police, who once again chose the Belles & Beaus of the Ball.

Snr Beau was won by Sonny Brand from Karalundi and Snr Belle was won by Kadisen King (Pictured Below)



Jnr Beau was won by Mykia Curley and Jnr Belle was won by Tilly Kyanga (Pictured to the Right)

Unfortunately the sashes which I had dutifully ordered months in advance did not arrive until the Monday after the Ball (very annoying).



Thank you very much to, all the parents and community members who formed the Youth Ball committee this year and worked hard cooking, decorating and setting up the hall (hopefully, you'll all be back to do it again next year).

The time and work involved in organising the event is worth doing when all the kids turn up looking good and ready to party.

Thank you to the Carers from Karalundi who worked hard and organised their kids and brought them in, because they all looked really good.

Unfortunately Wiluna couldn't make it due to all the rain they'd had and Magnet had a Family Fun Day on the same day as the ball.

Last but not least thank you to Farmer Jacks for your donations of food and drinks.

Elaine King

Youth Sport & Rec Officer



Sharky, Dakota, Shania & Jock



Tiara G, Shandra, Sherelle & Gianne



Fawn & Devlyn



Bernie, Devlyn, Fawn, Tiara N, Stacey, Verdelle, Brittney Q & Kadison



Cepi, Tahlia, Kadisen & Luther



Sammy, Marika, Raylene, Patricia, Shania S, Telisha, Tilly, Dakota, Tiara G, Shania Q, Alkira & Tricia



Vicki & Earl

Jayden & Clinton

Janine, Brandon & Mikaela



Jock, Shane, Brady, Clinton, Mykia, Jayden, Sharky, Bob, Luther & Cepi



DP, Dylan, Sonny, Earl & Gervaris



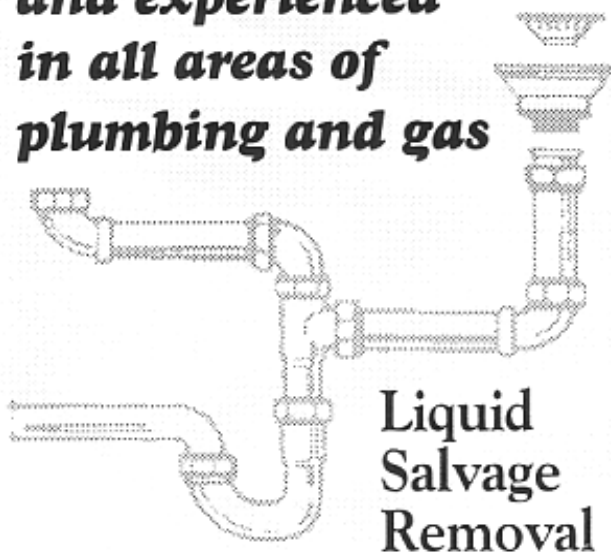
Left -Right
Tina, Tully, Dell
& Shane
Mariah & Vivi-
an
Renee & Telisha
Brittney F &
Bob



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STAMPS

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Xmas Cards??



Remember to save all
your Christmas Stamps;
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into the Shire Office or
Outpatients at the
Hospital!

The Dentist will be in town from:

30th November – 04th December
2009

All appointments are booked
through the dental reception from
the 30th November on:

9981 0640



MEEKATHARRA HEALTH CENTRE

VISTING SERVICES—DECEMBER 2009

For Appointments—Hospital Reception: 9981 0600

Physiotherapist— Brian Poller	7th & 8th December
Podiatrist— Gerard Huck	8th December

For Appointments—Community Health : 9981 0636

Pediatrician— Dr Jehangir	No Visits in December
Child Health Nurse— Mary Ash	

Community Health Centre will be Closed on Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd December

Speech Pathologist, Occupational Therapist— Referrals to Cue Primary Health : 9963 1539

Psychiatrist—Mental Health Team : 9981 0625

Other visiting specialists include Ear, Nose & Throat Specialist, Physician & Pediatric Physiotherapist

**As all dates are subject to change—please confirm appointments the day before.
(Appointments availability is usually determined by prioritising according to health needs)**

RFDS MEDICAL SERVICE

Outpatient Opening Times : **Monday—Friday 9am—12 noon (except Thursday 10am—12 noon) & 2pm—4pm.** Medical Services are prioritised according to urgency.
After Hours is for EMERGENCIES Only

*Please be aware that Doctors over the Christmas/New Year Period
will be very limited*

DENTAL VISITS TO MURCHISON—2009

The visiting dental service to Meekatharra has been temporarily suspended until February 2010.

In the interim a one week service to Meekatharra will be provided from 30 November 2009 until 4 December 2009 (inclusive). The contact telephone number for the Meekatharra General Dental Clinic is 0427386 647.

Patients are also able to access dental care at Newman (9175 1170) or Geraldton for eligible patients only (9921 8573).

Dental Health Services acknowledges the inconvenience with the present situation and is working to ensure services resume as soon as possible.

For further information please contact Mr John Grapsas on 9313 0555.

Phone contact numbers during above periods only

Meekatharra Dental Clinic : 9981 0640

Mobile Dental Clinic : 0427 386 647

For More Information : Dental Health Services (Perth) : 9313 0555



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Electrical Storm



Electrical Storms in
Meekatharra on
Thursday 12th &
Friday 13th of
November 2009

Photos taken
from the
water tank...
By Drew Taylor



Council's News Flash

SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA

Councillors & Committee / Group Members



Shire President	Cr Tom Hutchinson
Deputy Shire President	Cr Norm Trenfield
Audit Committee	Full Council
Health, Building & Town Planning Committee	Cr Norm Trenfield Cr Tom Hutchinson Cr Tony Burrows Cr Jo Burgemeister Cr Peter Clancy
Works Group Committee	Cr Tom Hutchinson Cr Harvey Nichols Cr Peter Clancy Cr Norm Trenfield
Recruitment/Selection Panel for Corporate & Development Services Manager & Works and Services Manager	Cr Tom Hutchinson Cr Norm Trenfield Cr Tony Burrows Cr Peter Clancy Cr Harvey Nichols
CEO Performance Review Panel	Cr Tom Hutchinson Cr Norm Trenfield Cr Harvey Nichols
Murchison Zone of the WA Local Government Association	Cr Tom Hutchinson Roy McClymont (CEO) Cr Norm Trenfield (proxy)
Murchison Regional Vermin Council	Cr Ross Howden Cr Harvey Nichols
Regional Road Sub Group	Cr Norm Trenfield Roy McClymont (CEO) or his delegate
Meekatharra Interagency Committee	Cr Tom Hutchinson Stella Johnson (CDAO) Roy McClymont (CEO)
Meekatharra Festival Management Committee	Stella Johnson (CDAO) Cr Peter Clancy Cr Tony Burrows
Local Emergency Management Committee	Cr Peter Clancy Roy McClymont (CEO)
Bush Fire Control Officers Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Roy McClymont (CEO) Cr Norm Trenfield

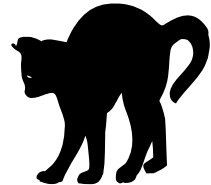


The Meekatharra Dust 20

November 2009

Newman Vet

Meekatharra



Dr. Rick Fenny
Located at **Paddy's Flat**

For appointments phone: **9175 1309** or
0408 936 061

EMERGENCY ADVICE : 9175 1309
or Dalkeith Veterinary Clinic on **9386 6277**

Squash Court

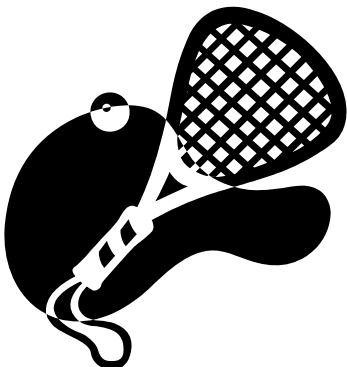
****NOW OPEN****



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Agreements, Keys and Tokens are available from the Shire Office.

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- * Court Hire—\$11.00 per token = one hours use
- * We do not hire equipment (racquets/balls etc)
- * **Entry is permitted to key holders only**

Congratulations on your Engagement

Roy McPlymont

&

Nikki Anderson

04.11.2009

@ Whitehaven Beach,

Queensland



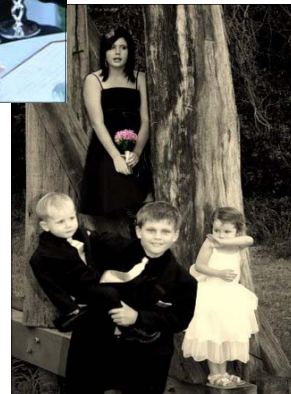
Jamie Howden (formerly of Meekatharra) & Christie Thompson (of Bundaberg) celebrated their marriage on the 10th October 2009.

The ceremony took place in the tropical garden of Jamie's parents home (Allan & Deb) in Sharon, Queensland - with the reception held in a marquee at the Bundaberg Football grounds.

They were attended by their children, Ashleigh, Wyatt, Chloe & Koby.

Nanna, Pat Howden, took the opportunity to attend the wedding & to see her great grandchildren for the first time.

From all reports, a good time was had by all !!





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December Birthdays

Sonja Muller	6th
Rachel Hucks	7th
Craig Jones	7th
Matt Moltran	8th
Lenny Fogarty	9th
Gavin Green	12th
Waylen Mongoo	12th
Lorrae Hill	13th
Tyson Jimbidie	15th
Seanna Brockman	16th
Terrance Gilbert-Riley	17th
Dylan Gentle	19th
Darrylene Curley	20th
Colin Lauritsen	22nd



Anita Seery	22nd
Lainie Zepeda	23rd
Ronelle Curley	25th
Richard Shay	25th
Tredrae Daisybell	27th
Shaniya Quarermaine	27th
Julius Robinson	27th
Katrina Egan	28th
Colin Howden	28th
Faye Namok	28th
Charlene Lane	29th
Bill Johns	30th
Kimberley Ryan	31st

If you have any birthdays you would like placed in the Meekatharra Dust please call Rachel on 9981 1002

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christ the King

(Corner of High and Darlot Streets, Meekatharra)



Liturgies

ALL WELCOME

December

Please note change of times

Sat 12th

Liturgy of the Word with Communion
6.30pm

Thurs 24th

Christmas Eve Mass
7.00pm

Next Liturgy February 2010

Christ the King Parish is under the pastoral care
of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict
Information for Newcomers or Sacraments
Sr Gerri Boylan aka ☎ 9963 4179

Introducing ...

We would like to introduce ourselves to you. We have formed a Youth Advisory Council (YAC) which is a committee made up of youth aged 12-25 years. Our role is to be the voice for all young people within our community, to all adult organisations and service providers. We meet and discuss issues that we see as problems within our community and then decide who we need to contact to help us resolve them. These are some of the issues we have decided to target and which we hope to get help from you to sort out.

- * Alcohol & other drugs: underage drinking
: anybody doing drugs (they're illegal)
- * Gambling : Kids – money hole
: Adults – cards
- * Violence : family
: child abuse
- * Rubbish laying around town
- * Graffiti
- * Stealing : burglary
- * Poverty : no food at home
- * Kids on the street late at night
- * Peer pressure: being responsible for own actions
- * Vandalism
- * Truancy / School: parents need to be held accountable (fines???)

The first thing we plan to tackle is the rubbish lying around our town. The plan is to have a monthly "Clean up Meeka Day", and we do hope to get your help with this. Look for posters in the Dust and stuck up around town to find out more.

We are taking our roles seriously within YAC and hope that you do too.

Tyler Rogers (Chair Person) , Cedric Curley (vice Chair), Luther King, Bob Binsiar, Alicia King (Secretary), Esteena Gillespie, Kadisen King, Helena Lane, Clinton Mongoo, Mariah Drayton (vice Secretary), Vivian Robinson, and Mykia Curley.

PS:

People, you would be so proud of these kids if you could hear how passionate they are about YAC and what they plan to do. Please encourage them to keep up the good work because this town needs them.



Ph 9981 1007
Fax 9980 1192

MEEKATHARRA POLICE NEWS

The people of Meekatharra enjoy the benefits of a permanent police station with a full compliment of dedicated staff. Although our time is predominately spent within the townsite, our sub-district is quite large and we are responsible for the many communities and stations that dot the land.

With the coming of the warmer weather our crime statistics have sadly increased, antisocial behaviour, assaults, stealing, graffiti, car theft and burglary offences are all on the rise.

As a Crime Prevention measure please remember to take responsibility for you actions and if you leave your premises or vehicle, remember to LOOK and LOCK all doors and windows before you LEAVE. Please do not hesitate to contact your local police if you wish further crime prevention advice

With Christmas rapidly approaching, it brings with it the festive season and associated alcohol consumption. Various campaigns are being conducted both within your town, across the state and even on a national basis. In taking part in the various campaigns, as throughout 2009, the Meekatharra Police will be taking a zero tolerance approach to any traffic breaches that occur. Ensure that your vehicle and drivers licence are in order, comply with the road rules and avoid driving whilst under the influence of drugs or alcohol and all contact with your local officers will be a pleasurable experience.

Policing will be highly visible and the chance of getting caught greatly increased. Remember to plan your journey, such planning can reduce road collisions and the associated trauma that road traffic crashes and collisions can cause. This trauma is not only the bodily harm that can affect people but also the mental harm that a death or serious injury can cause to extended family.



Remember: "SEAT BELTS SAVED LIVES" so please belt up.
"DRINK DRIVING KILLS" so if you are going to drink, don't drive, be safe and have a skipper.

Meekatharra - Police & Community, Respect & Resolve

On a personal note, it is with a degree of sadness that I tell you I will be leaving Meekatharra early in December.

It has been an honour and privilege of working with the best team of police officers that I have ever worked with and have really enjoyed my time here. I can attribute that to the great people I have met and the friendships I have made. I will leave with some fantastic memories and experiences; I thank you for making me a part of this close community.

I would also like to take the time to say a thankyou on behalf of my wife, Kelly who is a teacher at the Meekatharra District High School. I can safely say that the two years that we have both spent here has been enjoyable and both have made friendships that will last.

On the flip side with my leaving this brings a new officer to town. First Class Constable Rob HALSTEAD. Rob, who incidentally tells us he was born in Meekatharra, will be coming to us from Canning Vale Police Station. He brings with him a wealth of experience in general duties policing and I am sure you will make him welcome.

Marinus KLEINJAN
Constable 12063
Meekatharra Police Station

ALCOHOL

Meekatharra Police as with many in the town are concerned with the impact of excessive alcohol consumption. It is quite apparent that a great percentage of our antisocial behavior and assaults arise from excessive consumption. We as a community need to examine this issue closely and work together to minimize such impact. Discussions will be taking place with all points of sale of alcohol in the town in order to seek trading practices that will assist in safeguarding the community. If you have any suggestions as to practices that may assist the community please make contact with Constable 1/C Marklew who will be heading up our task force.

CHILDREN

The warmer weather has contributed to a large number of children roaming the streets after dark and whilst in the main they remain safe it must be kept in mind that Main Street is in fact part of the Great Northern Highway and as such carries large volumes of heavy traffic. To play in and around such streets most certainly exposes children to danger and as such your police seek your support in providing active supervision of your children to ensure their safety.

Meekatharra - Police & Community, Respect & Resolve



FREE PROMOTIONS

Any non profit organisations or activities which are purely for the benefit of the Meekatharra and surrounding communities can promote themselves free on Meeka FM in many ways.

- * **We can create a promo and have it played at specific times on air**
- * **We can promote your service/activity while we are on air**
- * **We can get you into the studio to record a promo**
- * **We can do phone interviews to promote your services**

So if you're wondering how you can get your message out to the community with very little effort, please contact **Meeka FM 98.3**

Email: meekafm@bigpond.com

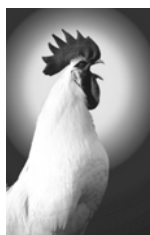
PH/FAX: 08 9981 1358

Anita's mobile: 0400761747

MEEKATHARRA CARAVAN PARK



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GAS BOTTLE REFILLS
GOLDEN FRIED CHICKEN***



West Rail Meekatharra/Geraldton Bus Timetable From Geraldton

		Mon PM	<u>Thurs</u> PM
Geraldton (Railway Stn)	Dep	1.15	3.00
Mullewa (Swimming Pool)	Arr	2.30	-
	Dep	2.35	4.15
Yalgoo (General Store)	Dep	4.00	5.40
Mt Magnet (Swagman R/House)	Arr	5.27	6.55
	Dep	5.57	7.25
Cue (Post Office)	Dep	6.53	8.25
Tuckunarra	Dep	7.20	8.57
Meekatharra (Post Office)	Arr	8.15	9.50

From Meekatharra

		Tues AM	<u>Fri</u> AM
Meekatharra (Royal Mail Hotel)	Dep	7.00	9.00
Tuckunarra	Dep	7.55	9.55
Cue (Post Office)	Dep	8.22	10.22
Mt Magnet (Swagman R/House)	Arr	9.18	11.18
	Dep	8.48	11.48
Yalgoo (General Store)	Dep	11.15	1.15
Mullewa (Swimming Pool)	Arr	12.40	-
	Dep	12.45	2.40
Geraldton (Railway Stn)	Arr	2.00	3.55

*For Bookings & Further Information please contact:
 Batavia Tickets, PO Box 2741, Geraldton WA 6531
 Ph: (08) 99 648 881 Fx: (08) 99 648 883*

Do you need a break from your caring role??



"I like coming to the Carers Support Group Morning Tea because I get to catch up with other Carers and I enjoy the company. It's also a morning out of the house."

Helen (Dongara) Full-time Carer

The Midwest Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre may be able to assist with respite options for:

- Carers of the frail aged
- Carers of people with a disability
- Carers of people with a mental illness
- Carers of people with a chronic illness

Why not ring us for information on how you can take a break and know your loved one is being cared for?

Freecall **1800 052 222***

* Calls from mobile phones are charged at applicable rates

Carelink Services

Carelink services provide information about community aged care, disability and other support services to allow you to live in your own home independently. Your local Midwest Centre located at the Geraldton Health Campus has information about household help, transport, meal services, day care centres, aged care assessment teams, support groups, disability services / equipment, carer respite options plus lots more, in your area.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT



Government of Western Australia
 Department of Health
 WA Country Health Service

Midwest Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre
 Geraldton Health Campus — 51-85 Shenton Street, Geraldton WA 6530



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Enjoy a drink in a relaxed
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Lunch 12 noon – 2pm Monday to Saturday

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Barry Haase

Federal Member for Kalgoorlie
Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Energy and Resources

MEDIA RELEASE

5th November 2009

Telstra cans cash surcharge

Mr Barry Haase MP, today congratulated Telstra for seeing good sense and axing their \$2.20 penalty for cash payment.

Mr Haase said, "This proves how important it is for vital national service providers to remain receptive to public views. This confirms the power of collective constituent communication with Federal Members in righting public wrongs. I personally had numerous complaints from constituents in my electorate and am only too pleased that we have been able to influence this decision. All too often large companies forget who not only pays their wages bill, but also who provides the money for the dividends in their shares. At last commonsense has prevailed and those without access to the internet will not be penalised"

Mr Thodey, Telstra CEO, yesterday announced that the \$2.20 fee, introduced on 14th September 2009 for bill payments made over-the-counter or by mail would be withdrawn and all fees charged since the introduction would be credited back over the next few months.

END

Media contact: De-Arne O'Neil (08) 9021 2035 0407 379 622 De-Arne.O'Neil@aph.gov.au

Meekatharra Corner Store

Corner of Main & High Streets, Meekatharra

Ph: 9981 1151



BP Fuel & Lubricants

Premium Unleaded Fuel now available

Auto Accessories

Kleenheat Gas

Key Cutting

Take-Away Food

Asian Food

A range of Asian Ingredients and utensils available for sale

Burgers

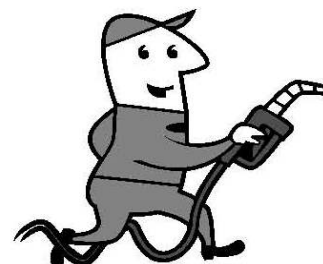
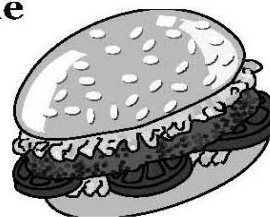
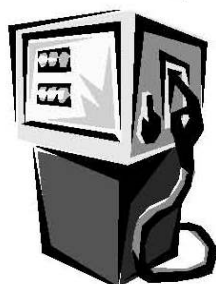
Rolls

Sandwiches made to order

Bottled water deliveries

Tyre Repairs

Driveway Service



Meekatharra Speedway

When: 23rd & 24th January 2010

Where: Across from the Airport
Gates Open at 3.00 pm



Box Weekend

Opening Ceremony 6.45 pm on track

1st race at 7.30 pm both nights

Local Drivers:

Ashley Page, Michael & Brandon Mongoo
Peter Bell and Adam Howden

Visting Drivers from:

Karratha, Port Hedland, Tom Price
Newman, Geraldton, Leonora & Collie

Canteen & Bar facilities at track

Prices:

One Night tickets for Saturday or Sunday

Adults \$15.00
11 to 15 gold coin donation
10 and under free

Two Night tickets

Adults \$25.00
11 to 15 gold coin donation
10 and under free

NO BYO Alcohol

Former Midwest Times Columnist Wins Writing Award

Author of 'Legitimate Bush Woman' and former writer of the 'Station Life' columns in the Midwest Times, Raelene Hall, has taken out the Society of Women Writers, WA Inc, annual Bronze Quill Award.

Raelene flew to Perth for the presentation on 16th March. She was presented with the perpetual Bronze Quill Trophy by Patron, Mrs Ruth Reid, as well as a personal trophy, certificate and cheque.

The Bronze Quill Award is an annual event open to all Society members. Each year it alternates between the genres of article writing, poetry and short stories. 'Isolation No Barrier to Outback

Publisher' was the title of Raelene's article and judge "Craig McKeough from the West Australian" said 'it ticked all the boxes for article writing.'

'It is very exciting,' Raelene said, 'to have my work



Raelene Hall receives the Bronze Quill



NHW Christmas Safety Menu



Starter

Your Car - and all its trimmings

Car Thief's Classic: car left unlocked,
with windows open

(Always lock doors and windows)

Starters Orders:
keys left in the ignition
(Hide keys and never leave in the ignition)

Santa's Surprise: presents
left on the passenger seat
**(Keep presents out of sight. If they
can be seen, they can be stolen)**

Chef's Treasure Chest:
served with valuables
**(Never leave valuables in your car.
Take them with you)**

**Store your keys in a safe location
60% of stolen vehicles come
from home burglaries**



Main Course

Your House - on a plate

House Hotpot: doors and
windows insecure

(Secure all windows and doors)

Santa's Parcels: presents displayed
under the Christmas tree

(Keep presents out of sight)



Tasty Takeaways: car keys and
handbags left in handy places

**(Kitchen benches and bedrooms are the first place
thieves look for valuables and car keys)**

Holiday Haven for Thieves:
it's obvious no-one's home
**(Going on a holiday? Have someone look after your
home and cancel deliveries. Ask a neighbour to
collect your mail and put your bins out)**

Open Sesame: opening your door to strangers
(Identify visitors before opening your door)

Police 131 444

Save 000 for emergencies

Dessert

Your Property

Pedal Power: bicycles
not secure and marked

**(Lock bikes and engrave them with
your Driver's Licence Number)**

Shed Surprise: valuable tools
for the discerning thief
**(Lock your shed. Don't leave
tools in your yard)**

Devil's Cocktail: don't leave
your drink unattended
(Don't be a victim of drink spiking)

Coffee & Mints

Surprisingly Sour: cheap goods
passed on could be stolen

**(Don't buy crime,
a bargain could be
someone's
stolen property)**



Bush Fires Act 1954 – 1981

**Prohibited and Restricted
Burning Times**

Shire of Meekatharra

**Prohibited
(No Burning or Fires allowed)**

15 December to 31 March

**Restricted
(Permit Required to Burn)**

1 October to 14 December

1 April to 30 April

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS



& Sausage Sizzle

Sunday 20th Dec

Grassed Area at Hospital

Come along and join in
the singing and the fun
of celebrating Christmas!

6.30pm

Lollies for the Kids!



MURCHISON AGE HOSTEL

MEEKATHARRA

NEWSLETTER October 2009



7TH

WE HAD AN EXCURSION TO NALLAN LAKE WITH BILLY TEA AND CAKE FOR MORNING TEA. LUNCH WAS KANGAROO STEW AND DAMPER THIS WAS THOROUGHLY ENJOYED BY ALL. THANKYOU TO NICKY AND SHERYL FOR THEIR HELP SETTING UP AND COOKING FOR US.



21ST

WE HAD A SAD GOODBYE FOR RENAE, WHO HAS NOW GONE BACK TO QUEENSLAND. EVERYONE WILL MISS YOU RENAE.



WE ALSO PLAYED THE USUAL BINGO AND HAD A MOVIE DAY.

WE HAVE MANY EXCITING THINGS PLANNED FOR THE REST OF THIS YEAR AND FOR NEXT YEAR. SO WHY NOT POP IN AND HAVE A CUPPA WITH US AND SEE IF YOU LIKE IT, WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU.

RUTH LEE



SENIORS XMAS LUNCH

You Must be 60 and over.

WHEN: 16TH December 2009

WHERE: Murchison Hostel.

WHAT TIME: 12.00pm

Beer and cooldrinks will be available at no cost.
There will also be a small gift given to each person.

R.S.V.P By: 13th December.

Please phone on these numbers if you are attending: 99810645,
99801643 or 99810644.





We are pleased to advise that Courier Australia has recently acquired the Geraldton - Murchison business of Skippers Transport, servicing the Murchison Goldfields and surrounding areas daily, including Meekatharra, from Monday July 3rd. We look forward to your ongoing support.

Our Geraldton branch, at 130 Flores Road, will provide the localised support for the daily service, ably assisted by the local agents, where your freight can be lodged:

Cue – Jeff & Marie (Cue Roadhouse) 9963 1218

Mt.Magnet – Dave & Lesley (Murchison Tyres) 9963 4455

Meekatharra – Ron Bell 9981 1015

**For rate enquiries and pick ups within the Perth Metro area please call 131885 or our Geraldton Branch on 99657333 to arrange.
Email: geraldton@courieraust.com.au**

Courier Australia –committed to regional Western Australia

CLEAN UP MEEKA

When: Sunday 6th December 09

Time: 8am

Where: Youth Centre

Please help our Youth advisory Council
Clean up our town.

This will be a monthly event.

Sausage sizzle lunch will be supplied

Bring your hat & water bottles

All helpers will get free entry to the
swimming pool.

Please call Elaine with any queries:
0439909738



Pastoral



Transport



Earthmoving

WOOLIBAR

Offering weekly livestock transport solutions to Geraldton and Perth

Nat James

Mob 0418917383

Ph/Fax 90229063

nmjames@westnet.com.au

Woolibar from the Bush for the Bush

MEEKA FM



"Meeka FM is looking for new volunteers.
Training will be provided where needed
and program times are very flexible.

Please call 99811358

or email: meekafm@westnet.com.au

Meekatharra's

Community Gym – OPEN

Located at the Indoor Cricket Centre on High Street

State of the art equipment is now set up including a
treadmill, rowing machine, a variety of weights and
much more!

Gym agreements and keys are available from the
Shire office (a fee applies for key holders)

**Entry is permitted to key holders only
between 5am and 10pm daily**



Meeka FM Café Club



Meeka FM Café Club

Every Sunday 10.00am

Meeka FM, Hill Street Meekatharra

Come and join us for fresh coffee, music and much more



Committee Meeting

55 Main Street

Ph: (08) 99 801 811

The Meekatharra Telecentre provides opportunity for individuals & businesses to flourish by providing services like Banking, Video Conferencing, Photocopying, Internet Access etc. Moreover, there is no other business that provides these basic services.

The Telecentre is Community owned & managed. The Management Committee would like to invite people to have a say in the decision making process at their next Committee Meeting.

Where: Meekatharra Telecentre

The Royal Mail Hotel

Proudly Presents

Wednesdays - Karaoke



Thursdays - Eight Ball Knock Out Comp

Fridays - Chase the Ace &
Double Pool Competitions



Sundays - Famous Sunday BBQs

FRESH HOMEMADE PIZZAS
AVAILABLE ALL DAY EVERYDAY
EAT IN OR TAKE AWAY
Phone Orders Welcome

HAPPY HOUR—Wednesdays & Fridays 7-8pm



NEW DINNER MENU



Now taking bookings for Christmas - whether you want a sit down dinner in our newly refurbished dining room or a karaoke party in our bar or beer garden The Royal Mail is the perfect venue to hold your Christmas Parties. Please contact Aimee for more information on 99811148.

OUTDOOR CATERING A SPECIALTY
WHATEVER THE FUNCTION - WHEREVER THE VENUE

NEWLY RENOVATED BEER GARDEN
ANY OCCASTION - STAGE & ENTERTAINMENT MENU OPTIONS

We have now opened our Art Gallery selling Aboriginal Art

The Royal Mail 'Entertaining the Community!'

PO Box 62 Meekatharra WA 6642
Ph : (08) 99 811 148 Fax : (08) 99 801 113
Email : royalmail@benet.net.au

OPR welcomes EPA decision on Oakajee approval process

Oakajee Port and Rail has welcomed advice from the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) on the assessment process for the environmental approval of the terrestrial port and the rail components of its integrated infrastructure project.

OPR submitted two separate referral documents to the EPA covering:

1. The Oakajee terrestrial port development, for land based infrastructure and services at the Oakajee port; and
2. The 570 kilometre Oakajee rail development.

The EPA has confirmed that each of these components will be assessed at a Public Environmental Review (PER) level.

OPR's Acting Chief Executive Officer Alwyn Vorster said the decision was an important step in the environmental approval process.

"OPR believes the PER is the most appropriate approach to environmental assessment, involving a consultative process that is in the best interests of all stakeholders," said Mr Vorster.

"The process is also consistent with OPR's development timetable and supports timely and efficient delivery of the project."

The PER will involve a four week public review period, expected in mid-2010. OPR is targeting finalisation of the approvals and other project feasibility work during 2010 to allow construction to commence by early 2011.

Mr Vorster said the Oakajee business case remains robust, reflecting its pivotal role in the unlocking of the vast mineral riches of the mid-west region for exporting through a new deepwater port at Oakajee.

"This is a nationally significant project that will also transform the regional economy of the mid-west, supported by the direct funding support of the State and Federal governments."

Mr Vorster said OPR remained on track with key milestones and would continue to work collaboratively with Government and other stakeholders to deliver the project.

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For more information contact **Kim Pervan**
Manager Community and Public Relations
t +61 8 9486 0777 m +61 (0)407 083 832
or Visit www.opandr.com





ANIMAL ANTICS



This article is going to be a rushed one due to plenty of having plenty of babies to care for and also a lot of sick animals coming in.

PLEASE BE WARNED: There are many diseases going around at the moment. Cats are coming down with gastro like symptoms. Vomiting and diarrhoea kills them very quickly. Observe your cats for becoming thin, their coat not as shinny and very sooky as being the symptoms. Before you realise there is a problem they take off to die. This is hitting immunised cats also.

Parvo virus is still running rampant with the dogs and puppies. Isolate and immunise them.

Watch for vomiting and diarrhoea as dehydration is a killer especially in this heat.

Snake season is here again. Be Vigilant.

This is also a SOS call

Wanted Good homes for a number of kittens and puppies.

Before you go out of town to buy please give me a ring and give our

Meeka babies a good home.

Jo Burgemeister

0428952791





family water fun day

Saturday 5th December

10 am start at pool

**No nomination fee just have to pay for entry
into pool**

We will supply the meat please bring a salad

**Please contact Elaine or Ant for nomination forms
or any queries regarding the salads**

Elaine: 0439909738

Ant: 0438993013



Youth Centre programs

The Youth Centre staff will be at the swimming pool every week day until the end of term, to allow under age kids to have an adult to care for them.

Volley ball is still happening on Monday night but the U17s basketball is finished.

A windup for **only** the kids that played will be held on 2nd Dec at the swimming pool. So if you did not play basketball against Karalundi, you will not be allowed into the pool on this night.

Tuesday night cook ups will resume next February.

The Youth Centre will be closed from 18th Dec – 3rd Jan due to staff being away.

If it is to open from Monday 4th January we need volunteers to help out. So come on parents and caring community members put your hands up to work a couple of nights each at the Youth Centre over the three weeks before school starts again.

I will be here to work but I am unable to legally do it on my own.

Call me if you can help out or if you have any suggestions on what to do.

Elaine King
0439 909 738

Skipper's Flight Schedule PERTH TO MEEKATHARRA

Sunday

No Flights Scheduled

Monday

Flight No	Depart	Time	Arrive	Time
JW1941	Perth	7.00AM	Meekatharra	8.35AM
	Meekatharra	9.05AM	Mount Magnet	9.35AM
	Mount Magnet	10.05AM	Perth	11.20AM

Tuesday

Flight No	Depart	Time	Arrive	Time
JW1940	Perth	10.30AM	Mount Magnet	11.45AM
	Mount Magnet	12.15AM	Meekatharra	12.45PM
	Meekatharra	1.15PM	Perth	2.50PM

Wednesday

Flight No	Depart	Time	Arrive	Time
JW1941	Perth	7.00AM	Meekatharra	8.35AM
	Meekatharra	9.05AM	Mount Magnet	9.35AM
	Mount Magnet	10.05AM	Perth	11.20AM

Thursday

Flight No	Depart	Time	Arrive	Time
JW1943	Perth	10.30AM	Meekatharra	12.10PM
	Meekatharra	12.40PM	Perth	2.20PM

Friday

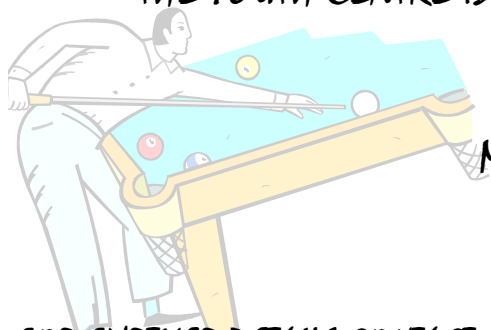
Flight No	Depart	Time	Arrive	Time
JW1941	Perth	12.30PM	Meekatharra	2.05PM
	Meekatharra	2.35PM	Mount Magnet	3.05PM
	Mount Magnet	3.35PM	Perth	4.50PM

Saturday

No Flights Scheduled

YOUTH CENTRE HOURS

THE YOUTH CENTRE IS OPEN WEEKDAY'S AFTER SCHOOL



MON - FRI: 3.00 - 5.00PM

MON NIGHT: 6.00 - 8.00PM

FRI NIGHT: 6.00—8.00PM



FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT ANT ON: 0438 993 013 OR ELAINE ON: 0439 909 738

PROPERTY STREET ADDRESSING

For some years now the Government has been establishing an accurate, current and complete street address for all properties. (Many organizations such as Australia Post, Telstra, the Electoral Commission, Emergency Services and local governments) rely on accurate street address information to provide services to the community.

The Shire of Meekatharra has completed an exercise to check that the list of property numbers provided by Landgate is the same as the Council's map showing property numbers. With only a few exceptions, Council's list of property numbers matches the list provided to it.

A recent tour of town streets indicated that only 92 properties had their property number displayed clearly. Quite a few houses had their lot number displayed, which is different than the house number.

Council will, in the near future, paint the property number on the curb in front of each property, thus making the identification of each property easier for emergency services and other service providers to locate.

In cases where the street number of a house changes from the current number, Council will endeavour to contact the occupier of the property and advise them of the change. It is of course possible that some street number changes will be inadvertently missed.

Residents should note that the number painted on the curb at the front of each property is the official number. If this number differs from the current number you display and use to identify your property, you will need to change the current number to match the official number that is painted on the curb.

Please contact Murray Brown or Roy McClymont at the Shire Office on 99811 002 if you have any questions or concerns.

Christmas gift suggestions:

To your enemy, forgiveness.

To an opponent, tolerance.

To a friend, your heart.

To a customer, service.

To all, charity.

To every child, a good example.

To yourself, respect.



Sounds of 'Happy New Year'

Happy New Year pronounced around the world

Chinese: Chu Shen Tan

Dutch: Gullukig Niuw Jaar

French: Bonne Annee

German: Prosit Neujahr

Greek: Eftecheezmaenos o Kaenooryos hronos

Irish (Gaelic): Bliain nua fe mhaise dhuit

Italian: Buon Capodanno

Polish: Szczesliwego Nowego Roku

Portuguese: Feliz Ano Novo

Russian: S Novim Godom

Spanish: Feliz Ano Neuvo or Prospero Ano Nuevo

Turkish: Yeni Yiliniz Kutlu Olsun

Vietnamese: Cung-Chuc Tan-Xuan



Meekatharra Hote/

Phone/Fax : 9981 1134

**** NOW OPEN ****

OPENING HOURS

Monday—Sunday 10am-late

Janet's Kitchen Menu

Chinese Meals

Hamburgers / Steak Burgers

Fish & Chips/ Seafood Baskets

Pizza

Main Meals including Steak, Chicken & Seafood

Dine-in or Take Away

Phone Orders Welcome

Monday—Sunday

Lunch 10am–2pm

Dinner 5pm–10pm

Donation of Aboriginal Art Paintings are needed

KIDS AFTER DARK

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF KAD WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR SINCEREST GRATITUDE TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONS THAT HAVE AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR ORGANISATION

PROGRAMMES:

KAD - AFTER DARK

- 1. The Meekatharra Hospital - who supply the food for the kids.**
- 2. The Meekatharra Hospital Health Dept for giving us the use of a house for our safe house. All of this has been made possible by Sue Van Uden.**
- 3. Peter Moses - for his gift of a block of Land to KAD**
- 4. DCP for their donation of office furniture**
- 5. The Shire for their inkind use of the Youth Centre and Bus**
- 6. Yulella for providing the community bus to drop kids home**
- 7. Brian and Christine Williams for lending their truck and on going support.**
- 8. Ripper for donating his time in providing computer support**
- 9. Sen Sgt Pope who has supported us since inception and Meeka police**
- 10. Meekatharra High School, for their letter of support**
- 11. Juvenile Justice for their letter of support**
- 12. Centrelink staff for donating their time as volunteers**
- 13. Paul, the Contractor of the Pool for donating his time to our Friday night summer programme at the pool**
- 14. The Attorney Generals Dept for funding**
- 15. Clayton Utz our probono Lawyers who prepared our Constitution and progressed us to Incorporation**
- 16. Our Accountants Abbotts for their assistance and advice**
- 17. Our Staff, Corissa Boddington and Bobbi-Lee Pearce and those that have volunteered to support our staff**
- 18. Anton, who was the initial driver of the working Group**
- 19. The community of Meekatharra who are working with us to make a better place for families.**

KAD SCHOOL LUNCHES PROGRAMME

- 1. RIO TINTO - for their support in providing funding to KAD at very Short notice for this important programme**
- 2. Meekatharra District High School for providing the Canteen**
- 3. Christine Williams, our programme Supervisor**
- 4. Centrepay for assisting with deductions for lunches**
- 5. The Community for their support**

WHAT IS HAPPENING FOR KAD:

KAD are running their night time programmes on a Thursday night from the Youth Centre, where educational activities and sport is on the agenda, as well as music, dancing and movies. A meal is provided, which the kids prepare and families are welcome to participate. The community bus takes the kids home and it is KAD policy that a KAD coordinator travel with the kids to ensure they are dropped off safely.

KAD is running the Friday night programme from the pool during summer, a BBQ is provided and entry to the pool for kids is funded by KAD and parents are adult families are free. The first Friday night we had 62 kids and several families and adults attended. The Kids were worn out by 9.30pm and were taken home or picked up by parents. The streets were bare of kids at the time I did a drive around the community at 10.30pm. Thank you to our Coordinators, Paul and parents that participated.

KAD STAFF:

We welcome on board Bobbi-lee Pearce as a coordinator and are very pleased to have her working with us.

Corissa Boddington, our senior coordinator has been with KAD since we started over a year ago, who is undertaking one path, one sky leadership course in Perth and flew out recently to undertake her second semester. Corissa has been an amazing role model for our kids and we are grateful to have her.

KAD OUR FUTURE:

We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of gifts, donations and support for our programmes. We have been approached by many NGO and Govt Departments that have heard about KAD to offer support.

Our Vision is to obtain additional funding to extend our programmes beyond two nights a week that we currently run. We are also trying for funding for a future venture to develop our land on Queens Road, kindly donated by Peter Moses.

As a relatively new organisation we have much work to do and with our current support network and on going support for the future KAD will be around for the long haul in support of our kids and families of Meekatharra.

We hope that we have not missed anyone and if we have, thank you too.

The Management Committee of KAD have worked tirelessly and have given up their personal time and provided their expertise and advice to get this dream of Incorporation and independence to fruition for our community.

I am honoured and privileged to work with such committed people as those on the KAD Committee, I applaud you all.

Debranne Geeves

Chairperson

**For and on Behalf of the Management Committee of
Kids After Dark Incorporated**



Something For The Adults

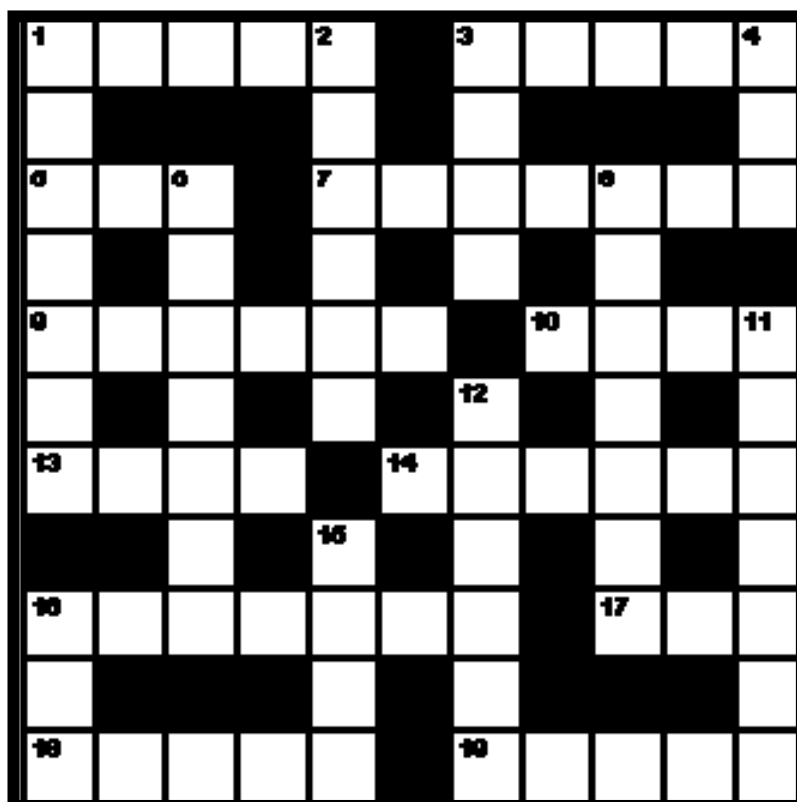
November Crossword

Across

1. African equine (5)
3. Artery (5)
5. Part of a circle (3)
7. Farm vehicle (7)
9. Embellished (6)
10. Break suddenly (4)
13. Plant support (4)
14. Lumber (6)
16. Household implement (7)
17. Make a mistake (3)
18. Awful (5)

Down

1. Avid (7)
2. Shrewd (6)
3. Slightly open (4)
4. Atmosphere (3)
6. Yield (7)
8. Well-founded (7)
11. Depict (7)
12. Stringed instrument (6)
15. Catch sight of (4)



October Crossword
Solution

W	O	R	R	Y	A	D	A	G	E
A	E	A	B	C	I				
F	I	G	R	E	A	C	T	E	D
E	I	N	C						
R	O	O	K	A	U	T	H	O	R
	N	C	S	A					
W	I	S	D	O	M	O	M	I	T
A		P	C	S	R				
G	A	R	N	I	S	H	T	E	A
E	A	E	E	E	C				
S	E	W	E	D	F	A	R	C	E

November Sudoku

Sudoku is the logic based number game, also know as number place. The game is simple to play with the aim being to fill the empty cells of the Sodoku grid so that each column, row and 3x3 grid contain the digits 1 to 9.

		2			1			3
7		5		4				
3	1			5				
			3			9		8
	8		5		7		1	
4		7			8			
				3			5	9
				8		2		4
5			1			3		

5	1	6	4	3	2	9	8	7
4	7	2	8	9	1	5	3	6
9	8	3	6	7	5	4	1	2
2	3	5	1	6	4	7	9	8
8	9	1	7	2	3	6	4	5
6	4	7	5	8	9	3	2	1
7	2	9	3	1	6	8	5	4
1	6	4	9	5	8	2	7	3
3	5	8	2	4	7	1	6	9

October Sudoku
Solution



Christmas Word Search

U	Z	F	H	R	U	D	O	L	P	H	P	U	H	U
N	U	V	A	Y	E	L	L	E	B	A	R	W	N	T
L	O	S	I	G	T	I	L	S	C	U	P	I	D	E
T	E	R	A	X	L	S	N	A	M	W	O	N	S	M
S	S	P	T	N	E	J	O	D	B	R	H	R	E	O
T	T	R	S	H	T	N	I	R	E	H	S	A	D	C
N	O	E	L	U	P	A	A	K	F	E	K	T	Y	H
Y	C	S	E	W	G	O	C	C	Z	X	R	S	E	T
B	K	E	D	R	R	A	L	L	Y	Y	O	T	N	A
G	I	N	G	E	R	B	R	E	A	D	W	I	M	E
S	N	T	N	C	W	M	G	P	E	U	N	B	I	R
M	G	N	T	N	E	Z	T	I	L	B	S	A	H	W
K	O	U	D	A	N	C	E	R	F	U	S	A	C	K
D	N	P	R	R	C	H	R	I	S	T	M	A	S	A
L	A	A	G	P	E	A	C	E	A	Z	V	S	V	K

BALL
BELL
BLITZEN
CANDYCANE
CHIMNEY
CHRISTMAS
COMET
CUPID
DANCER
DASHER
DONNER
ELF

FROSTY
GIFT
GINGERBREAD
NOEL
NORTHPOLE
NUTCRACKER
PEACE
PRANCER
PRESENT
REINDEER
RUDOLPH
SACK

SANTA CLAUS
SLED
SNOWMAN
STAR
STOCKING
SUGARPLUMS
TOY
TREE
VIXEN
WORKSHOP
WREATH

For The Kids

Christmas Colouring Page



What Christmas Carol is parents
favourite ? **Silent Night!**



How do sheep greet each other at
Christmas ? **A Merry Christmas to ewe**

What is Santa's Dog called ?

Where do snowmen go to dance ?
A Snow Ball

Santa Paws

What goes oh oh oh ?
Santa walking backwards

What do snowmen eat for breakfast ?
Snow flakes

What do monkeys sing at Christmas ?
Jungle Bells, Jungle Bells

Christmas Word Search



R	N	A	M	W	O	N	S	Y	Q	I	D
E	C	Y	J	N	E	F	L	U	N	E	S
E	H	B	E	T	H	L	E	H	E	M	T
D	R	A	S	Z	O	K	V	O	M	G	O
N	I	L	U	H	R	C	G	E	E	I	C
I	S	Y	S	E	V	A	T	Y	S	F	K
E	T	E	G	H	A	N	B	R	I	T	I
R	M	N	B	T	T	D	A	K	W	S	N
M	A	H	O	M	N	Y	S	C	L	T	G
M	S	Y	W	C	A	R	O	L	S	A	O
A	S	O	S	U	S	X	E	E	E	R	T
H	G	I	E	L	S	B	I	J	W	P	O



- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Bells | 11. Manger |
| 2. Bethlehem | 12. Reindeer |
| 3. Bows | 13. Santa |
| 4. Candy | 14. Sleigh |
| 5. Carols | 15. Snowman |
| 6. Christmas | 16. Star |
| 7. Elves | 17. Stocking |
| 8. Gifts | 18. Toys |
| 9. Holly | 19. Tree |
| 10. Jesus | 20. Wisemen |

Materials

- * toilet paper rolls (13)
- * scissors
- * glue
- * construction paper
- * black marker
- * small wrapped candy
- * OPTIONAL: paint
- * OPTIONAL: bow

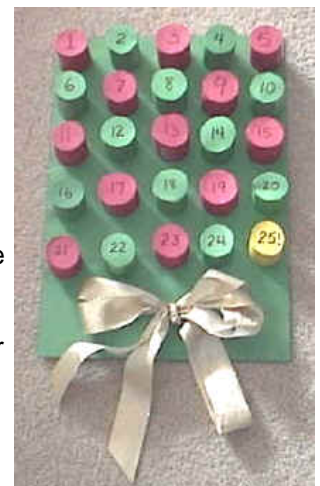
Let the kids break into one of the cups each day until Christmas!

Instructions

Paint the toilet paper rolls or cover them with construction paper. Cut circles out of construction paper (just trace around one of the largest toilet paper roll ends to get the size of the circle). You can fold the paper in half a few times so you get more than one circle at a time. Glue a circle onto one end of each tp roll half. Let dry. Drop a small candy into each little tp roll cup that you've created. Glue a circle

onto the top of each tp roll half. Let dry. Use a black marker to write the numbers 1 thru 25 onto the closed tp roll cups. Tape two pieces of construction paper together to make one large sheet (or use a piece of poster board) Arrange the cups in whatever way you wish and glue them onto the poster board (we just made a rectangle, but you could arrange them into a Christmas tree shape, a candy cane shape or a wreath shape) Add a bow if desired.

ADVENT CALENDAR



ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE POINTS

Perth	PER	Wellington Street Bus Station
Midland	MID	Midland Train and Bus Station
New Norcia	NCA	Gull Road House
Walebing	WBG	General Store
Miling	MLG	Newsagency
Dalwallinu	DWU	BP Roadhouse
Wubin	WUB	BP Roadhouse
Mt. Gibson	MTG	Turn Off
Paynes Find	PYF	Paynes Find Roadhouse
Mt. Magnet	MMG	Swagman Shell Roadhouse
Cue	CUY	Bell & Co
Bluebird Mine	BBM	Turn Off
Meekatharra	MKR	BP Corner Store
Karalundi	KLU	Turn Off
Plutonic Mine	PUM	Turn Off
Kumarina	KMN	Kumarina Roadhouse
BP Newman	BNE	BP Roadhouse
Newman	ZNE	Visitor Centre
Wittenoom t/o	WIT	Turn Off, Auski Road House
South Hedland	SHE	South Hedland Shopping Centre
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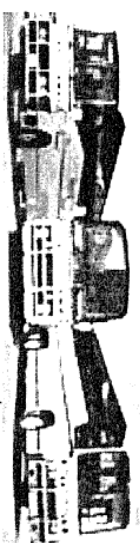
Most Common fares:

ONE WAY PERTH to	Adult	YHA/VIP ISC/HCC	National Student	WA Snr/ Pensioner
Mt. Magnet	\$95	\$86	\$76	\$48
Cue	\$107	\$96	\$86	\$54
Meekatharra	\$124	\$112	\$99	\$62
Karalundi	\$144	\$130	\$115	\$101
Newman & Wittenoom t/o	\$214	\$193	\$171	\$150
Port & South Hedland	\$232	\$209	\$186	\$162

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PERTH TO PORT HEDLAND			
via Great Northern Highway			
Code	Service #	IC40	Wednesday
PER	Perth	Dep	9:00 PM
MID	Midland		9:30 PM
NCA	New Norcia		10:55 PM
WBG	Walebing		11:20 PM
MLG	Miling		11:50 PM
Thursday			
DWU	Dalwallinu		12:25 AM
WUB	Wubin	Arr	12:50 AM
		Dep	1:10 AM
MTG	Mount Gibson		1:45 AM
PYF	Paynes Find		2:45 AM
MMG	Mt. Magnet	Arr	4:30 AM
		Dep	5:00 AM
CUY	Cue		6:00 AM
BBM	Bluebird Mine		6:45 AM
MKR	Meekatharra	Arr	7:20 AM
		Dep	8:00 AM
KLU	Karalundi		8:45 AM
PUM	Plutonic Mine		10:05 AM
KMN	Kumarina	Arr	10:50 AM
		Dep	11:15 AM
ZNE	Newman Visitor Centre	*Arr	1:05 PM
BNE	BP Newman	Arr	1:10 PM
		Dep	1:30 PM
ZNE	Newman Visitor Centre	*Dep	1:40 PM
WIT	Auski Road House	Arr	3:50 PM
		Dep	4:10 PM
SHE	South Hedland		6:40 PM
PHE	Port Hedland	Arr	7:00 PM

PORT HEDLAND TO PERTH			
via Great Northern Highway			
Code	Service #	IC41	Friday
PHE	Port Hedland	Dep	9:00 AM
SHE	South Hedland		9:30 AM
WIT	Auski Road House	Arr	12:00 PM
		Dep	12:45 PM
ZNE	Newman Visitor Centre	*Arr	2:50 PM
BNE	BP Newman	Arr	2:55 PM
		Dep	3:20 PM
ZNE	Newman Visitor Centre	*Dep	3:30 PM
KMN	Kumarina	Arr	5:10 PM
		Dep	6:00 PM
PUM	Plutonic Mine		6:50 PM
KLU	Karalundi		8:10 PM
MKR	Meekatharra	Arr	8:55 PM
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BBM	Bluebird Mine		9:20 PM
CUY	Cue		10:15 PM
MMG	Mt. Magnet	Arr	11:10 PM
		Dep	11:30 PM
Saturday			
PYF	Paynes Find		1:05 AM
MTG	Mt. Gibson		2:00 AM
WUB	Wubin	Arr	2:45 AM
		Dep	2:50 AM
DWU	Dalwallinu		3:10 AM
MLG	Miling		3:50 AM
WBG	Walebing		4:15 AM
NCA	New Norcia		4:40 AM
MID	Midland		6:00 AM
PER	Perth	Arr	6:30 AM

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October 2009

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THE RETURN OF CHRIST

Sometimes we can experience the coming of Christ into our lives as we engage in ways that transform our realities politically, economically, and socially.



His year during Advent (Christmas) we are reminded of a number of ways that Jesus Christ comes into our lives – in the past, present, and future. We are reminded of Jesus' first coming among us as a baby. We are aware of Jesus' daily coming into our lives. We are also reminded of Jesus' expected coming again. The disciples and Christian communities who retold the stories of Jesus' first coming also speak of Jesus' second coming. In the images they paint of Jesus' return, we see and feel a longing for what life might be like under the reign of Christ.

Often we wait with anticipation and expectation of the second coming of Christ, because people have faithfully passed on the story of Jesus' first coming. They have told it with wonder, and at times, disbelief, that this could have happened to them – that this embodiment of God would encounter them in their history.

Often when I'm on the road I find myself in discussion with people around the idea of: has the world become better or worse? Some may believe it depends upon our location. Our social, economic, and cultural contexts may shape our perspectives. From an environmental perspective, many see things becoming worse. Others comment on the struggle for human rights, and yet others believe that the world may be getting better, believing that by being more tolerant of religious and cultural differences the world would be in better shape.

In Jesus Christ we encounter the God who cares about our earthly realities and who calls for transformation. We experience the coming of Christ into our lives as we engage in ways that transform our realities politically, economically, and socially.

This year as we prepare ourselves for Advent for the event of God coming among us, we are invited to look with eyes of faith for signs of God's coming in the 21st century – for acts of justice, compassion, hope, love, and peace. As Christians we are inspired to act for transformation in the world in the light of the God we see in Jesus Christ: a God who is concerned with putting things right in our everyday reality. The God who comes to us again in Jesus Christ this Christmas is a God who challenges us to live justly so that all people are able to shelter, clothe, and feed themselves.

This Christmas Christ invites us to see the world through God's eyes, and to be living signs of hope that the One we long for has come and is coming again.

(Adapted from Dr. Deidre Palmer, a lecturer in Christian Education, Adelaide College of Divinity, South Australia. *THE RETURN OF CHRIST*)



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200 Christmas Hampers: Again members of the community who hold a Health Care card are eligible for a hamper; the first 200 forms filled in will have first priority.

Cut-off date: Monday 14th December 2009 – Please return all forms to Rev. Lesley 9981 1053
OR: Alastair Macaulay, Financial Advocacy (Red Sandbox) 0438 923 830 - ASAP.

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Forms available from various outlets; Centre Link, DCP, Hospital, Yulella, and the Shire.

Merry Christmas to one and all – keep safe over the Holiday Season and I will see many of you in the New Year. Blessings, Rev. Lesley deGrussa-Macaulay (08) 9981 1053. (H) 0417 918 035 (W)



Weekly Church Services:

Meekatharra Community Church Frontier Services

65-67 Darlot Street, Meekatharra.

Weekly Sunday Services: 9am
Communion: 1st Sunday each month

Christmas Carols: Sunday 20 December
@ Hospital 6.30pm

Christmas DAY Service: Friday 25th December
9am

Sunday 27th December	9am
Sunday 3 January	9am
Sunday 10 January	9am

Holidays – reopen February 2010

Contact: Revd. Lesley deGrussa-Macaulay
Phone (08) 9981 1053 or Mobile 0417 918 035

Mary's happy song

(Throughout the story invite those who are willing to join you in singing Mary's song to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot." 3-5Yrs Based on Luke 1:39–56 and Luke 2:3–7.)

Mary and Joseph were waiting for their baby to be born. They were excited and happy. They knew their baby was a gift from God. They knew that their baby would be called Jesus. They couldn't wait for Jesus to be born. Mary sang a song to her baby growing inside her.

I am feeling happy, here's my song.

I can sing to God all day long.

I am feeling happy, what shall I do?

Let's sing together me and you.

Mary wanted to tell her cousin Elizabeth all about the baby. Mary wanted to share her happiness and excitement with Elizabeth. Mary walked all the way to where Elizabeth lived. When she got close to Elizabeth's house, Mary saw Elizabeth running to greet her. Mary and Elizabeth laughed and hugged each other. They had so much to talk about. Mary felt so excited she shared her song with Elizabeth.

(Sing)...

Soon it was time for Mary to say goodbye to Elizabeth and return home.

But not long after, Mary and Joseph had to go on a trip together. They had to go to Bethlehem. They had to walk and walk and walk to get to Bethlehem. Finally, they arrived late at night. Mary and Joseph saw so many people. There were people everywhere. Mary and Joseph wondered where they could find a place to stay.

Finally a kind person offered Mary and Joseph a place to sleep in a stable with the animals. Mary and Joseph were so tired. The stable was warm and dry. Joseph made a bed for Mary on some clean straw.

And soon baby Jesus was born. Mary wrapped Jesus in a soft blanket and held him close. Then Joseph made a bed for Jesus in the animals' feeding box called a manger. Baby Jesus snuggled down in the cozy bed. Mary sang softly.

(Sing)...

Baby Jesus slept and Mary and Joseph said thank you to God. They knew Jesus was a special baby. They knew God was with them and would always love them.

Pick-up date: Monday 21 December from 10am, Shire Hall Meekatharra.

Details completed by applicant (Please use blue or black pen & PRINT in block letters)

Date:.....

OR: Alastair Macaulay, Financial Advocacy (Red Sandbox) 0438 923 830 - ASAP.

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PROJECTUPDATE

NOVEMBER 09 ISSUE 9



OPR Targets Achieved, Momentum Builds

Oakajee Port and Rail's Acting Chief Executive, Alwyn Vorster explained the positive project progress during the recent Murchison Metals AGM on 18 November 2009.

"With iron ore demand strong, and promising announcements from mid-west miners, OPR remains on track to begin ore shipments from the new Oakajee Port in late 2013, early 2014," said Mr Vorster. During his address, Mr Vorster highlighted the compelling business case for the project.

The Business Case

The Oakajee port and rail project will underpin the development of a new resource region for Western Australia.

Long term demand for iron ore remains strong.

The project will allow the expansion of the mid-west mining industry by reducing the delivered cost to market of iron ore, through an efficient deepwater port and integrated rail-system.

The port at Oakajee will accommodate Cape Class vessels: ships too large for the Geraldton Port. A Cape Class vessel can carry around three times more ore than the ships using Geraldton, providing major cost efficiencies.

The project will provide the infrastructure required for the iron ore industry, which in turn will create jobs and boost the economy.

Targets Achieved

Rail bridge design, hydrology investigations, environment surveys and customer tonnage discussions have all advanced in October and November.

The integrated infrastructure project will create efficiencies through a rail network and deepwater port which will lower delivered cost to market for mid-west ore.

OPR has achieved all its target development milestones for 2009, on the path to final go-ahead. Targets achieved include:

- Signed confidentiality agreements with key mine customers to form a basis for negotiations.
- Signed agreements with landholders in the rail feasibility corridor to access land for study purposes.
- Contract awarded for the design of rail bridges.
- Completion of drilling investigations over the port dredge area.
- Completion of basis of design document.
- Assessment levels for both the terrestrial port and the rail parts of the project determined by EPA as Public Environmental Review (4 week public review period).
- Environment and Aboriginal heritage surveys underway in the rail feasibility corridor and port site.
- Completion of a review of the cyclonic and non-cyclonic wave conditions on the marine structures at Oakajee.
- Commencement of detailed modelling and analysis of Long Wave Period impacts at Oakajee.
- Train performance simulation and system modelling on the impact of various ruling grades, running times and number of cars.

The project is tracking toward financial close and project go-ahead – a decision is due by early 2011.



OPR's Acting Chief Executive Alwyn Vorster at Murchison Metals AGM advised Shareholders that "OPR has achieved all its targets for 2009 and is on track to deliver this exciting project".

The Oakajee port and rail project will create a deepwater port, 25 kilometres north of Geraldton, linked to regional mines by approximately 570 kilometres of rail. The rail infrastructure includes spur lines to Jack Hills and the Weld Range, and a short spur to allow a connection to the southern mines.

Key next steps in project development

2009

- Finalisation of rail corridor
- PER preparations
- Engineering costing finalised

2010

- Completion of feasibility studies
- Tenders and long-lead item procurement process
- Secure customer supply chain contracts

1H 2011

- Financial close
- Construction commences

Late 2013

Early 2014

- Rail and Port commissioning
- First ore on ship



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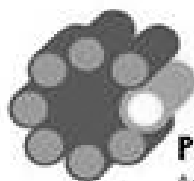
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WHAT'S COOKING

Christmas fruit cake

Ingredients

- 600g sultanas
- 400g raisins
- 200g currants
- 100g glace cherries, quartered
- 100g glace orange slices, finely chopped
- 80g glace ginger, finely chopped
- 290ml brandy
- 1 1/2 cups plain flour
- 1/2 cup self-raising flour
- 2 teaspoons mixed spice
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 250g butter, softened
- 1 cup dark brown sugar
- 4 eggs, at room temperature
- 2 tablespoons orange marmalade
- pure icing sugar, to serve



Method

1. Place dried fruit, glace fruit and 1 cup brandy in a large airtight container. Mix well. Cover and stand overnight or preferably for 1 week, stirring occasionally.
2. Lightly grease a 9cm deep, 20cm (base) square cake pan. Line base and sides with brown paper and baking paper (see note). Preheat oven to 150°C. Sift flours and spices into a bowl. Using electric beaters, cream butter and sugar in a large bowl until pale and creamy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Add marmalade and 1 tablespoon flour mixture and beat until well combined. Using a large metal spoon, fold remaining flour mixture into butter mixture.
3. Add fruit mixture to butter mixture and stir until combined. Press into pan. Smooth surface. Tap base of pan on workbench to settle fruit and remove air bubbles.
4. Cover cake with 3 layers brown paper. Bake for 3 to 3 1/2 hours or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Drizzle remaining 2 tablespoons brandy over cake while still hot. Wrap cake pan in a clean tea towel and allow to cool completely. Remove cake from pan and dust with icing sugar. Serve.

Berry Christmas punch

Ingredients



- 1.5 litres Ocean Spray raspberry cranberry, well chilled
- 2 x 187ml Fresita Chilean sparkling wine, well chilled
- 1/2 cup (125ml) Cointreau
- 2 limes, quartered
- 250g (1 punnet) strawberries, washed, halved
- 150g (1 punnet) blueberries
- 120g (1 punnet) raspberries
- 1/4 cup fresh mint leaves

Method

1. Pour the cranberry juice, sparkling wine and Cointreau into a punch bowl. Use your hands to squeeze some of the juice from the limes into the punch. Stir to combine. Add the squeezed limes to the punch.
2. Add the strawberries, blueberries, raspberries and mint leaves.

WEATHER



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Meeka's Weather

October 2009

The average maximum temperature for October was 32.7°C, which is 3°C above the normal monthly average. The average overnight minimum was also above the normal monthly average by 2°C, with the notable exception being the 1st of October when the mercury dropped to 4.5°C (more than 10°C below average).

Rainfall in October totalled 3.4mm, all of that being recorded at 9am on the 1st. Only a trace of rain (less than 0.2mm) was registered on the 24th and 26th of October. The yearly total recorded at Meekatharra Airport to the end of October 2009 is 102.6mm.

The details of the 2009/2010 Tropical Cyclone Seasonal Outlook for North West Australia are:

- *Lower than normal risk of a coastal impact before Christmas.*
- *Average to below average number of cyclones in waters off the northwest coast (average number is 5).*
- *Likelihood of around 2 coastal impacts.*
- *Significant risk of at least one severe tropical cyclone coastal impact during the season.*

Monthly Statistics – October 2009:

Warmest Day:	38.1°C on the 25 th	Average Max:	32.7°C
Coldest Day:	20.0°C on the 1 st		
Warmest Night:	26.3°C on the 26 th	Average Min:	17.1°C
Coldest Night:	4.5°C on the 1 st		

Monthly Statistics – November 2009 (to 23rd):

Warmest Day:	38.6°C on the 16 th	Average Max:	34.4°C
Coldest Day:	25.6°C on the 19 th		
Warmest Night:	24.2°C on the 6 th	Average Min:	19.7°C
Coldest Night:	13.0°C on the 20 th		

Rainfall: So far 12.4mm of rain has fallen (to 23rd November).

What to expect in December:

Average Daily Maximum:	36.4°C	Average Daily Minimum:	22.0°C
Average Monthly Rainfall:	12.2mm		

Meekatharra Meteorological Office

Submitted by Clint Weaver

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Events Calendar

December

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- ☑ Family Fun Water Day—Saturday 5th
 - ☑ Telecentre Committee Meeting—Tuesday 8th
 - ☑ End of Year School Concert—Thursday 10th
 - ☑ Year 7 & 12 Graduation—Friday 11th
 - ☑ School Holidays—Thursday 17th
 - ☑ Ordinary Council Meeting—Friday 18th
 - ☑ Christmas Carols—Sunday 20th
 - ☑ Christmas Day—Friday 25th

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