

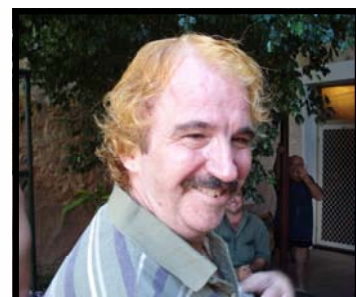
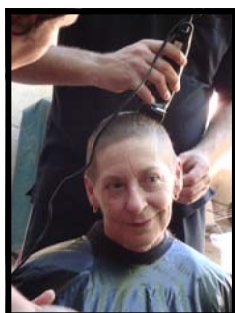
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To The Community for your
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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Guys,

Running a little bit behind with this months Dust but I am determined to have it out before the end of the month!!

I hope you enjoy the read & I would like to thank Jo Francis & Kerry Salmon for letting me use some of their photos for the articles.

Hope you all have a fantastic Easter if I don't run into you before then.

Thanks again,

Loz

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*Forgiveness is the key to
action and freedom.*

Hannah Arendt



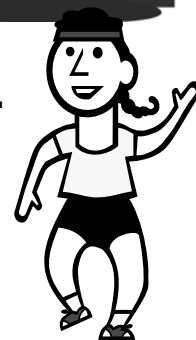
Dust Noticeboard...

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 Loz at the Shire before the closing date shown on the back page.



WE HOPE YOU ARE ALL MAKING USE OF THE TRAIL! THE CREEK TRAIL IS AN EASY, FLAT WALK ABOUT 3KM'S. (1/2 AN HOUR) THE VIEW FROM THE LOOKOUT IS FANTASTIC, WALK THE 'LOOKOUT TRAIL' UP TO ADMIRE THE VIEW! BE ACTIVE!!!!



EVENTS NOT TO MISS

THIS MONTH

- ★ 10th April - Blue Light Disco
- ★ 10th - 13th April - Easter
- ★ 25th April - ANZAC Day
- ★ 25th April - Meekatharra Gymkhana

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Meeka's Greatest Shave

On Sunday the 15th March the beer garden at the Commie was the place to be seen. Our small community came together to raise money for the "Shave For A Cure" day, with people volunteering to get their hair dyed, trimmed or go the whole hog & become extremely bald!

The afternoon started off with a few cold beverages being consumed to build up the courage for the big chop! Meanwhile Chris the Cook was cooking up a storm of steak sandwiches for the volunteers & spectators with all proceeds going towards the Charity.

Then the time came for the clippers to be plugged in, the shaving cream to be frothed & the hair colour to be mixed. The volunteer hairdressers stepped forward & it was time to begin.

The first one to the chair was Kerry Salmon showing some family teamwork taking place with her son Rowan being her barber.



Kerry Salmon Under The Clippers...

Next in line was the only dye job for the day, with Meacho from the Commie deciding it was time for a change & wanting to go blonde. Unfortunately due to Meacho having such dark locks the bleach refused to process to a pure blonde. Hence the reason

we now have a very stylish "Ginger Megs" serving us behind the bar.



Ginger Megs...

Then came the time for Peter Clare, Heath (From Port Hedland), Peter Clancy, Bob from the Commie, Jason Boatwright & Trevor Renk to go bald! You could just about see them shed a tear or two as their hair started disappearing rapidly!



The Skin Heads...Peter Clancy, Peter Clare & Jeremy Marklew

The last two in line was Chris the Cook & Peter Pope who decided to play it safe and went with the trimmed look!



Peter Pope & Barber, Jai Newman

Meeka's Greatest Shave

The day ran extremely well with the mobiles running hot and donations being made from all over the state. The amount of money that flowed into our town in such a short time was absolutely unbelievable & couldn't have been done without everyone's support. The final tally for the day reached a massive **\$10,632.70** which is a mammoth effort & clearly shows how generous our town is! Congratulations to everyone involved.



Peter Pope Donation Hotline



Bob at the start

Congratulations also goes to Jo Burgemeister & Peter Pope on winning the Post Office Scratchie Board Raffles!!



Peter Clare Before



Hmmmm..and after



Can never have enough Shaving Cream hey Pete....



From L-R: The Final Products: Meacho, Jason Boatright, Trevor Renk, Kerry Salmon, Peter Clancy, Bob, Peter Pope & Heath. Absent: Peter Clare & Chris



The Spectators—Chris, Reece, Stickman, Monica, Ross, Ronnie, Greg & Bob

Harmony Week Dinner^{ja}

Monday 16th the Youth Centre staff organised a Multi-cultural dinner to be held at the YC as a part of Harmony Week Celebrations which were the 15th-21st March. There was a fantastic turnout with more than 250 people coming through the gates to taste meals from all over the world.

Harmony Week encourages us to publicly recognise and respect the many cultures within our community. We have got about 14 different cultures in Meekatharra and I don't think we would have known that, if we didn't have to look for people to cook for us.



Ron Simpson, Joan Simpson & Nellie Mongoo

Without all these generous people giving up their time to cook the delicious meals they did, the night would not have worked so well.

Hitesh - Indian Curried Vegetables

Daniel - Mauritian Curried Goat



Hitesh Hans & Daniel Seneque

(Amelia) - Sth German Onion Cake & Swabian Pastie

Micheal - Indigenous Aust Bungarra



Cooked Bungarra

Janet - Chinese Sweet 'n' Sour Pork
- Fried Rice
- Spring Rolls
- Chicken chow mein

Kerrie - English Devonshire Tea

Sonya - Nth German Chicken Casserole



Kerrie & Sonya

Jana - Soup kasse)

Finish Salmon (Hühner Fri-

Mavis - Indigenous Aust Damper



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The Fantastic Volunteers & The Huge Array Of Food



Stella – Mexican Tacos
(no she is not Mexican)

Julie, Anne & Marika – Fijian Curried Chicken

Khean & Jeroldith – Papau New Guinean
Fried Rice

Khean – Australian Lamingtons

Elaine – Indigenous Aust Kangaroo Tail Stew

Alicia - Indigenous Aust Marinated & plain
Kangaroo Steaks



(At the back, L-R) Rommel Mathew Sanggalan,
Melvin Sanggalan, Violy Stidolph, and Romela Sanggalan.
(In front) Benard Kenneth Sanggalan, Junjun Sanggalan

We sincerely thank all of the above for their help and also thanks to Debra and Patrick (Jock) for cooking the steaks and sausage sizzle.



Allan & Ribena

Thank you to the Filipino, Papua New Guinea and Fijian people who entertained us with stories and songs. It was very interesting. Next year we might get other people game

enough to join in the entertaining.

Thank you also to all the ladies who helped to serve the food and those people who stayed behind to help clean up. We would like to especially thank Debra for turning up when she did and helping to set up, then hanging around to help clean up.



The Kids Having A Ball...



Karen, Kila Wari & Marica

We think most people who attended enjoyed the night and as we intend this to be an annual event, we will be looking forward to your input to make it even more enjoyable next year and hopefully we will be better organised.

Thank you to all the people who did attend.

Elaine & Daniel

Swimming Pool Open



Opening Hours

Mon—Fri 9.30am—1.30pm 3.00pm—6.00pm
Saturday 10.30am—5.30pm 7.00pm—9.00pm
Sunday 12.00noon—6.00pm

Early Morning and Late Afternoon Swimming

Council has adopted a policy that will allow swimmers to use the pool between 5.00am to 8.00am and 6.00pm to 7.00pm daily. All intending swimmers must contact the office and complete an agreement that will permit the use by a key entry. A deposit is required and users must pay a fee for either a weekly, monthly or season pass. Conditions apply.

Hire of Swimming Pool Facilities

Council has adopted a policy that will allow the hire of the Swimming Pool facility by a group


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Citizenship Ceremony At The Shire Of Meekatharra

On Monday 16th March at 10.00 am the Shire of Meekatharra hosted a Citizenship Ceremony for Natalia Griffioen coinciding with Harmony Week.

Shire CEO, Roy McClymont administered the proceedings accompanied by Shire Staff Lauren Howden and Stella Johnson and the Ceremony was witnessed by her husband Charles Griffioen and friends Anthony and Doris Norman.

Natalia who is originally from the Philippines has been living at Horseshoe Mine Site about 150kms from Meekatharra with her husband Charles, who is originally from Holland, for the last 4 years.

“Natalia said she was very proud to be an Australian Citizen and looked forward to carrying out her responsibilities as an Australian Citizen”



Charlie & Natalia

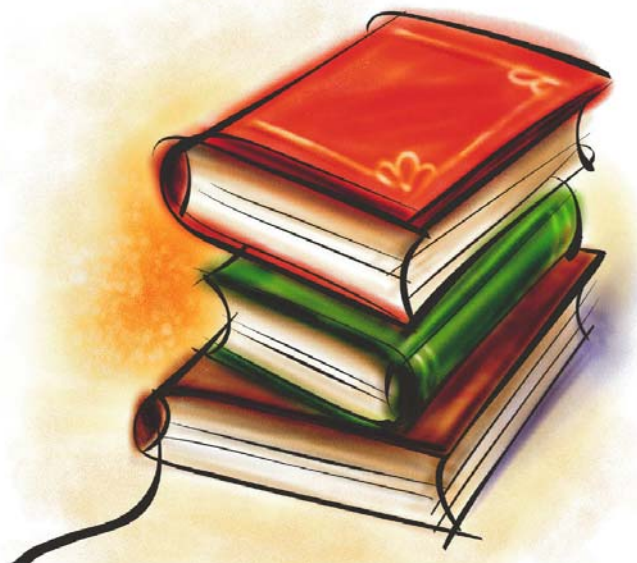


From L-R: Tony Norman, Natalia Griffioen, Charlie Griffioen, Doris Norman & Roy McClymont



MEEKATHARRA SCHOOL OF THE AIR TURNS 50!

Our School of The Air is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in Meekatharra on the 31st of May. It is planned to have a fun day up at the oval & complex but your **HELP** is required!! The organizers are hoping to involve the present and past teachers, children and parents and would appreciate any school memorabilia or ideas for activities at the Fun Day . For more information please contact Tracie Blair on (08) 99 812 935 or email Tracie.Blair@portal.det.wa.edu.au.



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.

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

Library Info.

Welcome back to another year of great reading, listening and watching. We look forward to seeing you at the library during 2009.

Reminder: We have a number of library books and DVDs that have not been returned and are overdue. Please could you check that you have returned all overdue library items.

Thank you

Meg

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

Never Say the word Speedway out too loud! *It attracts*



Michael Mongoo a little wet.



Kalgoorlie International Speedway Track.



L-R: Brandon Mongoo, Ashley Page, Peter Bell & Neville Ulph

On the Labour Day long weekend Kalgoorlie held the Production State Titles for 2009. Ashley Page nominated for the Titles and Brandon nominated for the Junior section. Quite a good trip over, the three vehicles travelling only had 2 flat tyres and a cracked windscreen. We all settled in only to wakeup to thunderstorms and rain. Saturday night managed to start and get 1 round of Production through.

Ashley came 9th in the first heat. Unfortunately the night was rained out and the Juniors had their races cancelled.

Sunday we all arrived at the track by 9 am to finish the Saturday night rounds and continue with the 2nd

night's racing.

But guess what?? It RAINED...

The meeting was cancelled again and rescheduled for Monday 9am start. The weather had fined up, so racing was on again. The Juniors unfortunately didn't get to start.

In Ashley's 2nd heat he came 5th. The next two races he placed 2nd. Onto the C, B and A Main finals...

The points were announced to give the drivers their positions for the finals. Ashley was in the top 4 of the B Main with 20 laps to do. What an exciting race. For Ashley to be in the top 20 cars for the A main he had to finish in the 1st four of the B Main.

Of course my nerves were shot. The racing was great well and truly all talented drivers. 17 laps down, 3 to go Ashley was in 2nd position. All our fingers were crossing hoping he will make the last 3. Then it happened, a flat tyre caused him to be pulled in field. He wasn't giving up, Ashley tried to pull back into his position and continue but the officials called him off. It was sad but that's racing.

Within 5 minutes of the last race meeting finishing a storm hit and we were all drenched again. Overall a fantastic weekend.

The next Production State Title will be run in Newman May 2010.

So not far to travel.

Noleen Mongoo





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UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The Royal Mail is recently under new management. You will see all new staff in the Mail ready to be of assistance to you with great friendly service.

A lot of new things are underway for the Mail including some of the following:

- ★ *A Delicious Lunch Menu Will Be Available From The 2nd April;*
- ★ *Karaoke or Live Music Will Be Happening At Least Every 2nd Saturday Night;*
- ★ *The Blues Man - Ivan Zar will be returning in June for another show;*
- ★ *The Beer Garden will be open all the time from now on, with landscaping being done in the next week or so; and*
- ★ *A "Meekatharra Idol Search" will be underway from the 8th of April, every Wednesday Night for the next 10 weeks!*



If that's not enough for you the Mail will still be doing:

Chase The Ace every Friday Night;

Delicious Dinner Meals with Daily Specials;

Airport Pick-Up & Drop Off;

Sunday BBQ's in the Beer Garden; and

Catering also available for any functions!

*KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR DETAILS ON THE GRAND
OPENING NIGHT OF THE MAIL'S ART GALLERY, WHICH WILL
INCLUDE LOCAL ARTISTS WORK*

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Public Notice

Intended Application For Incorporation of “Kids After Dark”

Notice is hereby given that Debranne Geeves of 120 Oliver Street, Meekatharra & Mavis Curley, both Committee Members, being duly authorised by the above named association intend to apply to the Commissioner of Fair Trading on or after the 26th March, 2009 for incorporation of “Kids After Dark”.

The association is formed for the purpose of keeping children off the streets and providing security, safety & education for all children.

MURCHISON VISITING CLINICAL SERVICES

VISITING TIMES IN MEEKATHARRA

Physiotherapist - Brian Poller
For appointments: 9981 0600

April 6-7, May 4-5, June 8-9

Podiatrist - Gerrard

April 7, May 5, June 9

Ophthalmologist - Dr Gordon Bougher

Dates to be announced

Paediatrician - Dr Mohammad Jehangir

May 26 - 28

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

RFDS Doctors...In Meekatharra RFDS medical services are prioritised according to urgency. Outpatients opening times: Mon - Fri 9 am-12 noon (except Thursday - 10am - 12noon) and 2pm-4pm. (Note: In order to provide the highest quality emergency medical services in remote WA RFDS doctors may be unavailable at the time noted above).

Psychiatrist.....Mental Health team: 9981 0625

Other visiting specialists include Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, Physician & Paediatric Physiotherapist.

As all dates are subject to change - please reconfirm appointments the day before.

(Appointment availability is usually determined by prioritising according to health needs.)

DENTAL VISITS TO MEEKATHARRA

(Correct as at 21/1/09 and subject to change)

DATES
4th - 15th May
29th June - 3rd July
20th - 24th July
19th - 23rd October
16th - 20th November
30th November - 11th December

Phone contact during above periods only:
Meekatharra Dental Clinic 9981 0640

For more information: Dental Health Services
(Perth) 9313 0555



Meeka's Weather

February 2009

For the month of February we had 8 days over 40°C, when the average is usually 6 days and for the entire Summer period (December to February), we had 38 days over 40°C, compared to the average of 22 days. The average maximum temperature for February was 38.3°C, which is 1.7°C above the long-term February average.

Total rainfall recorded at Meekatharra Airport for the first two months of 2009 was 40.4mm (11.6mm in February), which is 23.3mm below average.

Monthly Statistics – February 2009:

Warmest Day:	43.5°C on the 5 th	Average Max:	38.3°C
Coldest Day:	28.2°C on the 18 th		
Warmest Night:	30.1°C on the 5 th		
Coldest Night:	17.6°C on the 26 th	Average Min:	25.2°C

March 2009 so far (to 18th)

Temperatures for the first half of March have been mostly close to average (34.3°C), with the exception of the 16th and 17th where the mercury reached just a fraction under 40°C.

Just 2mm on the first two days of March has been the only rainfall received so far this month, which brings our total rainfall recorded at Meekatharra Airport so far this year (to 18th March) to 42.4mm, which is about 50mm below average.

What to expect in April:

Average Daily Maximum:	29.1°C	Average Daily Minimum:	17.0°C
Average Monthly Rainfall:	21.1mm		

Meekatharra Meteorological Office

Submitted by Clint Weaver

www.bom.gov.au



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Meekatharra Police Report

March 2009

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE.

Officers from the Meekatharra Police Station would like to take this opportunity to thank the member of the public who's assistance helped retrieve 2, two-way radio's, stolen on the 10th of March 2009 from a vehicle at the Auski Motel.

The person's quick action in contacting police when he heard several youths inappropriately using the two way radios enabled Police to listen in on the conversation of the offenders which lead to them being identified.

On the 11th of March 2009 Police executed a search warrant, and located the radios and as a result of further investigations four youths were arrested and 8 charges were laid against them.

This result is directly linked to you the public helping your local police.

On that note, helping prevent and detect crime is not solely the responsibility of the police each and every community member can assist by taking actions that protect themselves and their property and if you see, hear or know of a crime being committed, simply pick up the phone and give us a call.

We can be contacted on 99811007 or 131 444 and in the case of an emergency dial 000.

POLICE ACTIONS

Meekatharra Police makes no apology in relation to their zero tolerance towards anti social behaviour and street drinking. It is an offence to either walk or drive around town drinking alcohol or conveying open containers of alcohol and WILL see you issued with a \$200.00 on the spot fine.

TRAFFIC

Two Officers positions at Meekatharra Police have been changed from General Duties to Traffic Enforcement Officers. With this change Meekatharra Police will be cracking down on traffic offences, they will be paying particular attention to Drink Driving and Speeding, and seat belt offences. You will see police conducting more Random Breath Tests and Speed actions within the town.

Meekatharra - Police & Community, Respect & Resolve

CRIME STATISTICS

Monthly Crime reports & Arrest Stat's from 1 February to 28 February.							
Reported crimes							
Burglaries	8	Domestics	11	Welfare check	2		
Theft	9	Assaults	11	Disturbance	53		
Damage	13	Vehicle Theft	1	Drug Offences	1		
Police arrests and actions							
Charges	Stealing/ Burglary	Warrant	Assaults	Traffic	Liquor Infringement	Other	Disorderly
Arrests	0	2	5	13	-	9	5
Summons	3	-	1	24	-	2	14
Infringements	-	-	-	9	75	1	0

BLUE LIGHT

On Friday the 10th of April there will be another **Meekatharra Blue Light Disco** at the Youth Centre. A thank you to all those who help us with the running of the last Blue Light discos, your help is very much appreciated.

Blue Light is an initiative of West Australia Police in collaboration with the local community, so I encourage the community of Meekatharra to join together with your local Police by assisting with the coordination and running each and every Disco throughout the year.

For further enquires please contact 1/C Constable Jennie Jannings or 1/C Constable Michael Henderson at the Police Station on 99811007.

To finish, everyone at Meekatharra Police Station would like to take the opportunity to wish Sergeant Drew Taylor and Gosia Baginski all the best on their up coming wedding and all the happiness in their future together.

1/C Michael Henderson 12542
Meekatharra Police Station.

Meekatharra - Police & Community, Respect & Resolve



Saturday 25th april 2009

DAWN SERVICE

At

VETERANS LEGION of AUSTRALIA

PADDY'S FLAT

followed by a traditional trench breakfast

all welcome

LEST WE FORGET





REMEMBERING
ANZAC

THE MEANING OF ANZAC DAY

each other's
forces with
sniper fire &

On the 25th of April every year, Australians commemorate **ANZAC** Day. It commemorates the landing of Australian & New Zealand troops at Gallipoli on the 25th of April 1915. The date, 25 April, was officially named ANZAC Day in 1916.

ANZAC stands for Australian & New Zealand Army Corps. In 1917, the word ANZAC meant someone who fought at Gallipoli and later it came to mean any Australian or New Zealander who fought or served in the First World War. During the Second World War ANZAC Day became a day on which the lives of all Australians lost in war time were remembered. The spirit of ANZAC recognises the qualities of courage, mateship & sacrifice which were demonstrated at the Gallipoli landing.

The ANZAC's landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula at dawn on the 25th April and met fierce resistance.

Instead of finding the flat beach they expected, they found they had been landed at an incorrect position and faced steep cliffs & constant barrages of enemy fire & shelling. Around 20,000 soldiers landed on the beach over the next two days. They faced a well organised, well armed & large Turkish force.

Fighting on Gallipoli soon settled into a stalemate. The ANZAC's and the Turk's dug in - literally - digging kilometers of trenches, and pinned down

shelling.

Thousands of Australian & New Zealand men died in the hours & days that followed the landing at that beach. The surviving diggers, as the Australians called themselves, hung on waiting for reinforcements. The stalemate ended in retreat with the evacuation of the ANZAC's on the 20th of December 1915. By then, 8,141 had been killed or died of wounds & more than 18,000 had been wounded.

With the coming of the Second World War, **ANZAC** Day was used to also commemorate the lives of Australians lost in that war. In subsequent years the meaning of the day has been further broadened to include Australians killed in all military operations in which Australia has been involved.

Australians recognise 25 April as an occasion of national commemoration. Services are held at dawn - the time of the original landing - across the nation.

It is a day when Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war.

Ref: Australian War Memorial Website
Government Culture & Recreation Portal

Congratulations

*A Big Congratulations to
John & Claire Mahony
from Moorarie Station
on the safe arrival of their little girl
Sally Jane Mahony
on 22nd March, 7lbs, 5ozs.*



Happy Birthday

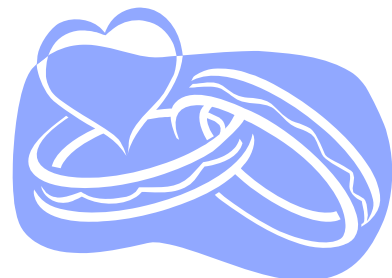
**Happy 23rd to the
Princess from
Farmer Jacks for
the 25th March**



Congratulations

*Congratulations to
Kylie Moses
on her engagement to
Drew Womersley
on the 11th March.*

We wish them a lifetime of happiness.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April Birthdays

Daniel Seneque	1st
Amy Jory	2nd
Ben Clare	3rd
Breyley Lindsay	4th
Glen Gentle	5th
Faith Amalfi	6th
Hope Amalfi	6th
Preston Hatch	8th Khe
-San Tressider	9th Annette
Gentle	11th Penny Johns
field	13th Evanne Tren-
	13th Latoya Abbott
	14th Raymond Binsiar
	16th Jock Councillor
	16th



Jenny Watter	17th
Robert Binsiar	19th
Kirsten Mongoo	19th
Shania Simpson	20th
Jareth van Wees	23rd
Sheldon Baron	25th
Bob Curley	26th
Shara Simpson	26th
Ronald Councillor-McDonald	27th
Shayne Gilla	29th



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

Matthew Hall's 21st

On Saturday the 14th of March, Matthew Hall from Neds Creek Station, held his 21st Birthday Party at the Meekatharra Racecourse.

The party started early (as in a day early) as friends arrived from way down south on the Friday afternoon. So of course a few catch up beers were had in town which finally ended quite late into the night.

Saturday morning started a little bit steady, as it sometimes can, but there was no time to be gathering up energy. There was work to be done! Chairs & tables needed to be cleaned and setup, beers & salads needed to be collected, eskys needed to be filled & music needed to be wired in.

Gladly, the old saying "Many hands make light work", worked its magic. The party was ready to roll by 7pm that night. From then on people came rolling in from all over the state for a great night of catching up & wishing the birthday boy their best.

After the meal, the Hall Family presented some fantastic, heartfelt speeches, quite possibly noting some of those embarrassing times of Matthew's childhood. Everyone got a good chuckle out of these, including Matthew!



From L-R: Kenneth, Kelly, Raelene, Clyde & Matthew

An impressive speech was also done by Bill Johns from Killara Station, crediting Matthew on his superb stockman skills & knowledge for such a young bloke.

After the family's & Bill's speeches, Matthew was presented with the "Key".

Once the speeches were done it was time for some bush 21st traditions. It was finally Matthew's turn to drink out of a work boot. With the guests contributing whatever they were drinking at the time into the boot, you will always end up with a lovely tasty concoction! He did his fair share of it but of course he received some

help from his close mates, which I think he may have been very grateful for!

A fantastic birthday cake was organised in Perth from one of Matthew's best mates & it was Clarrie & Dottie Lauritsen's mission to get it home safely. Gladly it made it to the party in one piece. The massive slab of Chocolate cake was brilliantly designed with the picture of Matthew's green Holden ute on the top.

With all the formalities out of the way, it was time to party! Tables & chairs were cleared for the dance floor & Matthew's sister Kelly put her great DJ skills into action. From there on the night flew past, with everyone getting involved & dancing up a storm.

I think this night was a very special & memorable one for Matthew, his family & all others involved.

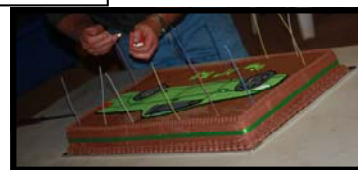
A big Thankyou must go to the Clyde, Raelene, Matthew, Kenneth & Kelly again for putting on such a fantastic show!!



The Boot...



Meg Forrester, Matty & Amber Quadrio...dancing the night away



The Cake



Ronnie Longmuir & Jo Francis



Shaz Joy & Annie McCall

A Big Thankyou...

Raelene and Clyde Hall of Neds Creek Station would like to thank the Meekatharra Race Club for allowing them to use the racecourse facilities for Matthew's 21st birthday party.

Thank you to Noleen for organizing the loan of the sound system.

Thanks Vince for the loan of your cool room.

Our thanks to everyone who helped us set up and clean up, especially to Margaret and Ron for all their hard work.

The racecourse is a credit to Margaret's care and many people, who had not been to Meeka, for many years, commented on what a great venue it was.

A great time was had by all.



Happy 13th Birthday Kadisen



Left: The Birthday girl Riding a killer whale.

Right: Esteena, Orlando and Verdelle Waiting for a piece of birthday cake.



Esteena, Clinton and Luther having fun on the "inflatable" at Kadisen's 13th birthday pool



Thank You

Thank you Lauchie, Amy and Daniel for making it possible to have this party.

Happy 21st Clive Curley

Clive Curley turned 21, 25th March but celebrated with friends and family on Saturday 21st at the shire hall. A good time was had by all!



Left: Josie, Darryl and the Birthday Boy Clive



Phillo Snr, Gary and Kenny



Bev, Heather & Jenny



Bev & Lorraine



Edgar & Terese



Right: PhilloJNR, Kingo, Justin and Dennis



Iris & Patty



Allan, David & Gary
3 generations



Kristie, Darrylene and Kaitlyn



'Good Heart' Mid West Indigenous Art Exhibition

If you are an Aboriginal Artist living in the Mid West, we invite you to submit your artwork for the 'Good Heart' Mid West Indigenous Art Exhibition to be held in Perth in June 2009.

The exhibition, supported by Oakajee Port and Rail, provides the perfect opportunity for your work to be seen by, and sold to, a new and wider audience.

The exhibition will run from 8 – 13 June, 2009 in the foyer of QV 1 Building, St, Georges Terrace, Perth.

All works must have been produced in the past 12 months and:

- accompanied by artists profile, written story and price
- signed by the artist [back or front]
- the titled printed on the back of the painting
- available for sale
- no larger than 1.4m x1.4m or equivalent area

The exhibition is open to all forms of artwork – ceramics, woodwork, canvas, artefacts or textiles. It is important to note, the framer requires a minimum of 5cm left around a painting for stretching/framing.

Oakajee Port and Rail will pay for artwork to be framed or stretched where necessary. To be considered in the exhibition, artwork, profiles and stories should be submitted to the Project Manager by 20 April 2009.

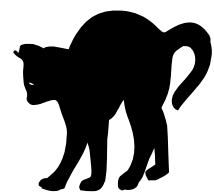
Normal commission will be waived for this exhibition. All pieces that remain unsold on completion of the exhibition will be returned to the artists at Oakajee Port and Rail's cost.

For more information contact the Project Manager Nan Rickards in Geraldton on mobile 0417 184 290 home 08 9965 2883 or email nan.rickards@bigpond.com.



Newman Vet

Meekatharra



Dr. Rick Fenny

When: Saturday 28th March

Located at **Paddy's Flat**

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

Meekatharra Gymkhana

Saturday

25th April 2009

8.30 am to 5.30 pm



at the Meeka Race Course

Full program of events

Buff, Peter,
Chad, Ted,
Ashley



Barrel Race

Who will win the prize.

Tracey, Sally,
Katherine,
Belinda, Trish.
Meg, Jarith.

1st - \$1000

2nd - \$600

3rd - \$400



Come and support the Meeka riders

Riders from Yalgoo, Mt Magnet, Newman
& Lander.

Family day out.

Come and watch the thrills of Horse & Rider.

Plenty of laughs...

Full Canteen & Bar Facilities

Geraldton Family Relationship Centre- Meekatharra Feb 09



**The best gift you can
give your kids is time!**



Meeka FM and Radio Mama. By doing this we engaged with the Indigenous youth of Meekatharra who helped make this possible and in return giving the local's a sense of pride and ownership of messages that reflected on healthy parenting and issues of separation within the family unit.

NETWORKING *We attended the Inter Agency Meeting where we consulted with community members about what we had planned to do. The committee showed a lot of interest and support towards our ideas.*

Many thanks for your patience Anita Seery who is the Manager of Meeka FM and the coordinator of the Meekatharra Family and Domestic Violence Service. Anita was very helpful in more ways than one and a big thank you Anita for enabling us to do this with local acceptance and support.

Many thanks to the kids that helped us with the recordings!

(You know who you are)

Well done, you all put in 100%

We hope you like what we have done?

You should be able to hear yourselves on Meeka FM now.

**Be real, stay positive
your kids will do the same**

MEEKA FM *Our aim was to use the skills we acquired from the Cert III in Broadcasting to gather enough information and recording material to make Community Service Announcements for the local radio station. These will be played regularly on*

Be proud and keep strong!!

Our next visit will be in May on the 18th, 19th and 20th.

If any one would like to record a Community Service Announcement call Marika or Lauren on 99212611 or while we are in town just try our mobile number 0427443847.

Words from your Council

Notes from the Council Meeting held Saturday 21 March 2009

Council welcomes Alan Haslett as Works and Services Manager. Initially Alan will be on a 6 month contract.

Road Works

Councils Road Construction Crews are currently working on upgrading the Landor and Sandstone Roads. By the end of this financial year some 45 kms of Landor Road and some 40 kms of Sandstone will have been upgraded. Council has hired a large Scraper (Cat 623G) to improve work efficiency on the Landor Road projects. The Scraper is anticipated to complete its part of the works program by late April.

Contact: Roy McClymont

Rabbit Proof Fence

Council resolved to support the Cunderdin Historical Society with their concept to commemorate the building of the Rabbit Proof Fence and wish them well with their statewide Memorial Project but that Council will not be taking up the opportunity to be a part of this venture.

Contact: Stella Johnson

Budget Review

Council endorsed the 2008/09 Budget Review; this review included an additional amount for the extension of the mains electricity to improve the efficiency of the town parks watering program. This additional project will be funded from savings already made in other projects.

Contact: Cameron Watson

Ranger Service

Council resolved the reappointment of Canine Control as Councils contract animal control personnel. This appointment is for a 2 year period commencing from the 1st July 2009 through to 30th June 2011.

Contact: Cameron Watson

Compliance Audit

Council has adopted the 2008 Statutory Compliance Audit which is required to be submitted to the Department of Local Government and Regional Development by 31 March 2009. This audit was conducted by an independent consultant over 5 days and showed that out of the 311 compliance questions (30 pages), Council was only non-compliant or partially non-compliant on 9 items achieving 97% compliance. Based on these independently conducted audits, Council's compliance level has improved over three consecutive years from 90% in 2006.

Contact: Roy McClymont



Words from your Council Cont....

Royalties for Regions Program

Council agreed to a proposal from the regions Chief Executive Officers to be the appointed body to receive and distribute year 2 (09/10) regional funds from the Royalties for Regions program. The regional funds under this program in the 09/10 financial year will total \$1,704,778. Council also accepted the proposed allocation of funds suggested by the regions Chief Executive Officers with Meekatharra's allocation being \$337,873.

Contact: Roy McClymont

Structural Reform

Council discussed recent information provided by the Local Government Reform Steering Committee concerning structural reform and voluntary amalgamations of local authorities.

Council adopted the following position on this matter:

“Council is willing to discuss structural reform, voluntary amalgamation and/or boundary changes with other interested Councils.

However, given:

- *the town of Meekatharra's remote, isolated location,*
- *that the Shire of Meekatharra (in area) is one of the largest shires in WA (and therefore the world),*
- *that Council's unsealed road network is the fifth largest in WA, and*
- *that Council resources are already fully and efficiently employed,*

Council can currently see no clear and present benefit to its residents, ratepayers or stakeholders in undertaking any adjustment to its boundaries.

Council will ultimately only agree to any boundary adjustment if, as a result of any proposed boundary change, it is clearly established and proven that there will be benefits to current residents, ratepayers and all stakeholders of the shire over the short, medium and long term.”

Council has advised its seven bordering neighbours of this decision.

Contact: Roy McClymont

Second Hand Concrete Slabs

Council resolved that it will no longer offer for sale second hand concrete slabs. Recovered slabs will now be kept in stock for future use on Council projects.

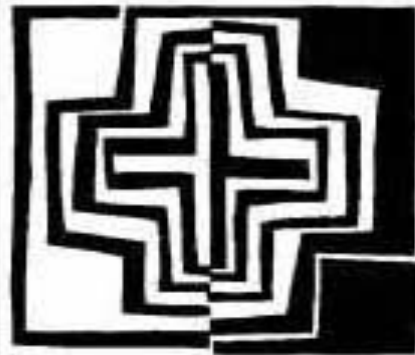
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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christ the King

(Corner of High and Darlot Streets, Meekatharra)



Liturgies for April 2009

ALL WELCOME

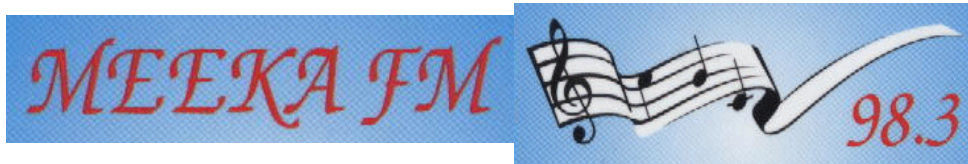
Easter

Please note the combined Liturgies

Holy Thursday	9th	Uniting Church	6.30pm
Good Friday	10 th	Uniting Church	9.00am
Easter Sunday	12 th	Catholic Church	9.30am

Sat 26th Catholic Church 6.30pm
Liturgy of the Word with Communion

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



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**

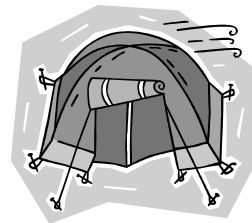
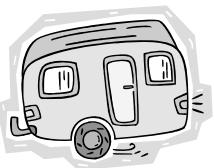
So if you're wondering how you can get your message out to the community with very little effort, please contact **Meeka FM 98.3**

Email: meekafm@bigpond.com

PH/FAX: 08 9981 1358

Anita's mobile: 0400761747

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		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:
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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?

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* 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



Out & About...In & Around Meeka...



Trevor Renk & Pete Clancy
St Patricks Day



Stella Johnson, Jai Newman, Kerry & Ben Clare @ Kerry
Salmon's House Warming



Spectators At The Harmony Week Cook
Up



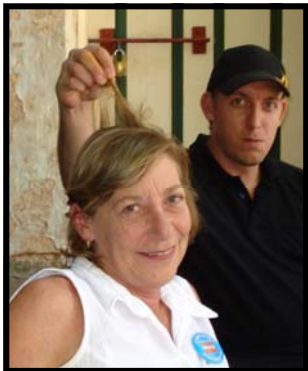
Hmm, who could this be I
wonder...Kerry's House
Warming



Brittany & Clair at the MDHS Victorian
Bushfire Fundraiser



Mid West Police Conference At Paddy's Flat



Kerry & Rowan...Just Before
The Big Shave...



Jason giving the kids a go on the new fire truck at the
MDHS Victorian Bushfire Fundraiser



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Thursday 26th - Tuesday 31st March

Please Call 13 20 50 To Organise An Appointment



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<i><u>Meekatharra</u> – Ron Bell</i>	<i>9981 1015</i>

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Email: geraldton@courieraust.com.au**

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ANIMAL ANTICS

Well again the year has so far been a busy one. Joeys and birds just to name the few that pass through my gates.



This year has been a shocker for ticks. So you ask what is out there to get rid of them. I agree it gets very expensive to use the commercial products. I have tried all the natural remedies but this only works for a little while. Commercial products are good but need doing constantly and it does get expensive. Ticks live in dirt so if you have a tick problem remember you have to treat the ground and their bedding. I had a young pup come in yesterday. It was horrible the amount of ticks that were feeding off it. You couldn't see the ear canals for the ticks that covered it. Ticks are notorious for getting into all the nooks and crannies. Check ears, skin folds, between toes and under the legs. This poor pup had ticks on its back side. When pulling ticks, make sure you get the heads and avoid squeezing the tick when it's attached to the dog as it will continue to inject poison into it. This pup had the palest gums that I have seen for a while. Ticks suck blood; worms suck blood and believe you me it's not a nice death for any animal when it doesn't have sufficient blood to survive. For ticks that don't let go smear dollops of Vaseline, I find that this loosens the ticks up as they are unable to breathe.



Please be careful, there is nothing worse than getting a tick on you or your family. Ticks do go walk about. Also just as important, is worming your animals, make sure kids wash their hands after handling animals. If you want more information about treatment of ticks. Please contact the shire or ranger and speak to them.

On a really important matter, I'm sending out an SOS! I am trying to fundraise as I have found that I need a small humidity crib for sick animals or very young joeys. This would help my sleep as I worry about them getting too hot or too cold which can cause them to die. Fossil has offered to help finance some of the cost but we need to raise the rest. The unit will cost about \$2500. If you have any ideas or would like to donate to this great machine please call me. The meeting will go ahead in April once I get my daughters wedding off my hands. So please keep a look out on the notice board.

I would like to thank the school for their efforts for collecting cans, Farmer Jacks for their donations and the public that brings me the babies.

I also have a young male pup that is in desperate need for a good home.



Jo Burgemeister

0428952791



Its Time For The Annual Gathering For The "Return To Meekatharra Society."

When: Sunday 5th April

Where: Pioneer Park, Gosnells

Time: 10AM - 3PM

Cost....Just a handshake!

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 Hot Water
 Toilets
 A Big Smile
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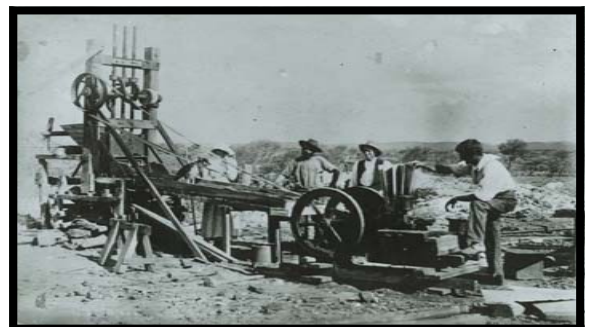
BYO: Chairs
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 Photos
 Tall Stories
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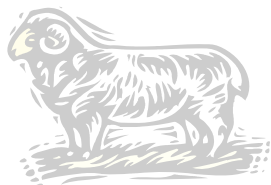
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For sale

The Murchison Family & Domestic Violence Service is re-vamping their outdoor area and is offering second hand lattice out to tender.

There are four large sheets of lattice which are in good condition.

If anyone would like to come and see them and make an offer they can contact Anita on 99801900

Expressions Of Interest for Catering

The Meekatharra Race Club is seeking Expressions of Interest in regards to doing the catering for the 2 Day Race Weekend on the 26th & 28th of September 2009.



The Catering would involve supplying Lunches, Afternoon Teas, Night Time Snacks, Cooldrink, Tea, Coffee, Icecream, Lollies etc.

Most cooking facilities are available out at the track or your own equipment can be brought in.

For more information please contact Noleen Mongoo on 0413 900 015



Catering for the Meekatharra Festival and Battle of the Bands

Forms will shortly be made available asking members of the Meekatharra Community to provide catering for the different days and venues where food will be needed for both the Meekatharra Festival and the Battle of the Bands. We are expecting a big turn out for both this year and hope to support our local caterers and community groups by coordinating the best possible opportunities for everyone with their co-operation.

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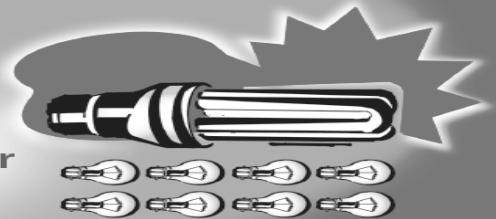


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Committee Meeting

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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.

When: 21st April

Skippers' Flight Schedule PERTH TO MEEKATHARRA

SUNDAY - No Flights

MONDAY

FLIGHT NUMBER	DEPART	TIME	ARRIVE	TIME
JW1942	PERTH	0700	MEEKATHARRA	0835
	MEEKATHARRA	0905	WILUNA	0935
	WILUNA	1005	PERTH	1145

TUESDAY

FLIGHT NUMBER	DEPART	TIME	ARRIVE	TIME
JW1940	PERTH	1030	MT MAGNET	1145
	MT MAGNET	1215	MEEKATHARRA	1245
	MEEKATHARRA	1315	PERTH	1450

WEDNESDAY

FLIGHT NUMBER	DEPART	TIME	ARRIVE	TIME
JW1941	PERTH	0700	MEEKATHARRA	0835
	MEEKATHARRA	0905	MT MAGNET	0935
	MT MAGNET	1005	PERTH	1120

THURSDAY

FLIGHT NUMBER	DEPART	TIME	ARRIVE	TIME
JW1941	PERTH	1030	MEEKATHARRA	1205
	MEEKATHARRA	1235	MT MAGNET	1305
	MT MAGNET	1335	PERTH	1445

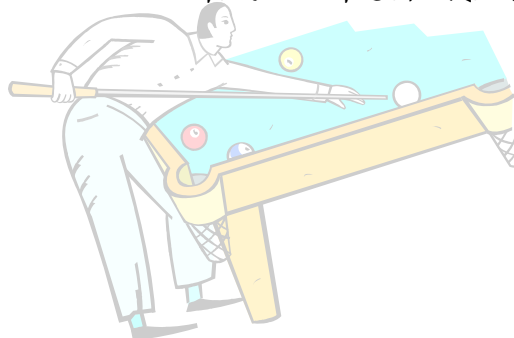
FRIDAY

FLIGHT NUMBER	DEPART	TIME	ARRIVE	TIME
JW1941	PERTH	1230	MEEKATHARRA	1405
	MEEKATHARRA	1435	MT MAGNET	1505
	MT MAGNET	1535	PERTH	1650

SATURDAY - No Flights

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

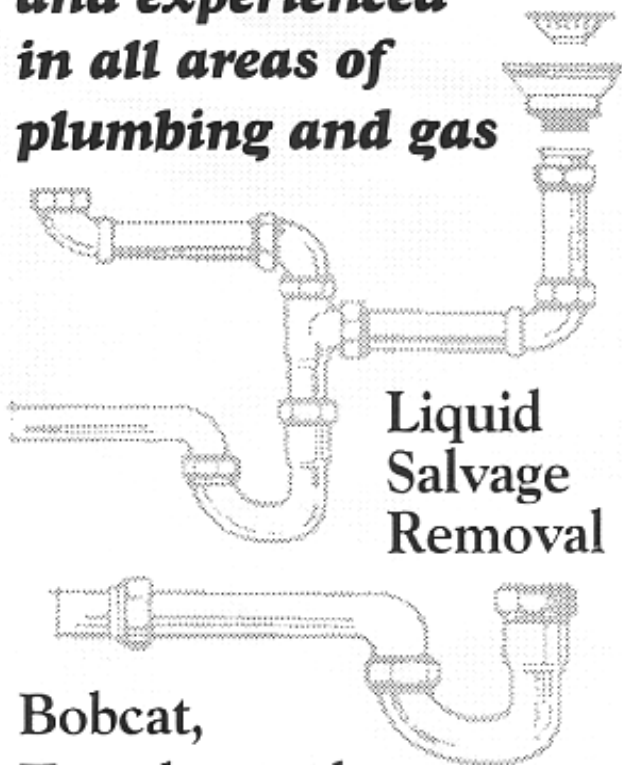


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Meekatharra Festival Meeting



Fundraising Fancy Dress Ball

Trivia Night

Other ideas

Subcommittees –Ball; Rodeo; Races;

**Street Parade, Music;
Arts;**

Local Stalls—Food craft

Local entertainment

Date: Tuesday 28th April

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Sports Centre



Something For The Adults

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

Sudoku is the logic based number game, also known as number place.

The game is simple to play with the aim being to fill the empty cells of the Sudoku grid so that each column, row and 3x3 grid contain the digits 1 to 9.

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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
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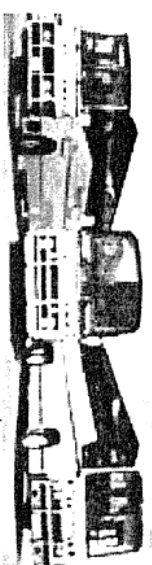
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PERTH TO PORT HEDLAND			
<i>via Great Northern Highway</i>			
Code	Service #	IC40	Wednesday
PER	Perth	Dep	9:00 PM
MID	Midland		9:30 PM
NCA	New Norcia		10:55 PM
WBG	Walebing		11:20 PM
MLG	Miling		11:50 PM
Thursday			
DWU	Dalwallinu		12:25 AM
WUB	Wubin	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			
<i>via Great Northern Highway</i>			
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
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BBM	Bluebird Mine		9:20 PM
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WBG	Walebing		4:15 AM
NCA	New Norcia		4:40 AM
MID	Midland		6:00 AM
PER	Perth	Arr	6:30 AM

* Please be aware: Newman Visitor Centre is on the timetable twice!
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Rev. Lesley deGrussa-Macaulay (08) 9981 1053.

A few thank you notices since the last publication of the Meeka Dust – **Pancake Day** (Shrove Tuesday) 24 February '09, was held outside the Commercial Hotel from 9-11.30am.

Many pancakes were made around the community, at the hospital and ferried to the school, post office, DCP and the shire, raising \$183.20. UnitingCare Pancake Day is timed to coincide with Shrove Tuesday, a day traditionally associated with pancakes, community spirit and sharing – thousands of schools, businesses, community groups and individuals transformed pancakes into funds for Australians' doing it tough.

World Day of Prayer – 6th March '09 an ecumenical movement initiated and carried out by many people in more than 180 countries, World Day of Prayer promotes the spirit of church unity. The international prayer services, planned by women in PNG this year, focused on mutual understanding between people and the promotion of world peace. The yearly service of prayer is translated into more than 100 languages. For Meeka – we celebrated the event at the Shire Hall – 18 attended, we shared as a church community with SDA, Catholic and UC community, viewed a slide show of PNG and shared personal stories of two PNG women, then joined together in a light supper. We as a community were able to forward \$107.45, which will go towards the PNG outreach. In 2010, SDA will coordinate the service for 'our' area.

For your information: **Country Women's Association emergency family grants 2009.**

Emergency Drought Aid Funds - available up to \$2000 per household to help meet essential household expenses and other basic necessities such as food, clothing, fuel, emergency medical and dental costs, house rates, electricity and telephone expenses. Can also include Woolworths Essential cards, valued at \$250 each.

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As we approach Easter I was once told that every preacher really has one sermon, that we may preach if not in many different ways – but the title as we move toward Easter is; **The Lord is Risen!** He is risen indeed! **He really is!** Many who attend church at this time may only remember this and nothing else – and maybe that's enough. Some preachers are very particular about the Lenten tradition and you may agree or not with the general consensus between prepositions “in” and “of” Lent, actually as I was reminded of this last Sunday while in Carnarvon (15 March). That the Sundays during Lent are “in” Lent, he said, NOT “of” Lent. Sunday, even during Lent, is the Lord's Day, and the Lord's Day, as in the understanding of our Puritan forebears, is a “little Easter” every week. Without a doubt many theologians are right both theologically and liturgically. They are also right mathematically. Lent is traditionally a forty-day period, finding its strength in Jesus; forty days in the wilderness. But if you count, starting with Ash Wednesday (the day after Shrove Tuesday 24 Feb), the first day of Lent, you will find that there are actually 46 days' til Easter. The six extra days are the Sundays which fall in or during Lent, but are not liturgically part of it. In a day and age when all kinds of language issues are raised in the life of the church, on assumption that language matters, surely it matters that every time we Christians gather on the Lord's Day, even “in” Lent that we proclaim amidst all our teaching and singing; **The Lord is Risen!** Blessings, Lesley.





Weekly Church Services:

Weekly Services: **9am** each Sunday

Communion: 1st Sunday each month

Easter Church Notice

Sunday 5th April - 9.00am ***Palm Sunday***

Thursday 9th April - 6.30pm ***Maundy Thursday***
(light meal & liturgy)

Friday 10th April - 9.30am ***Good Friday***

Sunday 12th April - 9.30am ***Easter Sunday***

*(Shared at the **Catholic Church**) for a Community Mass)*

*After the service, Hot Cross Buns for morning tea at the Meekatharra
Community Church—Frontier Services.*



Meeka Golf Club Update

Hi Folks,

Another year ahead of us our AGM was held at the Commerical Hotel on Wednesday the 18th March. The positions have been filled as follows:

President: **Clarrie Lauritsen-**

Vice President: **Peter Clare**

Captain: **Dave Win**

Vice Captain: **Shane Clan-**

cyHandicapper: **Clarrie Lau-**
ritsen Bar Manager: **Peter Jen-**
kins Course Manager: **Rusty**

Our Opening Day is on Sunday the 5th April, 4 Ball Ambrose.

Form a team of four & come out
for a good game and a good day.

Registration is at 11.30 & Tee-Off is
at 12.00. Drinks will be available
from the club bar.

Rusty Your Editor



2009/2010 BUDGET

DONATIONS TO COMMUNITY & SPORTING GROUPS

Local Community Groups or Sporting Clubs are invited to apply to Council for a donation towards the running of an event or for the purchase of equipment. *Council will not donate towards the operating costs of an organisation.*

To apply for a donation, Council will require a written submission stating the grant amount requested and a description of the purpose for the grant.

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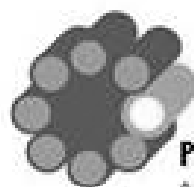
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Whats Cooking??

Spinach and Ricotta Lasagna

Ingredients:

olive or canola oil spray
1 medium onion, finely chopped
2 teaspoons minced garlic
600g lean beef mince
575g jar tomato-based pasta sauce
400g can crushed tomatoes
1 teaspoon chilli
250g packet frozen chopped spinach, thawed
375g low-fat ricotta cheese
375g packet fresh lasagne sheets
½ cup grated reduced-fat tasty cheese
1 teaspoon chilli



METHOD:

Pre-heat oven to 180°C or 160°C for fan forced.

To make meat sauce, spray a large non-stick frying pan with oil and heat. Cook onion and garlic over a medium heat for 2 minutes, until soft.

Add mince and cook over high heat for 5 minutes until brown, using a wooden spoon to break up any lumps. Stir in pasta sauce, tomatoes and chilli then remove from heat.

Drain spinach and squeeze out excess liquid. Place in a bowl and mix with ricotta. Trim pasta sheets to fit a large lasagne dish, and spread a very thin layer of meat sauce over the base.

Arrange a layer of pasta over the sauce. Divide the remaining sauce and spinach mixture into 3 portions each. Start with a thin layer of sauce, then pasta sheets, then spinach mixture.

Sprinkle with tasty cheese.

Bake for 30 minutes until heated through and top is golden.



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

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Meekatharra's

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Events Calendar

April

- ★ Friday 10th April - Blue Light Disco
- ★ Friday 10th - Monday 13th April - Easter
- ★ Tuesday 21st April - Telecentre Meeting
- ★ Saturday 25th April - ANZAC Day
- ★ Saturday 25th April - Meekatharra Gymkhana
- ★ Tuesday 28th April - Festival & Battle Of The Bands
Committee Meeting



Next Issue...

Closing Date: 24th April

Publishing Date: 30th April