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# NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Readers,

Last month of Summer—hallelujah !

I still need your help to liven up the dust!!

As said before, please feel free to let us know your suggestions. We are also quite happy to come and take photos & notes at your functions so we can therefore do up more articles. Remember, we would like to involve the WHOLE community in the Dust.

Thanks

Rach

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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

I like the dreams of  
the future better than  
the history of the past



# 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**

- ❖ Tidy Towns Meeting - Monday 8th
- ❖ Royal Mail Cocktail Night - Friday 12th
- ❖ Valentines Day - Sunday 14th
- ❖ Telecentre Committee Meeting - Tuesday 16th
- ❖ Festival Committee Meeting - Wednesday 17th
- ❖ Ordinary Council Meeting - Saturday 20th

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## 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.**

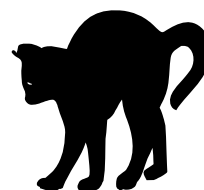
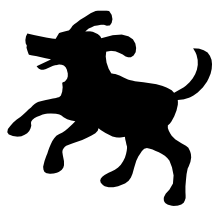
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8 am to 4.30 pm.*

## Library Info.

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Ronnie**

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# Meekatharra Speedway

## Murchison Champs Oz Weekend

On the 23rd January Meekatharra Speedway held it's 3rd meeting in 12 months.

The Oz Day long weekend Precision Camps Murchison Championships is usually a 2 night event but unfortunately we had to drop a night as it wasn't a public holiday. The number of drivers and riders dropped because of it but we battled on. The drivers/riders that we had put on a spectacular show.. It was definitely worth watching. Once one of the local Karalundi boys took control of the PA system and plugged it in correctly Scott Jensen from Newman our commentator who did an awesome job, got the crowd going.

Starting with the Production drivers. Local driver Ashley Page won the night over Jason Johnson from Leonora and 3rd place going to Rodney Page from Tom Price. Unfortunately whilst Andrew Jensen from Newman had steering problems and Rick MacIntosh also from Newman blew a head gasket. The level of driving from the guys was awesome.

Wow Street stocks. We only had 3 but what a show they put on for the crowd. Adam Howden started off in his new Commodore No: 8. whilst new time driver Ben Lunken drove Adam's original car the Ford Cortina No 10, with Peter Bell driving No 65. Adam and Ben changed cars. There definitely was some spectacular racing with the 3. Having Peter winning with Ben coming in 2nd, his consistent driving skills managed to hold off Adam for 3rd..

The 4 wheelers were next. Didn't these guys and one girl give you all some yet again spectacular racing. The competition between Adrian Moses, Ashley Page and Duane Spreight was hair raising especially with Adrian coming up a tad too high. Never the less amazing speeds, It was pretty hard to tell who was who with the top 3 riders in similar

protective clothing. Again Ashley taking 1st with Adrian Moses from Wiluna 2nd and Duane Spreight also from Wiluna coming in 3rd Rueben Walters from Newman and Jessica Harvey from Meeka taking up the minor places. Thanks to Duane for lending Ashley his second bike. The boys will be back...

Unfortunately Brandon Mongoo was the only Junior but still put on good speed for the crowd. He wasn't able to finish any other events due to a window net bracket snapping off. Hopefully next time more Juniors will be up/down.

In the Burn out Comp Shannon Mongoo and Andrew Binsiar Jnr came out eventually. Having his Uncle go first. It didn't take long for the VL Commodore to blow the tyres plenty of sparks and smoke. But it took Andrew a few go's to set his car onto the pad only to see more smoke, more noise and definitely more spark coming out from under his car. The crowd were asked to cheer for the best. Andrew taking out his 2nd win for this event. The best race was last of all with the Street Stock half a lap start on the Production Cars.

The green flag dropped as they came around. Peter Bell took off knowing that the Proddies were after him. Gradually the laps counted down with only one restart giving all drivers a Indian file restart with the Proddies right behind Peter. Bumper to Bumper the green flag dropped again Peter off and racing again Ashley, Rodney, Jason, Ben and Adam still going hard to catch him. By the 8th lap Ashley came up the outside of Peter then to drop back down to come underneath him tp take out 1st with Rodney Page coming underneath Peter on turn 4 to take out 2nd with Peter 3rd , Jason, Ben taking out the minor placings. Coming out of turn 4 Adam came out hitting the wall pretty hard. No more Cortina.

Meekatharra Speedway Club would like to thank everyone who helped set up for the night. To all the volunteers without you we could not hold these events.

Meekatharra is lucky to have such great people in the ST Johns Ambulance & Meeka Fire Crew a credit to your groups.

***Special Thanks***

AG Burrows (Tony)—Machinery  
Gil Page—Tom Price for preparing the track  
Precision Camps —Gary Olsen  
Darren Trenfield—Trenny's Refrigeration  
Guy Bell for his constant help. Much appreciated  
Janine, Andrew Jnr, Bob, Brady, Raymond + Ashlyn Binsiar  
Nathan Page  
Shire of Meekatharra—Machinery/Water  
Mal Trenfield - Water  
Norm Trenfield  
Meekatharra Bakery  
Neville Ulph -Watering/Push Car  
Jason Boatwright—Pit Gate  
Meekatharra Corner Store  
Commercial Hotel  
Farmer Jacks  
Peter Lacey—Push Ute  
Meekatharra Sub Centre - St John Ambulance - Volunteers  
Meekatharra Fire Brigade - Volunteers  
Coates Hire  
Splinter  
Jo Burgermister & Lorrae Hill—Bar  
Janine Binsiar & Erica Schmidt —Canteen

A Special thank you to our Stewards from Newman without these people we also couldn't race.

You have to be Registered and Licensed every 2 years to be an official to run any meeting.

*Andrea Garrett—Lap Scorer*

*Lyndsay—Assistant Steward*

*Scott Jensen—Commentator*

See you all in September 2010

Yours in Speedway

Noleen Mongoo

President

# FAMILY FUN DAY

## Community Health Centre



# MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH

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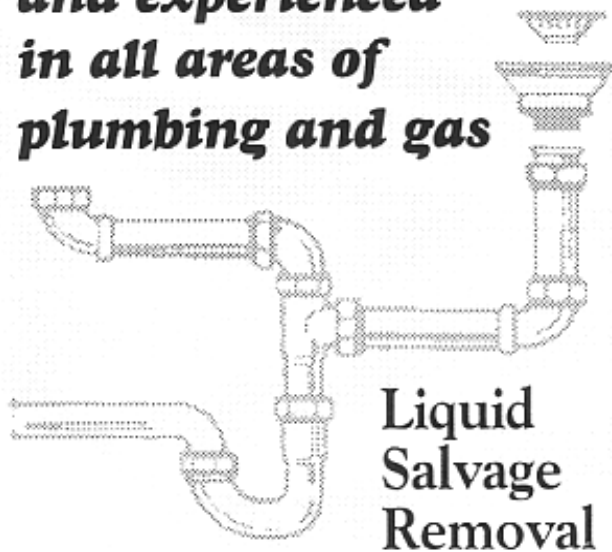




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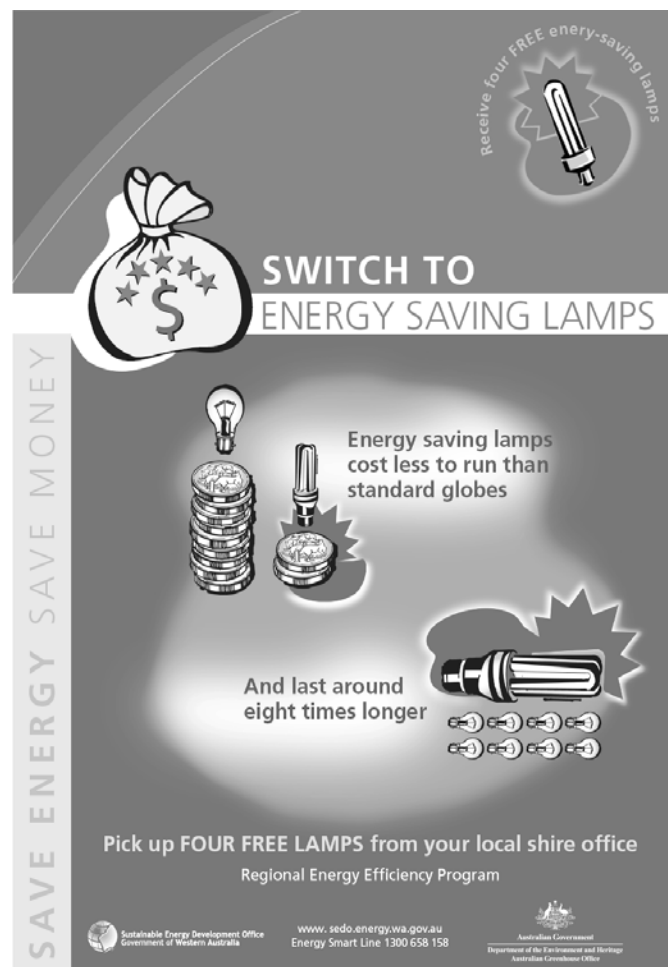
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## **VISTING SERVICES—FEBRUARY 2010**

**For Appointments—Hospital Reception: 9981 0600**

<b>Physiotherapist— Brian Poller</b>	<b>1st &amp; 2nd February</b>
<b>Podiatrist— Gerard Huck</b>	<b>1st &amp; 2nd February</b>

**For Appointments—Community Health : 9981 0636**

<b>Pediatrician— Dr Jehangir</b>	<b>8th February afternoon</b>
	<b>9th February 8-11am</b>
<b>Child Health Nurse— Mary Ash</b>	<b>1st &amp; 2nd February</b>

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**

*The Aboriginal Medical Service will be visiting Meekatharra on Monday 22nd February 2010.*

## **DENTAL VISITS TO MURCHISON—2010**

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

Patients are 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**

# Council's News Flash

## Royalties for Region – Country Local Government Fund

Council received a letter from the Minister for Local Government advising that funding from Royalties for Regions will be deferred from the 2009-2010 financial year. This letter has serious ramifications for Council's budget and road program this year. Council will have a shortfall of \$941,000 on the Landor sealing project. Council was presented with three options and decided the safest course of action was to amend the scope of the project to reflect the change in funding this financial year. Council's road construction projects will be re-programmed to best effect in light of this funding change.

## Landor Road – Alignment – 11.4 SLK to 15.5 SLK

A discussion was held after councillors raised concerns over the alignment and pegging of Landor Road from approx SLK 11.4 to SLK 15.5. This section forms part of a straight section of road that is approx 7.5 kms long. The existing road is not perfectly straight, resulting in a very slight curve in the road. Given that the clear intention when the road was built was for the section to be straight, staff pegged the road accordingly. Council agreed to allow the section of Landor Road to be constructed in a straight line as it is currently pegged rather than re-pegging to follow the existing alignment exactly.

## Airport Transformer Failure

The main transformer at the Airport failed early on Tuesday morning 12/01/2010. Council considered options for replacing the transformer.

The failure of the transformer triggered the back up power generator which is owned and operated by Air Services Australia and only supplies limited (essential) power to the Bureau of Meteorology, Royal Flying Doctor Service, Airport Terminal and House. Therefore as a temporary emergency measure a suitable generator was installed to provide full power to the airport facilities. Staff will now obtain quotes to replace the transformer and assess the underground lead shielded cable to establish whether it needs to be replaced.

## Camp Caravans – Upgrading

Upon recent inspection of all the camp vans at the shire depot by Council; a recommendation was made to undertake additional upgrades, if considered necessary and timely, to Council's camp caravans providing that any additional works are within the original budget of \$165,000.





# 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

Daily, Weekly, Monthly or Season passes available at the pool

### Early Morning and Late Afternoon Swimming

Agreements and keys are available from the Shire Office.

Fees and Conditions are as follows :

- ✿ After hours passes are separate and additional to normal opening hours passes
  - ✿ Key Bond (Fully refundable) - \$200 Cash.
  - ✿ Monthly Pass \$23.10 / Season Pass \$84.70
  - ✿ After Hours Access is restricted to Adults 18 years and over.
- ✿ **Entry is permitted to key holders only between 5-8am & 6-7pm**

# Squash Court

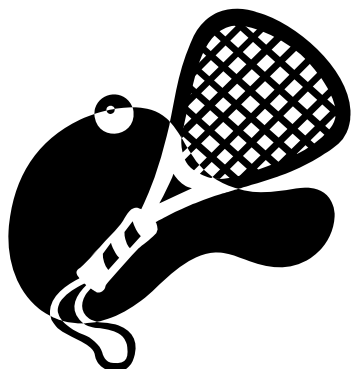
## OPEN



Located at the back of the Sports Complex

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

Fees and Charges are as follows :



- ✿ Key Bond (Fully refundable) - \$100 Cash.
- ✿ Court Hire—\$11.00 per token = one hours use
- ✿ We do not hire equipment (racquets/balls etc)
- ✿ **Entry is permitted to key holders only**



Ph 9981 1007

Fax 9980 1192

## **MEEKATHARRA POLICE NEWS**

### **VOLUME CRIME**

Unfortunately over the last several weeks, we have suffered an increase of volume crime offences. These include burglaries, stealing and breaks into motor vehicles.

Please remain vigilant with your property over the summer months and lock up all windows and doors when away from your house or vehicle. Police are utilising several different methods available to them to help prevent and resolve these offences.

Due to the small community, video surveillance is invaluable to police investigations into these types of offences. Police continue to provide crime prevention advice to local businesses, including the installation of video surveillance equipment.

If you do fall victim to a property related offence, please remember to preserve the scene as best you can. Police will attend as a priority and examine the scene for any fingerprints or DNA evidence. Local police have been successful in locating fingerprint evidence recently and have been able to identify and charge offenders based on this evidence.

Since the beginning of December 2009, Meekatharra Police have preferred a total of 44 charges against several local offenders, relating to Burglary offences.

### **ALCOHOL**

As of the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2010, liquor premises have not opened for the sale of alcohol until 12 noon. The Licensees of all of the liquor outlets in Meekatharra have voluntarily reduced their trading hours as part of the 'Meekatharra Liquor Accord', in a bid to reduce the consumption and abuse of alcohol in town.

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As a result, residents may have noticed an increase of loitering outside these premises a short time before opening. Police are aware of the increased pedestrian traffic and are monitoring these groups for any anti-social behaviour that may occur.

If you notice any behaviour that you find unacceptable, please contact police immediately, so it can be assessed and the appropriate action taken.

Should you have any further suggestions in reducing the consumption of alcohol in town, please make contact with myself or First Class Constable Marklew, at the Meekatharra Police Station.

## **ROAD SAFETY**

Western Australia pleasingly recorded a road toll decrease from 2008 – 2009. This is partly thanks to a significant advertising and traffic policing campaign in the state, over the Christmas and New Year period.

Last year, here in the Meekatharra Police Station sub-district, we reported no fatal traffic crashes on our roads, which is a very pleasing statistic for the people of Meekatharra and it's surrounds. Regardless of this, residents must remain vigilant on the road and be mindful of other road users.

It's no outstanding revelation that using seatbelts correctly, greatly increases your chances of survival in a traffic crash, but we shouldn't get complacent and fail to wear one on any journey, regardless of how short it is.

During these summer months some residents of Meekatharra will enjoy a few more alcoholic beverages than normal, but please remember not to get carried away and drive if you're over limit. Remember 0.05% for full-licence holders and all probationary (P-plate) drivers now have a 0.00% limit.

## **STAFFING**

Over the past two weeks we have lost three important members of the station, Sergeant Morris, Constable 1/C Jannings and Constable 1/C Fielder. Three staff will replace them in the first week of February. Sergeant Tysoe will come to Meekatharra after serving as the Officer-in-Charge of the York Police Station and Constable 1/C Lund & Constable Peake will both join us from the Canning Vale Police Station in Perth.

We hope that you will make them feel welcome as they join the team, and your local community.

Rob Halstead  
First Class Constable  
Meekatharra Police

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## February Birthdays



<b><i>Cheryl-Lee Webster</i></b>	<b><i>1st</i></b>
<b><i>Elaine King</i></b>	<b><i>2nd</i></b>
<b><i>Raelene Hall</i></b>	<b><i>3rd</i></b>
<b><i>Hannah Ashwin</i></b>	<b><i>6th</i></b>
<b><i>Vivian Robinson</i></b>	<b><i>7th</i></b>
<b><i>Matthew Graham</i></b>	<b><i>9th</i></b>
<b><i>Bianca Corbett/Franklin</i></b>	<b><i>10th</i></b>
<b><i>Shantae Mongoo</i></b>	<b><i>13th</i></b>
<b><i>Errol Philp</i></b>	<b><i>13th</i></b>
<b><i>Khesahn Flanagan</i></b>	<b><i>14th</i></b>
<b><i>Walter Gentle</i></b>	<b><i>14th</i></b>
<b><i>Roy McClymont</i></b>	<b><i>18th</i></b>
<b><i>Tenille Narrier</i></b>	<b><i>20th</i></b>
<b><i>Wes Hatch</i></b>	<b><i>24th</i></b>
<b><i>Cecil Comeagain</i></b>	<b><i>27th</i></b>
<b><i>Harmoni-Rose Comeagain</i></b>	<b><i>27th</i></b>
<b><i>Sharelle Boddington</i></b>	<b><i>28th</i></b>
<b><i>Rachael Robinson</i></b>	<b><i>28th</i></b>



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



# Barry Haase

Federal Member for Kalgoorlie

## MEDIA RELEASE

25<sup>th</sup> January 2010

### **What students in regional areas need to know about Youth Allowance**

After 12 years of hard work, students in our region are finding out what their future holds as the offers from universities are being made this month.

Instead of celebrating, many students are still wondering if they can even attend university this year because the Rudd Labor Government axed debate in Parliament on its Youth Allowance last year.

"Students have been left in the lurch, wondering what kind of student income support they might receive in 2010" Mr Barry Haase, Federal MP, said.

In spite of the fact that the Coalition supported the bulk of proposed changes to the Youth Allowance, including changes to the parental income thresholds, Minister Gillard refused to address the Coalition's concerns with the cuts to the 'gap year' for young people who must leave home to attend University.

"The cuts would have meant that some students who in good faith committed a year to earning enough money to qualify for youth allowance, would have not been eligible to receive independent youth allowance having worked that year"

The Coalition is fundamentally opposed to retrospective changes to legislation, as in this case it would have punished those young people for trying to do the right thing, particularly those from rural Australia, who were following the rules that were in place at the time, effectively pulling the rug out from under their feet.

What is also distressing for students is that Julia Gillard also decided to abolish Commonwealth scholarships without having an alternative in place.

"We are now faced with the outrageous situation where there are no Commonwealth relocation allowances and no scholarships for students to apply for, upon acceptance of their university place over the next few weeks,"

"So what does this mean for students now? The current arrangements and rules for Youth Allowance remain in place, but both students and parents are starting to panic given they don't know what to expect from the Rudd Government this year.

"We sincerely hope that when parliament resumes, Julia Gillard finally puts the needs of students first and takes responsibility for this mess.

"Australia deserves better than a part-time Minister who leaves University students in the lurch,"

END

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

# meeka's

## OUTBACK FESTIVAL

Festival DVDs  
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### DOG CONTROL

When you are walking your dogs on and around the Town Oval they must be on a **LEASH** at all times and be held by you (the owner).

You must be in complete control of your dog/dogs

Also you must pick up the **DOGS** droppings. Please bring a plastic bag and dispose of the droppings in the rubbish bins provided by the council.

Thankyou  
Meekatharra Shire

## Meekatharra Festival Meeting Update



Dates Have Been Decided For The Following Events ...

Saturday 20th March - Trivia Night

Friday 14th May - Trivia Night

Saturday 24th July - Fancy Dress Ball. Theme TBA

The Next Festival Meeting Will Be Held On:

**Wednesday 17th February 2010**

Time: 5.00pm

Venue: Council Chambers

**All Old and New Committee Members welcome**





## 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.

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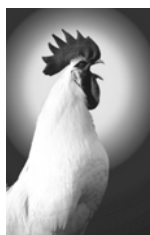
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Mullewa (Swimming Pool)	Arr	2.30	-
	Dep	2.35	4.15
Yalgoo (General Store)	Dep	4.00	5.40
Mt Magnet (Swagman R/House)	Arr	5.27	6.55
	Dep	5.57	7.25
Cue (Post Office)	Dep	6.53	8.25
Tuckunarra	Dep	7.20	8.57
Meekatharra (Post Office)	Arr	8.15	9.50

### 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

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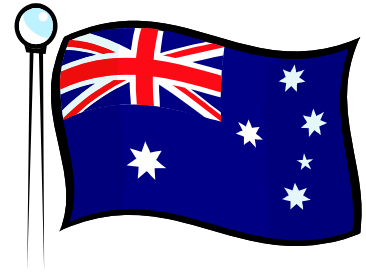
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# Australia Day

## At The Pool



Thank you to all the community peoples for turning up to the 2010 Australia Day pool party. The day boasted 203 community members at the pool. A big thank you to Elaine King, Daniel Seneque, Stella Johnson and the management of the Meeka pool for all their arrangements. Without their help this day would have not been possible.

First it started out with a game of volleyball and some bombie comps before moving onto a delicious bbq hosted by Daniel Seneque and George Flannagan. With tender chops and cardboard burgers everyone was surely in for a delight. Mass amounts of salads were up for the taking also, and for the youngens, all Aussie hotdogs.

As the day progressed we had swimming races for all with Vierdelle Gilla winning the girls race and Justin Rogers winning for the boys. We then inflated the pools massive inflatable and everyone started running for their lives. There were many slips and falls with only a few people boasting that they could reach the end.

For the under 12s this would be Seth Hill running in at just over 34 seconds, over 13s went to Bob Binsiar running it at 1 minute 51 seconds and Justin Rogers winning the over 18s at 16.02 seconds.

It was a great day for all with everyone having fun, whether in the sun or just chilling in the shade. Hope to see you all again next year.

*Anthony Llyod*





# Community Awards

Meekatharra residents recognised active members of the community at a small awards ceremony on January 26<sup>th</sup> as part of the Australia Day Celebrations. The people nominated give their personal time to volunteer on various committees and important services in the town. The comments below were written by the people who nominated the award recipients.



Harvey, Anna and Ethan Nichols accepting the award on Greg's behalf

## **Greg Byrne**

As captain of the Meekatharra Fire and Rescue Greg is a committed and professional fire fighter. A family man with young children who gives up what little time he has to serve this community, not only as a fire-fighter but also as an ambulance driver, Greg is always busy with arranging social and fundraising activities. Being Captain he is responsible for the running of all the volunteers and he does this with a mature attitude.

## **Rev Lesley de Grussa Macaulay**

Rev Lesley is a big part of the Meeka community, she volunteers many hours to many causes in the community and she is always available to assist in any way she can. Not only does she look after many people in town, but she also travels to many distant stations to provide contact, encouragement, help etc.

She is unselfish and puts other people's needs & wants before her own. Often she is behind the scenes supporting many other volunteers without any recognition to herself. Her door is always open to anyone who needs a shoulder or other assistance. She treats everyone in the community the same regardless of colour or religious or social standing.



## **Edgar and Therese Edwards**

Edgar and Therese are the driving force behind the Battle of the Bands and are key people in the organisation of the event putting their time and efforts into an important regional event. Therese also volunteers for many other causes including the ambulance, blue light disco. They are both helpful and caring members of the community.

## **Dot and Clarrie Lauritsen**

The Lauritsen family have been residents since 1910. They have given outstanding service to the community with the fire brigade, rifle club, golf club, having some involvement with most town activities.

Clarrie has attained State team rifle selection in 4 state teams and performed with considerable distinction, winning many Queen's Badges.

Dot is an extremely valuable member of the community working for the WA Country Health Service for many years and coordinating the community Health Service for the past two years keeping the service running. She has been an integral person in the committee for the 'Comfort Fund' and has kept the committee going. This Committee has purchased equipment and goods for patients and staff, TVs for all the rooms, swimming pool for staff. Dot is also involved in many community activities e.g. the rifle club.



# Community Awards cont..



## **Peter Bannister**

Peter is a much loved member of the Meekatharra Community. Although he retired from his 12 year posting at the Bureau of Meteorology in Meekatharra in 2006 to move to Mundulla in South Australia he will remain a big part of Meekatharra and his love for this community is still strong.

Peter volunteered with Meeka FM Community Radio Station for approximately 10 years and helped keep it running when volunteer numbers dwindled. He is responsible for bringing more new members along than anyone else in Meeka FM's history and he still gets thank you letters from people who have gone on to full radio careers after being trained by him at Meeka FM.

Peter was also a long term member of the local SES unit and participated in many land searches during his time with SES.

But Peter will probably be remembered more for his many many hours kicking a footy around up at the oval with local kids in an effort to keep them active and healthy.

Peter hasn't yet been recognised formally for his efforts in this community and I think now would be an extra special time to acknowledge these efforts as he has been ill in Melbourne's St Vincent's Hospital since early August with a very severe case of pancreatitis. He needs all the support he can get to keep his spirits up and get better.

## **Nathan Lauritsen - Young Adult Award**

Nathan's sporting skills with the rifle club promote the Meekatharra rifle club within the State. He has won the State under 25 year old selection and also the under 25 years Queen's Prize.

Breyley accepting Nathan's award



## **Alicia King – Youth Award**

Alicia has volunteered in the community for the past three years. She coaches the girls netball team, sits on the Festival Committee and regularly helps with Community Events, youth and sporting activities.



There are many people who are worthy of being recognised, so if there is someone who you think deserves to be recognised, who was not awarded at this event please make sure you fill in a nomination form for the next volunteer recognition day.



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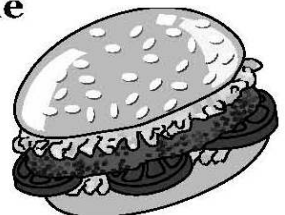
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# MURCHISON AGE HOSTEL

## MEEKATHARRA

NEWSLETTER January 2010



Nothing much has happened at the hostel this month.

We would like to wish Herbie Scott and Eddie Redmond a very happy birthday for the 1<sup>st</sup> January.

Also welcome back to Eddie as he has been away in perth for health reasons.



## Meekatharra Tidy Towns 2010

Meekatharra was runner up for Regional Winner in 2009.

Tidy Towns Meeting:  
Monday 8th February at 5.00pm, in the Shire Chambers

Let's be a winner in 2010





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# PROJECTUPDATE

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## OPR ABORIGINAL HERITAGE SURVEYS

Aboriginal heritage surveys are underway in Western Australia's mid-west, in preparation for the Oakajee port and rail project.

As part of the feasibility studies for the project, a series of Aboriginal heritage surveys have been commissioned at the proposed port site and in the rail feasibility corridor. For some areas, it will be the first time the land's Aboriginal significance has been comprehensively studied and recorded.

The Oakajee port and rail development will comprise a deepwater port 25 kilometres north of Geraldton, linked to regional mines by approximately 570 kilometres of heavy haulage rail. Presently in the feasibility studies stage, the project is tracking toward financial close and project go-ahead by early 2011.

Oakajee Port and Rail (OPR) will continue to commission heritage surveys prior to any ground disturbing work such as track clearance, drilling and test pitting.



### Avoiding Significant Sites

OPR has commissioned the surveys to accurately record places of Aboriginal significance and to avoid disturbing them wherever possible.

OPR is facilitating the surveys in an inclusive manner, and aims to reach lasting agreements with the traditional custodians of the land. In doing so, OPR will endeavour to identify and protect Aboriginal heritage sites and comply with the WA Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 and Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993.

### Traditional Owners Decide

During a survey, OPR seeks the advice of traditional owners about where OPR can conduct its ground disturbing work.

For feasibility studies to date, traditional owners assessed the areas and then advised OPR on a "yes", "no", or "yes with conditions" basis. A "yes" means work can proceed; "no" means the traditional owners are not in agreement with OPR working in that area at the present time; and a "yes with conditions" means work can proceed on a basis agreed with the traditional owners.

To conduct a heritage survey, OPR will engage a group of traditional owners through their representatives, such as the Yamatji Land and Sea Council, as well as an archeologist and an anthropologist. Areas of significance are recorded during the survey and a report provided to OPR and the traditional owners.

### Heritage at the Port

The Oakajee Port area lies within the boundary of the lands of three Native Title claimants: the Amangu, Naaguja and Mullewa Wadjari. OPR has conducted heritage surveys with each group, and a further series of surveys is planned in 2010.

### Heritage in the Rail Feasibility Corridor

The proposed rail corridor lies within the boundary of five Native Title claimants: the Amangu, Naaguja, Mullewa Wadjari, Wajarri Yamatji and the Widi Mob. Surveys have been completed with each group and more are planned in 2010.

OPR is proud of the work completed with traditional owners and looks forward to continued engagement in 2010. OPR plans to conduct approximately 60 heritage surveys during the year.

## OPR Open Day

Meet The Team, Share Your Views

#### WHEN

Wed, 3 February, 10am to 4pm.

#### WHERE

OPR Mid-West Community Office,  
260 Foreshore Drive, Geraldton

#### CONTACT

Carleen Kelly, 9964 7698,  
ckelly@opandr.com

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For Information

OPR Geraldton: 08 9964 7698

Kim Pervan Manager Community and Public Relations

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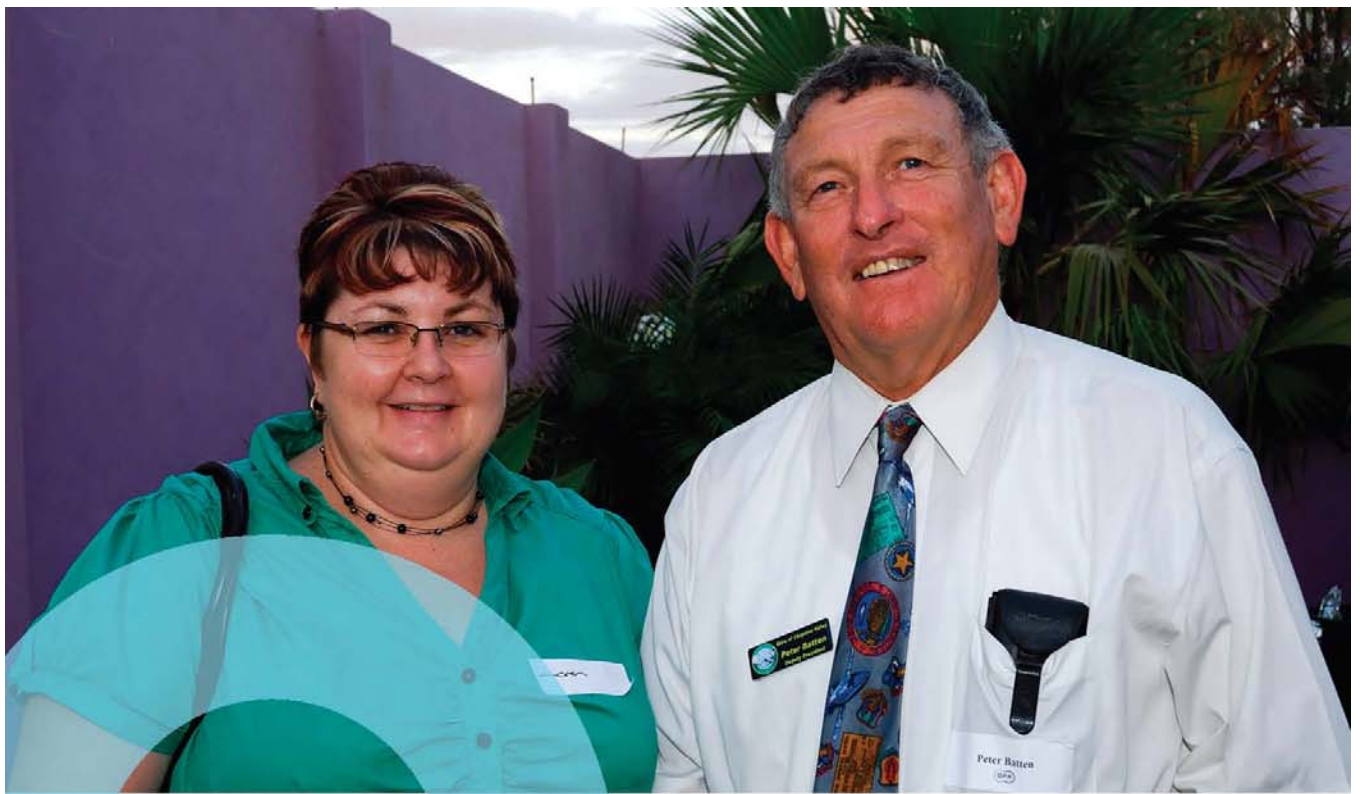


  
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Oakajee Port and Rail

# Open Day

Learn about the project.

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For more information please call Carleen Kelly in the  
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## e-newsletter

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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.

Where: Meekatharra Telecentre



# Barry Haase

Federal Member for Kalgoorlie

## MEDIA RELEASE

27<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Industrial action undertaken by workers on the \$12 billion Pluto project in defiance of Woodside's decision to 'motel' workers is looming as the worst industrial dispute in the Pilbara for a decade and Federal MP Mr Barry Haase stated "These fly in fly out fly workers are fast becoming the joke of our north. They get paid an absolute fortune. They are provided board and lodging at minimal personal cost that many committed local residents would die for."

Woodside's Pluto LNG Project was set to become the fastest developed LNG project from discovery of the gas field in 2005 to first gas from the field in late 2010 and first LNG in early 2011. Mr Haase questions the real motives behind this 'pathetic whinging' and finds it hard to believe that these workers would not be at least a little embarrassed over the consequences of this 'absurd' situation.

"How bloody un Australian it is to complain about having to move some personal items to and from a room at the beginning and end of each swing. 'Motelling' will provide an extra 25% accommodation available to workers and theoretically 25% more people will be able to enjoy the same wage packet that these whinging lead swinging unionists receive"

"The Pilbara was built with tenacity, blood sweat and tears, the cappuccino machines were few and far between and the workers did not present each other with bunches of roses."

"These fly in fly out workers wouldn't cut the mustard back in the day when men were men and the union leaders still lived in England."

"This industrial action is not only damaging the reputation of Australian LNG, but rather, that of the entire Western Australian economy. We have the resources, we have the financial ability to extract these resources but the question will soon be asked, do we have the capability to keep the unions under control. The resource sector is playing a key role in driving Australia's economic growth and if we are not careful Western Australia's resource industry may be soon seen as too hard, just as it is too hard to move a few boxes!"

"This strike is proof that the new national workplace relations systems, Fair Work Australia, which these workers are blatantly ignoring, is in no way an effective deterrent to this sort of action. Once again the Rudd Labor Government have introduced a 'Clayton's policy.' **END**

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**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**

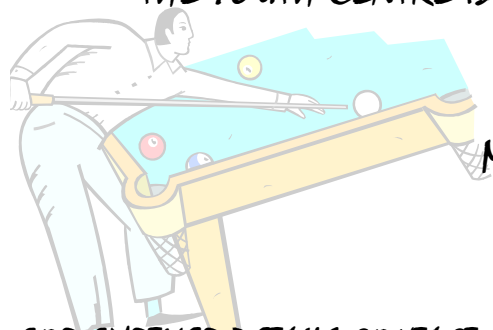
Flight No	Depart	Time	Arrive	Time
JW1941	Perth	12.30PM	Meekatharra	2.05PM
	Meekatharra	2.35PM	Mount Magnet	3.05PM
	Mount Magnet	3.35PM	Perth	4.50PM

**Saturday**

No Flights Scheduled

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# Something For The Adults

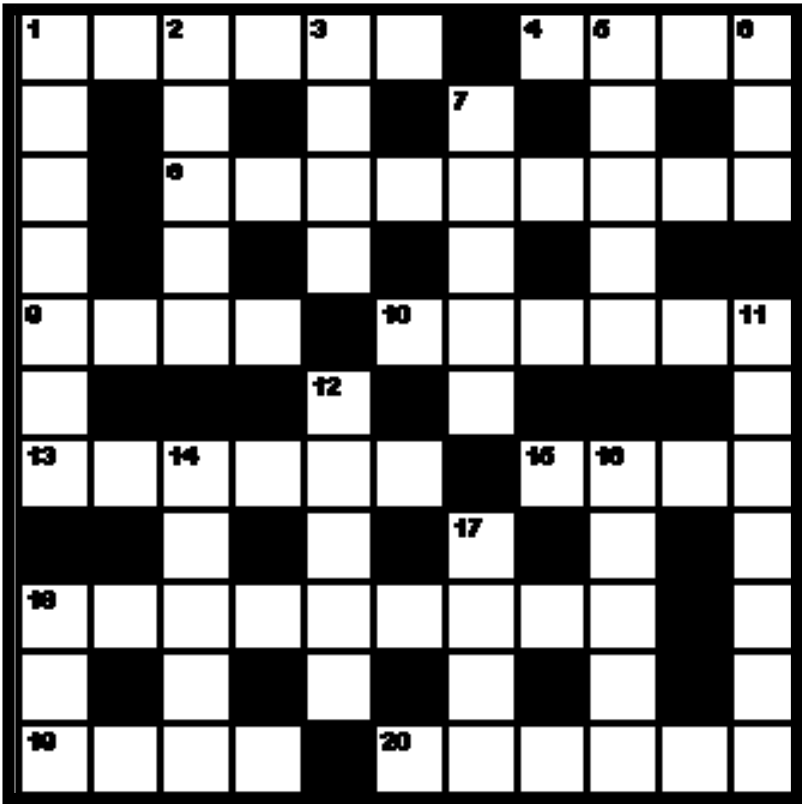
## January Crossword

Across

- 1. Elementary (6)
- 4. Sort (4)
- 8. Made known (9)
- 9. Scintilla (4)
- 10. Season (6)
- 13. Fluent (6)
- 15. Unguent (4)
- 18. Reptile (9)
- 19. Bed on a ship or train (4)

Down

- 1. Law officer (7)
- 2. Intended (5)
- 3. Solitary (4)
- 5. Watercraft (5)
- 6. Conclusion (3)
- 7. Sound (5)
- 11. Violent disorder (7)
- 12. Flower (5)
- 14. Diadem (5)
- 16. Obviate (5)
- 17. Passport endorsement (4)



December Crossword  
Solution

P	A	R	T	I	C	L	E	S	E
A	U	B	A	I	N				
L	A	N	C	E	M	I	N	U	S
	G	X	E	E	U				
M	I	S	T	A	N	S	W	E	R
A		D	T						E
G	A	M	B	I	T	A	G	E	D
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## January 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	8	7	3	9	4	1	5	6
1	5	9	6	2	8	4	3	7
4	3	6	7	5	1	2	8	9
9	7	2	5	8	3	6	4	1
3	6	4	2	1	7	5	9	8
5	1	8	9	4	6	7	2	3
6	2	5	8	7	9	3	1	4
7	9	1	4	3	5	8	6	2
8	4	3	1	6	2	9	7	5

December Sudoku  
Solution

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

# For The Kids

## Valentines Day COLOURING Page



## Jokes

What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentines Day? I'm stuck on you!

What did the caveman give to his wife on Valentines Day? Ughs and Kisses

What did the boy sheep say to the girl sheep on Valentines Day? I love Ewe!

What kind of flowers do you never give on Valentines Day? Cauliflowers!

What did the boy squirrel say to the girl squirrel on Valentines Day? I 'm nuts about you

What did the girl squirrel say to the boy squirrel on Valentines Day? Your nuts so bad yourself

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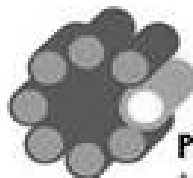
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Perth	PER	Wellington Street Bus Station
Midland	MID	Midland Train and Bus Station
New Norcia	NCA	Gull Road House
Walebing	WBG	General Store
Miling	MLG	Newsagency
Dalwallinu	DWU	BP Roadhouse
Wubin	WUB	BP Roadhouse
Mt. Gibson	MTG	Turn Off
Paynes Find	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
Port Hedland	PHE	Port Hedland Visitor Centre

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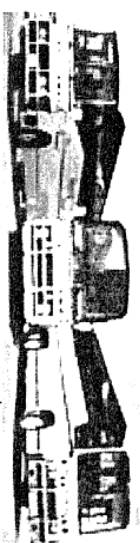
*Most Common fares:*

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PERTH TO PORT HEDLAND			
<i>via Great Northern Highway</i>			
Code	Service #	IC40	Wednesday
PER	<b>Perth</b>	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	<b>Mt. Magnet</b>	Arr	4:30 AM
		Dep	5:00 AM
CUY	Cue		6:00 AM
BBM	Bluebird Mine		6:45 AM
MKR	<b>Meekatharra</b>	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	<b>Newman Visitor Centre</b>	*Arr	1:05 PM
BNE	BP Newman	Arr	1:10 PM
		Dep	1:30 PM
ZNE	<b>Newman Visitor Centre</b>	*Dep	1:40 PM
WIT	Auski Road House	Arr	3:50 PM
		Dep	4:10 PM
SHE	South Hedland		6:40 PM
PHE	<b>Port Hedland</b>	Arr	7:00 PM

PORT HEDLAND TO PERTH			
<i>via Great Northern Highway</i>			
Code	Service #	IC41	Friday
PHE	<b>Port Hedland</b>	Dep	9:00 AM
SHE	South Hedland		9:30 AM
WIT	Auski Road House	Arr	12:00 PM
		Dep	12:45 PM
ZNE	<b>Newman Visitor Centre</b>	*Arr	2:50 PM
BNE	BP Newman	Arr	2:55 PM
		Dep	3:20 PM
ZNE	<b>Newman Visitor Centre</b>	*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	<b>Meekatharra</b>	Arr	8:55 PM
		Dep	9:10 PM
BBM	Bluebird Mine		9:20 PM
CUY	Cue		10:15 PM
MMG	<b>Mt. Magnet</b>	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	<b>Perth</b>	Arr	6:30 AM

\* Please be aware: Newman Visitor Centre is on the timetable twice!  
The Arrival time is **before** and the departure time is **after** the comfort stop at BP Newman

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65-67 Darlot Street, Meekatharra.

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

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

# WHAT'S COOKING

## Strawberry Love Heart Sponge Cakes

### Ingredients (Makes 6)

- 350g double unfilled round sponge cake
- 250g cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup thickened cream
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 250g strawberries, hulled, sliced
- 1/2 cup strawberry jam
- 1 tablespoon pure icing sugar



### Method

1. Place sponge cake layers on a chopping board. Using an 8cm heart-shaped cutter, cut 3 hearts from each cake. Using a sharp knife, gently split each heart in half.
2. Using an electric mixer, beat cream cheese until smooth. Add cream and vanilla. Beat until mixture thickens.
3. Spread cream cheese mixture over sponge cake bases. Top with strawberry slices. Place jam in a heatproof, microwave-safe bowl. Microwave, uncovered, on high (100%) for 30 seconds or until warm and runny. Spoon warm jam over strawberries.
4. Sandwich together with sponge tops. Dust with icing sugar and serve.

## Oysters with Champagne Sauce

Prep Time : 5-10 mins  
Cooking Time : 15 mins



### Ingredients (Serves 2)

- 125ml (1/2 cup) champagne or sparkling white wine
- 1 French shallot (spring onion), finely chopped
- 125ml (1/2 cup) thickened cream
- Freshly ground white pepper
- Rock salt, to serve
- 12 (1 dozen) natural oysters in the half shell
- \* Chopped fresh chives, to serve

### Method

1. Place the champagne and shallot in a saucepan over medium heat and bring to the boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 3-5 minutes or until reduced by half. Add the cream and season with white pepper. Simmer for 3-4 minutes or until reduced by half and the sauce is thick and creamy.
2. Preheat grill on high. Scatter rock salt over the base of 2 small heatproof serving dishes. Arrange the oysters on the rock salt. Pour the cream mixture evenly among the oysters. Cook under grill for 1-2 minutes or until golden. Set aside for 2 minutes to cool slightly. Sprinkle with chives to serve.



# WEATHER



Australian Government  
Bureau of Meteorology

## Meeka's Weather

### January 2010 (to 27<sup>th</sup>)

Maximum temperatures for the first 27 days of the New Year were well above average. Most days have been in the 40s, but the 6 days that stayed below 40°C were still slightly above the normal January average of 38°C.

It has also been a dry start to 2010, with only a trace of rain (less than 0.1mm) recorded on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January. The outlook for total rainfall over late summer to mid-autumn (February to April) indicates a 60-70% chance of a wetter than normal three months in northwest and central WA. Given that February and March are normally Meeka's wettest months of the year (based on averages), we could finally see some rain over the next couple of months. Another rainfall outlook chart is indicating a 75% chance of exceeding 50mm over the next 3 months.

### Monthly Statistics – January 2010 (to 27<sup>th</sup>):

Warmest Day:	44.4°C on the 7 <sup>th</sup>	Average Max:	41.7°C
Coldest Day:	38.0°C on the 21 <sup>st</sup>		
Warmest Night:	30.2°C on the 10 <sup>th</sup>	Average Min:	26.4°C
Coldest Night:	23.7°C on the 1 <sup>st</sup>		

### What to expect in February:

Average Daily Maximum:	36.6°C	Average Daily Minimum:	23.7°C
Average Monthly Rainfall:	35.9mm		

### What to expect in March:

Average Daily Maximum:	34.3°C	Average Daily Minimum:	21.3°C
Average Monthly Rainfall:	28.6mm		

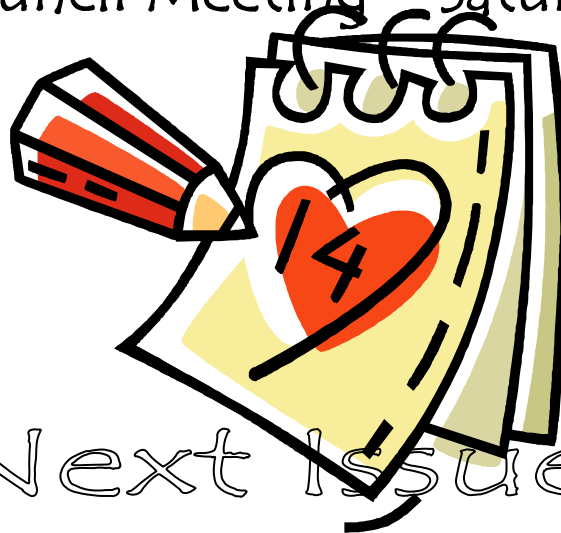
Meekatharra Meteorological Office

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# Events Calendar

*February*

- ☑ Tidy Towns Meeting—Monday 8th
- ☑ Royal Mail Cocktail Night—Friday 12th
- ☑ Valentines Day—Sunday 14th
- ☑ Telecentre Committee Meeting—Tuesday 16th
- ☑ Festival Committee Meeting— Wednesday 17th
- ☑ Ordinary Council Meeting—Saturday 20th



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