

Meekatharra Dust



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a golden prospect

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Readers,

I hope you all enjoyed your Easter break!

This is actually my last Edition of the Dust as I am leaving Meeka in July so I am handing the reigns over now to our new team member Sam Needle .

I have really enjoyed Editing the Dust for the last 10 months and wish Sam all the best. Don't forget to help her out with any articles etc you would like submitted!

And Lastly don't forget your Mum for Mother's Day on Sunday May 9th!

Take Care & Good-Bye

Rach :)

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

If I had a flower for each
time I thought of my Mother,
I could walk in my
garden forever!





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

- ❖ Mothers Day - Sunday 9th
- ❖ Telecentre Committee Meeting - Tuesday 11th
- ❖ Festival Committee Meeting - Wednesday 12th
- ❖ Trivia Night - Friday 14th
- ❖ Ordinary Council Meeting - Saturday 15th
- ❖ Interagency Meeting - Tuesday 18th
- ❖ Australia's Biggest Morning Tea - Thursday 27th
- ❖ Race Club Committee Meeting - Thursday 27th

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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.

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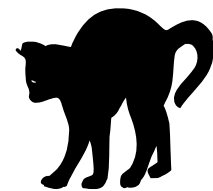
Located in the Shire Office

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

Library Info.

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Newman Vet *Meekatharra*



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

Shire Staff

The Shire would like to welcome Kelly Fuhrmann to the position of Community Development/ Administration Officer. Kelly replaces Stella Johnson who left us for Sunny Cairns in March.

We also welcome Sam Needle as Administration Assistant replacing Rachel Hucks who is working as Youth Coordinator for The Shire for 3 months before moving back to Kalgoorlie and then travelling.

Please make them welcome.



Sam Needle & Kelly Fuhrmann

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Jennifer Boulton

Kindy, Pre-Primary and Room 1
Teacher

Home Town: Perth

First Impressions of

Meekatharra: What lovely
scenery but

where are all
the buildings?

Hobbies:

Sewing and
gardening

Favourite

Colour: Green



Tracey Nicklen

Pre-Primary Teacher

Home Town: Perth

In Meekatharra, looking forward
to: Meeting the kids and helping
them learn.

Pets: Has a dog named 'Scrumpy'



Pauliina Korteso

Year 4-7 Teacher

Home Town: Finland.

Favourite Colour: Olive Green

Pets: A dog, Juuli back in Finland

In Meekatharra, looking forward to:
Getting to know the people



Catherine Byers

Support Teacher

Home Town: Launceston,
Tasmania

In Meekatharra, looking
forward to: An adventure and a
chance to teach and have fun.

Favourite Colour: Blue

Pets: Back home in Tasmania I
have 2 dogs, a

cat and a
Peacock.

First

Impressions:

It's sunburnt



Angus McLachlan

Support Teacher

Home Town: Sydney

Favourite Colour: Purple

First Impressions: Hot!

Very, Very Hot!

Family: 1

sister, 3

step-sisters,

1 half sister

and 1 half

brother.



Wendy Curley

Pre-Primary Teacher

Home Town: Meekatharra,
the best place on earth!

Favourite Colour: Red

In Meekatharra, looking
forward to: Improving the

kids
literacy
skills.



Norma Tressidder

Year 1/2/3 Teacher

Moved to Meekatharra
from: Three Springs

Favourite Colour: Grey

Hobbies: Playing golf
and reading

In Meekatharra, looking
forward to: Catching up
with old friends and family.



Naomi Johnston

Pre-Primary – Year 3 Teacher

Moved to Meekatharra
from: Geraldton

Favourite Movie:

Grease

Favourite Colour: Blue

Loves Meekatharra as
she keeps coming back.



**Are you aware of what's going on in
your community?**



**Come along to the next
Interagency Meeting.**

When? Tuesday May 18th at 3pm

**Where? Shire of Meekatharra
Council Chambers**

Want to know more?

**Contact: Kelly Fuhrmann
(08) 9981 1002**



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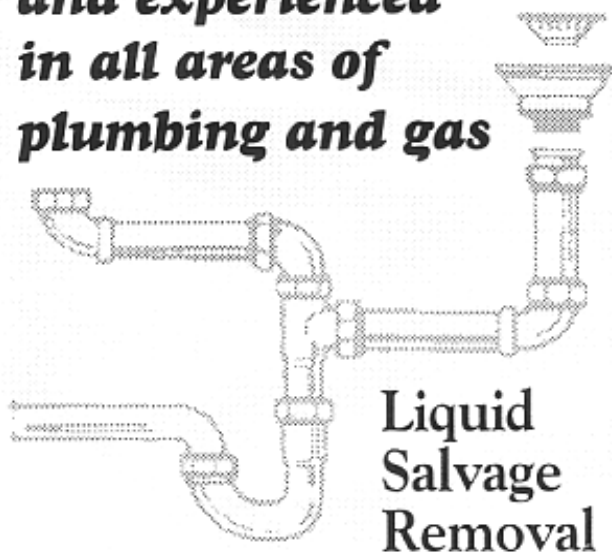


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MEEKATHARRA HEALTH CENTRE

VISTING SERVICES—MAY 2010

For Appointments—Hospital Reception: 9981 0600

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Physiotherapist— Brian Poller | 3rd May |
| Podiatrist— Gerard Huck | 4th May |

For Appointments—Community Health : 9981 0638

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS) | 18th May |
| Pediatrician— Dr Jehangir | 24th & 25th May |
| Pediatric Physiotherapist | 24th & 25th May |

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

DENTAL VISITS TO MEEKATHARRA —2010

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|---------------------|
| 02.03.10 – 12.03.10 |
| 14.06.10 – 18.06.10 |
| 28.06.10 – 02.07.10 |
| 14.09.10 – 24.09.10 |
| 08.11.10 – 19.11.10 |
| 29.11.10 – 10.12.10 |

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



Ph 9981 1007
Fax 9980 1192

Meekatharra Police Report

Welcome to the Community Policing Report.

Meekatharra Police would like to welcome its newest Officers to the town. Craig McKellar and Daryl Kell both officers transferred from Canning Vale Police Station both with several years of experience. We also have had a change in Management with a new Officer in Charge, Martin Haime from Dongara will be replacing S/Sgt Pope. S/Sgt Haime has served in a number of country locations ranging from the north to the south of the state.

Firstly I would like to talk about the amount of noise complaints we are receiving. It appears there are a select few households around town who like to play their music loudly for all the neighbours to hear at all sorts of hours.

Most people are considerate of their neighbours and the majority of people around town would not have a problem with their neighbour celebrating the odd birthday or event at home. However, for some households around town this 'odd' celebration seems to be happening every week. I would like to remind everyone to be considerate of their neighbours and to keep the music and noise down to acceptable levels. The myth, "its not after 10pm" gets used a lot when Police attend noise complaints. There is no set time, people may make complaints about excessive noise at anytime DAY or NIGHT.

If police are called to attend a noise complaint at your house please be aware we have the powers to enter your property and seize whatever equipment is being used to emit the unreasonable noise (and we have done this before.) We can issue you with a Noise Abatement Direction, which we can issue for a period of 7 days. In that time if you fail to comply with the direction and are found to be making unreasonable noise you will be committing an offence and upon conviction will be liable to pay a fine up to \$5000. So please, be considerate neighbours and do the right thing.



You, may have noticed over the last few weeks the Meekatharra Police have taken to streets on bicycles, unfortunately this is not a new fitness at work program, but another aid in helping Meekatharra Police crack down on anti-social behaviour and identify offenders. The bikes are a wonderful toll for getting down the alleyways and sneaking up on people who are doing the wrong thing.

Meekatharra - Police & Community, Respect & Resolve

Meekatharra Police actively patrol the town and are taking every measure possible to help prevent against crimes such as Burglaries, but would like to advise that the responsibility for the security of a persons home, property or business does not fall solely on the police. We are more than willing to give information and advice in crime prevention. We also require your assistance in reporting crimes when they happen.

So if you see, hear or know of a crime being committed, simply pick up the phone and give us a call. You can contact us on **99811007**, **131 444** and for serious incidents **000**.

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 around town drinking alcohol or conveying open containers of alcohol. This WILL see you issued with a \$200.00 on the spot fine.

| <i>Monthly Crime reports & Arrest Stat's from 1st April to 29 April.</i> | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Reported crimes | | | | | | | |
| Burglaries | 6 | Domestic Related | 7 | Disorderly | 13 | | |
| Stealing | 10 | Assaults | 0 | Drug Offences | 3 | | |
| Damage | 5 | Vehicle Theft | 1 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Police arrests and actions | | | | | | | |
| Charges | Stealing/ Burglary | Warrant | Assaults | Traffic | Liquor Infringement | Other | Disorderly |
| Arrests | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | n/a | 16 | 5 |
| Summons | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | n/a | 0 | 9 |
| Infringements | n/a | n/a | n/a | 7 | 15 | n/a | n/a |

Respectfully,

1/C Michael Henderson 12542
Meekatharra Police Station.

Meekatharra - Police & Community, Respect & Resolve



FREE GREAT GARDENS PRESENTATION

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The town Swimming Pool is now closed for the cooler season.
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If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us at the Shire Office on 99811002.



Squash Court

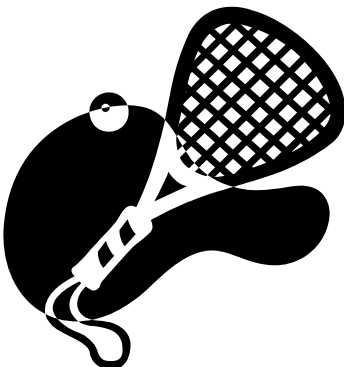
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- ✿ Key Bond (Fully refundable) - \$100 Cash.
- ✿ Court Hire—\$11.00 per token = one hours use
- ✿ We do not hire equipment (racquets/balls etc)
- ✿ **Entry is permitted to key holders only**

Maya Grace Marjaana Donnachy was born on

14.04.10 at 11.08pm at King Edward Memorial



Hospital to proud
parents Todd &
Janna Donnachy.
She weighed 3580g
and was 50.5cm in
length.

Happy 21st Ronnie



Wishing you all the
Best for your 21st
Birthday on Saturday
1st May !!

All your friends and
colleagues at the
Shire!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May Birthdays

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Ronnie Lambrecht | 1st | | |
| Clifford Curley | 1st | Alkira Hoare | 17th |
| Glenette Wingo | 1st | Annie McCall | 18th |
| Glexis Robinson | 2nd | Kurtlee Kelly | 18th |
| Briana Ulph | 2nd | Patricia Yates | 19th |
| Brandon Mongoo | 3rd | Annette Allison | 19th |
| Lauren Howden | 4th | Kelly Hall | 19th |
| Phillip Robinson | 6th | Tyler Rodgers | 21st |
| Clair Quartermaine | 7th | Kay Wingo | 21st |
| Anthony Lloyd | 8th | Tyler Rodgers | 21st |
| Leeton Redmond | 8th | Christopher Shay | 22nd |
| Darryl Tressider | 9th | Josephine Green | 23rd |
| Wayne Mongoo | 10th | Keenan Flanagan | 24th |
| Naomi Johnston | 11th | Raylene Green | 24th |
| Nicole King | 11th | Jaydon Gilbert | 25th |
| Tamika Byrne | 15th | Liam Gilbert | 26th |
| Luther King | 15th | Nixon Gilbert | 26th |
| Paige Amalfi | 16th | Marshall Mongoo | 29th |
| Ashlyn Binsiar | 16th | | |

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

Meekatharra Gymkhana

Meekatharra Gymkhana club held its annual gymkhana on 10th April and a great turn out of riders from far and wide travelled to join locals competing in events such as bending and flag races, musical cans, walk, trot and gallop as well as the \$2000 barrel race.

One of the highlights was seeing a large number of young children, some as young as 3, competing, either on a lead rope or on their own. It certainly makes us hopeful for the future of the gymkhanas in the Murchison Association.

A tragic accident mid morning meant events were delayed for a couple of hours but in true bush fashion, everyone pulled together and after lunch the programme, slightly shortened, was continued.

The surf and turf race showed the competitive spirit at its best with people picking up prunes in their mouth and suffering the taste for the time to confirm for the judges they had all three of them. Perhaps we should have had a prune spitting contest following this event. The prunes being buried in flour made for some interesting looking faces at the end of the event. The wheelbarrow race saw much before race planning to find the lightest child to put in the wheelbarrow, hoping for an advantage. Needless to say it didn't always pan out that the lightest load meant winning the event –after all you have to factor in laughter, horses not wanting to lead, varied wheelbarrow styles and wriggling loads.

Ted Forrester thought he was in with a chance in one race until he realised that the horse he thought he was leading was happily galloping away to the other end of the course. Ted and same horse took the scenic route in the Walk, Trot and Gallop while Peter Elliot's horse, in the same event, was determined to go in the opposite direction of the other horses/riders. At the close of events and after horses were tended to, people congregated for a few drinks, presentations and a barbecue tea.

As always these events could never take place without an enormous amount of work by a handful of voluntary workers and without naming them for risk of missing someone, the gymkhana club extends its grateful thanks to everyone who assisted in any way on the day or leading up to it. On what was a difficult day the true community spirit of our region shone through and proved whilst community numbers may be dwindling, there are always those who come to the fore when needed.



L-R: Gabrielle Rieck (Meeka), Cody, Tylerr & Chais ODwyer,(Newman), Lyndon Edward (Newman) Briaien Page, Briana Ulph, Anna Nichols (Meeka) and Dain Fowler (Lander) not pictured.....

Results:

Leading Sub Junior: Aneeka Ronhci - Newman

Leading Junior: Mickaela Mongoo - Meekatharra

Leading Lady: Tracey Elliott - Meekatharra

Leading Gent: Chad Bedford - Meekatharra

Yarrabubba Trophy (Sub Junior without a win): Baylee Lincon — Newman

Barrel Race:

Left: 1st Tracey Elliot — Meekatharra 19.535 sec

Right: 2nd Peter Elliot — Meekatharra 19.873 sec

Middle: 3rd Jessica Doyle — Newman 20.385 sec

Bummers Award: Ted Forrester—Meekatharra

For taking the long walk home after his horse decided Ted took to long getting the apple out of the bucket.

Once again. Thank You to all the Volunteers, Sponsors, St John Ambulance, Spectators, Riders from our Association and the Meekatharra Hospital & Staff.



Littlest to the Biggest:
Briana Ulph on Peewee (6hh)
And Peter Elliot on Tiny (18hh)



L-R: Tracey & Peter Elliot and Jodie Greenfield
winners of the \$2000.00 Barrel Race. Thank you
to the sponsors



Braiden Page on Caurie



Anna Nichols and Mum Stacey



Tracey Elliot and Gabrielle Rieck



Mickaela Mongoo - finishing the bar-



Janine Mongoo—Entering a barrel



Peter Elliot—Casual walk

**Club Points
for the day**
Meekatharra 94.5
Newman 133.5
Mt Magnet 0
Landor 6
Yalgoo



Chad Bedford—Barrels



Tracey Elliot—Potato Race



Up and coming stars—Sub Junior Lead on and runners



Ted Forrester and Tracey Elliot—Wheel burrow race



The following businesses were subject to the April Fools Day Prank from Left to Right Top to Bottom - Shire Office, Commercial Hotel, Police Station, Farmer Jacks, Hospital and the School.

More Prank Pics





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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 ...

Friday 14th May - Trivia Night

Saturday 24th July - Fancy Dress Ball.

Theme - 'MKA' (anything starting with the letters M, K or A)

The Next Festival Meeting Will Be Held On:

Wednesday 12th May 2010

Time: 5.00pm

Venue: Council Chambers

All Old and New Committee Members welcome



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West Rail Meekatharra/Geraldton Bus Timetable From Geraldton

| | | Mon | Thurs | | | Tues | Fri |
|-----------------------------|-----|------|-------|--------------------------------|-----|-------|-------|
| | | PM | PM | | | AM | AM |
| Geraldton (Railway Stn) | Dep | 1.15 | 3.00 | Meekatharra (Royal Mail Hotel) | Dep | 7.00 | 9.00 |
| Mullewa (Swimming Pool) | Arr | 2.30 | - | Tuckunarra | Dep | 7.55 | 9.55 |
| | Dep | 2.35 | 4.15 | Cue (Post Office) | Dep | 8.22 | 10.22 |
| Yalgoo (General Store) | Dep | 4.00 | 5.40 | Mt Magnet (Swagman R/House) | Arr | 9.18 | 11.18 |
| Mt Magnet (Swagman R/House) | Arr | 5.27 | 6.55 | | Dep | 8.48 | 11.48 |
| | Dep | 5.57 | 7.25 | Yalgoo (General Store) | Dep | 11.15 | 1.15 |
| Cue (Post Office) | Dep | 6.53 | 8.25 | Mullewa (Swimming Pool) | Arr | 12.40 | - |
| Tuckunarra | Dep | 7.20 | 8.57 | | Dep | 12.45 | 2.40 |
| Meekatharra (Post Office) | Arr | 8.15 | 9.50 | Geraldton (Railway Stn) | Arr | 2.00 | 3.55 |

*For Bookings & Further Information please contact:
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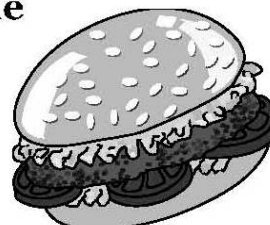
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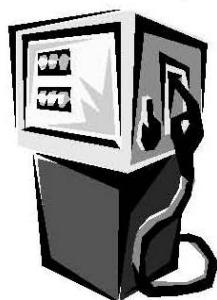
A range of Asian Ingredients and utensils available for sale

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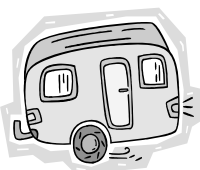
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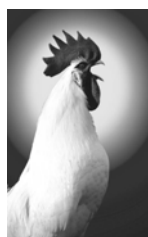


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Barry Haase

Federal Member for Kalgoorlie

MEDIA RELEASE

20th April 2010

The Western Australian Minister for Police, Rob Johnson's announcement on Friday 16th April that pastoralists will once again be allowed to apply for handguns to control feral animals on their properties has been welcomed by Barry Haase, Federal MP.

"Handguns are an important tool of the trade for on-property animal control. It makes sense that if pastoralists in Queensland and South Australia can apply for handgun licences that we in the West should also be able to. Pastoralists have a legitimate need for handguns, they need to either destroy vermin or humanely put down stock that are injured", said Mr Haase.

"After lobbying with others for years and representations to both Liberal and Labor WA Governments, on behalf of the many pastoralists in my patch, I am pleased that finally we have had some success on this issue".

"I agree that there should be a restriction on the number of firearms that can be held by one person. However the limit needs to be practical. Different firearms are required for different circumstances. A rifle may be required for certain tasks, a handgun, on the other hand, is best suited to carry on a motorbike and in mustering yards".

"I have never been able to reconcile the fact that a member of a sporting club can have a pistol in their home, used solely for recreational purposes, yet a pastoralist cannot own a pistol as a necessary working tool"

"Wild dogs and the devastating effects these animals have on productive stock have been given much media coverage of late. I am glad we finally have a State Government that listens and hope the amendments to firearms legislation is a quick and painless procedure, delivered in good time for pastoralists".

END

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M.D.H.S in Melbourne, Victoria



Recently a group of Year 9 Meekatharra District High School students travelled to Melbourne to experience a larger school environment at Yarra Valley Grammar School. As part of a school exchange, Yarra Valley Grammar School are now investigating sending a group of students to Meekatharra later this year. The camp was very successful as students enjoyed themselves and experienced a variety of difference places and activities. Robbie Hoare gave a speech about Meekatharra in front of seven hundred students who are now very keen to experience Meekatharra themselves. Below is a recount written by Esteena Gillespie detailing her trip to Melbourne.

On Friday the 12th of March five of the Year 9 students travelled to Perth. They went with Teresa Ostberg and Robbie Hoare, when they arrived in Perth they got on the plane and flew over to Melbourne. When they arrived in Melbourne they caught a taxi to Ben Coleman's house. On Monday they went to the Werribee Open Range Zoo, the MCG and Queen Victorian Markets. On Tuesday they went to Yarra Valley Grammar School. They attended some of the classes, met a lot of people, played sports and joined in science activities. On Wednesday they travelled to Yarra Valley Grammar School's camp at Glenmaggie, Wooden Lodge, and on Thursday they joined in activities such as canoeing and mountain bike riding. On Friday they travelled back to Melbourne and stayed at Ben's house. On Saturday they left Melbourne and flew to Perth and then travelled home to Meekatharra. We would like to thank Mrs Ostberg, Uncle Robbie, Yarra Valley Grammar School, our parents for paying for us to go on the trip and to all the other organisers at Meekatharra District High School.

**By Esteena
Gillespie**



PROJECT UPDATE

APRIL 2010 ISSUE 13



Milestones Met at OPR

Feasibility Study Delivered To State

OPR submitted a draft Bankable Feasibility Study to the Western Australian Government at the end of March 2010.

The draft feasibility study demonstrates strong technical feasibility for the development of the Oakajee infrastructure and reflects detailed engineering studies and commercial analysis undertaken over the past three years.

Draft Implementation Agreements for the port and rail have also been delivered to the State. Both parties have substantially progressed the terms of these agreements.

OPR is continuing its work on the project, the major areas of activity including further engineering studies and progressing the approvals program, together with negotiation of supply chain agreements with potential foundation customers.

By clarifying the tonnage, timing and technical requirements of foundation customers, OPR will be in a better position to assess the commercial feasibility of the project targeted for completion toward the end of 2010.

This will pave the way for the execution of Implementation Agreements with the State Government and ultimately the commissioning of the new facilities in early 2014.



(L to R) John Langoulant (OPR), Paul Kopejtka (Murchison), Premier Colin Barnett and Saburo Takeuchi (Mitsubishi) with the feasibility documents.

Increased Port Capacity For Foundation Customers

Oakajee Port and Rail has announced three potential foundation customers for contractual discussions relating to iron ore tonnage allocations at Western Australia's new port of Oakajee, scheduled for completion in early 2014.

Following strong interest from mid-west iron ore miners, OPR also plans to increase start-up capacity of the new deepwater port to 45 million tonnes per annum (mtpa).

"There is a real case to consider greater start-up capacity than we had originally anticipated," said OPR Chief Executive John Langoulant.

The decision to upgrade capacity by almost 30 per cent from the original 35mtpa was made following the receipt of iron ore tonnage nominations from regional miners, and selection of potential foundation customers:

- Sinosteel Midwest (Weld Range project)
- Karara Mining (Karara project)
- Crosslands Resources (Jack Hills project)

OPR is engaging with each of the miners with the aim of clarifying project timing, export volumes and financial capacity.

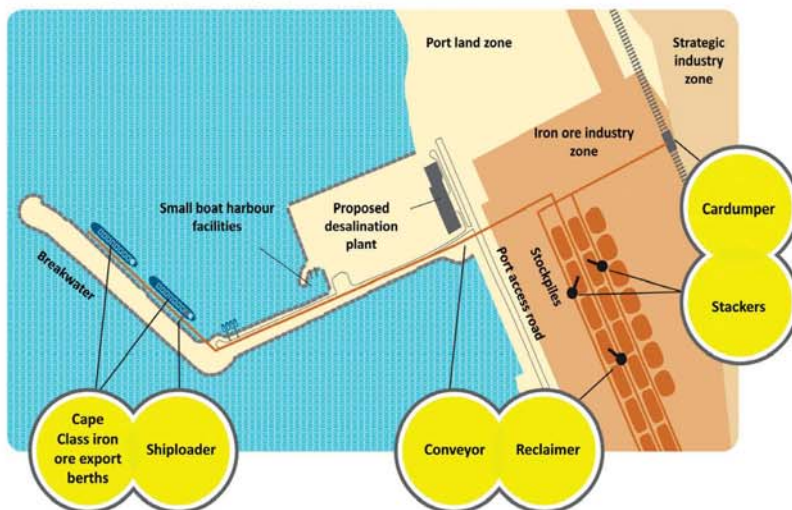
Subject to further due diligence studies, these potential customers could then receive an offer of initial capacity for the new Oakajee port and rail system.

In parallel with the customer negotiations, OPR will focus on the port configuration design, which will include two berths to accommodate the capacity upgrade.

"Progressing the more detailed capacity studies and finalising the project parameters is also dependent on the mines finalising the feasibility of their projects," said Mr Langoulant.

The Oakajee port and rail project will create a 45mtpa deepwater port, 25 kilometres north of Geraldton, linked to regional mines by approximately 570 kilometres of rail. The rail infrastructure includes spur lines to the Jack Hills and Weld Range projects, and a short spur to allow a connection to the southern mines.

Schematic diagram of proposed Oakajee port showing two berths.



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OAKAJEE PORT & RAIL PROJECT

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About the Oakajee Infrastructure Project

Oakajee Port and Rail is the developer of the Oakajee deepwater port and rail infrastructure project.

The Oakajee project will deliver an integrated, open access, bulk commodity supply chain to transport iron ore from Western Australia's mid-west onto ships for delivery to customers in the Asia Pacific region.

The project will:

- Deliver iron ore from mines across the mid-west region to international markets via a modern rail system and new deepwater port at Oakajee;
- Underpin the broader development of the mid-west region; and
- Overcome constraints at Geraldton port on export capacity and ability to accommodate larger Cape Class vessels.

The Oakajee project represents a unique investment partnership between an independent infrastructure provider, the private sector, international partners and government.

Shipping Gateway and Integrated Rail Network

- The project comprises a deepwater port 25km north of Geraldton in Western Australia, linked to regional mines by approximately 570km of heavy haulage rail. It includes spur lines to the Jack Hills and Weld Range projects and a short spur to allow a connection to the southern mines.
- The bulk commodity supply chain is based on contemporary principles of open access, coordination and integration to deliver maximum efficiency to miners.
- The port will have an initial, start-up capacity of approximately 45 million tonnes per annum (mtpa), with plans for expansion in stages. The planned initial capacity was increased in early 2010 from 35mtpa following strong interest from miners.
- The State and Federal Governments have committed to providing \$678 million for the construction of the outer harbour common use port infrastructure.
- The open access rail network will be scalable to allow operations up to 80-100mtpa.
- The Oakajee infrastructure project will generate around 2000 jobs during construction and approximately 300 jobs when operational, in addition to underpinning the growth of the iron ore industry and unlocking the value of the mid-west.

The Mid-West Region



Shipping gateway and integrated rail network.

Project Status

OPR is progressing the port and rail project under a State Development Agreement with the Government of Western Australia, signed on 20 March 2009.

OPR completed a draft Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS) in March 2010, drawing together the work of the past three years and advancing a series of studies.

The draft BFS has demonstrated strong technical feasibility for the development of the project.

OPR has selected three potential foundation customers for contractual discussions. The selected potential foundation customers are Sinosteel Midwest (Weld Range project), Karara Mining (Karara project) and Crosslands Resources (Jack Hills project). Subject to further due diligence studies, these potential foundation customers could receive an offer of initial capacity for the new Oakajee port and rail system.

Current major areas of activity include further engineering studies, progressing the approvals program and negotiation of supply chain agreements with potential foundation customers.

The project is tracking toward financial close and project go-ahead in early 2011. Commencement of commercial operations is expected in early 2014.

About Oakajee Port and Rail

Oakajee Port and Rail was established in September 2007 to pursue a joint venture between Murchison Metals Ltd and Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd, each of which has a 50 per cent economic interest in OPR.



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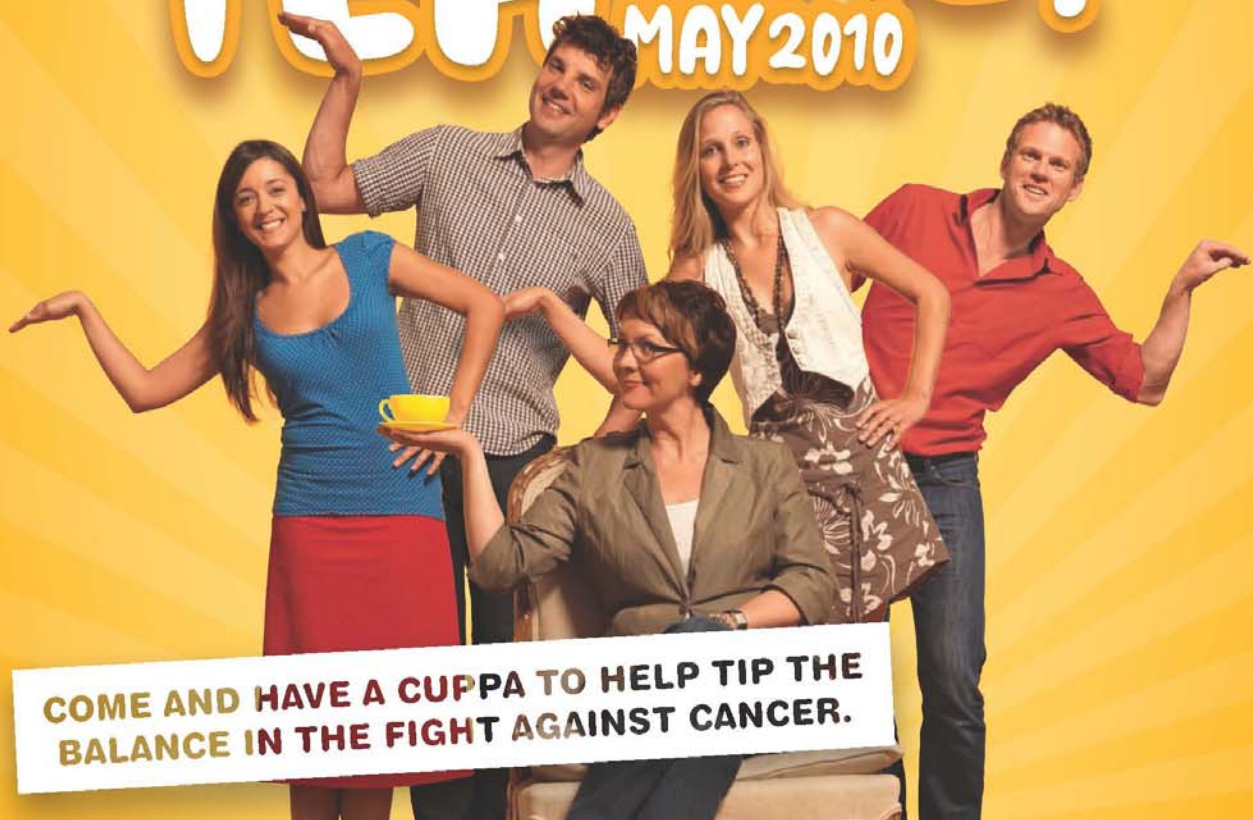
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MAY 2010



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Meeka FM Café Club

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Committee Meeting

55 Main Street

Ph: (08) 99 801 811

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

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

Where: Meekatharra Telecentre



Expressions of interest To help with:

- * Battle of the Bands**
- * Festival - Family Fun Night; Live music;
Market stalls; Food; Outback Ball**
- * Rodeo**
- * Fundraising**

Contact Kelly,

Shire of Meekatharra Community Development Administration Officer

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Time is flying and another month has gone. We continue to battle with dogs roaming the streets. I feel sorry for people who have to endure dog fights in front of their houses and not having any avenues to get help. I can't stress enough the importance of sterilisation, training and most of all lock your bloody animals up. It breaks my heart to get a call to come and see a pup that has been run over when all you have to do is keep the animal in your yard. Also the number of complaints of dog bites is growing every year.

If you are bitten I can't do anything about the dog but there are things you can do. Verbal and written report to the shire, and police so they can act on it.

If you have problems keeping your dogs in the yard there are ways. The good old dog chain when you are away, but please remember to walk the dog and supervise when they're off. These days we are blessed with technology. Yes it is expensive but there are collars for barking, electric fences just ask around and there is also the internet for information. Male dogs do need sterilisation to stop the urge and wandering.

Contrary to everyone's belief I do not know every dog in town. If you have a stray dog check to see if it has a tag if registered get the number and then contact the shire. If you have lost a dog please let the shire know.

Now on the human animal, people are very quick not to take responsibility. Please do not use the excuse 'everyone else in town does it.' YOU were caught take responsibility. This goes for the kids no wonder kids behaviour is worse than the animals. I'm sure they grow up believing they're dogs. The amount of times I hear parents calling kids dogs and even the c... word no wonder our kids have no self esteem. It saddens me that kids have to destroy, stone and mutilate an already dead animal and worse yet the ways they hurt and kill animals.

I watched a sci fi movie once where they rounded up people that lived on the street and destroyed them. Is this our future too; Would parents start to take note and keep their kids at home if this happened and kids were put in institutions and they lost their money. Would they start to take responsibility? Makes you think. What happens to the community spirit where people helped each other out when times are tough through no choice of their own.

Where would we be if the Anzacs didn't fight and you listen to some who want it scrapped because it glorifies war. With all the education they have missed the point. It's about remembering the ones who fought so we can have freedom.

On that note take care

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SUNDAY - No Flights

MONDAY

| FLIGHT NUMBER | DEPART | TIME | ARRIVE | TIME |
|---------------|-------------|------|-------------|------|
| JW1941 | PERTH | 0700 | MT MAGNET | 0810 |
| | MT MAGNET | 0840 | MEEKATHARRA | 0910 |
| | MEEKATHARRA | 0940 | PERTH | 1120 |

TUESDAY - No Flights

WEDNESDAY

| FLIGHT NUMBER | DEPART | TIME | ARRIVE | TIME |
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| JW1941 | PERTH | 0700 | MT MAGNET | 0810 |
| | MT MAGNET | 0840 | MEEKATHARRA | 0910 |
| | MEEKATHARRA | 0940 | PERTH | 1120 |

THURSDAY - No Flights

FRIDAY

| FLIGHT NUMBER | DEPART | TIME | ARRIVE | TIME |
|---------------|-------------|------|-------------|------|
| JW1941 | PERTH | 1230 | MT MAGNET | 1340 |
| | MT MAGNET | 1410 | MEEKATHARRA | 1440 |
| | MEEKATHARRA | 1510 | PERTH | 1650 |

SATURDAY - No Flights

For bookings and flight information,
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New Timetable

Schedule effective 19th April 2010

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Lunch 10am–2pm

Dinner 5pm–10pm

Donation of Aboriginal Art Paintings are needed

Float Parade

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Something For The Adults

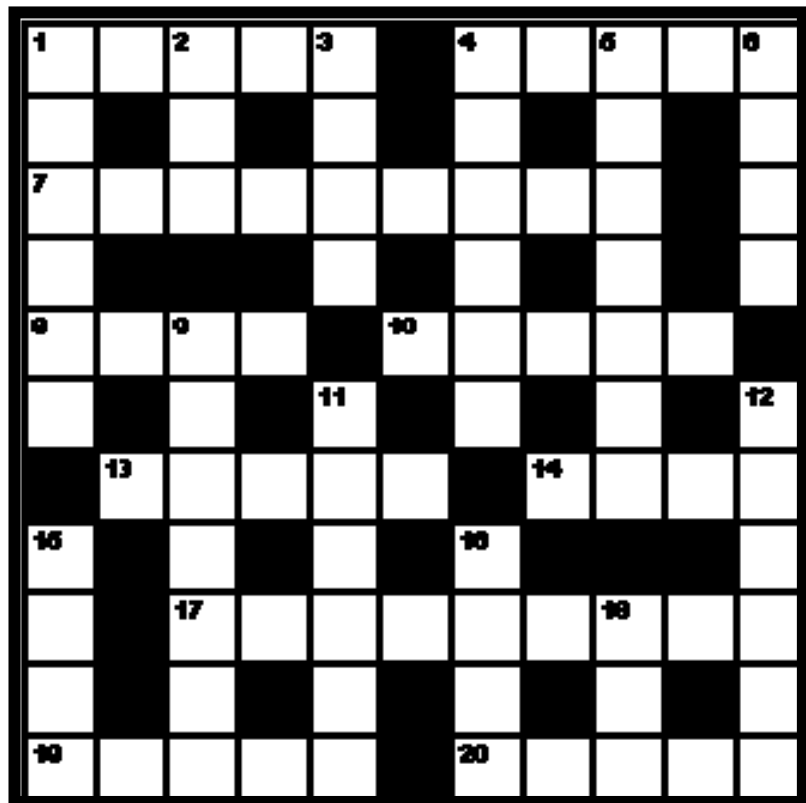
April Crossword

Across

1. Aquatic mammal (5)
4. Striped equine (5)
7. Watered (9)
8. Flows back (4)
10. Tennis stroke (5)
13. Arm bone (5)
14. Disparaging remark (4)
17. Essential (9)
19. Rear part of a ship (5)

Down

1. Relinquished (6)
2. Atmosphere (3)
3. Boundary of a surface (4)
4. Stringed instrument (6)
5. Confound (7)
6. Desiccated (4)
9. State of equilibrium (7)
11. Bird of prey (6)
12. Implement for writing or drawing (6)
15. Optical device (4)
16. Small snakes (4)
18. Colony insect (3)



March Crossword
Solution →

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April Sudoku

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.

March Sudoku

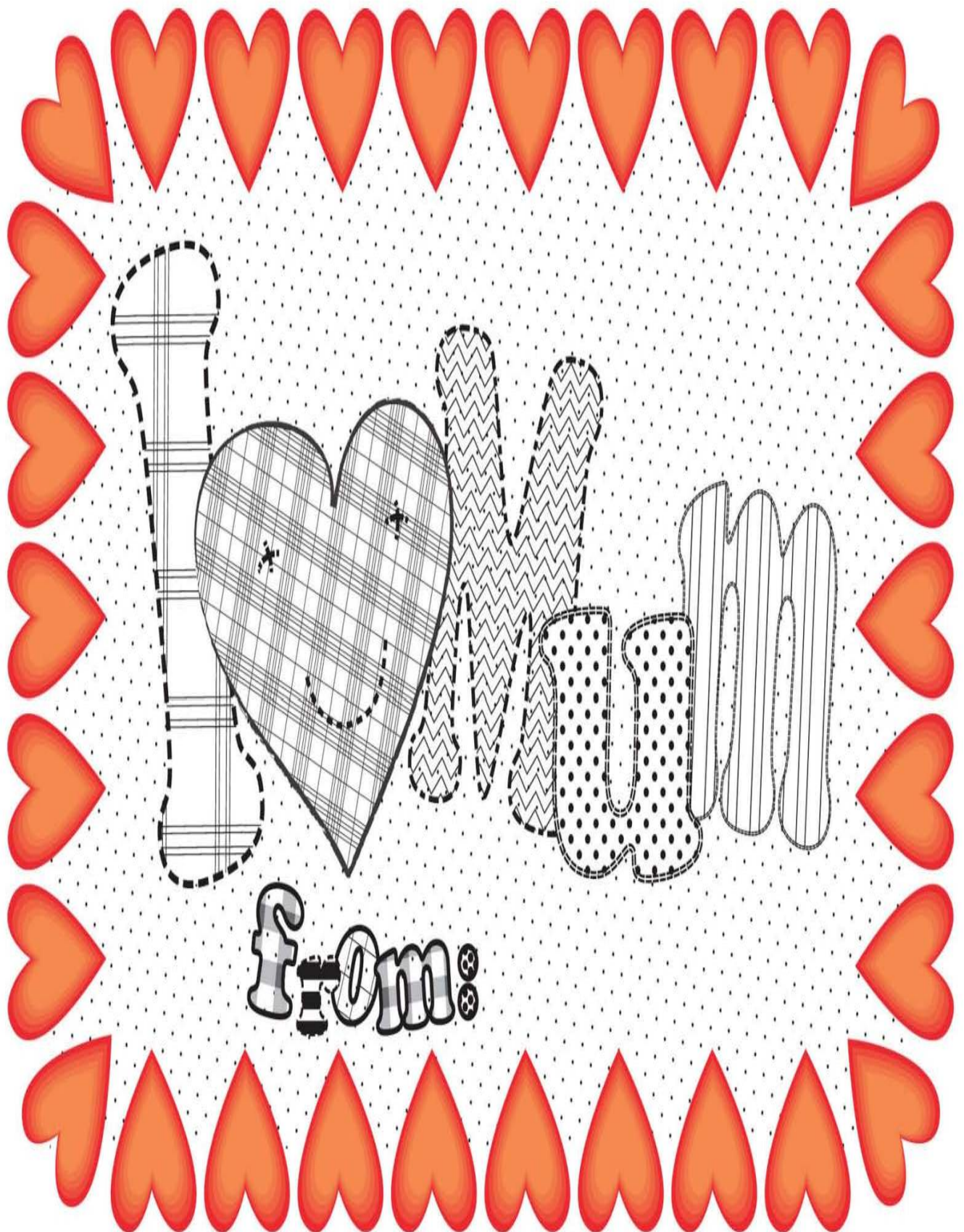
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For The Kids

Colour in and give to your Mum for Mother's Day



ANZAC DAY – WHAT A JOKE!

I was thinking about Anzac Day and the fact that I always saw it as a glorification of war and an excuse for Veterans to have a day with mates, play two-up and drink far too much.

My opinion has changed and I am ashamed that I ever felt that way.

Some of our boys were scared and some set off to fight for their country infused with national pride and a sense of adventure, but all too soon their naivete became the cruel realization that you can die a hundred times a day. War films are a true crime against humanity because they never portray the gruesome reality, just men who die “cleanly”. Oh to be sure the movies show blood, but that is in a desensitized manner as one cannot see bones protruding from blown off extremities or internal organs spilling out of a young man’s body whilst he screams in excruciating agony. In films we don’t feel the earth literally moving beneath our feet for hour on end or feel the deafening pounding in our eardrums from shells as they explode around us. Is it any wonder many suffered from shellshock?

Once at the battlefield, all of them must have been in constant fear and yet they still remained. There were of course many times of inaction, but the ever-present expectation of conflict must have had them living daily on the edge with nerves rubbed raw. When the advance began I *know* I would at best remained stock-still but most probably run in the opposite direction and become a deserter – and yet soldiers did move forward which is something I cannot begin to comprehend. Men and women are given medals for courage and justly so, but I believe all who lived that terror and continue are profoundly brave.

I think I know why ex-soldiers don’t freely tell of their experiences of battle or in P.O.W. camps, as none of us would willingly cut open our soul eager for further pain. Ask these men who lost their youth and innocence what being “stressed out” really is. Nowadays, if we are in an anxiety situation, trauma counselling is available to us within hours, but these lads who lived with it for years didn’t have that – they only had each other. Being part of that brotherhood on Anzac Day, where comrades share reminiscences of those years away must be a deep consolation. It can only be a fellow soldier that truly understands without words the horror of war, something which a wife or mother can never share. From a selfish point we have always been ecstatic to have our boys home as we loved and missed them. But all too often we expected them to settle down into daily life as if all the horror they saw never happened. Many did not make it back to our shores and some came back with physical disabilities, but they all came home with scars on their hearts.

I saw a photograph of young Vietnam returnees on parade, where a woman had covered herself with red paint and thrown herself at them. It brought me to tears and I shall never forget the look of pain and shock in the eyes of the soldiers. You see I have mercifully never felt as though ice was melting in my veins from fear. Their lives had already been irrevocably changed before they returned to Australia – and this was their welcome back.

So here’s to Anzac Day – get out there and go to a Dawn Service and make sure that you thank a Veteran for what they did for you. Watch the march or better still take part in it if you are eligible on 25th April. Seeing a child march with or instead of their deceased relative has to bring a lump to your throat and I pray that the young person may never experience what Pa went through.

Ellen O’Dempsey

April 1990

YOUTH CENTRE PROGRAMS

MONDAY

YOUTH CENTRE OPEN

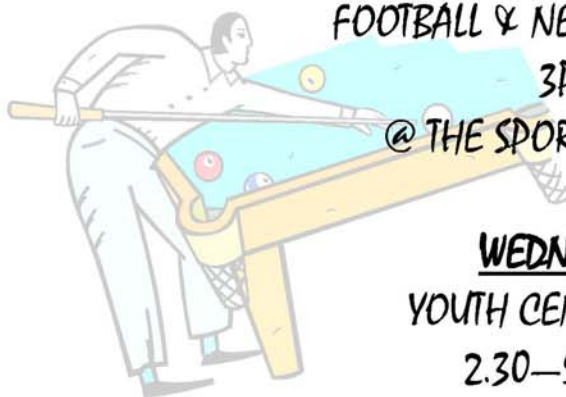
2.30—5.00PM

TUESDAY

FOOTBALL & NETBALL TRAINING

3PM

@ THE SPORTS COMPLEX



WEDNESDAY

YOUTH CENTRE OPEN

2.30—5.00PM

BASKETBALL COMPETITION

6PM

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THURSDAY

FOOTBALL & NETBALL TRAINING

3PM

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FRIDAY

YOUTH CENTRE OPEN

2.30—5.00PM

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL & NETBALL COMPETITIONS

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE POINTS

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

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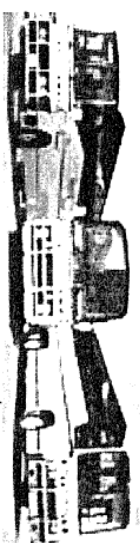
Most Common fares:

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

- Ticket valid for one year from date of issue.
- Children fares available.
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PERTH * MT.MAGNET * CUE * MEEKATHARRA * NEWMAN * PORT HEDLAND * SOUTH HEDLAND

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

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

* 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

Effective 3rd September 2008

Please be at departure point **30 minutes before departure time.**
Luggage allowance = 2 suitcases up to 20kg
+ small lightweight bag (on board)

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or call in & see Russell at the Meekatharra Post***

Dust News from Frontier Services Murchison Patrol April 2010

While attending the North West Regional Gathering of the Uniting Church in March at Tom Price – Alastair and I were able to explore a 'wee' bit of local gorges with Rev Judy Knowling and found the flies rather sticky!!



Directions to the wearer of such fine apparel –

- Purchase a hat with a net
- Take the hat with you when walking
- Place the hat on head with the net falling around the brim
- Madly wave arms in all directions for about 30 seconds
- Quickly pull down the net over the face
- Wait a few seconds to see if you have been successful
- If not- repeat instructions from 3 –
- Be careful not to leave any gaps between netting and clothing – because those dreaded flies will enter!!

32 youth from Mowanjam Community (near Derby):

Stayed overnight in Meeka at the Church on Easter Saturday - on their way to Perth for the holidays sponsored by the Floreat Uniting Church.

Breakfast @ 6am 18deg:



It's been a busy Month in Meeka with several funerals, a Wedding in 'our' local church on Monday 19 April, Emergency Drill at the airport for all emergency agencies in Meeka, patrol visits (with two punchers in one day!!), Anzac Services etc:



From the National Church

The Uniting Church has voiced its disappointment at the Federal Government's refusal to proceed with the development of a Human Rights Act for Australia. For more info visit the UnitingJustice website at http://www.unitingjustice.org.au/images/pdfs/issues/human-rights/media-releases/100421mr_hra.pdf.

The Uniting Church in Australia has condemned the Australian Government's decision to house Afghan and Sri Lankan asylum seekers in the old Curtin detention centre. For more info visit the Assembly website at <http://assembly.uca.org.au/media/63-mediareleases2010/564--no-more-land-of-the-fair-go-for-asylum-seekers.html>

And finally a message from the pulpit:

April 25 – ANZAC Day (Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia)

The anniversary of the World War I landing of the Australia and New Zealand Army Corps on Gallipoli in 1915 serves as an opportunity to honour the past and to recommit ourselves to working for peace and justice in the present and future.

Blessings,

Revd. Lesley deGrussa-Macaulay, 67 Darlot Street, Meekatharra (or PO Box 14),



Weekly Church Services:

Meekatharra Community Church Frontier Services

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

Heart-Shaped Butter Cake

Show Mum your cooking skills by making this yummy butter cake especially for her this Mother's Day!

Prep Time : 20 mins

Cooking Time : 25 mins

Ingredients

- Melted butter, to grease
- 60g butter, at room temperature
- 140g (2/3 cup) caster sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 150g (1 cup) self-raising flour
- 125ml (1/2 cup) milk
- 150g (1 cup) icing sugar mixture
- 25g butter, extra, at room temperature
- 1 tbs hot water
- 2 drops pink food colouring
- Sugar flowers, to decorate
- Queen Writing Fudge White Chocolate, to decorate

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Method

Preheat oven to 180°C. Brush a heart-shaped 17cm (base measurement across the widest part), 4-cup capacity cake pan with melted butter to lightly grease. Line the base with non-stick baking paper.

Use an electric beater to beat the butter and sugar in a large bowl until pale and creamy. Add the egg and vanilla, and beat until combined.

Sift the flour over the egg mixture and add the milk. Use a large metal spoon to fold until well combined.

Spoon the mixture into the prepared pan. Use the back of a spoon to smooth the surface. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Set aside in the pan for 5 minutes to cool before turning onto a wire rack to cool completely.

Sift the icing sugar into a medium bowl. Add the butter and water, and stir until well combined and smooth. Add the food colouring and stir until well combined. Spoon the icing onto the centre of cake and spread to the edge, allowing a little to run over the side. Arrange the flowers on top of the cake. Use the writing fudge to write "Mum" in the centre. Set aside until the icing is set.

WEATHER



Australian Government
Bureau of Meteorology

Meeka's Weather

April 2010 (to 27th)

In April we finally had some rain, but well below average for the month with Meekatharra Airport receiving a total of 6mm (14mm below the April average).

It was a warm month with the average maximum temperature at 32.0°C, about 3°C warmer than the normal April average. Overnight minimum temperatures also averaged more than one degree warmer than normal, at 18.6°C.

The total rainfall for the year so far is just 8.0mm. This is close to the lowest cumulative rainfall total ever recorded at Meekatharra Airport for the first 4 months of a year. The lowest is 5.6mm back in 1956.

The Western Australia outlook for total rainfall over the late autumn to mid-winter period (May to July) shows above average falls are as equally likely as below average falls across the state. The outlook for maximum temperatures over the same period (May to July), shows a moderate to strong tendency in the odds favouring a warmer than normal season for most of WA.

Monthly Statistics – April 2010 (to 27th):

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------|
| Warmest Day: | 39.7°C on the 1 st | Average Max: | 32.0°C |
| Coldest Day: | 22.4°C on the 7 th | | |
| Warmest Night: | 24.6°C on the 1 st | Average Min: | 18.6°C |
| Coldest Night: | 12.0°C on the 5 th | | |

What to expect in May:

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Average Daily Maximum: | 23.7°C | Average Daily Minimum: | 12.1°C |
| Average Monthly Rainfall: | 23.5mm | | |

What to expect in June:

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Average Daily Maximum: | 19.6°C | Average Daily Minimum: | 8.7°C |
| Average Monthly Rainfall: | 30.8mm | | |

Meekatharra Meteorological Office

www.bom.gov.au

Events Calendar

May

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- ☑ Mothers Day—Sunday 9th
 - ☑ Telecentre Committee Meeting—Tuesday 11th
 - ☑ Festival Committee Meeting—Wednesday 12th
 - ☑ Trivia Night—Friday 14th
 - ☑ Ordinary Council Meeting—Saturday 15th
 - ☑ Interagency Meeting—Tuesday 18th
 - ☑ Australia's Biggest Morning Tea—Thursday 27th
 - ☑ Race Club Committee Meeting—Thursday 27th

Next Issue...

Closing Date: 26th May

Publishing Date: 28th May