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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hi readers

We have had quite an eventful month with the Greatest Shave, Welcome to Meekatharra night and International Women's Day celebrations which all went off successfully!

Next thing to look forward to will be Easter and the long weekend!

Hope everyone has a Happy Easter and you don't eat too much chocolate!

-Sam

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EVENTS THIS MONTH

CRC Committee Meeting	12th
Ordinary Council Meeting	16th
Good Friday	22nd
Easter Monday	25th



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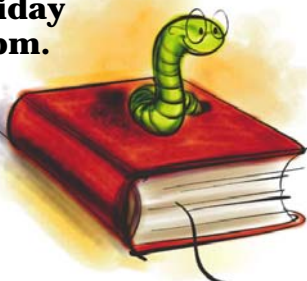
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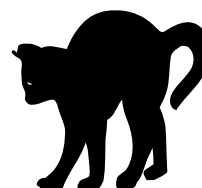


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Opportunity knocks.

Join the Census Team in a job that lights the way forward for your community.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is looking for more than 29,000 community-minded people to fill Census Collector positions.

August 9 is Census night. This is your chance to join a dedicated team working to improve communities and light the way forward for Australia. Census Collectors deliver and collect Census forms to and from all dwellings in their area.

Let us shed a little more light on these jobs...

- Collector jobs are part-time, home-based, flexible and will involve evening and weekend work.
- Collectors are required for work between 1 July and 8 September 2011.
- Collectors will earn around \$18 per hour plus allowances.
- Collectors must have their own telephone, a secure vehicle and storage area in their home.
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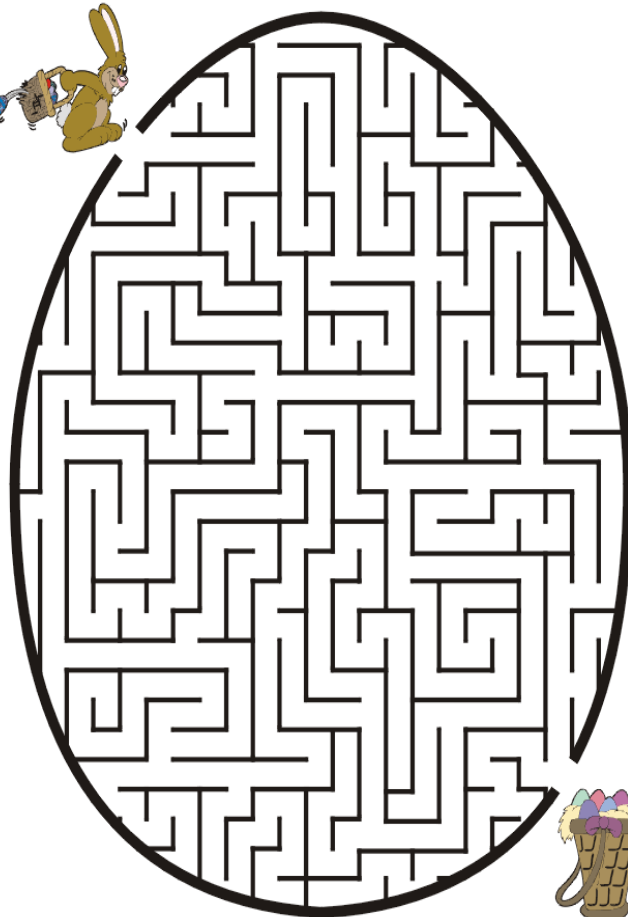
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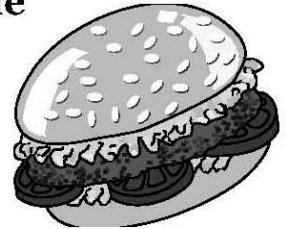
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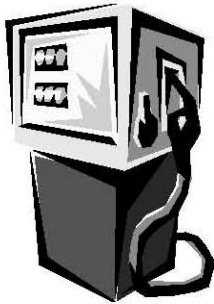
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Census Staff Visit Meekatharra

The Census is coming up on 9 August and making sure everyone in the Meekatharra area is counted is critical to Meekatharra's future.

Karen Noble and Murray Johnson of the WA Census Team have been in Meekatharra this week to raise awareness of the Census and promote Census job opportunities in and around Meekatharra.

Karen explains that it's important that everyone is counted so that the region receives all the funding it's entitled to and to help plan for the future.

"Census data is used by all levels of government and private organisation for planning and decision making purposes such as future schools, hospitals, aged care facilities, transport and roads," Karen said.

Karen is the District Manager for the Mid-West and her next Census challenge is to recruit the Collectors who will be dropping off and picking up Census forms.

"Hiring local Collectors, particularly in regional areas, is one of the most important elements to collecting full and accurate Census data," explained Karen.

"Collector recruitment starts on 9 April and we need applications from local people who know their local area well and care about Meekatharra's future,"

"We are also looking for Aboriginal people from the area to fill a number of Special Collector positions. These are all paid positions and training is provided," Karen said.

WA Census Director Mike Scott explained, "In the 2006 Census there was a concerning undercount in a number of country areas and so the WA Census Team is putting a lot of attention into regional areas in 2011."

"We've been focussing on getting to know the Mid-West region by working with people in the community who know the area," he said.

Karen and Murray, the Census Indigenous Engagement Officer, have been meeting with indigenous groups while in the region in an effort to ensure a full count this Census.

"The Aboriginal undercount was as high as 24% in some areas of Western Australia in 2006," Murray explained.

"This is something we've got to correct this time round and we're putting in a lot of work with indigenous communities to try and get it right."

In the 2006 Census 40% of Meekatharra residents counted identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

People interested in Census Collector positions can find out more information and apply from 9 April at www.abs.gov.au/census or by calling 1800 420 182.

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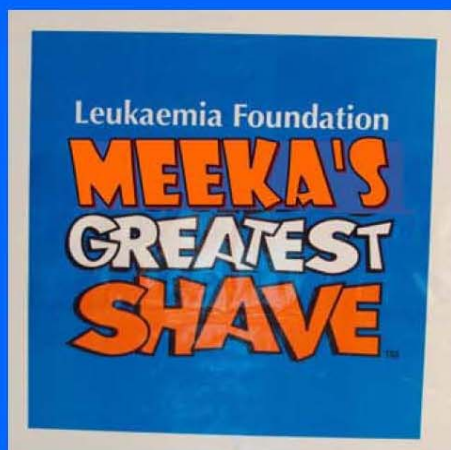
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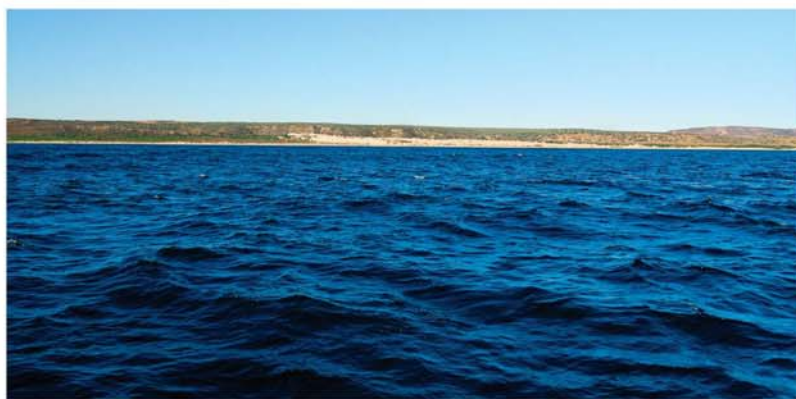
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OPR Project Schedule Agreed

2011 will be a year of significant milestones for the Oakajee port and rail mid-west iron ore supply chain project, with a revised project schedule agreed by the Government and a number of recent developments paving the way for further progress.



OPR continues to work with the State Government, our three foundation customers and local industry in the realisation of this project, with key activities targeted for 2011, including:

- Completion of environmental and Indigenous approvals
- Establishment of Supply Chain Agreements with foundation customers
- Finalisation of feasibility studies
- Negotiation of Implementation Agreements (comprehensive construction and operating agreements) with the State Government
- Memoranda of Understanding signed with three foundation customers in August 2010
- Well advanced environmental management planning for both the port and rail
- Heritage and Native Title negotiation framework agreements with Aboriginal groups
- Rail corridor finalised
- Land access agreements with 60 freehold and pastoral leaseholders to enable feasibility works
- Project due diligence underway with the State and foundation customers
- Implementation Agreements substantially progressed with State agencies
- Completion of the technical engineering studies for the port and rail infrastructure.

OPR is building on the significant work undertaken to date to deliver on the key elements of the project, including:

- Draft Bank Feasibility Study submitted to State in March 2010

A key element of the development is securing environmental approval for the port terrestrial area and the rail corridor. In March 2011, the Environmental Protection Authority recommended conditional approval of the port terrestrial and rail components, representing a significant milestone for OPR.

The recommendations include a number of conditions to ensure factors such as noise, dust and vegetation are appropriately managed. OPR is reviewing the conditions and looks forward to continuing to work with the EPA, Government agencies and stakeholders to finalise project approvals and the proposed management approach.

Other streams of work continue apace, including engagement with the State Government, mutual due diligence with foundation customers to finalise supply chain arrangements and preliminary market testing to scope operating services.

OPR, together with its joint owners Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd and Murchison Metals Ltd, is confident, and committed to meeting the milestones and looks forward to advancing the infrastructure project to commence early works late in 2011, with construction continuing to the end of 2014/ early 2015, and first ore on ship in early 2015.

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In Good Health



Kidney Disease: The Facts

Kidney disease is known as a 'silent disease' because the few warning signs that may be experienced often go unnoticed. It's possible to lose up to 90 per cent of your kidney function without realising. If both your kidneys completely stop working your body will die. This is because kidneys are responsible for controlling blood pressure, filtering non-recyclable waste from recyclable waste, maintaining healthy and strong bones, and making red blood cells.

With one in three Australians at increased risk of developing the disease, awareness and prevention is important.

Although signs of kidney disease are faint and somewhat general here are a few tell-tales:

- High blood pressure, puffiness in your legs and ankles, always feeling tired and difficulty sleeping
- In terms of urine, blood may be found in it, its colour may change and the amount of times you use the toilet may alter,
- Decreased appetite, lack of concentration and headaches, itching, vomiting and nausea, bad breath and a shortness of breath.

You are considered to have a high risk of developing kidney disease if you:

- Have diabetes, high blood pressure and a family history of the disease
- Smoke, and are overweight or obese,
- Are over 50, or of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and are over 35.

The good news is it's possible to reduce your risk of kidney disease even if you fall into the high risk category.

This can be achieved by:

- Giving up smoking, substituting sugary drinks for water and limiting your alcohol consumption - no more than two standard glasses a day for men and one for women,
- Regularly exercising, eating healthily, and controlling your blood pressure and blood glucose levels if you have diabetes.

National Medical Director from Kidney Health Australia, Tim Mathew believes if everyone is proactive in maintaining their health the incidents of kidney disease could be halved. "If we were to reduce obesity and diabetes and avoid high blood pressure, that would be a very significant contribution to the reduction of kidney disease," he said.

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

- Yoga
- Travel Vaccinations
- Doing a First Aid Course
- Malaria
- Are You Drinking Enough Water?

The Benefits of Cycling

The benefits associated with pushing two wheels against air and gravity has seen a number of motorists get on the cycling bandwagon. According to the Australian Sports Commission, the number of people cycling each year has increased by over 32 per cent in the last ten years.

Here's why more people are choosing to cycle:

Health benefits

- Its low impact, improves your cardio, strengthens your legs and works your buttock
- It burns calories which may lead to weight loss
- Your Basal Metabolic Rate (BMR) will increase
- Endorphins released will make you feel good, and
- Psychologically, you may feel more confident, stronger and energetic, and be able to concentrate and sleep better.

Social benefits

- If your social life is lacking you may feel lonely, bored and depressed.
- Joining a cycling club is a way to meet like-minded people
- It gives you the chance to explore your neighbourhood and meet your neighbours, and
- You never know who you'll meet while cycling.

Environmental benefits

- Bikes don't need petrol to go so oil depletion will decrease
- With no loud motors attached to them noise pollution will be reduced, and
- Less greenhouse gas emissions means less air pollution.

Financial benefits

- You'll save money on parking, petrol, and maintenance
- You won't have to spend money on train or bus tickets, and
- You can save the \$11,000 a year it costs to run an average family car.

So with many benefits to cycling, why not give it a go if you're not already.



Staying Safe on the Streets

With growing numbers of bikes on our streets, correctly sharing the road is vital to keeping safe. General Manager for Cycling Promotion Fund, Peter Bourke believes a respectful relationship between cyclists and motorists is important.

"The roads perform best when people understand the benefits of shared road use. With more people on bikes, it means fewer cars on the road and that's better for car drivers," he said.

Here are some tips for riding your bike safely:

- Ride in a predictable manner – use hand signals when turning and changing lanes
- Obey road rules – a bike is considered a vehicle so the same rules apply to both cyclists and motorists
- Wear an approved bicycle helmet – make sure it fits properly and is securely fastened
- Be visible – wear bright, reflective clothing and use a still or flashing red or white light that can be seen for about 200 metres from the front of your bicycle
- Plan ahead – choose a route with bike paths and less traffic
- Make sure at least one of your brakes is working properly
- Always be in control – ride with both hands on your handlebar except when signalling, keep your feet on the pedals and don't carry anything which affects your control
- Fit your bike with a warning device like a horn or bell, and
- Communicate with other road users.

Although road rules should always be obeyed, to reduce your risk of injury or death Mr Bourke agrees there are circumstances where common sense prevails.

"Show a bit of courtesy, just because you are legally in the right, it doesn't always make it the right thing or the safest thing to do," he said.



Domestic violence is widespread, and has enormous impacts on the individual, family and the community.

One in four women report that they have been physically assaulted or raped by an intimate partner.

What Is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence is about one person getting and keeping power and control over another person in an intimate relationship. The abusive person might be your current or former spouse, live-in lover or dating partner.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE is a pattern of abusive behavior which keeps one partner in a position of power over the other partner through the use of fear, intimidation and control.

- **PHYSICAL ABUSE:** Grabbing, pinching, shoving, slapping, hitting, hair pulling, biting, etc. Denying medical care or forcing alcohol and/or drug use.
- **SEXUAL ABUSE:** Coercing or attempting to coerce any sexual contact without consent, e.g., marital rape, forcing sex after physical beating, attacks on sexual parts of the body or treating another in a sexually demeaning manner.
- **ECONOMIC ABUSE:** Making or attempting to make a person financially dependent, e.g., maintaining total control over financial resources, withholding access to money, forbidding attendance at school or employment.
- **EMOTIONAL ABUSE:** Undermining a person's sense of self-worth, e.g., constant criticism, belittling one's abilities, name calling, damaging a partner's relationship with the children.
- **PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE:** Causing fear by intimidation, threatening physical harm to self, partner or children, destruction of pets and property, mind games or forcing isolation from friends, family, school and/or work.

Next time we will talk about how to recognize the patterns of family violence and to seek help.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of intimate partner violence, seek help from family member, friends, or community organizations.

Contact Chrysalis Support Services on 9964 1853

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OPR Supports Mid-West Community Groups

Oakajee Port and Rail is developing a deepwater port at Oakajee and 570km of heavy haulage rail that will underpin development of Western Australia's mid-west iron ore province. At the peak of the three-year-plus construction period, the project will need more than 2500 workers. Once OPR starts raiing and shipping ore, it will need 250 workers who will live in the region, to operate the infrastructure.

OPR is committed to an open and respectful relationship with the mid-west, taking seriously its role and responsibilities in the community. As part of a comprehensive community and stakeholder engagement program, OPR representatives regularly meet

with representatives from local government, the business and community sectors and special interest groups. Chief Executive John Langoulant AO, and team members visited Mullewa and Geraldton in March to update stakeholders on the status of the project.

Australia-Japan Society of Geraldton-Greenough

In the interest of building and maintaining relationships between Australia and Japan, OPR is providing funds towards the Australia-Japan Society of Geraldton-Greenough's student exchange program.

Mullewa Bowls Club

The dual orbs of OPR's logo will, for two days, be synonymous with bowling instead of railway lines at the 2011 Midwest Golden Bowls Tournament, hosted by Mullewa Bowls Club. OPR is sponsoring a team, and hoping to see some top class bowling action on 9 and 10 April.



Mullewa Bowls Club President Glenn Bryant, left and Club Captain John Peet, right, with OPR Chief Executive John Langoulant AO.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

OPR is delighted to help with the Bundiyarra Aboriginal Corporation's NAIDOC week celebrations. Its sponsorship will go towards the corporation's 2011 NAIDOC Awards on 1 July and Black Chicks Yarning event on 7 July.



OPR's Chief Executive John Langoulant AO with NAIDOC Week committee members Lee-Anne Taylor and Laine-Rose Forsyth

The Road to Oakajee 2011 Redhill Concert

Along with Crosslands Resources and Worley Parsons, OPR is supporting the 2011 Redhill Concert. With headline act James Reyne, 9 April will be a night to remember!

GNFL

The mid-west football champions of tomorrow will get a boost from a series of skills clinics as part of a sponsorship arrangement between OPR and the Great Northern Football League. The clinics will teach the young players football skills as well as self-confidence, teamwork and personal skills. OPR is also sponsoring the GNFL Country Week team with games in Perth 14-17 July.

Mullewa Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service

The volunteers of the Mullewa Fire and Rescue service will use their sponsorship from OPR on training, equipment and maintenance. Always at the ready should an emergency arise, the volunteer group helps with fires, accidents, floods and its fair share of false alarms.



OPR General Manager Government and Community Relations Kim Pervan presenting a cheque to the Mullewa fire and rescue volunteers.



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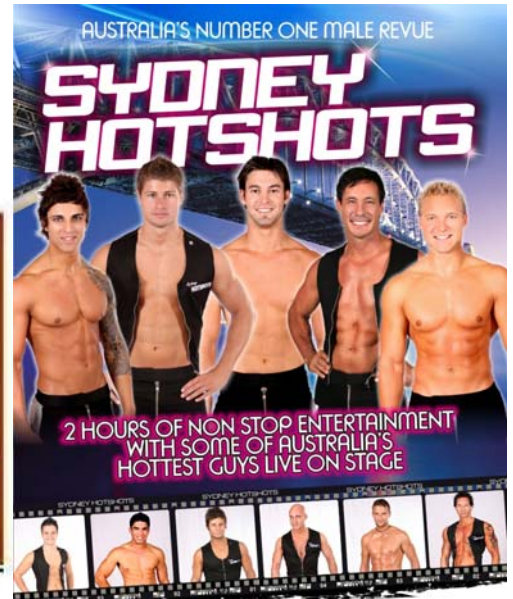
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Meeka Girls take out Junior Barrels

2011 Newman Rodeo

On the 19th March, Meekatharra District High School students, Mickaela and Janine Mongoo attended the Newman Rodeo. Great to see so many competitors from around WA. The Kimberley Bull Riders definitely showed everyone why they are so good. The retired Damien Metcaff also rode. Unfortunately no Ted, Colin, Dustin or Jamie from the Midwest attended.

The girls competed against 8 girls aged between 11 and 14. Each rider put their horses through their paces around the barrels. Mickaela rode 1st taking Chester close to those drums great ride. Janine then came out on Jack, he certainly knew his job around the barrels. The crowd roared when they both came out. Janine taking out the barrels with Mickaela 2nd. Awesome result.



Janine and Jack winners Junior Barrels

Mickaela and Chester 2nd place Junior Barrels

During the night Newman Rodeo put on a local horses v motorbike barrel event. Janine nominated for this event with some difficulty as she is not a local to Newman. They did eventually except her nomination. Around 9.30pm the event everyone was waiting for. A few horses went through timing at around 23.0 sec. It was Janine's turn at the crowd's noise was huge backing her all the way. Janine brought Jack out of the shoot at a walk up to the timers then let him go. The pair was definitely out to show how to take the barrels. Jack took the first drum tight heading to the 2nd drum tighter hitting Janine's shin once again, bugger, the drum fell. The pair continue to the third taking it tight also and the gallop home finishing with a time of 19.05 sec. Which had been the fastest time for the night. To have a penalty of 5 sec added to score for knocking the drum. Janine and Jack had definitely been a huge threat to the older riders. In the end Sean Lavis and a motocross bike took out even times of 19.50 sec. Winning the event. Look out 2012..

The girls also got to mingle with the Australian Rodeo Queen Stacey Lambert from Perth.

The only disappointing part of the night was that Mickaela and Janine were told not to join the Grand Parade as they didn't have the same colour shirts as all other riders. As a competitor they should have had the right to at least stand on the arena with the Bull riders etc, to feel a part of the event. And be proud of who they are and where they come from.

We would like to thank the School, Dad/Michael, Sally & Chad Bedford from Newman, Tracey & Peter Elliot from Mingah Station, Joolz Collins from Port Hedland and Belinda Grinham from Geraldton for all the support and advice to get us this far in the events we attend. And to the family and friends who attended the event.

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Elaine King

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Email: meekafm@bigpond.com PH/FAX: 08 9981 1358

Anita's mobile: 0400 761 747



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

From Meekatharra

		Tues AM	<u>Fri</u> AM
Meekatharra (Royal Mail Hotel)	Dep	7.00	9.00
Tuckunarra	Dep	7.55	9.55
Cue (Post Office)	Dep	8.22	10.22
Mt Magnet (Swagman R/House)	Arr	9.18	11.18
	Dep	8.48	11.48
Yalgoo (General Store)	Dep	11.15	1.15
Mullewa (Swimming Pool)	Arr	12.40	-
	Dep	12.45	2.40
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International Women's Day 2011





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Christ the King

(Corner of High and Darlot Streets, Meekatharra)



Liturgies

ALL WELCOME

April

Please note changes of time

Sat 2nd Celebration of the Word with Communion
6.30 pm

Holy Thursday 21st Uniting Church at 6.30 pm

Good Friday 22nd Uniting Church at 9.00 am

Easter Sunday 24th Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass)
Catholic Church at 9.00 am

May

Liturgies at 6.30 pm

Sat 7 Celebration of the Word with Communion

Sat 14 Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass)

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Meekatharra Police Report

Welcome to the Community Policing Report. Our traditionally busy summer period is drawing to a close, however the workload is continuing unabated, despite the onset of the cooler temperatures.

Staffing

I would like to welcome First Class Constable Stu HOPKINS to Meekatharra. 1/C HOPKINS made the move with his wife from Geraldton and can't wait to get involved. Don't hesitate to approach him in the street and say hello.

Juveniles

Children continue to walk the streets at all hours of the evening and well into the night with no parental supervision. Previous reports have identified the risk that this poses to the children however parents continue to take no responsibility.

Police are continuing to work with other agencies in Meekatharra regarding juveniles and will continue to return children to their homes and inform their parents, and I make no apologies for this.

Crime

I request that when people leave both their houses and vehicles they take a few moments to follow the "look, lock and leave" rule.

There has been an increase in stealing recently where valuables such as wallets, GPS units and mobile phones have been left in full sight, especially in vehicles overnight. Unfortunately we cannot entirely prevent theft however we can reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of crime. A lot of Meekatharra's offenders commit their offences as a spur of the moment act, therefore a few moments removing the temptation can go a long way to improving the community.

Police are continuing to target drugs in the community and have had excellent results when executing a number of search warrants over recent weeks. We are actively targeting persons who are selling drugs to our children and I request that any information, no matter how small

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is forwarded to us to assist us in the future. I can guarantee that all information is treated as confidential and is a great step in making our community a better place to live.

Remote area safety

Police were kept busy this week conducting a search for a missing traveler 200 kilometres west of Meekatharra. The male was located in a critical condition and was flown to Royal Perth Hospital where he is receiving ongoing medical treatment.

Unfortunately police were only alerted through word of mouth from other travelers who were concerned the man was travelling on closed roads in an unsuitable vehicle. The man's family were unaware he was overdue and did not raise the alarm.

During the search police used a plane as well as a helicopter to locate and rescue the man with the assistance of many members of the community, after he became bogged on a washed out road.

The outback safety rules must be followed:

1. Let someone know where you are going, when you leave and when you expect to return or arrive at your next destination and advise of your arrival.
2. Take adequate supplies, including sufficient food, water, clothing and essential medication.
3. Ensure vehicles are roadworthy and are suited to the conditions.
4. Pay attention to the weather and road conditions. Roads are closed for a reason and this should always be respected.
5. **ABOVE ALL, IF YOU BECOME LOST OR STRANDED REMAIN WITH YOUR VEHICLE.**

I strongly believe that this week's search would have had a tragic outcome if the man had left his vehicle. It is far easier to locate a vehicle than it is a person on foot in the bush.

Off road motorcycles

Off-road and peewee mini bikes have no place on the roads and laneways in Meekatharra. The bikes are not suited to the area and the riders are committing serious driving offences by doing so. Meekatharra Police have charged riders in recent weeks and will continue with a no tolerance approach to this behavior. There is ample open ground and tracks outside of the town site and I recommend that any riding is done in these areas.

When using motorbikes the riders are able to cover a lot of ground and I again request that riders abide by the safety rules in the previous section. Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return, this will ensure a speedy rescue should something go wrong and don't forget to wear safety equipment including a helmet.

Regards

Paul WILLIAMS
Sergeant – Acting Officer in Charge
Meekatharra Police Station.

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Nickelwest Cup 2011



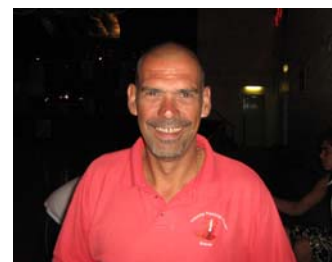


A combined team from Mt Magnet, Wiluna and Meekatharra took a football team to Kalgoorlie for the Nickelwest Cup on March 12th and 13th. The boys played in division two and although they did not make the finals they performed well for a team that does not get the opportunity to play together on a regular basis.

The boys were treated to all the usual highlights of a visit to civilisation e.g. McDonalds! They also were fortunate to have the Palace Theatre in Boulder to themselves on the Saturday night to enjoy (?) rollerblading and a feed.

A big thanks to Cameron Harvey and Monica Hastings for stepping in at the last minute to take the boys on this journey.

I'm sure they are all looking forward to the 2012 event.





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NEW ONLINE, 'ONE STOP SHOP' FOR DRIVER AND VEHICLE SERVICES

Since March 21, Driver and Vehicle Services have been handed over to the Meekatharra Community Resource Centre (CRC) from the Department of Mines and Petroleum and the Meekatharra Police

The Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) unit within the Department of Transport (DoT) recently signed a new agreement with the Meekatharra CRC for the establishment of an online agency to provide licensing services to Meekatharra community.

A new convenient 'one stop shop' has been set up at the Meekatharra CRC, replacing the services previously offered by the Department of Mines and Petroleum and the Police Station. This will give people in Meekatharra and the Murchison improved access to the DoT's full range of licensing services.

This online service links to DoT's database, giving customers greater service and efficiency. The Meekatharra CRC is an initiative funded under the Royalties for Regions program. The CRC aims to provide greater access to government services and infrastructure.

From March 21, the Meekatharra CRC has been providing customers with access to full Driver and Vehicle Services, including the ability to pay licensing bills, get a photograph taken for a driver's licence, take on-line hazard perception tests and book practical driving assessments.

Additionally, learner drivers will be able to undertake hazard perception training and a learner's assessment from the Meekatharra CRC, a brand new service to the immediate town and wider Murchison community.

Opening hours will be 9am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 2.30pm, Monday to Friday. However, if you are a provisional driver and are still in education then we will arrange for you to sit your theory and hazard perception tests until 5pm, Monday to Friday.

This is the first time a 'not for profit' organisation has been utilised to provide licensing services on behalf of the Department of Transport. "The Meekatharra CRC is pleased to be a leader in W.A. with this initiative," says CRC Chairman, Alison Fox, "and Jo McDonald and her team have worked extremely hard towards achieving this goal. They are pleased to be adding another stream to the services already offered at the centre."



Mr. Vince Catania Officiating the Launch Event



Mr Catania & the CRC Staff Declare the Agency Officially Open

The Shire of Meekatharra has also supported the initiative with voluntary staff members on the CRC Committee and through the on-going provision of a Shire building from which the CRC operates out of. Shire President Tom Hutchinson said "The CRC committee and staff can be justifiably proud of their hard work in achieving this initiative for the wider Meekatharra community."

**THE MEEKATHARRA CRC STAFF ARE DELIGHTED WITH THE OPPORTUNITY AND
LOOK FORWARD TO ASSISTING YOU WITH YOUR LICENSING NEEDS**



Meekatharra

Community Resource Centre

COMMITTEE MEETING

Next Meeting: **Tues 12th April @ 5pm**

Where: Meekatharra Community Resource Centre
55 Main Street

What's your
big idea?

The aim of the CRC is to support capacity building in the Community through the delivery of information and technology services, facilities and education to the Meekatharra community.

The CRC Committee welcome you to attend our Committee Meetings to share your big ideas! The CRC is Community owned and managed, and we use our Committee Meetings to discuss **new ideas** to reach **new groups** with **new & improved services**. Whether you are a local individual, organisation, group member or business employee/er, we would like to hear your fresh ideas of how we can improve and grow our service in the Community.

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Meekatharra Driver makes WA#3 Production State Titles 2011

:: PRESS RELEASE ::

:: Home Town Hero Wins Production Sedan Title Thriller

Monday, 7 March 2011
Jason Crowe - SSA Media

Casey Paech has won a thrilling WA Production Sedan Title, taking the lead with just over a lap to go, to win in front of his home crowd, at the Geraldton City Speedway on Saturday night.

Paech downed Brendan Higgs, Ashley Page and Nathan Penn in the thirty five lap thrilling decider.

Paech started the race from position four, but it was Ashley Page who would lead the race at the start, which was aborted when Damon Trouchet, who started from pole position spun in turn one.

Stewards put all cars back in their position as they weren't happy with the initial dispatch.

The second start saw Trouchet take the lead but Page would cross the line to complete the first lap in front, which would be significant, as Graeme Raffery would stop in turn two and would be the first casualty.

Page would lead Trouchet, Higgs, and Kyle Sayer, with State Champion Ron Belfield spinning on lap three, losing a lap to the lead cars, ultimately ending his crown.

The restart would see Rod Musarra loom large on the leaders, passing Higgs and Trouchet to move into the second place on lap six, just before Garry Sutton found himself on the infield, and was sent to the rear of the field.

Page continued to lead Musarra, Trouchet, Higgs and Kyle Sayer, in a high speed battle for the lead. The National Champion moved on to the outside of Page in the main straight, but as he did, mechanical problems saw the Australian Champion come to a stop on turn two, resulting in Musarra withdrawing from the race.

The remaining twenty four laps went without stoppage, with the crowd on their feet as the placings continued to chop and change. Damon Trouchet continued to chase page, while Higgs, Sayer, Casey Paech and Nathan Penn started a great battle for the minor placings.

Higgs caught and passed Trouchet as placings continued to change passing the half way mark, with Paech continuing his charge towards the front on lap twenty three, moving to third place.



The gallant performance of Damon Trouchet would end with ten laps to run, with a radiator hose bringing his demise.

Nathan Penn joined the challenge with Paech, Higgs and Page, as Higgs took the lead from Page with eight laps to go. The gear box on the Page car started to play havoc with the Meekatharra based driver, as he moved back to third as Paech moved to second place.

Paech moved behind Higgs in the concluding stages as the crowd hit fever pitch. Paech took the lead with just over a lap to go, holding off Higgs in a desperate finish, winning by a bumper (0.121). Third was Page who drove well all weekend, while Nathan Penn suffered mechanical problems with three laps remaining to finish fourth.

The best moment for us was when a Mk number plate, white commodore stop and Creamy Allison went over to congratulate Ashley. His smile was so big and bright. A proud moment for us all. His face showed the emotions that we were all feeling.

Ashley would like to sincerely *thank* Michael and Brandon for their help and patients. To Uncle Andrew and Auntie Janine Binsiar for their sponsorship from Tattoo's by Ando. Also to Toll Express Meeka, Peter Bell, Robert Trenfield, Adam Howden, Creamy Allison and to anyone else we have forgotten. That's right one more - Motor built by AT Engineering thanks Aaron !!!!! To all the family, friends and ex-Meekatharrians for the back straight support. The race team shirt definitely stood out.

Brandon also raced having some car trouble but managed to have the problem solved for the Sunday night racing only to have the exhaust fall off.



Brendan Higgs 2nd, Ashley Page 3rd, Casey Paech 1st, Nathan Penn 4th.



L-R Creamy Allison – Meekatharra, Ashley Page and Phil - Coates Hire Area Manager Geraldton



Braiden and Lucas Page. Braiden holding 3rd place trophy and sash.



Grand Parade



Brendon Grylls
**Minister for Regional
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Minister Assisting the
Minister for State
Development**



Troy Buswell
**Minister for Transport;
Housing**

New licensing service for Meekatharra residents

The Meekatharra community will benefit from a landmark agreement allowing a not-for-profit organisation to provide online licensing services on behalf of the Department of Transport.

Transport Minister Troy Buswell said the Department of Transport had signed an agreement with the Meekatharra Community Resource Centre (CRC) to establish a new online agent to provide driver and vehicle licensing services for Meekatharra and surrounding areas.

"This innovative arrangement is the first of its kind in Western Australia and will give residents access to a full range of online licensing services at the Meekatharra CRC," Mr Buswell said.

"Customers will be able to conduct all of their driver and vehicle transactions at the one site, which will be far more convenient for everyone in the community."

Services available include:

- paying bills
- capturing of driver's licence photos
- applying for learner permits
- undertaking hazard perception testing
- issuing and renewal of vehicle registrations.

Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls said the Department of Mines and Petroleum and WA Police had previously provided some licensing services to the area but they could now focus on their core businesses.

"The Meekatharra CRC is an initiative funded under the State Government's Royalties for Regions program, giving this community greater access to government services and infrastructure," Mr Grylls said.

"This is a tremendous use of a locally-owned and operated centre and I have no doubt it will be greatly received in Meekatharra and the wider Murchison community."

The CRC will operate under the same performance agreement as other Department of Transport regional licensing agents.

The Shire of Meekatharra has also supported the initiative, providing the CRC building and support for volunteers.

Transport Minister's office - 9213 6900

Regional Development Minister's office - 9213 7000

March started with **Pancake Day** in front of the Commercial Hotel at \$2 a pancake we raised \$308.90, which equates to about 150+ pancakes, we also made 60 + picklets for the **World Day of Prayer** that evening. This year the Catholic Church hosted the event (2012 UCA), where many of us enjoyed a 'yummy' super. As in other years we will apply for funding to be returned to Meeka to assist the work of the Youth in Meeka.

Alastair and I attended the **North West Forum**, in Port Hedland during March and I then went on to the **UC Assembly** in Sydney a week later for the weekend, thus a busy month and the anticipated trip to Mt Augusta – Gascoyne Junction is on hold until the roads open.

The launch of the **Community Resource Centre (CRC), Online Transport Services** on Friday 25 March was a great success with a politician, heads of the Transport Department, and CRC representation coming from Perth and Geraldton; wonderful to see the CEO of the Shire and many of our Shire Councillors supporting the launch. Congratulations to the Coordinator Jo Macdonald and her staff for the professionalism and dedication to the overall renovations and project. The CRC committee would like to encourage any community persons who would like to join us in strategically, supporting the ongoing visionary work that surrounds such a worth while community based centre in Meekatharra; our meetings are monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 5pm at the CRC. You are welcome to drop by and see for yourself the transformation of the centre.



Lesley's Diary Dates 2011:

- **4 - 6 April** - Ranitha from **In Home Care** will be visiting the families who receive this services from Frontier Services – I will do the driving and Ranitha the talking.
- **13 -15 April** – Station Visits Murchison Settlement area.
- **17 April** – Baptism
- **21 – 24 April** - Easter Celebrations please read the service times for more info.
- **24 April** – Wedding celebrations.
- **25 April** - Anzac Day
- **27 – 1 May** – Wellsprings National Conference Shoalwater; then after conference tour to Meeka, 1st tour via Menzies, Lake Barlee (4x4, swags etc); 2nd tour via New Norcia, Geraldton - both tours meeting up at Wogarno Station Stay then on to Meekatharra, (5-6 May).

National Church News:

The 25th State Youth Games will be held from 3– 6 June. Organisers are currently looking for adult volunteers, especially those with a First Aid certificate, who may be able to help. For more info contact Maureen Kapitola on 9450 4042 or email Maureen.kapitola@bigpond.com.

The Uniting Church in Australia has raised more than a **million dollars** in aid of flood victims in Queensland, Victoria, Northern New South Wales and Western Australia. For more info visit <http://www.wa.uca.org.au/blog/uniting-church-raises-over-a-million-dollars-for-flood-victims/>.

Ecumenical & International

UnitingWorld has launched the Japan Quake and Tsunami Appeal to assist those who have been affected by these devastating disasters. UnitingWorld has been in contact with the United Church of Christ in Japan (UCCJ) to assist them with their support. For more info and to donate to the appeal visit <http://www.unitingworld.org.au/programs/relief-and-development/relief-and-development-projects/emergency-relief/japan-quake-and-tsunami-appeal/>.

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And finally a message from the pulpit

The Focus for Worship during Holy Week beginning 18 April can often leave us feeling empty and discouraged. When we remember the death of Jesus, we become aware of how cruelty, injustice, and suffering remain present with us. Yet all people in worship on Easter Sunday, young and old, will notice the change in colour and mood. After the intensity of Lent and Holy Week, the theme of celebration will be welcomed.

This Easter Season during worship we particularly focuses on Jesus' resurrection and the instructions given to the two Mary's to return to Galilee in Matthew 28:1-10; a call to return to the efforts of love and justice. Our listening, and praying during Lent reminds us that our restoration comes in the very midst of our attempts to follow the way of Jesus into new life. How can worship inspire a spirit of renewal within the ministry of your community?

Blessings **Lesley**

Rev. Lesley deGrussa-Macaulay, 67 Darlot Street, Meekatharra
(or PO Box 14), Meekatharra. P: 08 9981 1053, M: 0417 918 035.



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Weekly Church Services:

Meekatharra Community Church Frontier Services

Darlot Street, Meekatharra.

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

EASTER SERVICE TIMES

Maundy Thursday—6.30pm (come and share a meal together)

Good Friday—9am

Easter Sunday—TBA (Catholic Church)

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

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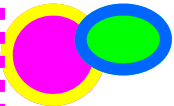


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April Birthdays

Glen Gentle	5th
Faith Amalfi	6th
Hope Amalfi	6th
Preston Hatch	8th
Khe-San Tressider	9th
Annette Gentle	11th
Latoya Abbott	14th
Raymond Binsiar	16th
Jock Councillor	16th
Robert Binsiar	19th
Kirsten Mongoo	19th

Shania Simpson	26th
Bob Curley	26th
Shara Simpson	26th
Ronald Councillor-McDonald	27th
Shayne Gilla	29th



Do I smell
birthday
cake?



Start



Finish



Sudoku

6	4	2	5	1	9	3	7	8
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March

Sudoku

Solution



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 WHAM!

Just a tap on the shoulder...

A passenger in a taxi leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention.

The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb and stopped just inches from a large plate window.

For a few moments everything was silent in the cab. Then, the shaking driver said "Are you OK? I'm so sorry, but you scared the daylights out of me..."

The badly shaken passenger apologized to the driver and said "I didn't realize that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle someone so badly."

The driver replied, "No, no, I'm the one who is sorry, it's entirely my fault, today is my very first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years..."

A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."

Her neighbour asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

The little silver haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her neighbour decides to go over and help with the puzzle.

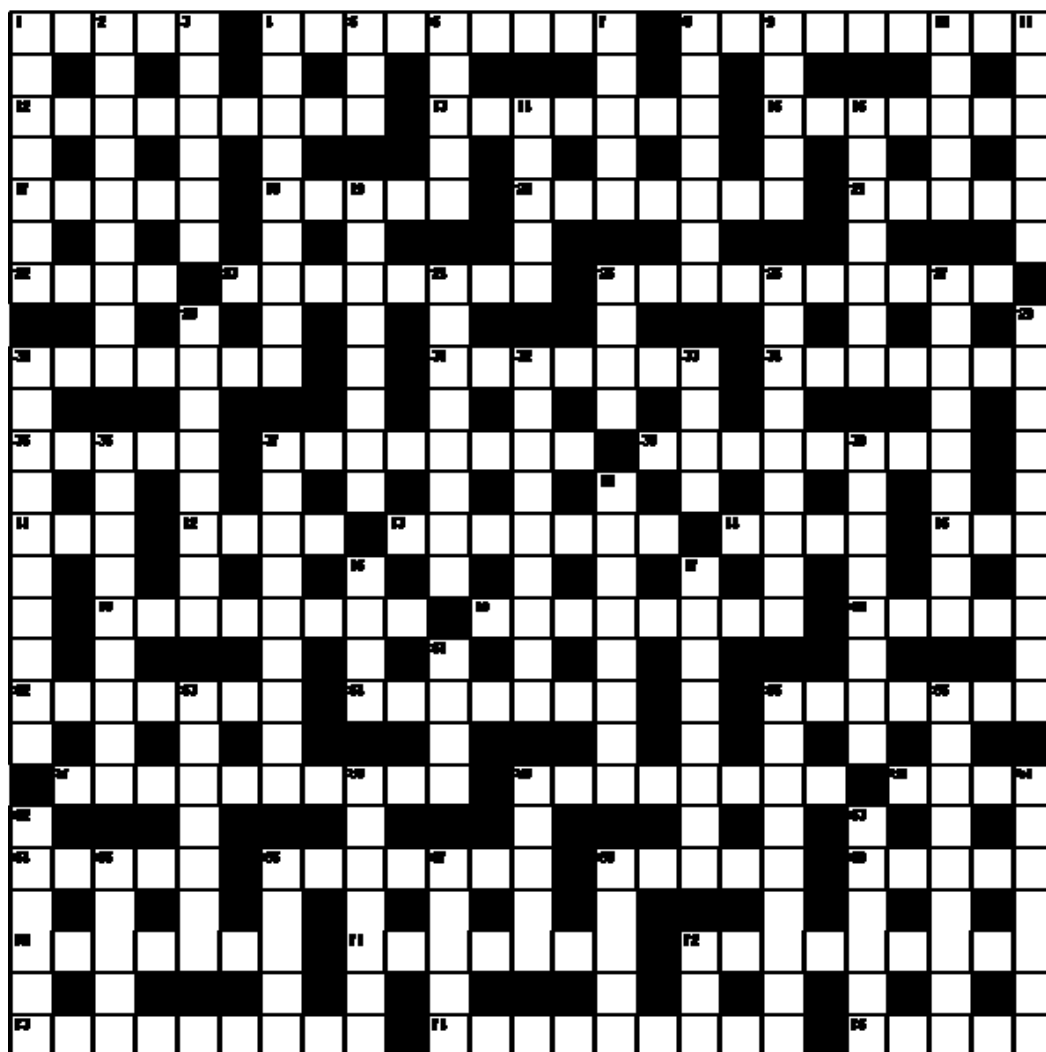
She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says,

"First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he said with a deep sigh

"Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."



Across

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| 1. Visual communication (5) | 34. Epidermis (7) | 57. Unbelievable (10) |
| 4. Show for kids, mainly (9) | 35. Even (5) | 59. Anatomical structure (8) |
| 8. Exuberant (9) | 37. Sailor's dance (8) | 60. Performs (4) |
| 12. Fair (9) | 38. Moguls (8) | 64. Bulbous plant (5) |
| 13. A person's brother or sister (7) | 41. Sense organ (3) | 66. Apparition (7) |
| 15. Humiliation (7) | 42. Not difficult (4) | 68. Small boat (5) |
| 17. Wall painting (5) | 43. Enduring (7) | 69. 4th letter of the Greek alphabet (5) |
| 18. Pandemonium (5) | 44. Mature (4) | 70. Rebukes (7) |
| 20. Acute (7) | 45. In the past (3) | 71. Train (7) |
| 21. Topic (5) | 48. Height (8) | 72. Asked (9) |
| 22. Charge per unit (4) | 49. Dwelling (8) | 73. Worthy of imitation (9) |
| 23. A drink before a meal (5) | 50. Panache (5) | 74. Cognition (9) |
| 25. Mixture (10) | 52. A small piece of anything (7) | 75. Display tripod (5) |
| 30. Pensive (7) | 54. Loss of memory (7) | |
| 31. Building (7) | 55. Article of clothing (7) | |

Down

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| 1. Flash of light (7) | 24. Theatrical performer (8) | 47. One and a half dozen (8) |
| 2. Equipment (9) | 25. Dessicated (4) | 51. Part of the leg (4) |
| 3. Harbinger (6) | 26. Come to terms (9) | 53. Low wall (7) |
| 4. Head teacher (9) | 27. Absolutely essential (9) | 55. Monstrous (9) |
| 5. Nothing (3) | 28. Wealthy (8) | 56. Intensifies (9) |
| 6. Fertile part of a desert (5) | 29. Philanthropic (10) | 58. Courage (7) |
| 7. Decree (5) | 30. Large African antelope (10) | 59. Brazilian dance (5) |
| 8. Locomotives (7) | 32. Impulsive (9) | 61. Disgraceful event (7) |
| 9. Relative (5) | 33. Flair (4) | 62. Unchanging (6) |
| 10. Spooky (5) | 36. Fluctuation (9) | 63. Stick (6) |
| 11. Bicycle for two (6) | 37. Dithered (9) | 65. Big (5) |
| 14. A short duration (5) | 39. Pirate's hoard (8) | 66. Italian dish (5) |
| 16. Try (7) | 40. Imagine (8) | 67. Large case (5) |
| 19. Anteater (8) | 46. Notion (4) | 68. Fishing basket (5) |
| | | 72. Pole (3) |

WHAT'S COOKING



Lamb shanks with bacon & mushrooms

Shanks are a great cut for winter: cook until the meat is meltingly tender and falling off the bone, and serve them with cheesy mash.

Preparation Time

20 - 30 minutes

Cooking Time

130 minutes

Ingredients (serves 6)

- 18 small French shallots
- 1 tbs olive oil
- 6 lamb shanks, French trimmed
- 200g button mushrooms, thickly sliced
- 4 bacon rashers, rind removed, coarsely chopped
- 2 celery sticks, trimmed, thinly sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 500ml (2 cups) beef stock (see note)
- 400g can diced tomatoes
- 3 fresh rosemary sprigs
- 80g baby spinach leaves

Method

Use a sharp knife to make a small cut in the base of each shallot. Place in a heatproof bowl and cover with boiling water. Set aside for 5 minutes. Drain and peel, leaving the bases intact. Cut in half.

Heat the oil in a large saucepan or stockpot over medium-high heat. Cook 2 lamb shanks, turning occasionally, for 5 minutes or until brown. Transfer to a plate. Repeat with the remaining lamb shanks, reheating pan between batches.

Add the shallot, mushroom, bacon, celery and garlic to the pan. Cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until soft. Increase heat to high. Add the stock, tomato and rosemary. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to low. Return the lamb shanks to the pan. Cover and cook for 1 1/2 hours or until the lamb is tender and falls off the bone. Transfer lamb shanks to a plate and cover with foil to keep warm.

Increase heat to high. Simmer, stirring occasionally, for 10-15 minutes or until the sauce thickens and reduces by half. Season with salt and pepper. Add the spinach and stir until the spinach wilts. Return the lamb shanks to the pan and stir to coat. Cook until heated through.

WHAT'S COOKING

Tiramisu

Filled with coffee and cream, Tiramisu translates as 'pick-me-up' in Italian.



Makes

36

Ingredients (serves 6)

- 1 cup (220g) caster sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 5 eggs, separated
- Pinch of salt
- 1 1/4 cups (185g) rice flour
- 1/2 cup (75g) gluten-free cornflour (see note)
- 1 1/4 cups (310ml) espresso, chilled
- 1 cup (250ml) marsala or coffee-flavoured liqueur (such as Kahlua or Tia Maria)
- 1/2 cup (125ml) thickened cream
- 1/3 cup (55g) gluten-free icing sugar mixture (see note)
- 2 cups (500g) mascarpone
- 40g good-quality dark chocolate, finely grated

Method

Preheat oven to 180°C. Line two oven trays with baking paper.

To make the sponge finger biscuits, use an electric mixer to beat the sugar, vanilla and egg yolks in a medium bowl until very thick and pale. Beat the eggwhites and salt in a clean, dry bowl until firm peaks form. Add half the eggwhites to the egg yolk mixture and gently fold until just combined. Add the remaining eggwhites and fold until just combined. Sift the combined rice and cornflour over the top of the egg mixture and gently fold to combine.

Spoon sponge mixture into a large piping bag fitted with a 1cm star nozzle. Pipe 10cm lengths onto lined trays. Bake in preheated oven for 12 minutes or until sponge biscuits are golden and firm to touch. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.

Combine espresso and half the liqueur in a medium bowl. Dip each biscuit in the coffee mixture, and arrange in a single layer in a 2.5L (10 cup) capacity dish.

Use an electric mixer to beat the cream and icing sugar until soft peaks form. Add mascarpone and remaining marsala and fold to combine. Spread half the cream mixture over the biscuits in the dish. Continue dipping the biscuits in coffee mixture until cream mixture is covered with a single layer. Spread remaining cream mixture over the biscuit layer. Sprinkle with chocolate, cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. Remaining sponge biscuits will keep in an airtight container for 7 days.

Events Calendar

APRIL

CRC Committee Meeting	12th
Ordinary Council Meeting	16th
Good Friday	22nd
Easter Monday	25th



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