

# Meekatharra Dust

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# NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers

One month into the new year and what a hot one!

I hope everyone enjoyed their Australia Day whatever you were doing. A great day to be hanging out by the pool sipping an icy drink.

Let's hope the next month won't be too hot , but more thunder storms and rain would be great!

-Sam

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

# EVENTS NOT TO MISS THIS MONTH

Festival Meeting at Shire Hall

2nd

Community Resource Centre Meeting

8th

Valentines Day

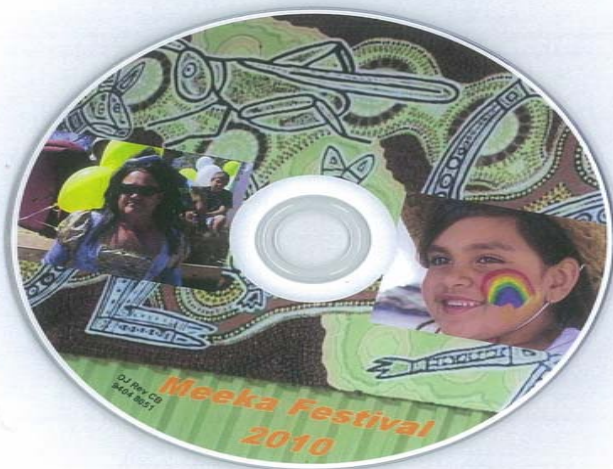
14th

Interagency Meeting at Shire

15th

Ordinary Council Meeting

19th



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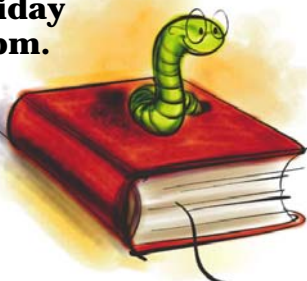
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## 14th February

It is estimated that over one billion Valentine's Day cards are given every year on the 14th February around the world. But the celebration of this day dedicated to love goes back centuries earlier. During the time of Chaucer in the 14th century, love became almost an obsession. Could there be anything more worthwhile being obsessed about!

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**Meekatharra Shire**

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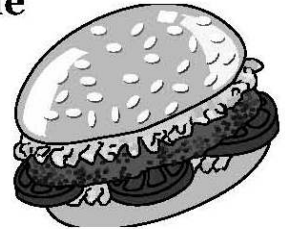
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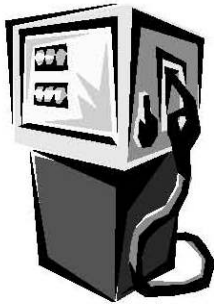
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# Barry Haase

Federal Member for Durack

## MEDIA RELEASE

10 January 2011

### Assistance available

The recent monsoonal low which delivered heavy rainfall in the Gascoyne River catchment has had a devastating effect on the people in and around Carnarvon. The catastrophic effects of this rainfall have been proclaimed an eligible disaster and with that declaration comes the announcement of immediate financial assistance, administered by State and Federal Governments, to people who have been affected by this disaster.

"There is a long way between the charitable announcements of available monies and the many bureaucratic hurdles that must be maneuvered before the reality of collection of said money" stated Mr Haase, Federal Member for Durack.

"I have put to the test various help lines in an endeavour to clarify the nature of assistance available and I am making sure that both the State and Federal Governments are aware of the inadequacies of their programs. I am appalled at the lack of information being given by these call centres and am anxious to hear from anyone not getting services in relation to statements made to how to receive assistance".

"I have received an assurance that the Acting State Premier, Kim Hames, is addressing the issue of discrepancy between Gascoyne businesses and their funding entitlement compared with those in the Queensland flood situation".

"I have been in constant contact with the local shire throughout this whole affair and have avoided any media photo shoots, so to speak. In times such as this, people need to know that there is someone working diligently without fanfare on their behalf".

Below are the details for the primary contacts for assistance and advice.

Insurance – If you have any insurance concerns regarding your insurance coverage contact the Insurance Council of Australia on 1300 728 228. This number is not to be used for claims.



Department for Child Protection, by phone on 9223 1111 or Country Freecall on 1800 199 008 or

<http://www.dcp.wa.gov.au/Organisation/ContactUs/Pages/ContactUs.aspx>

Local Government – Main Roads Western Australia regional offices for road infrastructure here

<http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/AboutMainRoads/ContactUs/Pages/ContactUs.aspx>

Department of Agriculture and Food, Farm Business Development, by phone (via Freecall) 1800 198 231 or via website

[http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/PC\\_92634.html?s=1408858665](http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/PC_92634.html?s=1408858665)

Other enquiries may be directed to the Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia contact (WANDRRA Administrator) by phone on 9323 9552, or by email to - [wandrra@fesa.wa.gov.au](mailto:wandrre@fesa.wa.gov.au)

For a full list of assistance available please visit

[http://www.fesa.wa.gov.au/internet/upload/-907349355/docs/WANDRRA\\_\(\(Web\)\)\\_Notification\\_for\\_Monsoonal\\_Low\\_and\\_Associated\\_Flooding\\_\(December\\_2010\)v3.pdf](http://www.fesa.wa.gov.au/internet/upload/-907349355/docs/WANDRRA_((Web))_Notification_for_Monsoonal_Low_and_Associated_Flooding_(December_2010)v3.pdf)

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

# Introducing eheadspace

*Did you know that one in four young people are affected by mental illness?*

The Australian Government, in partnership with the Western Australian Government is piloting a series of new drought reform measures in response to the national review of drought policy. The measures are designed to move from a crisis management approach to risk management. The aim is to better support farmers, their families and rural communities in preparing for future challenges, rather than waiting until they are in crisis to offer assistance. The pilot will be in place from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 ([www.daff.gov.au/droughtpilot](http://www.daff.gov.au/droughtpilot)).

The strategies include; farming assistance grants, community building projects and social support services. **eheadspace** is one of the social support services which aims to build stronger social support networks to meet the mental health, counselling and other social needs of farming families and rural communities.

The pilot region takes in some of the most remote communities in WA, as well as several regional centres. Sixty-seven local government areas are included with an estimated 35,000 young people who may face mental health difficulties.

**eheadspace** is part of headspace – the National Youth Mental Health Foundation. **eheadspace** is an online service which is staffed by experienced youth mental health professionals including psychologists, social workers, nurses and occupational therapists.

The service is confidential, free and there are no restrictions on the number of times people can access **eheadspace**. The chat feature of **eheadspace** allows people to chat with a qualified youth mental health professional one-on-one in real time, alternatively – people can email at any time with a response taking no more than two days.

The project is targeted towards people aged between 12 to 25 years and living within the Government's Drought Pilot Region in Western Australia.

Members of the community are encouraged to visit [www.eheadspace.org.au](http://www.eheadspace.org.au) if they are experiencing a difficult time and invited to join **headspace** on Facebook and Twitter.



Going through a tough time?

**eheadspace** can help.

**eheadspace** provides online support and counselling 7 days a week from 1pm-9pm to young people aged 12 to 25 as part of the Pilot of Drought Reform Measures in Western Australia.

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Psychiatrist—Mental Health Team : 9981 0625

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

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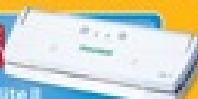
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December Trading Hours:

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Meekatharra

# Community Resource Centre

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## *February Birthdays*

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Elaine King 2nd

Hannah Ashwin 6th

Vivian Robinson 7th

Mathew Graham 9th

Bianca Corbett/Franklin 10th

Shantae Mongoo 13th

Errol Philip 13th

Khesahn Flanagan 14th

Walter Gentle 14th

Roy McClymont 18th

Tenille Narrier 20th

Wes Hatch 24th

Cecil Comeagain 27th

Harmoni-Rose Comeagain 27th

Sharelle Boddington 28th

Rachael Robinson 28th



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

# FREE PROMOTIONS

## MEEKA FM 98.3

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

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Anita's mobile: 0400 761 747



### West Rail Meekatharra/Geraldton Bus Timetable From Geraldton

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

### From Meekatharra

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

*For Bookings & Further Information please contact:  
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Ph: (08) 99 648 881 Fx: (08) 99 648 883*



If you can start the day without caffeine,  
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,  
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,  
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,  
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,  
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment ,  
If you can conquer tension without medical help,  
If you can relax without liquor,  
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs  
....Then You Are Probably .....

## The Family Dog!



And you thought I was going to get all spiritual.

## Youth Services Camp to Geraldton & Australia Day Celebrations

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 22 young people and four staff headed off to Geraldton Camp School. The camp was a joint initiative between Department of Child Protection, Juvenile Justice, and the Shire Youth Services team. Young people were involved in a range of activities including sand boarding, rock climbing, bike riding, rafting, boxing and team building challenges. These activities focused on building the kids self esteem and confidence and providing a very real sense of achievement. There was also a chance for the kids to work in teams, encouraging them to support and help one another. We saw some amazing changes happen in particular kids, and on returning to Meeka, have heard other people comment on the changes they have noticed in some of the young people who attended the camp. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the incredible support and assistance given by Reverend Lesley deGrussa-Macaulay from Frontier Services, who came along and cared for my 14month old the entire time we were on camp, so that I could spend time with the kids. Without her help, this camp would not have been possible. I would also like to say a big thank you to the wonderful staff who attended; Subhash(JJ), Dave (Shire), and Fiu (DCP) – you all made the camp a very special experience for the kids and it was a pleasure working alongside you. And lastly a HUGE thankyou to all the young people who attended and made an effort to give things a go and try new challenges (even though some were a little scary!!!!). Thankyou for making our first camp such a great one! And one last thankyou to the incredible staff at Geraldton Camp School. It was a great facility to stay, and the staff were just wonderful - I would highly recommend this facility to anyone looking for a great camp venue!

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, the Shire kicked off Australia Day with a brunch outside the pool. Tony and Kelly did an awesome job cooking some very yummy wraps. The kids enjoyed getting into the day by making lamingtons on the lawn – thanks Dr. Elena for your help, and thanks also to Elaine for your suggestion – it was a real hit! There was also face painting thanks to Timika, who did an awesome job. We then moved into the pool and had a load of fun with a jelly eating competition (it was great to see some parents join in the fun – the kids loved seeing you slurping the jelly!). It was also great to see Sonia not only back in town, but joining in on the jelly eating comp – what an amazing lady! We were very fortunate to enjoy the day with the sounds from Meeka FM as Kurt was broadcasting from the pool for the day. The kids then enjoyed the challenge of making a raft and designing a team flag, then had to race from one end of the pool to the other (and back). It was so funny to see how the rafts stood up to the test! In the afternoon. It was time to eat all those lamingtons (thanks again Elaine for your great idea) and some very yummy cakes that Helen Morgan had especially baked (thank you so much Helen).

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank some special people, as this event would not have occurred if not for their huge effort. Firstly, a huge thankyou to Kelly who spent most of the previous day (or two) shopping and transporting food (in very hot weather), and then was there early in the morning setting up and cooking, in order to serve everyone their brunch. Tony also was cooking for several hours, so we could enjoy a delicious brunch – so thankyou so much Tony. A very big thankyou to Fiu, who looked after my baby so that I could be involved in the day – without your help, I would have been unable to do what I did – thankyou so much! A big thankyou to Paul, for allowing us to host the day at the pool – it was a great venue! Thanks also to Kurt for going to the trouble of setting up Meeka FM – it was great to have you there. And lastly, a big thankyou to our great Youth Services staff team – Dave and Subhash – for making the day run so smoothly.

- Belinda





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Would you believe it's only eleven months until Christmas, three months until Easter and several days before the 'new' school term begins – almost a year gone by already!! That's how it feels at times, especially as we look at the devastation that has occurred in the last month. I'm sure that for many it must feel like a lifetime has past by, as many face such wide-spread detestation; their homes, land and general infrastructure that many of take for granted.

Australia Day - as we come together to celebrate as a nation the things that are great about this country; it's about being Australian, understanding and acknowledging the history and appreciation of our diverse culture, landscape and mate-ship. And I particularly liked the way our editors of the December Dust reflected upon the day saying that – "Australia Day is a day driven by communities, and celebrations held in each town, suburb or city ..... are the foundation of its ongoing success".

As I drove out of town on Australia Day I called in to view the celebrations at the Meeka Swimming Pool and saw a great coming together of community, breakfast BBQ, face painting, lamington making and in general people having fun – well done. I continued my travels to Yakanindie Station to join in further fun and games; hammer & nail competition, warm beer & cold pie eating, jelly eating, 'welly' throwing and sheaf tossing and finally ..... a pot-luck BBQ, a wonderful Day to join in community and celebrate ALL things Australian..



### Lesley's Diary Dates 2011:

**30 Jan – 4 Feb** – Carnarvon for second relief of support workers to visit those affected by the floods

**Feb** – several wedding interviews (exciting).....

**14 Feb** – Uniting Church General Council Meeting – Perth and a few days holiday before seminar

**18–20 February** - I will be attending the '*Summer Spirit*' seminar in Perth

**28 Feb** – Ranitha from 'In Home Care', Frontier Services; I will take her to visit several stations in Murchison, which receive support from this program

**5 March** - Pancake Day in Meeka outside the Commercial Hotel

**The enormous cleanup** is well underway in Central and South East Queensland after the region experienced the worst flooding in 30 years. To read about how many churches and



individuals have helped assist, visit <http://www.wa.uca.org.au/blog/churches-step-up-as-clean-up-continues/>. To donate to the National Uniting Church Flood Appeal visit <http://assembly.uca.org.au/news-media/news/assembly-news-2011/uniting-church-in-australia-flood-appeal> or to donate to WA's Disaster Relief Fund visit <http://www.wa.uca.org.au/disaster-response/>.

**And finally a message from the pulpit – and questions for reflection:**

The beautiful vision of Jesus in Matthew 5:2-12 is not just an idealized notion of a renewed world, but the courageous facing and naming of that which is often opposed by culture and society. Therefore; how do 'we' live the countercultural vision of Jesus? When do 'we' experience opposition? And finally what gives 'us' the courage to move forward?

Blessings **Lesley**

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



## **Weekly Church Services:**

### **Meekatharra Community Church Frontier Services**

65-67 Darlot Street, Meekatharra.

**Weekly Sunday Services: 9am**  
**Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month**

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

# Australia Day 2011

**Who can believe it is 2011 already! There are even Easter Eggs in Meeka and we are just getting over Australia Day!!**

**Over 200 people turned up to celebrate what it means to be Australian and spent the day in style at the pool.**

**The day kicked off with a special Aussie Day Brunch outside the pool. Bacon and egg and sausage and egg wraps were on the menu and a special thanks must go to our cooks Tony Wilton and Timika King who kept the masses fed and watered.**

**The kids had plenty to keep them occupied after a feed with face painting real a hit. Thanks again to Timika and our new face painter extraordinaire Bec Maru!**

**There were plenty of helpers on hand to taste test and to make mountains of Aussie lamingtons!!! David and Belinda Hicks took charge of the operation and it was a lifesaver late in the day as little mouths continued to get hungry!**

**The afternoon saw Kurt from Meeka FM crank the Aussie Hits broadcasting live from the pool. Thanks Kurt! The kids were challenged to make rafts after being given a number of different floatation devices to rope together. This made for some entertaining viewing! David and Belinda were on hand to coordinate these pool activities for the afternoon and they were thoroughly enjoyed by all so thanks to Dave and Belinda.**

**Finally thank you to pool manager Paul who worked tirelessly in the lead up to the big day ensuring the grounds were ready for the day and ensuring the water looked clean and inviting in the 40 degree heat! Paul patrolled the pool all day to make sure everyone was safe and happy!**

**I hope everyone had a fantastic day no matter how they spent it!**







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# In Good Health



## What's in the sun's rays?



**UVA** rays are the ones that cause skin to age (and wrinkle) and contribute to the cause of skin cancers. UVA rays pass through the protective ozone layer easily, making up the majority of our sun exposure. While less dangerous than UVB rays, UVA rays are still harmful, so beware of solariums and tanning beds which claim to be 'safer' because of only using UVA rays.

**UVB** rays can be more harmful than UVA rays, resulting in sunburns, cataracts (damage to the eye lenses), immune system damage and skin cancer. Melanoma is thought to be associated with severe UVB sunburns that occur before the age of 20. Most UVB rays are absorbed by the ozone layer, but enough of these rays pass through to cause serious damage.

**UVC** rays are the most dangerous, but these rays are blocked by the ozone layer and don't reach the earth.

**\*When choosing a sunscreen, make sure it is 'broad spectrum' to protect against both UVA and UVB rays.**

### How to spot suspicious Spots...

As with all cancers, early detection is the key to reducing the chances of surgery, serious disfigurement and even death from skin cancer. It is important to perform self checks to keep an eye on what is happening with your skin.

#### The ABCD check list

Check your whole body for signs of ABCD. If you find anything new or different see your GP.

**Asymmetry** - If the spot or lesion when divided in half, is not a mirror image.

**Border** - A spot with a spreading or irregular edge.

**Colour** - A spot with a number of different colours through it.

**Diameter** - A spot that is growing and changing in diameter or size.



# Sun Safety

Sun provides Vitamin D, which helps with calcium absorption for stronger bones. But it doesn't take much time in the sun before you start damaging your body's largest organ - your skin.

Don't be fooled, this damage is not just skin deep: it goes beyond a sunburn and premature aging, causing skin damage, eye damage, immune system suppression and skin cancer.

Anyone can develop skin cancer- it is not specific to gender or age group. In fact, with many children and young adults spending long periods in the sun unprotected, there are increasing incidences of people in their twenties developing skin cancer.

But don't worry; there are some simple things you can do to keep yourself protected:

- **Avoid sun exposure** during the hottest time of the day when the sun is directly over-head. A general guide is from 11am-3pm.
- **Beware of overcast days**- UV rays travel through clouds and reflect off water, sand and even concrete.
- **Cover up**- with clothes that will shield you from UV rays. If you can see through an item of clothing, it won't protect you. Also wear sunglasses and hats which cover the back of your neck.
- **Use at least SPF 30** broad spectrum sunscreen- but not just sometimes. You need to apply 30 minutes before sun exposure, every time you're exposed. Make sure you get the hard to reach spots, like your back, and don't forget about ears, hands, feet and behind the neck. Reapply sun screen every 2 to 3 hours, and use a water proof sunscreen if in the water or exercising heavily.
- **Be aware that some medications** can cause extra sensitivity to UV rays, making it even easier to develop severe sunburn. Check your prescriptions or ask your pharmacist about your medications.



## Soothing Sunburns

If you still manage to get burnt, make sure you look after your sunburn properly so that it can heal quicker. Because sunburn dries out the skin, it may feel tight and itchy, and will usually begin to peel after a week.

- Stay out of the sun until the sunburn has healed. Any extra sun exposure will only increase the severity of the burn, and thus increase associated pain.
- Take a cool bath, and apply a cool wet cloth to affected areas to help alleviate pain.
- Apply a pure Aloe Vera gel (or use the sap straight from the plant) to promote quicker healing.
- Apply a light moisturising cream to rehydrate the skin and help reduce swelling. Do not use first aid products which contain benzocaine (this can irritate the skin) or petroleum based products (as they prevent the skin from sweating and trap the heat in your skin).
- Do not scratch or peel off sunburnt skin. If blisters develop from severe sunburn, see a doctor and don't scratch, pop or squeeze the blisters, as this promotes infection.
- Drink plenty of water to rehydrate your skin from the inside.





## Metabolic Syndrome

### What is it?

Metabolic syndrome is a combination of medical conditions that increase the risk of developing cardiovascular disease (heart disease and stroke) and diabetes. It is also known as insulin resistance syndrome and Reaven's syndrome. Metabolic syndrome affects one in five people, and prevalence increases with age. However, as obesity is becoming more common in children and adolescents around the world, the condition is increasingly affecting more younger people than ever before.

It can be hard to define the symptoms of Metabolic syndrome, however the following components are most common, and people with three or more of these symptoms are most often diagnosed with this condition.

1. Abdominal obesity (excess body fat around the lower stomach, commonly known as a 'beer belly' or 'apple shaped' fat deposits)
2. High blood pressure (also known as 'hypertension')
3. Low levels of the 'good' cholesterol: HDL
4. High levels of the 'bad' cholesterol: LDL
5. High blood levels of triglycerides
6. Insulin resistance (an impaired ability of the body's insulin to handle blood glucose)

Each of the components of metabolic syndrome acts to significantly increase the risk of developing one or more diseases. For example, excess abdominal fat is associated with increased risk of type 2 diabetes and heart disease; insulin resistance can lead to type 2 diabetes; hypertension is the biggest risk factor for stroke; and high blood LDL and low HDL increase the risk of heart disease.

The first step in treatment of Metabolic syndrome is often a lifestyle change, which involves increased physical activity and reduced calories. Weight loss often leads to vast improvements in health, and many of the above symptoms can be lessened via weight loss.

Lifestyle changes can be used both as a preventative measure and as a treatment if the disorder has already been diagnosed.

In combination with lifestyle changes, drug treatments are also often required. The aspects of the syndrome are treated individually, with different medications for different disorders.

## Exercise motivation: tips for exercising

✓ Know the health benefits of exercise and remind yourself of them regularly. Reminding yourself why you're exercising (to lose weight, gain confidence, reduce the risk of heart attack, stroke and several types of cancer, and improve quality of sleep) provides great motivation!

✓ Some of these generalised benefits might not apply to you, so create a personal reasons list: write down EVERY reason you can think of for why you want to lose weight, get fit and stay healthy. Reasons might include more energy to spend with your family, be able to fit into your favourite pair of jeans, to be able to shop at your favourite clothes stores, to climb stairs without becoming breathless, to be able to participate in active events with friends and family, to be around for your grandchildren, to reduce the risk of heart disease, or to improve your love life. When your motivation is waning, read this list and be inspired!

✓ Get a friend involved in your exercise routine. You'll have someone to talk to, so the time will pass quicker, you can hold each other accountable, cheer each other on and push each other further.

✓ Pick an event and set yourself the goal of completing it. The event will give you a reason to train regularly, and you will have a huge sense of achievement when you complete it.

✓ Reward yourself for exercising- but NOT with food!

✓ Keep a record of the amount of exercise you do. Many people will feel some competitiveness and this will drive them to go further or lift heavier each time.

✓ Make your exercise enjoyable, because let's face it, you're a lot more likely to do something that's fun! Listen to music whilst walking or running outside, or watch TV whilst on the treadmill inside. Vary your routine, join a team, and try different things to keep you interested.

✓ Make your goals small and realistic: if your goals are too far away or overwhelm you, you will quickly become unmotivated.

✓ Don't take it too seriously! If you think of exercise as boring, it will become that way. Instead think of it as a pleasurable activity, something you like to do not something you are forcing yourself to do. Preventing yourself from developing a bad outlook about exercise will make you less likely to give up.



# Growing Your Own Veggies



## Health benefits of eating home grown

- Home grown veggies taste better, are fresher than those available in shops, and provide you a greater range and the option of using organic pesticides. You will know exactly what you are eating and how it has been grown.
- Vegetables are most nutritious when consumed fresh; grown yourself, you can eat them as soon as they are picked.
- Home grown foods are less likely to harbour salmonella, E. Coli and other nasty contaminants.
- All the bending, digging, raking, kneeling and picking involved in gardening can provide a good alternative to a gym workout.
- Many people find gardening in the fresh air and sunshine relaxing, and feel a sense of accomplishment and pride from growing their own veggies.

## Vegetables

The following vegetables are all easy to grow yourself, and have many health benefits.

**Beetroot:** Beetroot's main benefits are that it contains no fat, very few calories and is a great source of fibre. Beetroot has for many years been used as a treatment for cancer in Europe, and it can also increase the uptake of oxygen by as much as 400 percent. Beet greens are rich in potassium to help maintain healthy blood pressure.

**Chilli:** Red chilli contains high amounts of vitamins C and A. Yellow and green chillies contain both of these vitamins in lesser amounts. Chillies are also a good source of most B vitamins, including vitamin B6. They are very high in potassium and high in magnesium and iron.

**Carrot:** The carrot gets bright orange colour from  $\beta$ -carotene, which is metabolised into vitamin A in humans when bile salts are present in the intestines.

**Garlic:** Garlic has been used extensively in herbal medicine throughout the ages, and can be used raw to treat acne, and it is believed to have some effect in lowering cholesterol levels. Garlic has a strong antioxidant effect and it is a natural antibiotic which the body does not appear to build a resistance to. Garlic is most often used in preventing and reducing the severity of the symptoms of chest infections, common colds and flu's.

**Pumpkin:** 100g of pumpkin contains approximately 40% of the recommended daily intake of Vitamin A. It is also a good source of vitamin C and also contains vitamins B1, B2, B3, B5, B6 and E, folate, calcium, iron, magnesium, potassium and zinc. Pumpkin seeds are also high in nutrients, including protein, magnesium, manganese and zinc, and it is said the seeds can help lower cholesterol.

**Spinach:** Spinach is a good source of iron and calcium, with 100g of spinach containing approximately 22% of the recommended daily intake of iron. Spinach is also high in vitamin C, which improves iron absorption, vitamins A, K and E, calcium and folate.



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## Sale of Property Lot 246 Darlot Street, Meekatharra

**Details of property being made available for outright purchase to the public pursuant to Section 3.58 of the Local Government Act (1995)**



### **LOT 246 DARLOT STREET MEEKATHARRA**

- 3 x 1 bedroom transportable house
- Shed and carport
- New side and rear fencing
- Large 'easy care' yard
- Built in robes
- Ceiling fans throughout
- Air conditioning in main bedroom and living area/kitchen

Appointments to inspect the property or to request the tender documents can be made by contacting Krys East at the Shire Office:

Telephone: 9981 1002

Email: [dceo@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:dceo@meekashire.wa.gov.au)

Mobile: 0429 204 146

**Tender documents must be submitted on the offer forms, by hand or by post, in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "Tender - Lot 246 Darlot Street" to the address below. Tenders will be received until 4.00 pm, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

Krys East  
Shire of Meekatharra  
P.O Box 129  
Meekatharra W.A. 6642



## **RATES/PAYROLL OFFICER**

The Shire of Meekatharra is seeking an experienced and self-motivated person who is ready to take the next step in their career and to provide high quality customer service in all aspects of property rating and payroll processing.

The successful applicant may have broad experience in property rating, property database and systems management, knowledge of relevant legislation and demonstrate exceptional communication and negotiation skills and the capacity to research and present reports and recommendations on complex ratings issues.

Even if you have had no rating experience but believe that you have the background and are capable of quickly learning new skills in the rating area and possess some knowledge of payroll procedures and maintaining of related records you may be just the person we require.

Are you looking for a full time position with a salary package of up to \$67K per annum with strong potential for career advancement in Local Government? Maybe this exciting position is just what you're looking for?

Located in the mid west, our town offers a relaxed, outback lifestyle without compromising on essential services and facilities, while the many sporting and recreational activities available inject a strong sense of community.

As a member of a small friendly dynamic team, the successful applicant will be primarily responsible for all rating and payroll functions. The successful applicant is required to be methodical, organised and self motivated.

An information package is available from Krys East the Shire's Corporate and Development Services Manager on 08 9981 1002 or [dceo@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:dceo@meekashire.wa.gov.au).





**Have you ever wondered what you would do if you came across an accident?  
Would you have the skills to deal with it?**

**Six locals are now a little more knowledgeable. They could cope with emergencies/accidents after completing their senior first aid certificate on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011.**

**Participants had to do some initial study beforehand then complete a one day course which included practical demonstrations and then performing various tasks such as CPR themselves.**

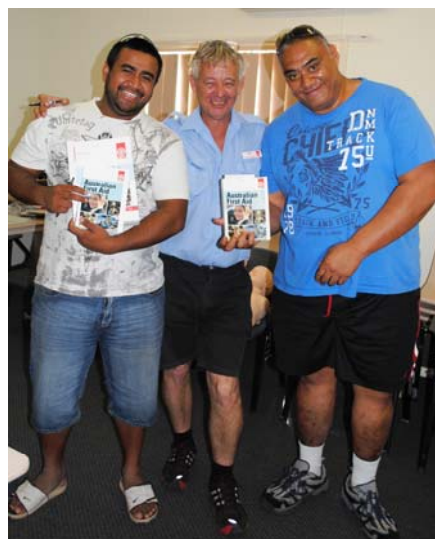
**The course was conducted by Norm Lyons of the Meekatharra District Hospital. As well as being a St John Ambulance Volunteer and trainer Norm is a qualified nurse, having worked in emergency departments in numerous hospitals as well as in remote hospitals such as Halls Creek. He is currently the Nursing Unit Manager at Meekatharra hospital.**

**With his common sense approach, wit and experience Norm gave all participants the confidence to believe they could help out in any emergency. Some were renewing their certificate whilst others wanted to feel capable of dealing with accidents and emergencies, particularly for their own family. After demonstrating the practical skills they had learnt and completing a written assessment all six participants were pleased to receive their Senior First Aid Certificate.**

**Thanks to Norm for giving up his time to run the course and to Sonja Elliot for her organisation and the meals supplied.**

**For anyone who has the opportunity to attend/complete their senior first aid course I can highly recommend it.**

**Raelene Hall  
Neds Creek Station**



# DRSABCD Action Plan

In an emergency **call triple zero (000)** and ask for an ambulance

## D

### DANGER

Ensure the area is safe for your self, others and the patient



## R

### RESPONSE

**Check for response**—ask name—squeeze shoulders

**No response**

**Response**

Make comfortable

Monitor response



## S

### SEND for help

**Call triple zero (000) for an ambulance**  
or ask another person to make the call



## A

### AIRWAY

**Open mouth**—if foreign material present

Place in recovery position

Clear airway with fingers



## B

### BREATHING

**Check for breathing**—look, listen, feel

**Not normal breathing**

Start CPR

**Normal breathing**

Place in recovery position

Monitor breathing



## C

### CPR

**Start CPR—30 chest compressions : 2 breaths**

Continue CPR until help arrives  
or patient recovers



## D

### DEFIBRILLATION

**Apply defibrillator** if available  
and follow voice prompts



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## Welcome Home Sonia!

As most of the community will (literally!) have heard, during the Christmas Holidays outside the Meekatharra CRC / Westpac In Store, there was a terrible car explosion. Sonia Jones, CRC Assistant and Westpac Bank teller, was inside the car at the time of explosion. For a short while she was trapped in the fire but fortunately Sonia managed to kick her way out of the burning vehicle.



First initial blast – Sonia was still in the car

The result of the explosion was that Sonia sustained very bad burns to her hands, arms and legs, with flash burning to her face. Always the optimist, however, Sonia viewed this as a lucky escape. Fire experts (and those who witnessed the explosion) were very surprised that Sonia managed to get out at all.

Sonia was initially treated by the doctors and nurses at the Meekatharra District Hospital. Later that evening the Royal Flying Doctor Service flew her to Perth, where she was treated in a special burns unit at Royal Perth Hospital for three weeks. Sonia was originally expected to stay up to eight weeks in hospital and on several occasions came close to requiring painful skin graft surgery. Along with the physical pain that Sonia is enduring as a result of the accident, she is also facing substantial emotional challenges in the healing process. As you can imagine, living through an explosion of that magnitude, and being trapped in a burning vehicle, was very traumatic.



Cards for Nanna Sonia from the children at the Youth Club

In spite of all this, Sonia has amazed her family, friends and medical professionals with her speedy and good-humoured recovery. Although she still has a long way to go in the recovery process, she returned home to Meekatharra (by car!) on 18 January, sporting a fancy new “short-and-chic” hair-do, but with the same big Sonia smile and loud Sonia laugh as before the accident. Along with the fantastic medical attention that Sonia received here in Meekatharra and from the RFDS and staff in Perth, a major contributor to her healing has been her will, determination, and positive outlook. Sonia Jones is one tough cookie!

Sonia has only been living in Meekatharra with her partner Mark (and now also with her step-daughter Holley) since September 2010 but in this short time she has made a very big impression in the community and established a firm role for herself. This is especially true with the local children, who affectionately call her ‘Nanna Sonia’, and of course with the CRC / Westpac ‘family’ and our customers.

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## Welcome Home Sonia!

The support from the community has been really touching; the well wishes, the cards, presents, offers of transport etc has made a phenomenal difference to the healing process for Sonia and her family, and to myself (as I was inside our ute parked next to Sonia when her car exploded). For all this, we are all very grateful. On a personal level, myself, Rob and the dog are also very grateful to Joe and Lorraine Huckle who sold us their lovely old Hilux to replace our Nissan Patrol (which is now in car heaven along with Sonia's station wagon).



The CRC family

Along with the support of the Meekatharra community, the CRC would like to acknowledge the support given by Westpac Bank through this difficult time. Margaret Peacock, our parent branch manager, arranged immediate cover for the bank and Kirstyn Treloar from Westpac Dongara volunteered to travel up and assist us in the week following the accident. This enabled us to maintain a regular service for our customers and eased the pressure on the CRC staff, giving us time to come to terms with what had happened to our Miss Sonia. Many thanks to Margaret, Kirstyn and Westpac for their wonderful support.

Finally, just to let you know Sonia will be returning to work with us at the CRC very shortly; just for a few mornings a week initially but it will be absolutely lovely to have her back with us! Make sure you pop in for a chat and welcome her home!



Sonia happy to be back!

### ***And a PS from the CRC Committee.....***

**The Meekatharra Community Resource Centre committee also wishes to thank the community and Westpac Bank for their support of our staff during these recent difficult times. We especially want to thank our girls, Jo McDonald and Sonia Jones, for being so brave and for continuing to be dedicated to their work in the face of all that happened. We also appreciate the efforts of our other staff members, Izzy Scholz particularly, who worked so hard to keep the centre open and functioning efficiently in the days and weeks after the accident. We're deeply grateful and proud of you all.**

**Alison Fox  
Chairperson  
Meekatharra Community Resource Centre**

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ASX Announcement

12<sup>th</sup> January, 2011

## **REED RESOURCES ACQUIRES MEEKATHARRA GOLD PROJECT FOR A\$28 MILLION**

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Reed Resources to acquire 100% tenements and assets held by Mercator Gold Australia Pty Ltd for \$A26.7 million and 2 million Reed Resources shares;
- Key asset, Meekatharra Gold Project, totals >800 km<sup>2</sup> of granted tenements, with JORC Code compliant gold Resources of 2.5 Moz and 0.42 Moz in Reserves, with significant expansion potential;
- Key infrastructure includes 3Mtpa processing plant, a 200-man camp, offices and a 7MW diesel power plant with a replacement value >A\$100 million;
- Acquisition strategically positions the Company to create a mid-tier gold producer and is part of a broader strategy to consolidate, incubate and potentially "spin - out" its gold assets into a new company.

Australian diversified resources company Reed Resources Ltd (**ASX: RDR**) ("the Company" or "Reed Resources") is pleased to announce the acquisition, via its wholly owned subsidiary GMK Exploration Pty Ltd, of 100% of the landholdings and assets of Mercator Gold Australia Pty Ltd ("Mercator"), which is currently in Administration.

The Meekatharra Gold Project, centred around the Bluebird processing plant, is located 640 km northeast of Perth and 10 km south of Meekatharra, in the Murchison Region of Western Australia (Figures 1 and 2). The project comprises more than 800 km<sup>2</sup> of tenure covering 100 km strike length of the Murchison Greenstone belt, and has produced in excess of 3.5 million ounces of gold. The Murchison Greenstone belt is a proven fertile greenstone, hosting multi-million ounce deposits at Mt Magnet, Tuckabianna, Reedys, Bluebird and Paddys Flat.

Mercator had delineated 2.5M ounces of gold in JORC Code compliant Resources, and Reserves in excess of 0.42M ounces at the commencement of operations in early 2007 and produced 44,000 ounces in the 18 months prior to the suspension of operations in October 2008 (Refer Appendix A: Technical Notes for further information).

Reed Resources believe that re-estimating and re-optimising the current resources and mine plan at current gold prices, as opposed to an average of less than US\$800 for previous reserve calculation purposes, will lead to a significant increase in reserves.

In addition, the Company will also be acquiring significant infrastructure, including a refurbished processing plant capable of up to 3Mtpa, a 200-man camp, offices, workshops and a 7MW diesel power plant (Figures 9-11). The replacement cost has been independently assessed at A\$104 million.





## **Terms and Financing**

Under the terms of the acquisition agreement Reed Resources has agreed to make the following payments to Mercator:

- A\$2 million within 48 hours of execution of the agreement (completed);
- A\$15 million on 31 March 2011; and
- A\$8 million at Settlement on 30 June 2011, together with the replacement of statutory environmental bonds (A\$2.8 million).

On the Settlement date, Reed Resources will also issue Mercator with the greater of 2 million or A\$1.3 million worth of Reed Resources shares based on the 5 day volume weighted average price (VWAP) prior to the Settlement date. The Company will also be responsible for the holding costs associated with the tenements for the period up until the Settlement date (estimated at A\$1.7 million).

The Company is currently evaluating a number of financing options to fund the acquisition and has commenced discussions with various parties in regards to the provision of equity and/or debt. The Board is confident of securing suitable funding arrangements shortly and will update the market accordingly as discussions progress.

## **Meekatharra and Gold Business Strategy**

It is the intention of the Company to conduct a full geological and mining review of the entire tenement holding aimed at:

- Increasing the reserves through re-optimisation of the existing resources, reducing the risk of being dependent on a single ore source, particularly at the Paddys Flat and Reedys mining centres. The five principal pits at Reedys all have significant intersections beneath the existing workings (Figures 13-17) and cutbacks at both the Jack Ryan and Triton pits were aborted during the last mining attempt in 1997 when the gold price was approximately US\$300/oz.
- Increasing the project's JORC Code compliant resources through a focussed resource expansion and targeted exploration drilling program. The density of drilling is sparse in relation to the size of the land holding, particularly beneath 100m around historical mining centres. An initial review of some of the existing workings has already identified potential for immediate expansion, in addition to known resources.

The Company is currently restructuring its existing gold assets into a specialist gold vehicle, Gold Mines of Kalgoorlie Limited, and building up a dedicated management team for this discrete business unit.

Reed Resources' Chief Geologist, Mr Craig Fawcett, will assume the role of General Manager – Gold. Craig is a qualified geologist and engineer who has previously held the positions of Chief Mine Geologist at Tanami Gold and Avoca Resources during both of their respective start-up phase of operations. Craig has also held the position of Geology & Mining Manager at Apex's Wiluna Gold Mine during their re-start of operations.

Further details on strategy and forward work programs can be found in Appendix A.

## Management Comment

Reed Resources Managing Director, Mr Christopher Reed, said this acquisition places Reed Resources in a strong position to become a mid-tier gold producer, with the gold price forecast to remain at these elevated levels for some time to come.

The strategic acquisition of this near production ready asset and highly prospective tenement package provides a great opportunity to realise significant value for our shareholders through the development of a gold business capable of delivering a strong sustainable growth profile from multiple production centres in a world class gold province.

A webcast presentation will commence at 8am WST on 12 January 2011, visit [reedresources.com](http://reedresources.com).

## ENDS

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## About Reed Resources

Reed Resources Ltd (ASX: RDR, OTC: RDRUY) is a diversified mining and exploration Company based in Western Australia. Reed's American Depositary Receipts (ADR's) trade under the code RDRUY (CUSIP Number: 758254106). Each Reed Resources ADR is equivalent to 10 ordinary shares of Reed Resources as traded on the ASX. The Bank of New York Mellon is the depository bank.

Reed Resources has five main projects (all in Western Australia) including:

- **Mount Marion** – High-grade Lithium project located about 40km south of Kalgoorlie in JV with Mineral Resources Limited. First production planned in June Q 2011.
- **Barrambie** – Definitive Feasibility Study completed on a Ferrovandium operation to produce 6300t of vanadium per annum. Currently in approvals process. MOU with China Nonferrous Metals for EPC & Financing assistance.
- **Comet Vale** – Evaluating recommencement of high-grade underground gold production and refurbishment of processing plant, both currently on care & maintenance.
- **Mount Finnerty** – Iron ore JV with Cliffs Natural Resources & Nickel Farm-in with Barranco Resources NL.
- **Bell Rock Range** – Grassroots Nickel-Copper-PGM Exploration.

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## COMPETENT PERSONS STATEMENT

Geological aspects of this report have been compiled by Mr Craig Fawcett (MAIMM), a full time employee of Reed Resources Ltd. Mr Fawcett has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which is being reported on to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the Code for Reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (2004). Mr Fawcett consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters in the form and context in which it appears.



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new team member!  
We welcome Svenja who  
started as our new  
Customer Service  
Officer last week.



Meekatharra  
Community Resource Centre

## AGM



Drinks & Nibbles  
Provided

**DATE: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

**TIME: 5pm**

**PLACE: Royal Mail Hotel**



The CRC Committee welcome all members of the community to attend our Annual AGM to tell us your fresh ideas for how we can work with the community to reach new groups with new and improved services, building capacity and opportunity in Meekatharra

The aim of the CRC is to support capacity building in the Community through the delivery of services to provide IT facilities, Westpac financial services, community outreach and training programs, and, as of March 2011, we will be taking over the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Services for the town on behalf of the Department of Transport

With plenty of new exciting services and facilities, and a very strong community outreach focus in our business plan, now is the time for us to integrate with other organisations and groups in the community to maximise the opportunity for community development in Meekatharra

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 work with you to improve and grow our service in the Community



Department of  
Regional Development and Lands



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# MEEKA FM

Meeka FM is looking for  
new volunteers

Training will be provided  
where needed and program  
times are very flexible.

Please call 9981 1358

or email: [meekafm@westnet.com.au](mailto:meekafm@westnet.com.au)



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## **MEEKATHARRA'S COMMUNITY GYM OPEN**

Located at the Indoor Cricket Centre  
on High Street

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

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

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







# PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the  
  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
of  
*Karalundi Aboriginal Education Community Inc.*

will be held at  
**Karalundi** on Saturday night the  
**19<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 8.00pm.**

All full and associate members of the Association  
are requested to be in attendance to elect the new  
executive committee for 2011.

The first Executive of the newly elected committee will then be  
held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2011

For enquiries please phone;  
D. V. Cowled or Paul Buschenhofen on 9981 2000 or  
Fax 9981 2801 or email on [ceo@karalundi.wa.edu.au](mailto:ceo@karalundi.wa.edu.au)

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January

Sudoku

Solution





# Aussie Opals Quiz



In 1895 the Sullivan brothers opened their first opal mine in Australia. By 1915 they had six mines in different locations. Can you match each map location (A-F), with the name of the mine, the year it was opened and weight of the largest opal discovered at each mine?

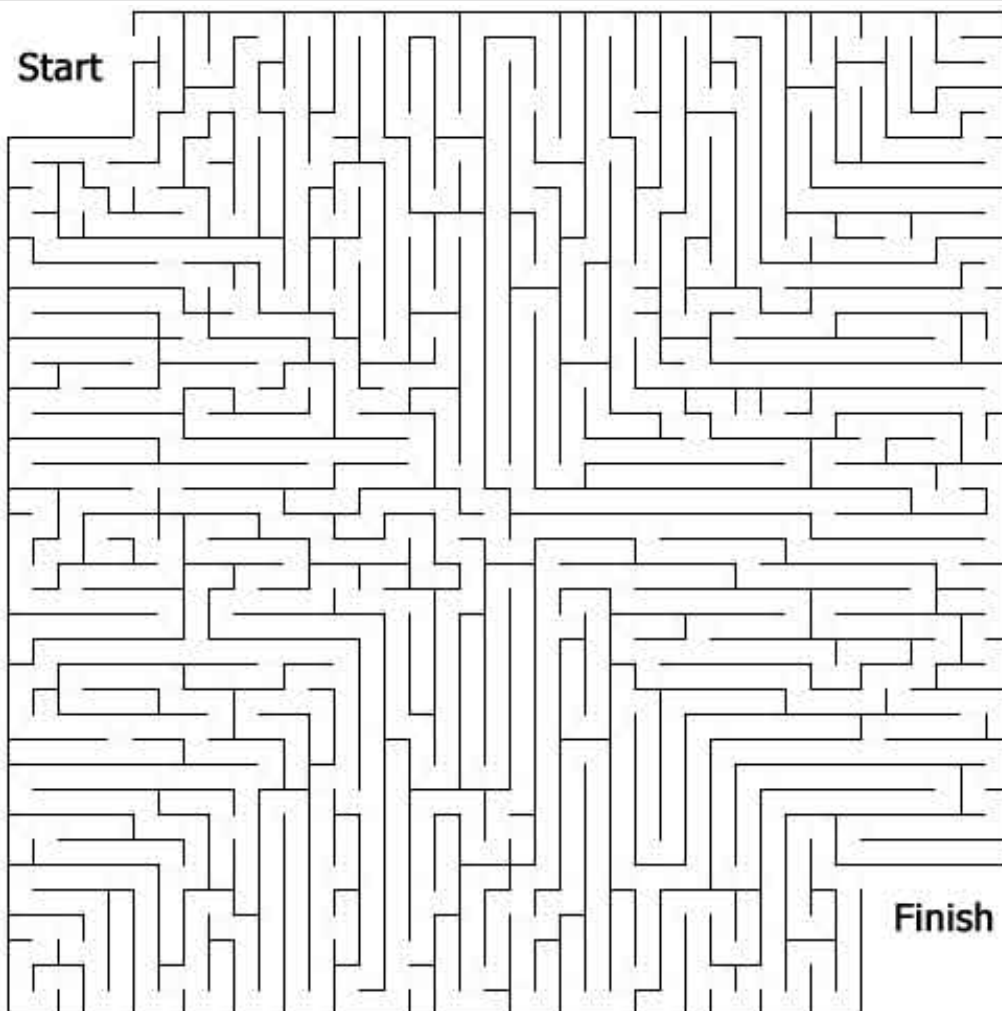
Years opened: 1895, 1899, 1903, 1908, 1910, 1915

Opal weights: 352gms, 395gms, 428gms, 480gms, 515gms, 552gms

1. The opal weighing 552gms was discovered at either location D or Tullaroo (which was opened either four years before or four years after the mine at location B).
2. The opal found in 1908 weighed more than the one mined at Marraville (which isn't location A) and less than the mine at location F (which was opened five years before the mine at location E).
3. Larradoo mine is located due north of the one opened in 1895.
4. The gem weighing 480gms wasn't discovered at Warrego (which is located due south of the mine opened in 1910 where the opal weighing 428gms was found).
5. The opal weighing 395gms was found at Karoomba which is located somewhere east of at least one of the other mines.
6. Barrabilly isn't the most westerly mine and was opened four years later than the mine at location C

Location A-F	Name of Mine	Date	Weight

Answers on the next page



CAN YOU FIND THE HIDDEN NUMBERS? They may be vertical or horizontal..

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# WHAT'S COOKING

Chocolate Strawberries

Simple but delicious!



## Ingredients (serves 8)

- 150g milk chocolate
- 150g dark chocolate
- 150g white chocolate



**750g large strawberries, washed, dried**

## Method

Line a baking tray with baking paper. Break milk chocolate into even pieces. Place into a heat-proof bowl.

One-third fill a saucepan with water. Bring to the boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low. Place chocolate bowl over saucepan (don't let bowl touch water). Stir with a metal spoon until smooth.

Dip one-third of the strawberries into chocolate. Place onto tray. Repeat with dark and white chocolate. Refrigerate until set.



**LOVE: A FRUIT ALWAYS IN  
SEASON.**

**- MOTHER TERESA -**

# WHAT'S COOKING

## Pikelets with strawberries & sweetheart butter

These delicious pikelets, accompanied by heart-shaped butter, will bring a smile to the grumpiest of family members.



### Ingredients (serves 4)

- ♦ 250g punnet strawberries
- ♦ 75g self-raising flour
- ♦ 1 tsp baking powder
- ♦ 50g caster sugar
- ♦ 1 egg, whisked
- ♦ 100ml milk
- ♦ **2 tbs unsalted butter, melted, plus extra to brush**
- ♦ **\*Sweetheart butter\***
- ♦ 250g unsalted butter, softened
- ♦ 2 tbs good-quality strawberry jam



### Method

To make the sweetheart butter, place the butter and jam in a bowl and mix until well combined (alternatively process in a food processor). On a clean flat surface, roll the butter into a sausage shape, then wrap in plastic wrap, twisting the ends to seal. Freeze for at least 1 hour until very firm. Just before serving the pikelets, take the butter out of the freezer and use a sharp knife to slice the butter into 1cm rounds (you can keep the plastic wrap on, then peel it once sliced). Use a heart-shaped cutter\* to cut each round into a heart shape. (This recipe will make more butter than you need, so just slice what you need, then place the remainder back in the freezer. It will keep for up to 2-3 months.)

Halve the strawberries lengthways, then set aside.

Sift the flour and baking powder into a medium bowl. Stir in the sugar, then egg. Whisk in the milk, making sure there are no lumps, then stir in the melted butter. Heat a non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat (to test the heat, sprinkle pan with a little flour; if it browns straight away it is too hot). Brush the pan with a little butter and drop 3 tablespoons of batter into the pan spaced slightly apart. Cook for about 1-2 minutes until bubbles appear on the surface, then flip over and cook the other side. Repeat with remaining mixture. Serve warm with the sweetheart butter and strawberries.

### Notes

- \* The sweetheart butter works just as well with different flavoured jams or finely chopped fresh fruit.

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY

Festival Meeting at Shire Hall	2nd
Community Resource Centre Meeting	8th
Valentines Day	14th
Interagency Meeting at Shire	15th
Ordinary Council Meeting	19th



**Meekatharra  
Festival DVD  
For Sale  
\$10  
at shire office**

## NEXT ISSUE...

**CLOSING DATE: 29TH FEB 2011**