

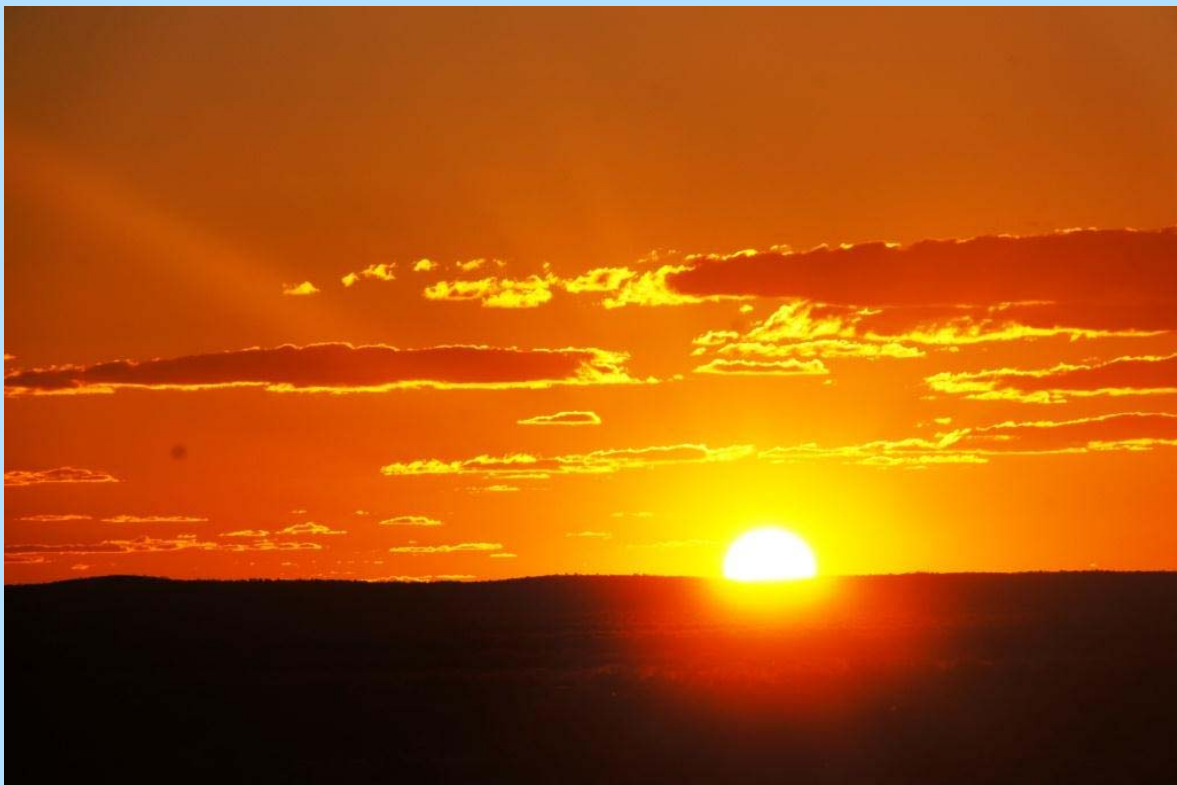


# Meekatharra Dust

**Issue Number 224—June 2011**

**Cost \$ 2.00 incl. GST**

## Beautiful Meeka



# NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Readers

Looking forward to the month ahead, with some rain on the forecast and cold weather. We recorded the lowest temperature of 7° on the 22nd of May.

Take care to keep your animals under shelter and warm as we head into Winter.

Feel free to send me any photos you would like published!

-Sam

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PO Box 315 Meekatharra,  
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**(08) 9981 1505**

or left at the Shire Office

**Or try emailing us at  
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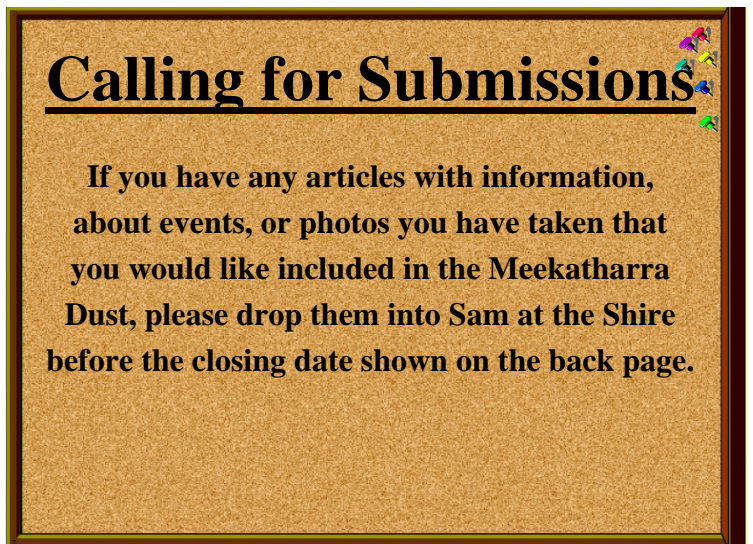
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# EVENTS THIS MONTH

Murdoch Vet Program – 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> June

CRC Meeting —14<sup>th</sup> June

Festival Meeting —15<sup>th</sup> June

Interagency Meeting — 21<sup>st</sup> June

Spics and Specs Trivia Night — 25<sup>th</sup> June

Role Models – week 8 — Meekatharra DHS

**Front Cover photos are courtesy of Elaine King. If you would like your photos of our beautiful outback published in the Meekatharra Dust please send them to Sam at the shire office!**

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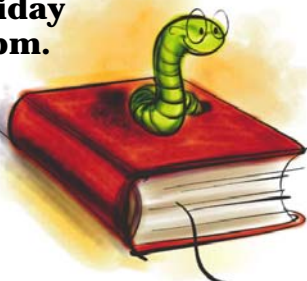
Did you know we get a new exchange of books every month? Come in and check out what is new this month!

If there is a particular novel or author you are interested in, we can request these for you, just pop in to the Shire office.

**Please note that you must be an existing member of the library to order in books.**

### **Located in the Shire Office**

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



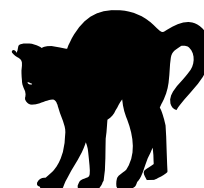
**OVERDUE**

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

Thank you –Brenda

# Newman Vet

## *Meekatharra*



Dr. Rick Fenny

Located at **Paddy's Flat**

For appointments phone: **9175 1309** or

**0408 936 061**

EMERGENCY ADVICE : 9175 1309

or Dalkeith Veterinary Clinic on **9386 6277**





### Meekatharra Race Club Notice

Please be advised that the Meekatharra Race Course grounds will no longer be available for venue hire for any private functions. This also applies for any Race Club equipment.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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



### DOG CONTROL

**WHEN WALKING YOUR DOGS ON THE TOWN OVAL THEY MUST BE ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES AND HELD BY YOU, THE OWNER.**

**YOU MUST BE IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF YOUR ANIMAL AT ALL TIMES AND DISPOSE OF ANY DROPPINGS IN THE RUBBISH BINS PROVIDED BY THE COUNCIL.**

**Thank you**

**Meekatharra Shire**

## MEEKATHARRA COMMUNITY DIRECTORY 2011

If your business, community group or government agency would like to be listed in the **FREE** Meekatharra Community Directory please drop your business advertisement into the shire office or email:

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

Feel free to include your company/business logo etc and all other relevant details.



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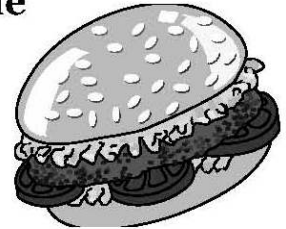
Pop in to get a copy of  
our new menu!



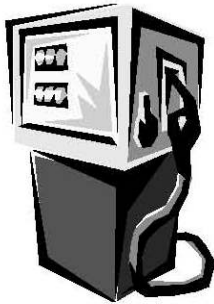
# Meekatharra Corner Store

Corner of Main & High Streets, Meekatharra

**Ph: 9981 1151**



**BP Fuel & Lubricants**  
**Premium Unleaded Fuel now available**  
**Auto Accessories**  
**Kleenheat Gas**  
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## SQUASH COURT

## OPEN



Located at the back of the Sports Complex

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

### Fees and Charges are as follows :

- ◆ Key Bond (Fully refundable) - \$100 Cash.
- ◆ Court Hire—\$11.00 per token = one hours use
- ◆ We do not hire equipment (racquets/balls etc)





# NOW OPEN

**Sunday to Thursday 9am - 9pm**

**Friday 9am - 5pm**

**Saturday 6pm - 10pm (CLOSED DAY TIME)**



**55 km North of Meekatharra**





## Behaviour at the CRC

The committee overseeing the Meekatharra Community Resource Centre (CRC) wishes to thank staff for doing an outstanding job in providing the town with many facilities including the Westpac agency and now also the Licensing Centre.

We have, however, been disturbed to learn that the girls have at times been treated rudely and even verbally abused by members of the public. In the course of doing their jobs, the girls must follow strict guidelines handed down by bank and government agencies. These rules are in place to protect the best interests of the public, yet some customers are resentful of the processes the girls must follow and behave badly as a consequence. The girls are doing their very best in their roles and it is inappropriate for anyone, under any circumstances, to be abusive no matter who they are.

Anyone behaving unacceptably at the CRC will be issued with a warning and upon a second offence, will be banned from using the facility.

Please treat our staff with courtesy; we are lucky to have them here.

***Meekatharra Community Resource Centre Committee***

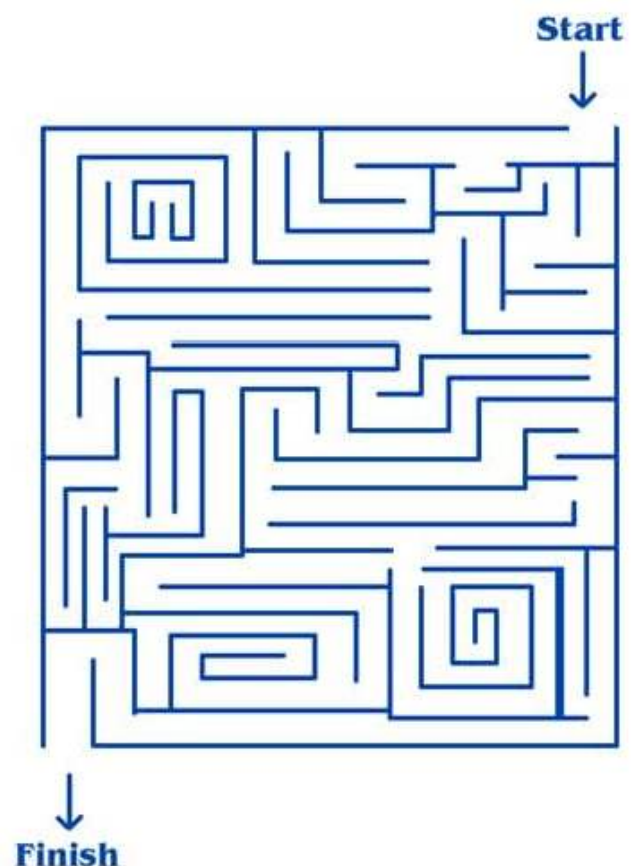
### Warning

Please be wary of the windy weather we are experiencing, and secure your load of rubbish safely on your way to the rubbish tip to avoid any flying debris which could cause harm to other motorists

### Secure Your Load



**For Safer Roads!**



# it's **BaBY** **RhYMe TiMe**

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Meekatharra Public Library

Located in the Shire Offices on Main Street corner  
Savage Street

*FROM NOW ON IN THE MORNINGS ☺*  
**Wednesdays at 10.30 pm**

All Mums & Dads with kids aged 0-3 years (or older)  
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Join other Mums & Dads  
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# NewsRelease

## Earn Up To \$2,800 As A Census Collector

30 May 2011

Sam Needle of Meekatharra is encouraging residents to apply to be Census Collectors and earn up to \$2, 800 for the casual work.

Sam has recently been appointed as a Census Area Supervisor and is responsible for hiring Census Collectors in the Shire of Meekatharra for the Census which is coming up on 9 August.

She currently works for the Shire of Meekatharra on rates and payroll and also as the editor of the local newsletter.

"Census data affects funding in our community and is crucial to many planning decision such as where to build new roads and schools as well as essential services" Sam says.

She is looking forward to working on the Census with a range of different people.

She and her fiancé have been in Meekatharra for a year and are enjoying living in such a small close nit community.

She encourages Shire of Meekatharra residents to consider as Collector job as it's an opportunity to earn some money over a short period as well as help the community achieve goals.

Census collectors will be employed between 1 July and 8 September.

You can find out more information and apply to be a Census Collector at [www.abs.gov.au/census](http://www.abs.gov.au/census) or by calling 1800 420 182.

*Tuesday 7th—Saturday  
11th June*



# MURDOCH VET PROGRAM

**DISCOUNTED  
VACCINATIONS!**

**FREE  
STERILISATIONS!**

*Paddy's Flat  
On McCleary Street*



To be entitled to the discounted sterilisations you **MUST** register your dog which will cost you \$5 for one year OR \$18 for 3 years. Forms will be available at the surgery and a general receipt will be issued.

Contact Brenda on 9981 1002 at the  
Shire to book your animal in





## **RFDS Meekatharra General Practice**

(Operating from the hospital)

Meekatharra GP clinic will be operating from the hospital as from Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> May.

This means the community will have a doctor in the clinic full time and all patients will be bulk billed.

If you do not have a Medicare card (overseas visitor) you may be privately charged for your visit.

This is similar to a general practice in the city. This system is very new and your patience will be required whilst staff are learning the new system.

All patients wishing to see a doctor or nurse will be treated through the clinic and not the emergency department.

- Opening hours – 9am until 12 noon and 2pm until 4pm Monday to Friday
- Thursday clinics start at 10.30am
- Patients will not be seen at Emergency (by a nurse) in these hours unless it is an emergency (life threatening)
- Appointments can now be made by phoning the hospital. If you walk in you will be placed on the waiting list until a doctor can see you.
- Medicare card and pension cards will be required on your first visit to be updated.
- Your personal details will need to be updated so please be patient whilst staff enters information into the new system.

We look forward to seeing you at the practice and thank you for your patience with the new system.

Pat Dunstan  
Practice Manager  
RFDS GP Services

On the first day God created the dog. God said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. I will give you a life span of twenty years." The dog said, "That's too long to be barking. Give me ten years and I'll give you back the other ten." So God agreed.

On the second day God created the monkey. God said, "Entertain people, do monkey tricks and make them laugh. I'll give you a twenty-year life span." The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? I don't think so. Dog gave you back ten, so that's what I'll do too, okay?" And God agreed.

On the third day God created the cow. "You must go to the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves, and give milk to support the farmer. I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. Let me have twenty and I'll give back the other forty."

And God agreed again.

On the fourth day God created man. God said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. I'll give you twenty years."

Man said, "What? Only twenty years? Tell you what, I'll take my twenty, and the forty the cow gave back, and the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back, that makes eighty, okay?"

Okay," said God, "You've got a deal."

So that is why the first twenty years we eat, sleep, play, and enjoy ourselves; the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family; the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren; and the last ten years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.



**The Meekatharra CRC now has a website and facebook page.**

**Please check us out at [www.meekatharra.crc.net.au](http://www.meekatharra.crc.net.au) and 'like' the Meekatharra Community Resource Centre Inc. on **



**Email us with your community news, events and job vacancies and we will feature them on the CRC website.**



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\* Pop in to arrange a call from your Westpac Bank Manager





# FANCY DRESS BALL 2011

**13th of August**  
- time to be announced -

**THEME:**

**50's & 60's Rock'n'Roll!**





# FLOAT PARADE

**Start planning now for the 2011**

**Meekatharra Float Parade!**

**Saturday October 1st during the**

**Meekatharra Outback Festival!**

## Beaut Ute and Decorated Bike Comp



Get your work, club/  
committee or family  
together and organise a  
float!

**Who can knock last year's winners—Meekatharra Youth Centre  
and Meekatharra District High School of their perch??**

## **Hassle FREE Taxation Returns**

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*Ben Muller will be at the  
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# THE CEMETERY IS IN NEED OF SOME T.L.C.

*Tender Loving Care*

Are you interested in helping out with a busy bee?  
Let's tidy up this place of rest and make it inviting for  
people visiting their loved ones and attending funerals.

With Community Support we can make change!!

What do you think would make the  
cemetery a better place???

Call me if you are willing to help or have ideas.

Elaine King 0439 909 738





Meekatharra

# Community Resource Centre

## COMMITTEE MEETING

Next Meeting: **Tues 14<sup>th</sup> June @ 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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55 Main Street

Tel: (08) 9980 1811

SHORT COURSES



Meekatharra

# Community Resource Centre

## Training and Development at the CRC

**WE WORK WITH THE WHOLE COMMUNITY TO DELIVER THE RIGHT TRAINING TO THE RIGHT PEOPLE.**

Through collaboration with local organisations and businesses we have developed an encompassing suite of training programs to meet the needs of the local community.

### SHORT COURSE

- Introductory PC, Internet and Email course



### WORKSHOPS FOR ORGANISATIONS

- Sponsored student accounts
- Provisional driver license sponsorships

Pop into the CRC to get  
full details on our range  
of training programs



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ROYALTIES  
FOR REGIONS



## 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 4pm Thursday 16th June.**

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

# Spicks and Specks Trivia Night

Fundraiser for the Meeka Festival!

Bring your mates and music knowledge for a  
night of fun and musical trivia

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Shire Hall

Doors open @ 6pm for a 6.30pm start

Tickets \$10 – purchase at the shire office or at the door

*6 players per table*

Look forward to seeing you all there

May the best team win!

inquiries - call Cathy on 0407094288



# CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Christ the King

(Corner of High and Darlot Streets, Meekatharra)



## Liturgies

ALL WELCOME

All Liturgies at 6.30 pm

### June

Sat 11th Celebration of the Word with Communion  
Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass)

### July

Sat 16th Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass)  
Sat 30th Celebration of the Word with Communion

Christ the King Parish is under the pastoral care  
of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict  
Information for Newcomers or Sacraments Sr Gerri Boylan aka ☎ 9963 4179

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# **MEEKATHARRA HEALTH CENTRE**

## **VISTING SERVICES**

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

**For Appointments—Community Health : 9981 0638**

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

Psychiatrist—Mental Health Team : 9981 0625

Other visiting specialists include Ear, Nose & Throat Specialist, Physician &  
Pediatric Physiotherapist

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

### **RFDS MEDICAL SERVICE**

Outpatient Opening Times : **Monday—Friday 9am—12 noon (except  
Thursday 10am—12 noon) & 2pm—4pm.** Medical Services are  
prioritised according to urgency.  
**After Hours is for EMERGENCIES Only**

## **DENTAL VISITS TO MEEKATHARRA —2011**

**11 July – 22 July**

**19 Sept – 30 Sept**

**07 Nov – 18 Nov**

**05 Dec – 16 Dec**

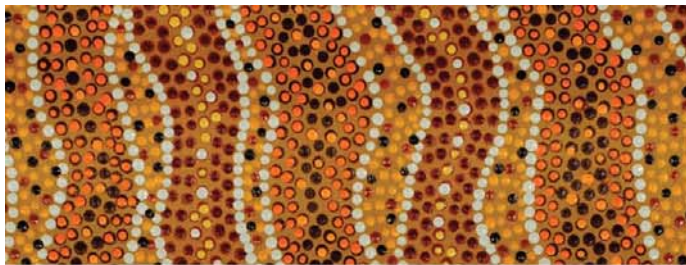


**Meekatharra Dental Clinic : 9981 0640**

**Mobile Dental Clinic : 0427 386 647**

**For More Information : Dental Health Services (Perth) : 9313 0555**





## EXHIBITION DETAILS

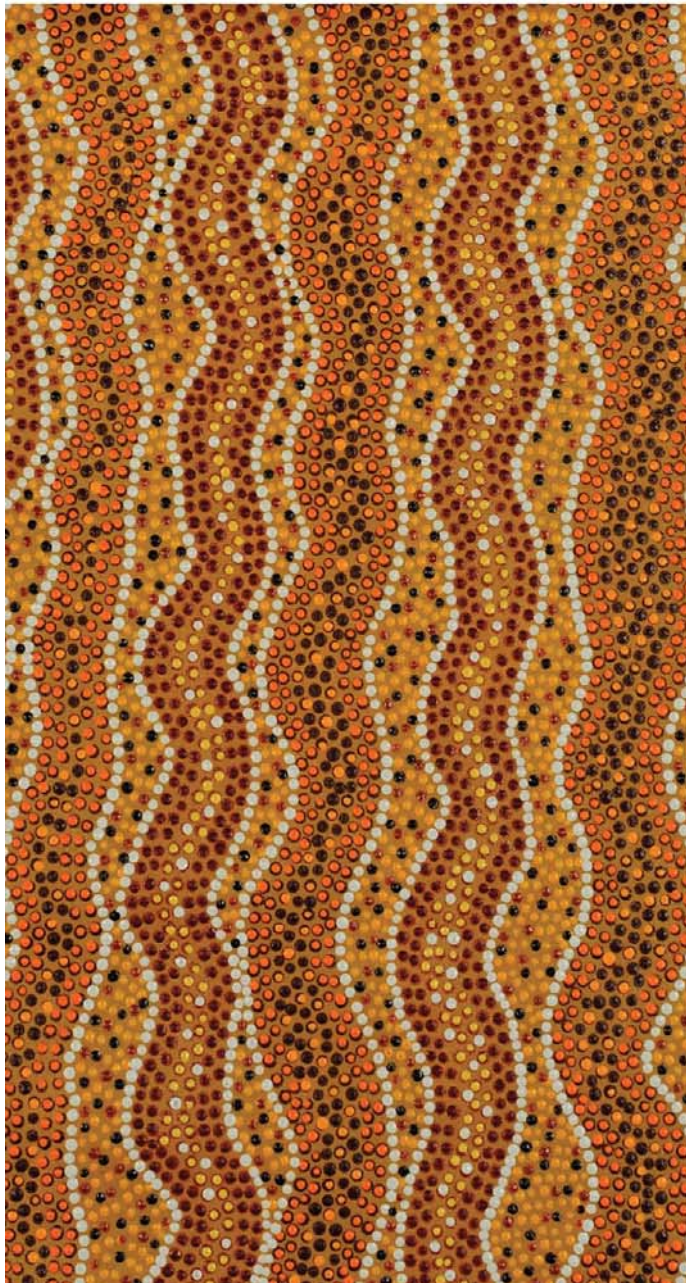
10am to 4pm daily, Monday 27 June to Friday 1 July 2011

Foyer, QV1 Building, 250 St Georges Tce, Perth

Enquiries to Nan Rickards on 0417 184 290

All artwork is for sale.

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## GOOD HEART

MID-WEST ABORIGINAL  
ART EXHIBITION 2011

### ART FROM THE HEART

MONDAY 27 JUNE - FRIDAY 1 JULY 2011

Oakajee Port and Rail welcomes you to the Good Heart Mid-West Aboriginal Art Exhibition, proudly displaying contemporary and traditional Indigenous art.

#### THE EXHIBITION

Oakajee Port and Rail is delighted to host the Good Heart Mid-West Aboriginal Art Exhibition for the fourth consecutive year.

Good Heart 2011 is a community-based project that exhibits some of the finest work from contemporary and traditional Indigenous artists from Western Australia's mid-west.

#### THE ART WORKS

Good Heart was established in 2008 to showcase the works of Indigenous artists from the mid-west to a broad audience, and to promote their heritage and culture.

More than 50 artists from Western Australia's mid-west region will be showcasing more than 100 works of canvas, textiles, woodwork, ceramics and artefacts at Good Heart 2011.

All works may be purchased, with proceeds going to the artists.

To view the Good Heart 2011 catalogue, please visit [www.opandr.com](http://www.opandr.com).

Many Aboriginal people preserve their connection with their country through expressive art forms, reflecting the radiant colours and culture that have been conveyed through lifetimes.

#### OUR PARTNERS

The Good Heart Mid-West Aboriginal Art Exhibition is a partnership project supported by members of the mid-west and Western Australian business community, and demonstrates their commitment to the development of community and economic benefits for the mid-west.

OPR acknowledges the assistance of Northampton Old School - Women's Textile Team, Winda Barna Artists Inc. Mt Magnet, MEEDAC, Yamaji Arts Geraldton, Jacksons Drawing Supplies, City of Geraldton-Greenough, Artsource and Project Manager Nan Rickards.



Artwork: Wundulgo [Following in the Footsteps] | Artist - Dawn Hamlett, Morawa | © Dawn Hamlett 2011





# Mingenew RODEO!

(FULL POINTS - Central Entry)

**Saturday 16th July**



**Over \$28,000  
in prize money**

**Preliminaries 9am  
Main Event 12 Noon**

Gates open 9am - Tickets available from the gate:

Adults \$15

Children \$5

Under 5yrs Free

Bar open 12noon till late

Perth Band - MAGNETIC - 6.30pm til late

Get ready for a day of country style fun at the Mingenew Rodeo, featuring professional bull riders from the eastern states as well as local & novice riders!

Amusement rides for the kids, Food, Bar, Band.

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Part proceeds donated  
to Mingenew Lions Club  
& St John Ambulance

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## MEEKATHARRA

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### Opening Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri	8am—6pm
Thursday	8am—7pm
Saturday	8am—5pm



tools to help **you**  
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# Meekatharra Gymkhana

An unfortunate clash of dates with the Mt Magnet races saw the numbers of riders at the Meekatharra gymkhana on 30<sup>th</sup> April down a little on previous years. However the 26 riders from Yalgoo, Meekatharra, Eastern Gascoyne and Newman who competed enjoyed a great day.

It was great to see some past Meekatharra identities back in town for the weekend – Peter, Leanne, Nicola and Kelly Howden, Bruce, Karen and Jacquie Trenaman and Vicki and Kim Hanley.

On an overcast and cool day proceedings began with a minute's silence in honour of the late Buff Coumbe, followed by the grand parade with Shane Rieck's hobby horse drawing a little attention!

One of the great aspects of attending the gymkhana is watching the young ones improving their riding skills and moving up a level. Some who were on a leading rein last year are now riding independently. In 2011 Gabrielle Rieck (Mt Vernon Station), Briana Ulph (Meekatharra) and Anna Nichols (Sherwood Station) were all off the lead rein.

All the usual gymkhana events were run including the flag race, bending race, letterbox race, barrel race, Texas keyhole, can and bucket, potato race wheelbarrow race, sack race, early morning race, musical cans and surf and turf.

There was much fun and laughter among competitors and the audience.

A few people wondered if Colin Lauritsen's horse had plans to gallop all the way to Wiluna and back as he didn't seem keen on stopping after the events.

Bruce Trenaman ran into difficulties when the bucket in which his apple was stowed insisted on staying on his head. There were a lot of floured noses following the surf and turf race and a protest was lodged in the wheelbarrow race under the guise of faulty equipment –when the handle grip came off Kelly Howden's wheelbarrow!!

Unfortunately the day was halted and spirits dampened a little when Jacquie Trenaman had a fall and was taken to hospital with what appeared to be at least one fractured wrist. (Jacquie was later flown out to Perth and had both wrists pinned). However as everyone knows accidents occur in any walk of life and once the ambulance returned events got under way again.

At the end of the day people gathered for a few drinks before the presentations in the evening. President Noleen Mongoo and Secretary Liz Coumbe presented all event winners with their prizes before announcing leading riders of the day and the winner of the \$2000 barrel race prize.

The leading riders for the day were:  
Sub Junior: Anika Ronky: Newman  
Junior: Matthew Watters: East Gascoyne  
Ladies: Tracy Elliot: Meekatharra  
Gents: Greg Watters: East Gascoyne

Greg Watters was first in the \$2000 Barrel race in 19.118 seconds with Tracy Rieck second (19.316) and Belinda Grinham third (19.560).

The bummers award went to Bruce Treneman who had managed to get the bucket stuck on his head during the apple and bucket race.

The Yarrabubba trophy which is awarded to the sub junior rider with the most points but without a first place went to Briana Ulph of Meekatharra.

All the sub juniors who competed were presented with an achievement award trophy.

A very special award, which will become part of the Meekatharra gymkhana club awards from now on, is the Buff Coumbe Perpetual trophy for the men's flag race. Peter Elliott was the inaugural winner of this award. Peter received a personal trophy and will also have his name engraved on the perpetual trophy which will be displayed in a place yet to be determined.

A presentation to Ron and Margaret Bell, on behalf of the gymkhana club, was made in recognition of their many years of hard work and dedication towards the gymkhana each year and endorsed with much applause by all those present.

All gymkhana clubs in the Murchison region are affiliated with the Murchison Gymkhana Association and for many years a shield known as the Richard Burt Shield was presented to the leading club at the end of the gymkhana season. Following discussions among the clubs it was decided that the Richard Burt shield would be replaced by the Buff Coumbe Memorial Shield Annual Competition between Clubs.

Club points acquired at the Meeka gymkhana were:

Yalgoo 11  
East Gascoyne 52  
Newman 59  
Meekatharra 190

The evening (early morning?) wound up with music and dancing at which some proved more talented than others!!!

Meekatharra Gymkhana Club would like to sincerely thank all their sponsors for the day as well as all those who made the effort to attend the day as spectators and riders. Thanks too must go to all volunteer workers who make the day possible.

Raelene Hall





**Bruce Trenaman trials  
a new type of helmet**

**Chad Benson and Anita Ronki  
in wheelbarrow Race**



**Tracy Elliott in flag race**

**Kelly Howden in potato race**



photos are courtesy of Jo Francis



Peter Elliott and  
Peter Howden  
resting between  
events



Sub Juniors with their achievement awards Lto R Anika Ronky, Gabrielle Rieck, Anna Nichols, Hayley and Briana Ulph



Margaret, Ron Bell,  
Liz Coumbe and  
Noleen Mongoo

Margaret and Ron Bell,  
Liz Coumbe and Noleen  
Mongoo





# NATIONAL BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER

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Dance moves



These places kindly donated food or prizes to give away or to raffle.

The night would not have been worth having if the people who bought tickets hadn't turned up.

The teachers entertained us with a Guy Sebastian impersonation! While Lainie May danced up a storm and Donna Scott sung for the crowd—

Next year we will have more acts so get yourselves organised to entertain us in 2012.

We plan to run this fundraiser every year in May. Next year we will be fundraising for the Royal Flying Doctors Service so please get behind us.



The door prize was won by Donna Scott whilst the big raffle of camping equipment donated by Farmer Jacks was won by Connor Campbell. Thankyou to Albert Curley and too many helpers to list for making the door prize.

Approximately \$1400 was raised for this worthy cause. Please help us to raise more funds for the RFDS next year. Thank you to Albert Curley and my kids for helping make this event possible.

Elaine King.





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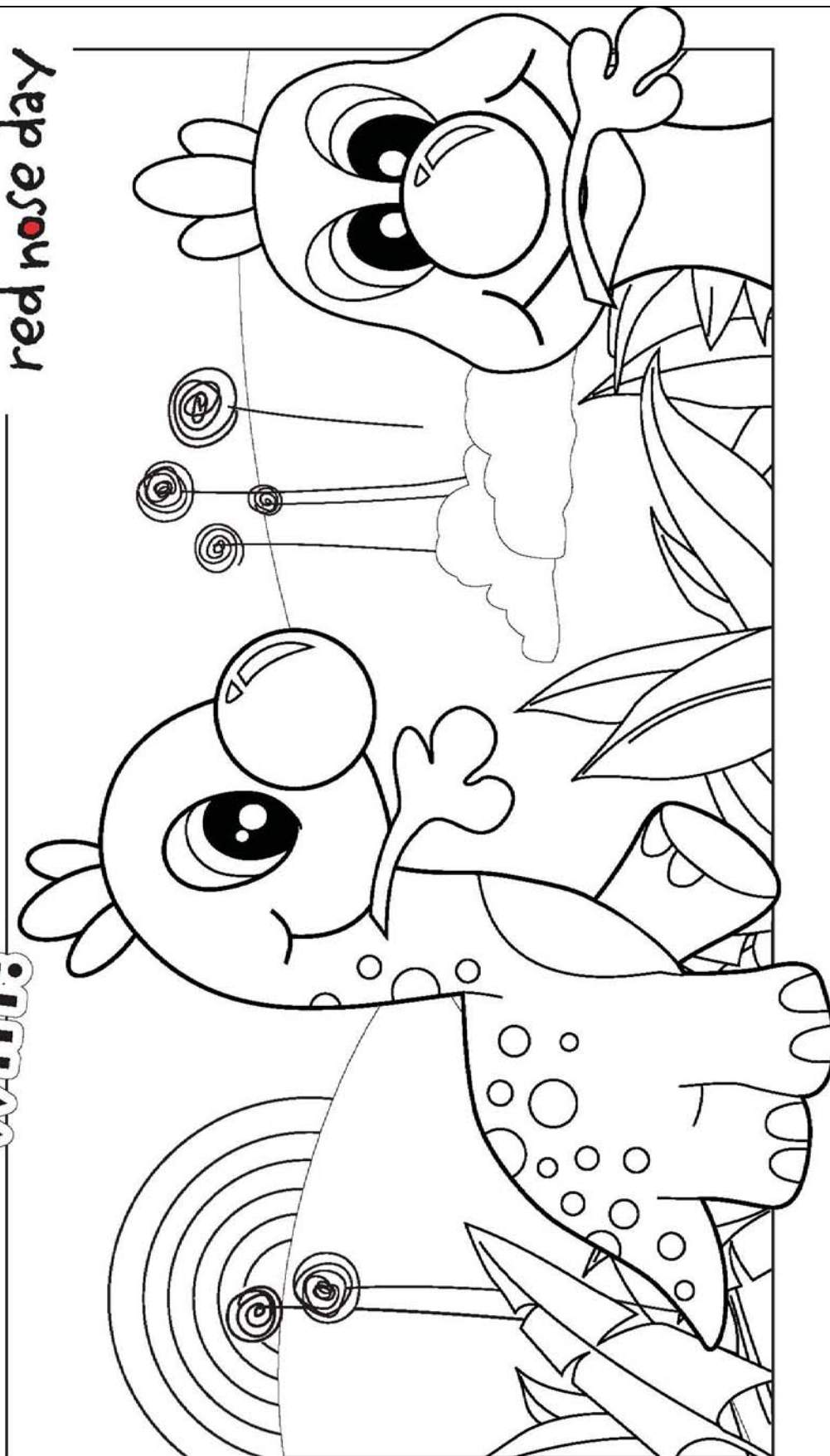
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- \* We can create a promo and have it played at specific times on air
- \* We can promote your service/activity while we are on air
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So if you're wondering how you can get your message out to the community with very little effort, please contact Meeka FM 98.3

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Anita's mobile: 0400 761 747



### West Rail Meekatharra/Geraldton Bus Timetable

From Geraldton

		Mon	<u>Thurs</u>
		PM	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	<u>Fri</u>
		AM	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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## **MEEKATHARRA'S COMMUNITY GYM OPEN-NEW EQUIPMENT!**

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Gym agreements and keys are available from the Shire of Meekatharra (fees applies for key holders)

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





08.05.11 Stableford

WINNER	BILL
R/U	JENKY
N/P No16	CLARRIE
GROSS	CLARRIE
FERRET No12	CLARRIE
L/D No13	JENKY
NAGA	ASHLEY



15.05.11 1<sup>ST</sup> ROUND 72 HOLE M/MUG PUTTING COMP

WINNER	CLARRIE
R/U	PETER
N/P No6	PETER
GROSS	CLARRIE
N/P No16	PETER
NAGA	VEGIE



21.05.11 4 BALL AMBROSE

WINNERS	T.TURNER, W.GROOMBRIDGE SEAMUS
R/U	JASON, FUNKY & SCOTT
N/P No2	STEPHAN
N/P No4	W.GROOMBRIDGE
N/P No11	W.JONES
N/P No16	JASON
L/D No3	W.GROOMBRIDGE
L/D No12 LADIES	SVENJA LUEBBE
L/D No15	W.GROOMBRIDGE
N/P IN 2 No5	CARPENTER
N/P IN 3 6+12	SCRUBBERS
NAGA	DORAY



22.05.11 OPEN DAY 27 HOLE STABLEFORD

WINNER GROSS	W.GROOMBRIDGE
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WINNER NETT	W.COLETZI
R/U	D.O'BRIEN

22.05.11 LADIES OPEN

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On Easter Sunday all roads led to Yarlaweelor Station in readiness for the wedding of Ted Forrester and Jareth Anna Van Wees. Many family members of both bride and groom along with friends/neighbours had gathered beforehand and worked tirelessly on the preparations for the big day.

Held by the creek under a massive gum tree it was the perfect setting for a bush wedding. The red carpet was replaced by hessian and good luck horseshoes were staked in drums to guide the bride down the aisle.

The weather was a little warmer than most would have liked and the flies extremely friendly but the bridegroom, smartly dressed in RM Williams jeans and a white shirt waited for his bride, along with best man, Matt Mahony and groomsmen, Aaron Hammarquist, Tim Forrester and Matthew Hall. The boys wore RM Williams jeans with varying shades of blue shirts. Of course they all had their Akubras on as well.

The oohs and ahs told of the bride's arrival along with her attendants –Amy Harrington, Meg Forrester, Andrea Carmody, Robyn Coumbe and Bec Oborn with the cutest page boy and flower girls –Ryan Coumbe, Alyssa Coumbe and Joanna Craigue.

Jareth looked a picture in an elegantly fitted, fully beaded, strapless ivory dress with a slight train and a short veil, whilst the attendants wore a range of frocks with the page boy matching the mens' outfits and the flowergirls in white dresses with blue flowers and blue satin bows. Dried everlastings made up Jareth and the flowergirls' bouquets whilst the other attendants carried dainty parasols.

The ceremony was conducted by Reverend Lesley de-Grussa Macaulay of the Uniting Church in Meekatharra.

Following the ceremony, the bridal party departed for some true 'bush' photos whilst the guests made their way to the homestead where again the hard work of many was in evidence with tea lights, balloon and fairy lights around the front of the homestead. Adults enjoyed drinks and nibbles whilst the children hunted Easter eggs.

The bridal party, on their return, were introduced to everyone by MC Simon Forrester and made their way through the guests to the dance floor for more photos and speeches, after which the happy couple cut their cake.

With night falling and music cranked up, an incredible array of food arrived on the serving tables with meat expertly cooked by Roger and his helpers and a tantalizing array of salads and vegetables prepared by many helpers. This was followed by sweets that no one could possibly resist.

It was then time for 'dancing under the stars' and young and old took advantage of the music and the dance floor to strut their stuff, whilst others caught up with friends and family. The party continued into the wee hours of the morning for some hardy souls.

Congratulations Ted and Jareth –it was a wonderful wedding and we wish you every happiness in the future.





Left to Right: Aaron Hammarquist, Meg Forrester, Matthew Hall, Andrea Carmody, Ted and Jareth, Tim Forrester, Bec Oborn, Robyn Coumbe holding Ryan, Matt Mahony, Amy Harrington. Front flowergirls Joanna Craigie and Alyssa Coumbe.

The wedding photo is courtesy of Lara Jenson of Dusty Tracks Photography  
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## Expressions Of Interest for Catering

**The Meekatharra Race Club is seeking Expressions of Interest in regards to doing the catering for the 2 Day Race Weekend on the 1st & 3rd of OCTOBER 2011.**



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

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

For more information please contact Lauren Howden 0419 195 290



## May Dust 2011

A busy time for May starting with the Wellspring Community National Conference; theme 'A Caring Future', at Shoalwater for some 65 delegates from all over Australia. Five days later 20 delegates set off from the centre to travel to Meeka via; **Tour 1** - travelling in three 4x4's sleeping in swags and tents, for many a first time camping out!! They spent nights at Southern Cross (Kooras Retreat), Menzies, Lake Barlee, Wogarno Station.....Meeka.

**Tour 2** - travelling by bus spent nights in comfortable beds at New Norcia, Geraldton, Wogarno.....Meeka. While in Meeka all 20 stayed at Paddy's Flat, dined out at the Commercial, visited the RFDS Base and lunched at Peace Gorge, before heading home on Saturday 7 May; many exhausted but refreshed by the wonder of 'our' Murchison region.

Therese Edwards and I travelled back to Perth on the Bus (with the tourists!!) on May 7<sup>th</sup>, final destination the airport setting off to Vanuatu that evening at 11.55pm where we met up with Dr. Elena; we all arrived in Vanuatu at 3.15pm on Sunday 8 May for 2 days. I attended a conference for Ministers of the Uniting Church in Australia (70 attended) for eight days. We three stayed in the Village at Mele and enjoyed the lifestyle and simplicity of life within the village. We had many laughs and reflected on the condition of the roads in Port Villa, another interesting factor was the complete darkness once the sun went down; street lighting was evident, but the government is unable to pay the electricity for same. Gave some thought to that dilemma if the Meeka Shire was unable to afford the same facilities, and 'we' were in darkness every night!!



Vanuatu Kids say hello...



Conference Presbyterian Church



Mothers Day lunch Pt Villa

### **Lesley's Diary Dates 2011:**

- **8-10 June** – Ranitha to visit In Home Care families.
- **June** – Station Visits; Sandstone, Leonora, and Gascoyne Junction area's.

### **National Church News:**

- **Rev. Dr. Djiniyini Gondarra OAM**, senior elder and Dhurili Clan leader of the Yolngu peoples of Northeast Arnhem Land, has met privately with the highest authority on human rights at the United Nations, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navi Pillay. For more info visit <http://assembly.uca.org.au/news-media/news/assembly-news-2011/respected-aboriginal-elder-talks-with-united-nations-high-commissioner-for-human-rights-in-geneva>.

### **Community**

- **The Kids Helping Kids Award 2011 Nominations** are now open. Thousands of Australian schools will be in the running to be recognised and rewarded for their inspiring fundraising. For more info visit [www.schoolaid.org.au](http://www.schoolaid.org.au).

## And finally a message from the pulpit: June 2 – Ascension Day

The feast of the Ascension is observed the 40th day after Easter, always falling on Thursday. The story of Jesus ascending to heaven is mentioned briefly in two of the gospels, in Mark 16:9 and in Luke 24:50–51, and more completely in Acts 1:6–11. Some scholars believe that the earliest commemorations of the Ascension were tied to the celebration of Easter or Pentecost. In many Protestant churches today, the Ascension is not a major celebration, though some churches do hold special Ascension Day services. In parts of Europe, Ascension Day is a legal holiday and businesses are closed.

### **June 2 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins (Aotearoa New Zealand)**

Celebrated each year, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was introduced in 1908 by the Rev. Paul Watson, founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement-Graymoor, to promote Christian unity throughout the world. As early as 1926, the Faith and Order movement suggested this week fall between Ascension and Pentecost. This is the case in most southern hemisphere churches, while northern churches tend to observe the week in January.

### **Blessings Lesley**

Rev. Lesley deGrussa-Macaulay, Frontier Services Murchison Patrol  
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## **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**  
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# **MEEKATHARRA**

## **Centenary**

### **Prize Meeting**

**23rd and 24th July 2011**

**Saturday:** 10 Shots 300, 400, 500, 600 yards

**Sunday:** 10 Shots 700, 800 yards.

#### **Lunch**

10 shots at 900 yards

Full Entry \$70.00 plus ammo

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Tea & Coffee available at the club house.

**Sunday:** Morning Tea at the clubhouse

Saturday Evening: **FREE** Roast dinner

Sunday: **FREE** Breakfast & BBQ Tea

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No meal supplied Friday Night; club will have BBQ packs available for sale  
and BBQ will be available at the clubhouse.

Mid-day meals Sat & Sun at minimal cost.

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After two years and two months working as the Works and Services Manager for the Shire of Meekatharra, Alan Haslett will be leaving us. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors and thank him for everything he has done over the last couple of years.



We welcome our new Works and Services Manager Jon Jones who will be working with us at the Shire for the next couple of months.



## June Birthdays

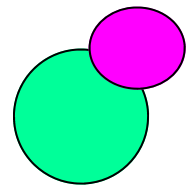
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Adrian Baumgarten	2nd	Jayden Mongoo	28th
Brady Binsiar	5th	Eden-Marie Tressider	29th
Bill Atyeo	7th	Marcus Walsh	30th
Elisha Dann	7th	Rebecca Gilbert	17th
Britt Hoare	8th	Helena Lane	22nd
Zaine Narrier	15th	Patricia Robinson	16th
Tamika Hoare	16th	Aaron Wingo	16th
Cheyenne Monaghan	16th		

## FREEZING

Can you find the hidden words? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.

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# Sudoku

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May

Sudoku

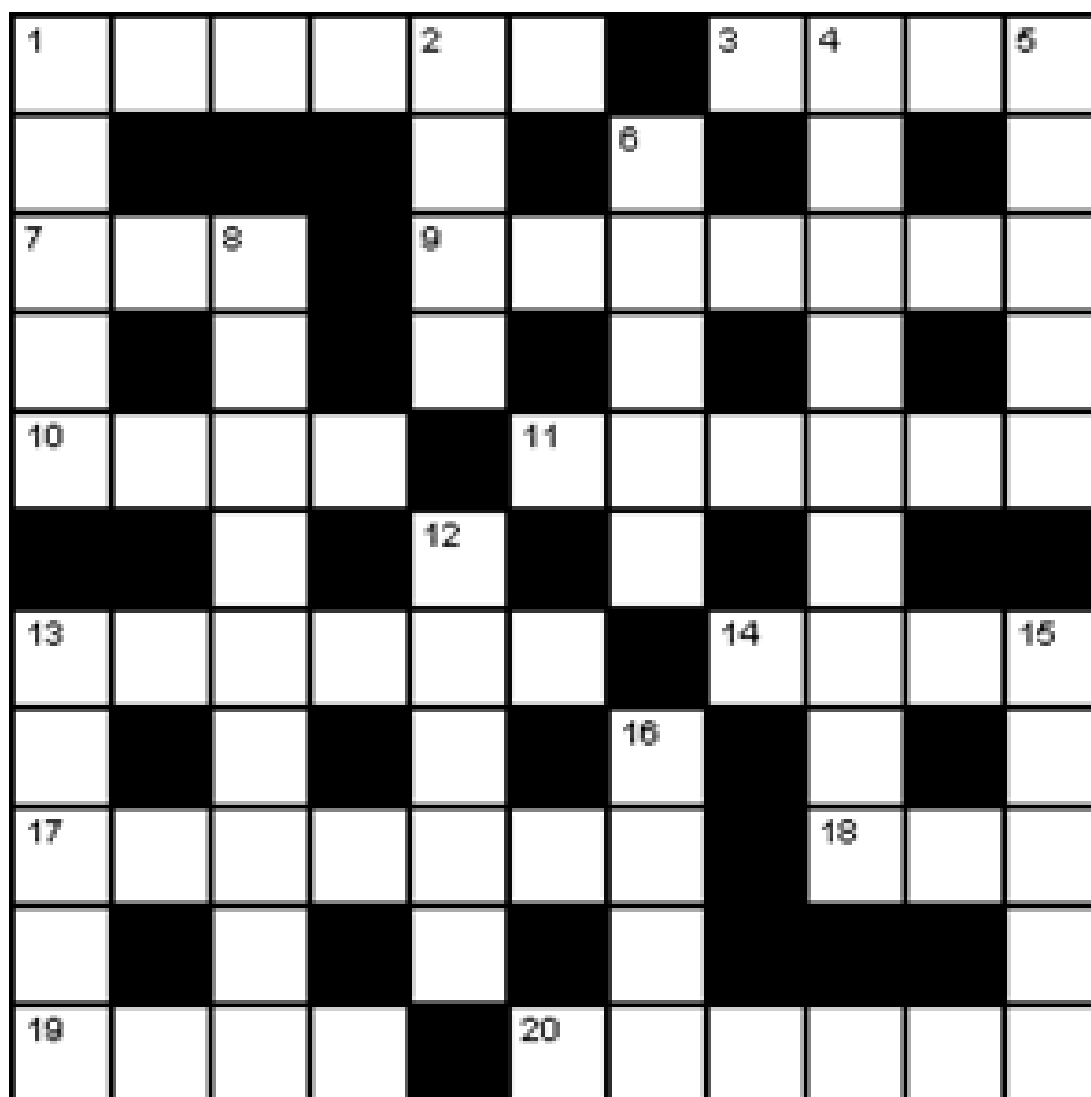
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# Quick Crossword



## Across

1. Male relative (6)
3. Gem (4)
7. Chart (3)
9. Sagacious (7)
10. Challenge (4)
11. Relating to bears (6)
13. Accolade (6)
14. Children (4)
17. Long flag (7)
18. The night before (3)
19. Extinct bird (4)
20. Choice (6)

## Down

1. Wanderer (5)
2. Not difficult (4)
4. Steep cliff (9)
5. Svelte (5)
6. Drama set to music (5)
8. Pilfered (9)
12. In front (5)
13. Lukewarm (5)
15. Rear part of a ship (5)
16. Pace (4)



# WHAT'S COOKING

## Zucchini Slice

The humble zucchini slice is by far a most popular recipe. Find out why!

### Ingredients (serves 15)

- 5 eggs
  - 150g (1 cup) self-raising flour, sifted
  - 375g zucchini, grated
  - 1 large onion, finely chopped
  - 200g rindless bacon, chopped
  - 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 60ml (1/4 cup) vegetable oil**



### Method

Preheat oven to 170°C. Grease and line a 30 x 20cm lamington pan.

Beat the eggs in a large bowl until combined. Add the flour and beat until smooth, then add zucchini, onion, bacon, cheese and oil and stir to combine. Pour into the prepared pan and bake in oven for 30 minutes or until cooked through.

## Easy Fried Rice

Even kids will love this quick and easy fried rice, perfect for a Tuesday night meal.

### Ingredients (serves 4)

- 1 cup long grain white rice
  - 2 eggs
  - 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
  - 2 bacon rashers, chopped
  - 1 carrot, peeled and grated
  - 2 shallots, trimmed, finely sliced
  - 1/2 cup frozen peas, thawed
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce, plus extra to serve**



### Method

Cook the rice in a large saucepan of boiling water for 12 minutes or until tender. Drain and leave to cool.

Using a whisk, lightly beat eggs in a small bowl. Heat oil in non-stick wok or large frying pan over medium heat. Add eggs. Swirl over base to form an omelette. Cook 2 minutes. Turn over. Cook 2 minutes until set. Transfer to a chopping board. Set aside to cool slightly. Cut into short strips.

Add bacon to wok. Cook 4 minutes until light golden. Add carrot. Stir fry 1 minute. Add shallots, peas and rice. Cook, stirring, 3-4 minutes. Add egg and soy sauce. Stir until heated through. Serve immediately, with extra soy.

# WHAT'S COOKING

## Apple and Pear Crostata



This apple and pear crostata makes a winter-perfect treat.

### Preparation Time

20 - 50 minutes

### Cooking Time

30 minutes

### Ingredients (serves 8)

- 75g butter, softened
- 1/3 cup (70g) caster sugar
- 1 egg
- 2/3 cup (80g) almond meal
- 1/3 cup (50g) plain flour
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 tbs brandy
- 1 pink lady apple, thinly sliced crossways
- 2 corella pears, thinly sliced lengthways
- 1 egg, lightly whisked, extra
- 1 tbs demerara sugar
- 1 tbs flaked almonds

Thickened cream or mascarpone, to serve

### Pastry

- 125g chilled butter, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups (225g) plain flour
- 1/3 cup (60g) icing sugar mixture
- 1 egg yolk

1 tbs iced water

### Method

To make the pastry, place butter, flour and icing sugar in a food processor; process until mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Add egg yolk and water; process until mixture comes together. Turn onto floured surface and gently knead until smooth. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 200°C. Use an electric mixer to beat the butter and sugar until pale and creamy. Add egg and beat until just combined. Add almond meal, flour, cinnamon and brandy and stir until just combined.

Roll the pastry out on a large piece of baking paper to a 35cm disc. Spread almond mixture over the pastry, leaving a 3cm border. Arrange apple and pear over almond mixture. Fold pastry edge in, pleating as you go. Brush pastry with a little extra egg. Sprinkle sugar evenly over pastry, apple and pears. Sprinkle with flaked almonds. Bake for 30 minutes or until pastry is golden brown and apple and pear caramelise. Remove from oven.

Cut into wedges to serve. Serve with cream or mascarpone, if desired



# Events Calendar

## June

Murdoch Vet Program – 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> June

CRC Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> June

Festival Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> June

Interagency Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> June

Spics and Specs Trivia Night 25<sup>th</sup> June

Role Models – week 8 – Meekatharra DHS



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

## Next Issue...

**Closing Date: 29th June 2011**

# Last chance to have your say – we need your ideas and views.

## Community Planning – Getting involved in our Future

### WHAT DO YOU WANT MEEKATHARRA TO BE LIKE IN 10 YEARS?

In August 2003, the Shire of Meekatharra launched a bold new identity for the district -

*“Meekatharra - A Golden Prospect”*

reflecting the real opportunities that Meekatharra will continue to grasp into the future.

In moving forward the Shire of Meekatharra is undertaking a community consultation and planning process to develop our Strategic Community Plan, which will provide the basis for planning the Shires activities over the next 10+ years.

Community members and other stakeholders are invited to be a part of the planning process that will set our future vision, directions and most of all retain our local identity. It's all about ensuring that we achieve the best possible outcomes for present and future communities.

The Shire has appointed Dominic Carbone & Associates and DL Consulting to conduct community engagement and assist us in preparing our Strategic Community Plan.

Your feed back is important to us and you are invited to participate in one of the following ways:

- Filling in a questionnaire (refer over page) – also available at the Shire office, and by email or fax.
- Attend a community workshop on Sunday 12 June 2011, Meeka Town Hall, commencing at 9.45 am until approx 1.00pm.
- You can choose to meet one on one with our consultants and have your say on Saturday 11 June 2011 or Sunday 12 June 2011; please book at the Shire office.
- The draft Plan will be subject to public comment sometime in the near future. You may choose to have your say then.
- Once the Community Strategic Plan has been adopted it will be subject to ongoing reviews and public comment.

We want you to be involved and to work with us to identify issues that are important to you, and have your say on how our shared vision may be achieved.

To obtain more information, to make an appointment with our consultants or to obtain more questionnaires please contact **Svenja Luebbe** at the Shire office;

Tel; 9981 1002

Email; [admin@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin@meekashire.wa.gov.au) or

Fax; 9981 1505.

Please write down your ideas and return to the Shire by **Tuesday 14 June 2011**.

***HAVE YOUR SAY ON MEEKATHARRA'S FUTURE***

As a valued member of the Meekatharra community, what do you love and appreciate about our town/district?

How would you describe our lifestyle here in Meekatharra?

Safe? Happy? Tough? Relaxed? Busy? Quiet? Well serviced? Lacking? Isolated? Sports?

Describe what you want Meekatharra to be like in 10 years time?

What priorities should the Shire focus on to maintain and build Meekatharra's future?

Optional: Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_