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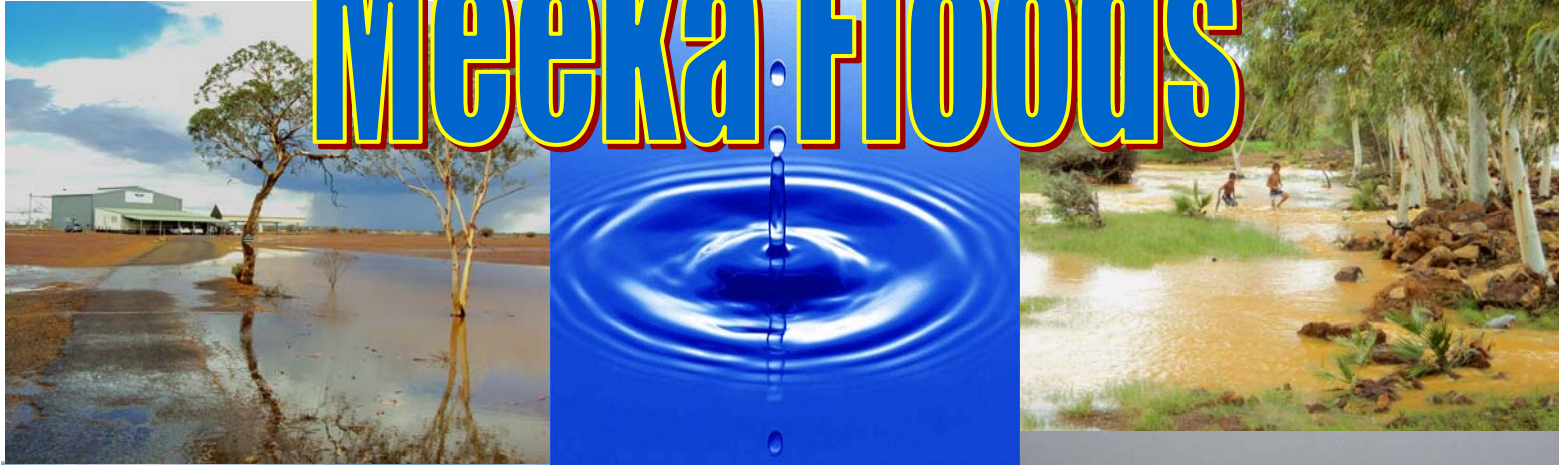


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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Readers

What a month!

We received 152.2mm of rain in February which created flooding in and around town. And I thought when I came here I would melt from the heat in February!

Apart from the local roads being closed and any damages the rain may have caused it was beautiful weather!

-Sam

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PO Box 315 Meekatharra,
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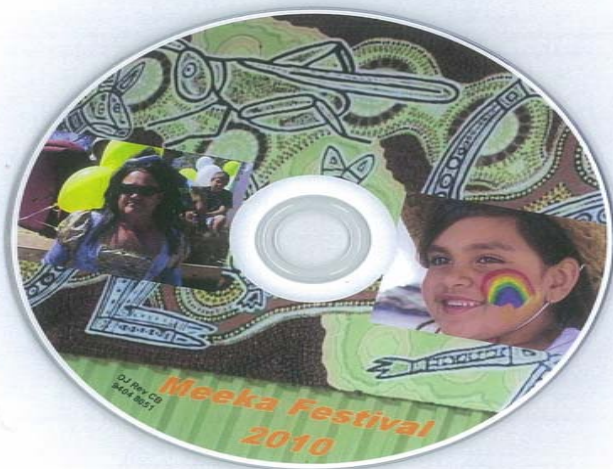


Calling for Submissions

If you have any articles with information, about events, or photos you have taken that you would like included in the Meekatharra Dust, please drop them into Sam at the Shire before the closing date shown on the back page.

World Day of Prayer	5th
Harmony Week	6th
Labour Day	7th
AGM Meeting	8th
International Women's Day	8th
Worlds Greatest Shave	13th
Interagency Meeting	15th
St Patrick's Day	17th

EVENTS THIS MONTH



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

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Meekatharra Library

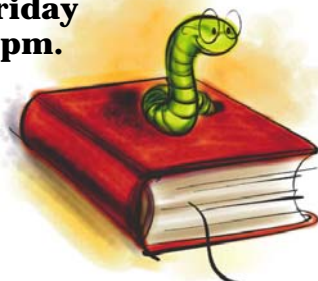
Did you know we get a new exchange of books every month? Come in and check out what is new this month!

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.**

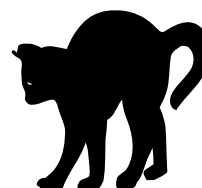


We have a number of library books and DVDs that have not been returned and are overdue. Please could you check that you have returned all overdue library items.

Thank you –Svenja

Newman Vet

Meekatharra



Dr. Rick Fenny

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or Dalkeith Veterinary Clinic on 9386 6277**

My Favourite Animal..

Our teacher asked us what our favorite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken." She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else in the class laughed.

My parents told me to always be truthful and honest, and I am. Fried chicken is my favorite animal.

I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much.

I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef. Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was.

I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, just like she'd asked the other children.

So I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken.

She sent me back to the principal's office again. He laughed, and told me not to do it again. I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am.

Today, my teacher asked us to tell her what famous person we admire most.

I told her, "Colonel Sanders."

Guess where I am now...???



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Thank you

Meekatharra Shire

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reception@meekashire.wa.gov.au

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



A huge thanks to our mum and dad for all that they have done for us, they have been there for us through thick and thin and we truly appreciate it. You both mean the world to us and we love you more than words can explain.

Love always,

Antoni, Timika, Nicole, Alicia, Kadisen, Luther and Lainie. xox



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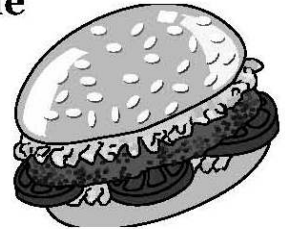
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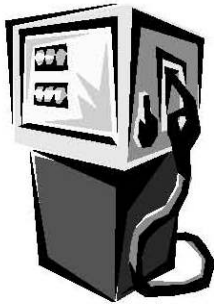
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- ◆ We do not hire equipment (racquets/balls etc)



Gearing Up for the 2011 Census

As many people may already know, 2011 is a Census year and the Australian Bureau of Statistics will be conducting the next Census of Population and Housing on Tuesday, 9 August.

In the lead up to Census night, thousands of forms will be dropped off to every household in Meekatharra by a team of Census Collectors. These Collectors will return in the following weeks to pick up the completed forms and return them to the ABS.

WA Census Director, Mike Scott, explains, "Ensuring a full and accurate count on Census night is important for Meekatharra residents as Census data assist with local planning for services such as hospitals, roads, transport and schools and determines distribution of GST revenue."

Crucial to running a successful Census is having good local staff who know their area.

As well as Census Collectors, there are also Area Supervisor positions available. Area Supervisors will oversee the selection training and management of a small team of Collectors.

All Census positions are part-time. Area Supervisors will be paid between \$4,300 and \$7,500 and Collectors between \$1,100 and \$2,300.

To be eligible to apply you must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident, be 18 year of age or older, and have access to a vehicle and telephone.

Anyone interested in an Area Supervisor position can find out more now at www.abs.gov.au/recruitment or by calling 1800 420 182. Census Collector positions will be advertised in April and more information is available at www.abs.gov.au/census.

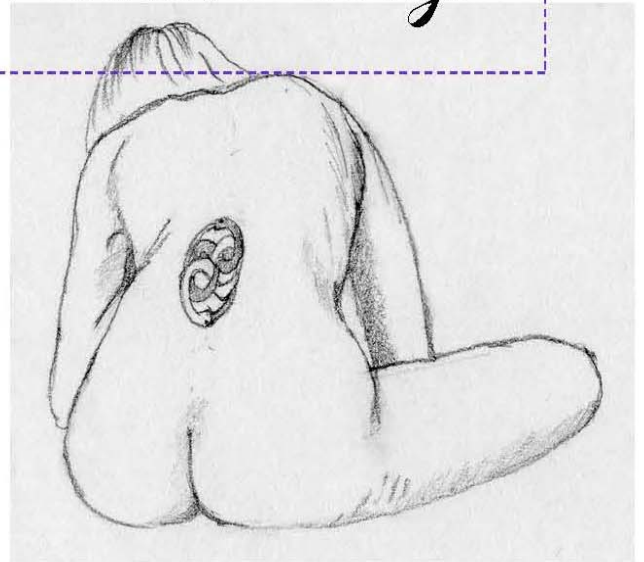
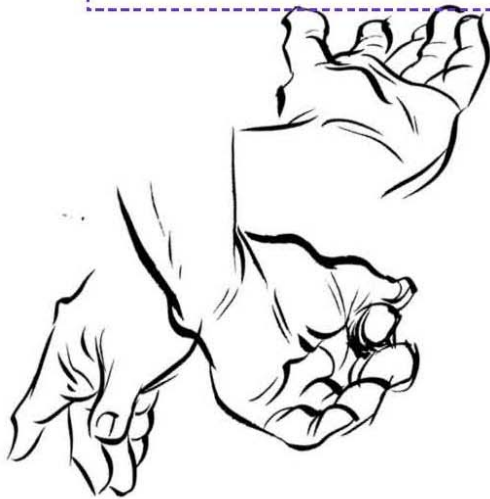
Meekatharra Stats

Figures from the 2006 Census for Shire of Meekatharra:

- Population excluding overseas visitors was 1,137 – 51.7% male, 48.3% female
- Median age of all persons was 32
- 26.6% of people were children 0-14 years
- 16.0% were people aged 55 and over
- 75.5% only spoke English at home. 5 people spoke Martu Wangka, 5 spoke Wajarri, 4 spoke Arabic, 4 Japanese and 3 Croatian.
- The most common occupations included Managers (84), Professionals (70), Labourers (65), Technicians and Trade workers (60) and Community and Personal Services workers (57).
- There were 23 overseas visitors on Census night
- There were 200 families
- Total private dwellings was 503 - 368 were occupied

CALLING ALL WOMEN OF MEEKATHARRA!

*You are hereby invited to a
special event to celebrate
International Women's Day.*



WHERE: SHIRE HALL

**WHEN: TUESDAY MARCH 8th 2011
9AM - 2PM**

**WHAT: STORIES FROM INSPIRATIONAL
WOMEN, GIVE AWAYS, LUNCH
AND MUCH MORE!**

***COME AND HAVE A YARN WITH OTHER WOMEN
AND MEET NEW PEOPLE!***



International Women's Day has been observed since in the early 1900's, a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialized world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies.

The new millennium has witnessed a significant change and attitudinal shift in both women's and society's thoughts about women's equality and emancipation. Many from a younger generation feel that 'all the battles have been won for women' while many feminists from the 1970's know only too well the longevity and ingrained complexity of patriarchy. With more women in the boardroom, greater equality in legislative rights, and an increased critical mass of women's visibility as impressive role models in every aspect of life, one could think that women have gained true equality. The unfortunate fact is that women are still not paid equally to that of their male counterparts, women still are not present in equal numbers in business or politics, and globally women's education, health and the violence against them is worse than that of men.

However, great improvements have been made. We do have female astronauts and prime ministers, school girls are welcomed into university, women can work and have a family, women have real choices. And so the tone and nature of IWD has, for the past few years, moved from being a reminder about the negatives to a celebration of the positives.

Annually on 8 March, thousands of events are held throughout the world to inspire women and celebrate achievements. A global web of rich and diverse local activity connects women from all around the world ranging from political rallies, business conferences, government activities and networking events through to local women's craft markets, theatric performances, fashion parades and more.

Many global corporations have also started to more actively support IWD by running their own internal events and through supporting external ones. For example, on 8 March search engine and media giant Google some years even changes its logo on its global search pages. Year on year IWD is certainly increasing in status. The United States even designates the whole month of March as 'Women's History Month'.

So make a difference, think globally and act locally !! Make everyday International Women's Day. Do your bit to ensure that the future for girls is bright, equal, safe and rewarding.

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Labour Day

Labour Day (or for you Yanks, Labor Day) is an Australian public holiday originally called Eight Hours Day. It celebrates the achievements of organised labour on behalf of the worker to bring about the 8-hour day in the late 1850s.

Previously workers were required to work long hours each week . . . 10 to 12 hours a day six days a week. While a change was made to the hours worked each day, the five day work week we enjoy today took almost a century longer to be adopted finally in 1948.

If look closely you may spot the numbers 888 on many union buildings across Australia. The numbers are in support of British socialist Robert Owen who believed that people should have 8 hours to work, 8 hours for recreation and 8 hours to sleep. This philosophy helped foster The Eight Hours Movement.

The first Labour Day parade was held in Melbourne on April 21st, 1856. Today parades across Australia remind us of the accomplishments made by the unions on behalf of the workers. Australians now enjoy better working conditions than any time in our history.

Labour Day is celebrated at different times across Australia because each state achieved the 8-hour day on different dates.



Members of the Builders Union at the 8 Hour Day Parade in 1910

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the re-scheduled

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of
Karalundi Aboriginal Education Community Inc.

will be held at
Karalundi on Saturday night the
02 April 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 03rd April 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

Term 1 YOUTH PROGRAM

	3 - 4.15pm	4.30 - 6pm	6.30 - 8pm
Monday	Swimming Pool	"Girlz Tribe" & "Warriors" (runs for 6 weeks)	-
Tuesday	Swimming Pool	Footy training & Aerobics/Dance (at sports complex)	-
Wednesday	Swimming Pool	-	Tennis & Basketball (at sports complex)
Thursday	Swimming Pool	Footy training  Cooking Class 5pm @ Youth Centre	-
Friday	Swimming Pool	-	Youth Activity 

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**As all dates are subject to change—please confirm appointments the day
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DENTAL VISITS TO MEEKATHARRA —2011

02 May – 20 May

11 July – 22 July

19 Sept – 30 Sept

07 Nov – 18 Nov

05 Dec – 16 Dec



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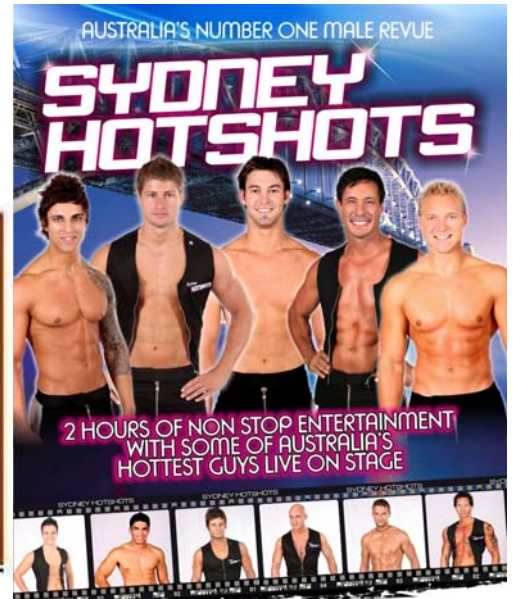
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A Warning and a Thank You

Many people in Meekatharra will know that Sonia Jones, Community Resource Centre employee, sustained serious burns when her car blew up outside the Centre on 30 December. There were some plastic jerry cans in the rear of the car and fumes had escaped in the heat that day. Not realising this, Sonia got into her car and lit a cigarette, causing an explosion.

As well as wanting to thank the many people who assisted her, Sonia wishes to warn others of the dangers of carrying jerry cans inside vehicles.

Extensive information on the safety aspects of transporting fuel containers may be found on the Dept of Mines and Petroleum website at: www.dmp.wa.gov.au

(Go to Resource Safety > Safety Guidance and FAQs > Guidance notes and information sheets > Road transport in receptacles of less than 500L)

Sonia's greatest wish is for others not to go through the same trauma she's been through. She and her family have experienced physical, emotional and financial stress as a result of the accident. A message from Sonia herself:

"There are many people I would like to thank for their support.

Firstly I wish to thank my boss, Jo McDonald, to whom I believe I owe my life. She's a little person but she had a big voice that day; she kept screaming at me to get out of the burning car and she jolted me out of my shock and into action.

Thank you to the two guys – I missed their names - who came running to try and help but couldn't get me out as the doors centrally-locked during the first explosion. Along with Jo, they helped keep me conscious so that I was able to get myself out.

Thanks to Peter Clancy for coming so quickly to my aid and for arranging my own private ambulance: his Mr Green Toyota!

Thank you to Mark, my partner, and Holley, my step-daughter, for being there for me.

Thank you to Alastair for driving the ambulance so carefully and gently on the roads to the airport; I was in a lot of pain.

Thank you to Frontier Services' Reverend Lesley deGrussa-Macaulay and Alison and Bruce from the RFDS for being there for me and my family. The RFDS flew me to Perth and I had a memorable flight! My thanks to them as well.

A huge thank you to all the doctors and nurses at Meekatharra hospital for their speedy, professional and compassionate assistance. I know that "Miss Nicola", Norm, Bridget, Jodie, Dr Eaton, Dr Dobson and Dr Ostberg were all there to assist but there were others whose names I don't recall. I'm grateful to you all.

Thank you to Miss Izzy, whose lasagne made a delicious change from the hospital food in Perth!

Also a huge thank you to all the Meekatharra community for their kind wishes and concerned enquiries about my recovery.

And finally an apology to Rob and Jo for taking their car out with mine!"



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March Birthdays



Chloe Lawford

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Matthew Hall

17th

Kadisen King

18th

Marvin Watson

18th

Cedric Curley

19th

Karrissa Quarternmaine

25th

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26th

Kaihal Lowe

26th

Matthew McDonald

26th

Cassius Hatch

27th

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27th

Mary Scroop

29th

Robert Shay

29th

Krys East

30th

Alastair MaCauley

30th

Zac Hayes-Gentle

31st



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.

- * 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
- * We can get you into the studio to record a promo
- * We can do phone interviews to promote your services

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 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

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An information package is available from Rebecca Maru on 08 9981 1002 or admin@meekashire.wa.gov.au. For further details please contact the Shire's Corporate and Development Services Manager, Krys East, on 08 9981 1002.

Candidates must submit their Resume/CV with a covering letter by **4:00 pm Friday 25th March 2011**.





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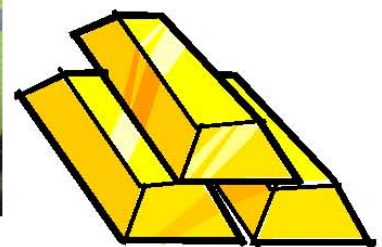
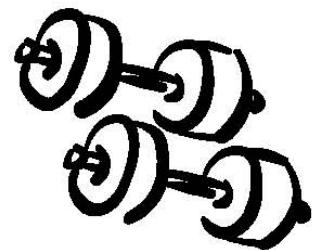
The Meekatharra Gymnasium got a face lift in February thanks to Plutonic Gold Mines generous donation of unneeded equipment.

Two steppers, a treadmill along with various free weights and a weights/squat bench all arrived in Meeka on Tuesday February 15th. The gym is now 'packed' with equipment and more good news for gym users is on the way headway being made in to arranging an air-conditioning system for the building!!!!



If you would like to become a member of the Shire of Meekatharra Gym please see our resident expert Svenja Luebbe at the front reception at the Shire, or phone 9981 1002

Shire workers Svenja Luebbe and Kelly Fuhrmann try out the new equipment with Plutonic Gold Mine employees Claire Burke and Matt Collier



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Christ the King

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Liturgies

ALL WELCOME

All Liturgies at 6.30pm

February

Sat 19th

Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass)

March

Sat 5th

Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Sat 26th

Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass)

April

Sat 2nd

Liturgy 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 ags ☎ 9963 4179



Its Time For The Annual Gathering For The "Return To Meekatharra Society."

When: Sunday 20th March 2011

Where: Whiteman Park; Lord Street, Whiteman. Shelter E1

Time: 10AM onwards

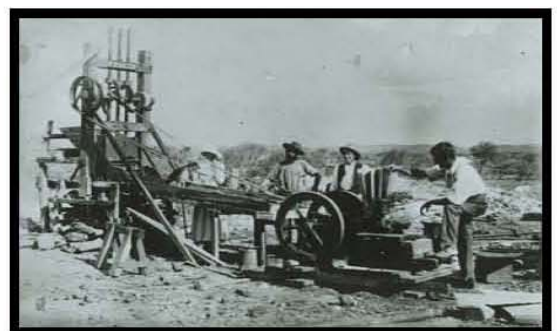
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*For Further Information please contact Tupp (Thelma) or Bob Biggs on
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Happy St Patrick's Day 17th March

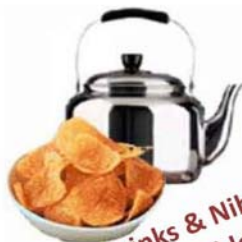
Many Australians remember the Irish settlement and culture on St Patrick's Day. The Irish were among the first Europeans to settle in Australia. They comprised a portion of the convict settlement population in the late 1700s. More than 300,000 other Irish settlers (not convicts) migrated to Australia between 1840 and 1914. Many Irish immigrants came to Australia to escape famine in their homeland. About 30 percent of Australians are believed to have some Irish ancestry today.

One way of preserving Irish traditions and customs in Australia is celebrating St Patrick's Day each year. St Patrick is one of Ireland's patron saints. He died on March 17 in or around the year 493. He worked as a missionary in Ireland and it is believed that he banished "snakes" from the country although the term may have referred to druids or pagan worshippers.



Meekatharra
Community Resource Centre

AGM



Drinks & Nibbles
Provided

DATE: Tuesday 8th March

TIME: 5pm

PLACE: Royal Mail Hotel

HAVE YOUR
SAY!!

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



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Meekatharra Speedway Club

Murchison Championships

9th April 2011.

Gates open at 2.00 pm

Racing starts at 5.00 pm

Adults \$15.00 / Kids \$5.00 / Kids under 10 free

Productions, Street Stocks, Juniors & Quads

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WHERE : Commercial Hotel Beer Garden

WHEN : Sunday 13th March 2011 at 1.00pm

DETAILS : Come along and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment and fun.

CONTACT : Kerry Salmon on 0407856655



February Dust 2011

Early February saw myself and colleague Judy Knowing from Tom Price spend a week in Carnarvon sleeping in the UC on the floor in our swags while during the day we assisted the second wave of support to residents in the immediate area, stations and Gascoyne Junctions people who were still stranded on the south side of the river. I was very surprised for lack of a better phrase to see six weeks on the devastation, and isolation that many people are still enduring. Not to mention my complete ignorance of the aftermath and its effects with regard to the stoicism that the people have; I know we hear of it from the media but I was humbled, considering 'my' biggest dilemma in the days before I travelled to Carnarvon was that some 'town' dogs got into my vegie garden and trashed it!!

What a privilege to simply sit/stand and talk to people who are rebuilding not only their lives but their homes, worker accommodation and try as they might repair (dry-out), electrical items, and vehicles, search for cattle, beds, drums of fuel that were like 'toys' tossed around and carried in many cases Km's down river; many found in gum trees and it was at that point, tears sting the eyes, as station people tell of seeing their hand fed calves, dead high in a tree.....



Bidgemia Station



Hotel Gascoyne Junction



Doorawarrah Station

This month I also attended the **Summer Spirit** - from Friday 18–Sunday 20 February in Perth. Speakers include Rev Alistair Macrae, President of the Uniting Church in Australia; Clare Boyd-Macrae, author and Emeritus Professor Gary D Bouma, Professor of Sociology at Monash University.

Lesley's Diary Dates 2011:

- **5 March - Pancake Day;** in front of the Commercial Hotel; \$2 for a pancake, come and join in the fun and enjoy a late breakfast.
- **10-14 March - North West Forum;** Uniting Church Meeting in Port Hedland.
- **18-20 March - UC Assembly;** Sydney meeting
- **24 March - National Close the Gap Day;** this is a way for all Australians to join together and remind our political leaders of their commitments to close the life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a generation. For more info visit <http://www.oxfam.org.au/act/events/close-the-gap-day>.
- **28 March -1 April,** Station Visits Mt Augusta – Gascoyne Junction

National Church News:

Leaders from the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress, Rev Ken Sumner and Rev Shayne Blackman, and the President of the Uniting Church in Australia, Rev

Alistair Macrae, have added their signature to a statement from prominent Australians urging a new approach to the policies of the Northern Territory Intervention which secure, rather than violate, the rights of Australia's Indigenous people. For more info visit <http://www.unitingjustice.org.au/component/content/article/33-issues-indigenous-justice/250-nterstatement080211.html>.

The World Council of Churches' Living Letters team have now released their full report on their visit to the Northern Territory. The team visited several communities and spoke to people who came from around the Northern Territory. For more info visit <http://ncca.org.au/departments/natsiec/559-wcc-living-letters->.

And finally a message from the pulpit

Henri Nouwen Meditation: Community Supported by Solitude

Solitude greeting solitude, that's what community, is all about. Community is not the place where we are no longer alone but the place where we respect, protect, and reverently greet one another's aloneness. When we allow our aloneness to lead us into solitude, our solitude will enable us to rejoice in the solitude of others. Our solitude roots us in our own hearts. Instead of making us yearn for company that will offer us immediate satisfaction, solitude makes us claim our centre and empowers us to call others to claim theirs. Our various solitudes are like strong, straight pillars that hold up the roof of our communal house. Thus, solitude always strengthens community.

http://www.henrinouwen.org/home/free_eletters/

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: 1st Sunday each month

EASTER SERVICE TIMES

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

Good Friday—9am

Easter Sunday—TBA (Catholic Church)

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



The Meekatharra Dust 36
March 2011



The Meekatharra Dust 37
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The Meekatharra Dust 38
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**Sunday 13th March from 1pm
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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



“How many loaves have you?”

Prepared by WDP Committee of Chile

Speaker To be arranged

Venue Catholic Church

Corner Darlot + High Sts, Meekatharra

Time Saturday 5 March 6.30pm

Saturday 5th **March 2011 — All Welcome !**

HARMONY WEEK

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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



Harmony Day 2011

21st March

About Harmony Day

Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia on 21 March each year. It's a day where all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity. The day is also the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Harmony Day is managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) and gives people the opportunity to celebrate what makes each Australian unique and share what we have in common.

The continuing message for Harmony Day in 2011 is that **Everyone Belongs**, which means all Australians are a welcome part of our country, regardless of their background. It's a time to reflect on where Australia has come from, recognising the traditional owners of this land. It's also about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live.

DIAC supports a range of community events and activities held to celebrate Harmony Day by providing free promotional products.

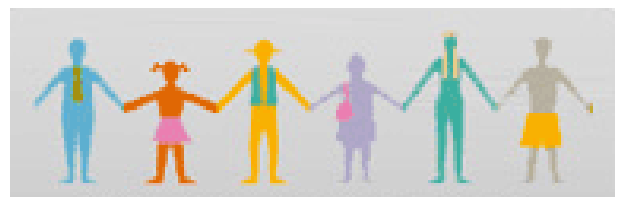
Harmony Day began in 1999 and since then, a wide variety of groups including sports organisations, community groups, local government, schools and businesses have staged more than 25 000 Harmony Day events.

Over the years, Harmony Day has grown in popularity as Australians have made the day their own.

DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL COHESION PROGRAM
EVERYONE BELONGS



Australian Government
Department of Immigration
and Citizenship



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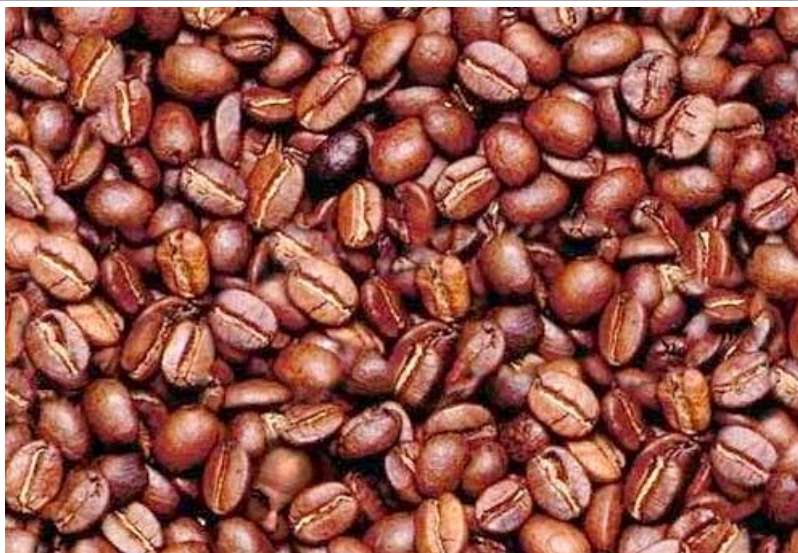
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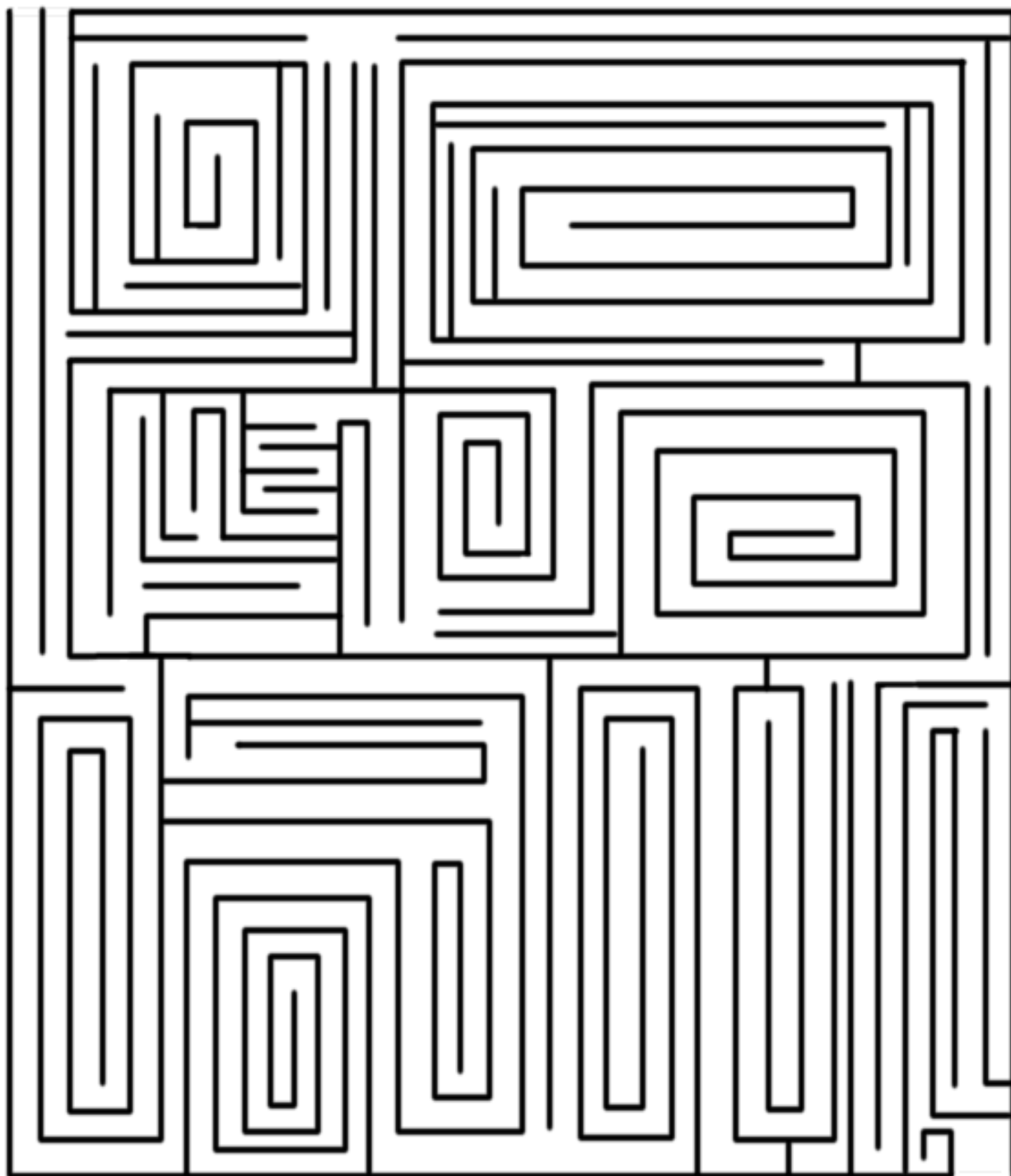


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FINISH ↓



WHAT'S COOKING



Avacado, Pesto Chicken Pasta

Ingredients (serves 4)

- ♦ 1 tablespoon olive oil
- ♦ 2 (500g) chicken breast fillets
- ♦ 375g dried linguine pasta
- ♦ 240g cherry truss tomatoes
- ♦ 1/3 cup light cooking cream
- ♦ 50g baby spinach
- ♦ 1/2 medium avocado, diced
- ♦ Toasted pine nuts, to serve
- ♦ Avocado pesto
- ♦ 2 cups firmly packed fresh basil leaves
- ♦ 1/4 cup pine nuts, toasted
- ♦ 1/3 cup finely grated parmesan cheese
- ♦ 1 garlic clove, quartered
- ♦ 1/2 medium avocado, roughly chopped
- ♦ 1/2 cup olive oil

Notes

Drizzle avocado with a little lemon juice before serving to stop it turning brown.

Use a metal dessert spoon rather than a knife to safely remove stone from avocado.

Serve leftovers cold as a salad or lunch the next day.

Method

Make avocado pesto Process basil, pine nuts, parmesan, garlic and avocado until finely chopped. With motor running, add oil in a slow, steady stream. Process to combine. Transfer to a bowl. Cover surface with plastic wrap.

Heat oil in a non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat. Cook chicken for 5 to 7 minutes each side or until browned and cooked through. Transfer to a plate. Set aside, covered, for 5 minutes. Thinly slice chicken.

Meanwhile, cook pasta in a saucepan of boiling salted water, following packet directions, until tender. Drain. Transfer to a large bowl. Cover to keep warm.

Remove tomatoes from stem, keeping stalks intact. Add tomatoes to frying pan. Cook, turning, for 3 to 5 minutes or until just starting to collapse.

Add pesto, tomatoes, cream, spinach and chicken to pasta. Season with salt and pepper. Toss gently to combine. Top with avocado and pine nuts. Serve.

WHAT'S COOKING

Apple and Almond Slice



Ingredients (serves 12)

- 1 x 400g packet Traditional English Tea Cake mix
- 3 eggs
- 80g softened butter, chopped
- 2/3 cup (160ml) milk
- 3 green apples
- 125g slivered almonds
- 2 tbs demerara sugar

Preparation Time

10 minutes

Cooking Time

40 minutes

Method

Preheat oven to 200°C (180°C fan forced). Grease a 21cm x 31 cm x 5cm deep slab tin and line base with non-stick baking paper.

Place packet cake mix (reserve cinnamon sachet), eggs, butter and milk into the bowl of an electric mixer. Beat on low until ingredients are moistened, then beat on medium for 2 minutes.

Coarsely grate apples and stir through cake mixture. Pour into prepared tin. In a small bowl, combine slivered almonds, demerara sugar and cinnamon sachet. Sprinkle evenly over the top of the mixture.

Bake for 35-40 minutes until cake is cooked when tested. Cut into squares to serve. Serve warm with double cream.

Events Calendar

MARCH

World Day of Prayer	5th
Harmony Week	6th
Labour Day	7th
AGM Meeting	8th
International Women's Day	8th
Worlds Greatest Shave	13th
Interagency Meeting	15th
St Patrick's Day	17th



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