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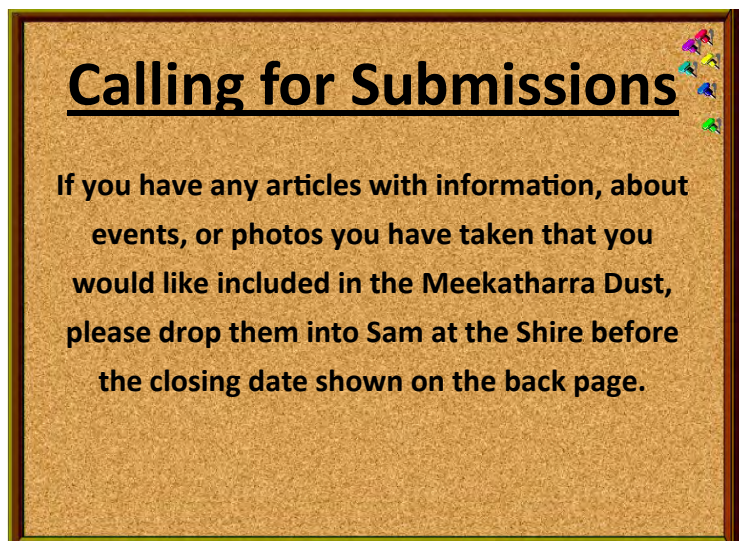
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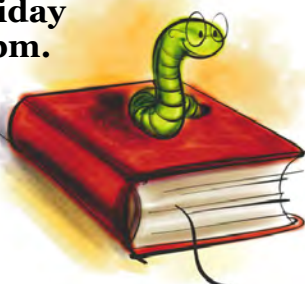
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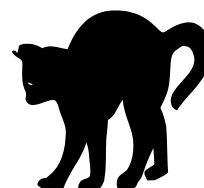


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The Meekatharra Dust

March 2012

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Sat 14th April 2012

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-Play music live to air

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We are looking for businesses to sponsor airtime for \$550.00/3 Months

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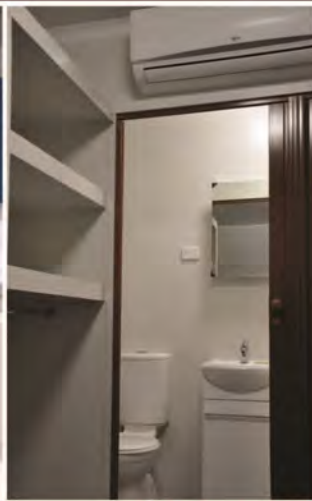
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Why not go back to playing your money game, I think that this is much more fun for everyone, including the birds.

Maybe you will stop when someone gets their eye knocked out or there is a stray rock that smashed a car window.

Also, to those people/person who smashed the solar light and smashed bottles in the welcome park – do you think this is funny?

- Sent in by Rigby Trenfield



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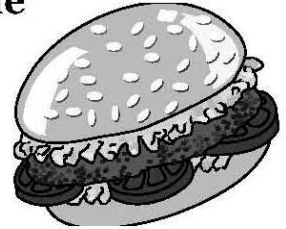
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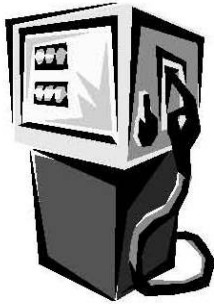
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ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF
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DO YOU ENJOY THE FESTIVAL?

DO YOU WANT IT TO BE A
SUCCESS IN 2012?



To register your interest call in and see Kelly at the Shire (9981 1002)

Or Eveanne at the CRC (9980 1811)

Or ring Elaine 0439 909 738



Meekatharra Gymkhana

Saturday 14th April 2012

Race Course

Starts 8.30am - 5.00pm

A fun day for all... 

\$2000.00 Barrel Race

1st: \$1000.00

2nd: \$600.00

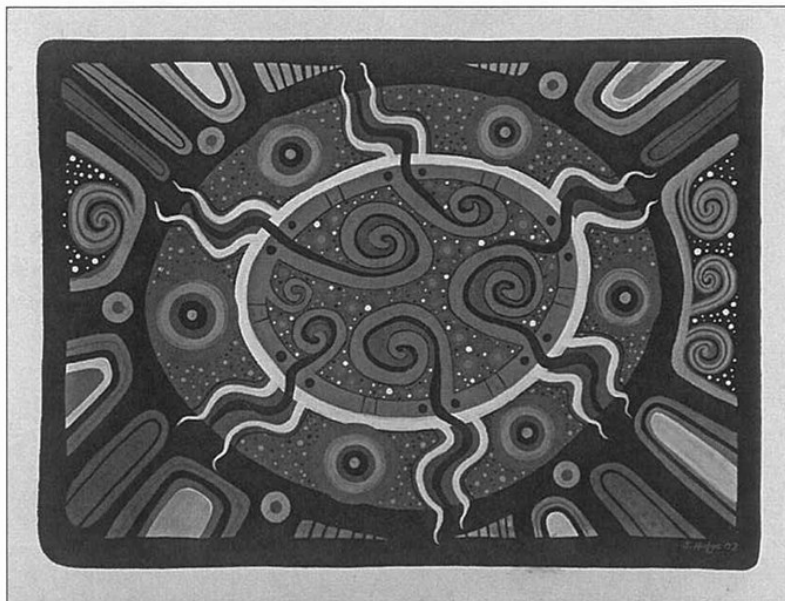
3rd: \$400.00



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FIRE DANGER RATING AND WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU.

FIRE DANGER RATING	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHAT SHOULD I DO?
CRITICAL 10-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These are the worst conditions for a bush or grass fire. If a fire starts and takes hold, it will be extremely difficult to control and will take significant firefighting resources and cooler conditions to bring it under control. 	<p>YOU NEED TO GET READY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put your survival first and leave bushfire risk areas the night before or early in the day - this is your best option. Act immediately - do not wait and see: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ leave now ▶ avoid forested areas, thick bush or long, dry grass ▶ take shelter if you cannot leave
EXTREME 7-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These are very hot, dry and windy conditions for a bush or grass fire. If a fire starts and takes hold, it will be unpredictable, move very fast and difficult for firefighters to bring under control. Spot fires will start and move quickly. Embers may come from many directions. 	<p>YOU NEED TO GET READY TO GO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only stay with your property if you are prepared to the highest level. This means your home needs to have been constructed to bushfire protection levels eg, anchored eaves, covers over external air conditioners, metal flyscreens etc. You must be well prepared and able to actively defend your home if a fire starts. This means you have the right equipment and resources to put out fires around your home eg, enough water supply, petrol/diesel portable pump, generator, protective clothing etc. If you are not prepared to the highest level, leaving bushfire risk areas early in the day is your safest option.
MODERATE 5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These are hot, dry and possibly windy conditions for a bush or grass fire. If a fire starts and takes hold, it may be hard for firefighters to control. 	<p>YOU NEED TO BE ALERT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety. This means you have the right equipment and resources to put out fires around your home eg, enough water supply, petrol/diesel portable pump, generator, protective clothing etc.
VERY HIGH 3-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These are hot, dry and possibly windy conditions for a bush or grass fire. If a fire starts and takes hold, it may be hard for firefighters to control. 	<p>YOU NEED TO BE ALERT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety. This means you have the right equipment and resources to put out fires around your home eg, enough water supply, petrol/diesel portable pump, generator, protective clothing etc.
HIGH 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a fire starts, it is likely to be controlled in these conditions and homes can provide safety. Be aware of how fires can start and reduce the risk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check your bushfire survival plan Monitor conditions Action may be needed Leave if necessary
LOW-MODERATE 0-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a fire starts, it is likely to be controlled in these conditions and homes can provide safety. Be aware of how fires can start and reduce the risk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check your bushfire survival plan Monitor conditions Action may be needed Leave if necessary



Fires can threaten suddenly and without warning.

Watch for signs of fire, especially smoke and flames.

Know your Fire Danger Rating and be aware of local conditions.

Have your bushfire survival plan and kit ready.

To seek information listen to local radio, go to www.bca.vic.gov.au or call the FESA information line on **1300 657 209**.

Do not be report a fire



PREPARE, ACT, SURVIVE.

PREPARE, ACT, SURVIVE.

POETS of AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND WE WANT YOU!

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**SUBMIT YOUR POEMS TO THE
100 YEARS FROM GALLIPOLI POETRY PROJECT.
ENTER NEW POEMS IN ITS PRIZE!**

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The 100 YEARS FROM GALLIPOLI Poetry Project challenges poets to answer the following questions:

What does ANZAC Day mean to you, to today's families, communities or nations?

What about Remembrance Day or other military commemoration or anniversary?

To be in the running to share in the total prize pool of AUD\$5000 simply visit www.ozzywriters.com and follow the links to download an entry form.

The closing date for all submissions to the 100 YEARS FROM GALLIPOLI Poetry Project and entries to its Prize is Remembrance Day, 11 November 2013.

For any queries or if you are unable to download material online please contact the Co-ordinating Editor on +61 (0)3 6362 4390 or by emailing: gallipoli-100@ozzywriters.com



Design by T. Sadcock 2011

The 100 Years from Gallipoli Poetry Project offers poets an opportunity to present their views & opinions of ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day and other military commemorations or anniversaries, together with the emotions these evoke. By promoting a diversity of views, the Project will contribute to a modern interpretation of their meaning and importance in today's Australia and New Zealand.



Do you want to do something about the **environment**?

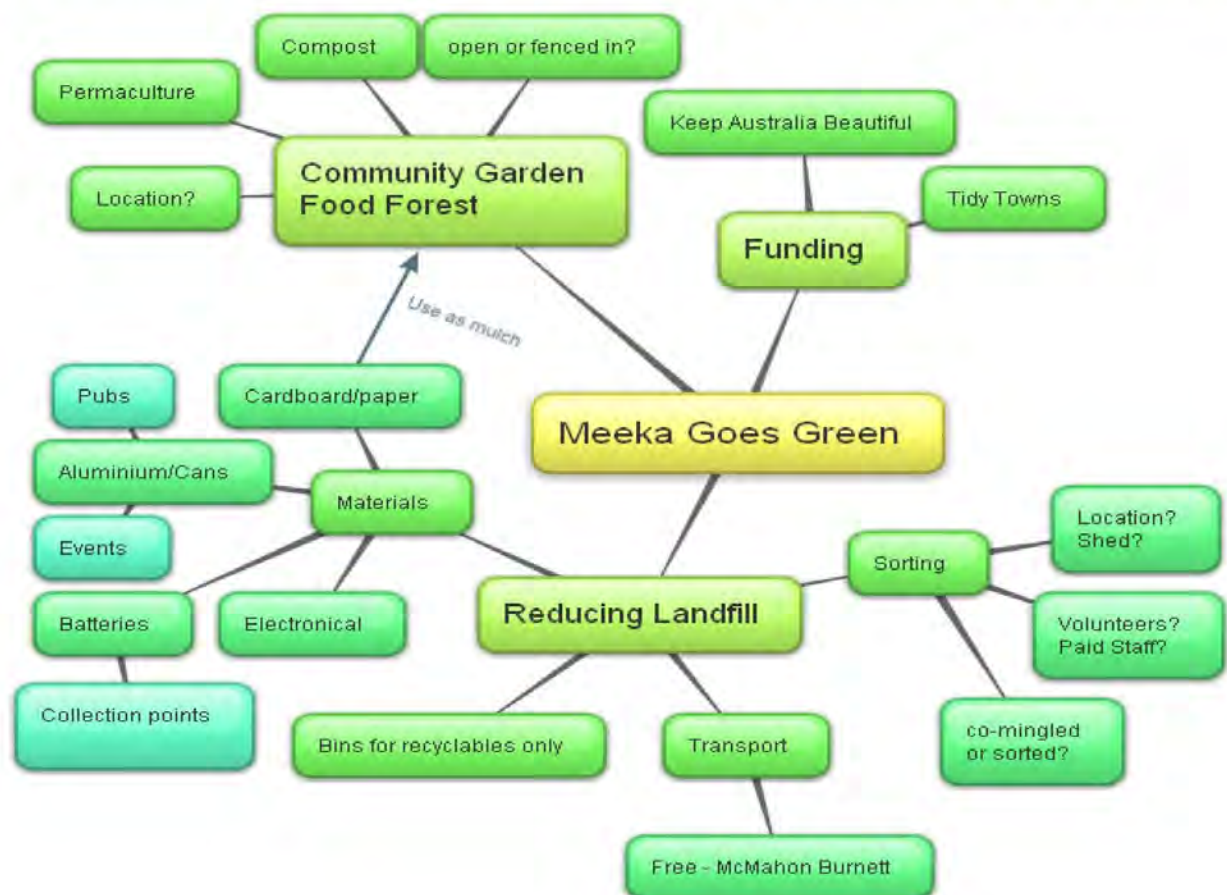
Would you prefer seeing valuable resources **recycled** rather than dumped in landfill?

Do you like the idea of having a **community garden**?

Do you feel like you want to make a **change**?

Have you got **old mobile phones** collecting dust in your cupboard? Is your bottom kitchen drawer a collection point for **empty batteries** because you feel bad adding them to landfill but don't know what else to do with them?

Drop both your empty household batteries and old mobile phones (including battery, charger and all) into the collection boxes at the **Meekatharra Community Resource Center** so they can be recycled and reused!



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Hon **Wendy Duncan** MLC

Member for Mining & Pastoral Regions | Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development, Lands | Parliamentary Leader of the Legislative Council

7 March 2012

ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS A SHOT IN THE ARM FOR AILING CLINICS

A \$22.2M injection of funds from the Liberal-National Government's Royalties for Regions program will provide essential improvements to six health clinics in Aboriginal communities in the Pilbara and Kimberley regions.

Mining and Pastoral MLC Wendy Duncan said that the funds would result in improvements to the delivery of health services in Aboriginal Communities including Bayulau, Mulan, Mindibungu (Billiluna), Wakathuni and Nookanbah (Yungngora).

The Remote Indigenous Health Clinics initiative will see the replacement of sub-standard clinic infrastructure and eliminate the forced closure of clinics due to health and safety concerns.

Mrs Duncan said that the move was indicative of the Government's recognition of access to quality primary health care services as crucial to the improvement of indigenous health and essential in order to successfully and sustainably close the gap in life expectancies.

She said that all Western Australians, no matter where they were, deserved access to quality health care.

"This project will help improve health outcomes for the communities involved, and go a long way towards addressing health inequities in remote Aboriginal communities."

The project will be completed adopting culturally appropriate clinic designs to encourage community members to utilize the upgraded facilities, and the agencies involved will work with the communities to ensure each clinic best addresses individual community health priorities.

"The Royalties for Regions program continues to provide supplementary investment to Government agencies to help deliver quality services to regional communities."

The project will be managed by the WA Country Health Service. Work on the projects will start immediately and continue through 2012 and 2013.

Ends.

For more information contact Wendy Duncan on 0438 782 034



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12 March 2012

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS URGED TO APPLY FOR SUPPORT

Applications have been called for the fourth funding round of the State Government's \$6million Environmental Community Grants program, and Mining and Pastoral MLC Wendy Duncan is keen to see regional groups rewarded for their stewardship efforts.

"In the past, this program has helped with projects all over this wonderfully diverse State, and I would like to see worthwhile programs in both the north and south benefit from this year's funding round."

Last year, the Pila Ngura Aboriginal Corporation was awarded \$12,840 to help its work towards filling critical knowledge gaps for biodiversity and threatened species management in the Great Victoria Desert Nature Reserve. The Goldfields Wildlife Rehabilitators received \$2,250 and the Kimberley Wildlife Rescue group was awarded \$1,500; both grants were for food supplies for injured wildlife in care.

The Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group received a boost of \$23,500 to help with an environmental/conservation public education program for Kalgoorlie-Boulder and the surrounding rangelands, while the Friends of the Fitzgerald River National Park received \$30,000 to help restore the Twertup Field Studies Centre in the Fitzgerald River National Park.

"The scheme is a continuation of the Liberal-National Government's support for the efforts of numerous dedicated and hard working local community groups through this program."

Ms Duncan said there were funding categories to suit a wide range of projects.

"There are eight categories of grants, including biodiversity conservation; sustainable catchment management; interpretation; sustainable recreation in natural areas; regional parks and 'Bush Forever' sites."

Funding is available for voluntary wildlife rehabilitators and projects which rehabilitate, conserve, enhance or restore natural areas or values, as well as for activities that raise public awareness for nature conservation at a local level.

Other types of projects the Government will fund include those aimed at protecting threatened species and their habitats; revegetating or rehabilitating natural vegetation and waterways; weed and pest control in remnant bushland; establishing recreational facilities to reduce pressures on natural areas; and environmental information and education activities.

Priority will be given to projects sponsored by community and not-for-profit organisations and local governments will also be eligible to apply for funding under the program. Application forms can be downloaded from the Department of Environment and Conservation website www.dec.wa.gov.au.

They must be submitted by April 2 2012.

Ends.

For more information, contact Wendy Duncan on mobile 0438 782 034.



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The Meekatharra Dust

March 2012

A BIG THANKYOU

The Festival Committee would like to thank those who came along and supported our very first BINGO night (with a twist!). A lot of fun was had by all. For those who didn't partake you missed out on a great night.

Nearly all the tables had a winner on them. Not knowing what to expect until you opened the lucky dip prize was the twist! And boy were there a few surprised faces. For those who thought it was just for the oldies it most certainly wasn't and the young people had heaps of fun as well.

A special thanks to Ellen O'Dempsey our very own BINGO caller who had the competitors amused with her stories and calling skills.

We would also like to thank Meacho from the Commie for lending his balls. (BINGO Balls!) Speaking of Meacho - just a word of advice... It's always good to wait until the end of a game to use the facilities as you never know when they are going to

call a **10**. You can't trust the others on your table to check off the numbers you need on your card. Even if they are using your balls!

Our two meat packs were won by the Community Resource Centre Table and Paul Morris's Table - are we invited to the BBQ?

Our other raffles were won by Mary Joy and Karen the new Manager of Yulella Vision.

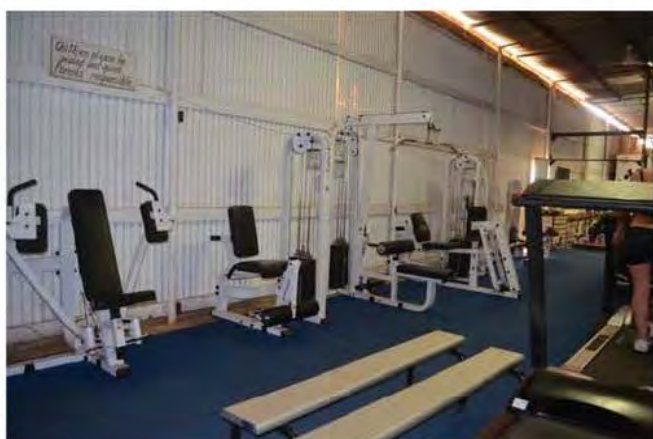
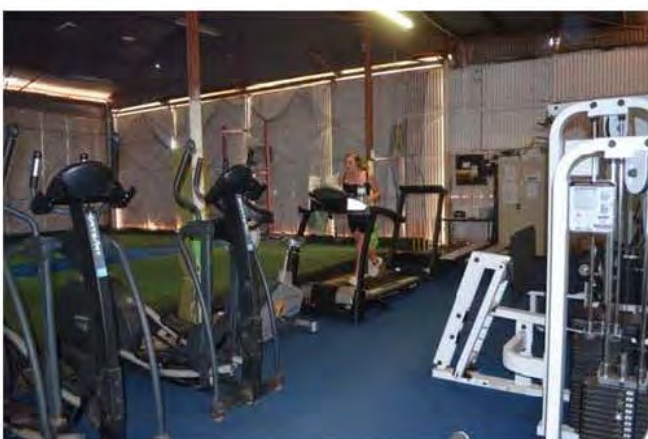
We hope that everyone will be looking forward to our next Festival Fundraising event - a Trivia Night which will be held on June 30th this year. We hope to see you there.

**KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR OUR NEXT
MARKET STALLS ON MAY 12TH**



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ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS TO ASSIST JUNIOR DOCTOR INCREASE FOR WA REGIONAL AREAS

1 MARCH 2012

A contribution of \$8.5million of Royalties for Regions funding will assist with increasing the number of positions for junior doctors in major regional hospitals across Western Australia.

Wendy Duncan, Member for Mining and Pastoral Region said that State Government has provided \$27million towards the junior doctor positions in regional areas, with an additional \$8.5million contributed through Royalties for Regions.

The Rural Practice Pathway provides better access to training in regional areas and is a career pathway for junior doctors wishing to train for a full year in regional areas.

It provides assistance for doctors to continue working in regional areas after they have completed their prevocational training.

The RPP will this year see the junior doctor training positions increase to 83 participants, up from 25 participants four years ago.

"This is a fantastic result and indicates the strength of the programs in place to teach and support our junior doctor trainees in regional settings," said Ms Duncan.

"The RPP program underpins the values of what Royalties for Regions is all about; having a long term focus on regional development where services are improved and benefits are retained for our regional communities."

Royalties for Regions funding will assist young doctors to further their skills in hospitals in Albany, Broome, Bunbury, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Port Hedland.

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- Strong troubleshooting and preventative maintenance skills
- Excellent communication skills.

To apply please contact our Meekatharra Branch Manager, Aaron Taylor on

08 99811466 , mobile 0418949613, email

Meekatharra@coateshire.com.au or Area Manager John Cartwright 0467775781, email john.cartwright@coateshire.com.au



The Coates Hire logo, featuring the word 'coates' in white lowercase letters and 'hire' in a smaller white lowercase font, both set against a solid orange rectangular background.

THE NATIONALS LAUNCH NEW 'BILLION REASONS' TV COMMERCIALS

The Nationals WA State President, Colin Holt today launched new television advertisements calling for people across regional WA to share stories about how Royalties for Regions has benefited them or their community.

Mr Holt said the new television ads marked the start of The Nationals' campaign leading up to the 2013 State Election.

"People in regional WA know the difference Royalties for Regions has made in their community and we want to hear their stories," Mr Holt said.

"There are a billion reasons why Royalties for Regions is important, and this campaign is about empowering individuals and communities to tell us why the program matters to them."

Mr Holt said these ads highlighted how Royalties for Regions is transforming regional WA.

"Before 2008, both major parties focused on metropolitan areas and overlooked the needs of regional communities.

"The Nationals promised to get a fairer share of the money generated by the regions returned to the people in the regions, and we're delivering.

"I ask everyone to consider if they think this focus would continue without The Nationals holding the balance of power."

Mr Holt said The Nationals need to build on current representation to secure the balance of power and continue delivering Royalties for Regions.

"The decision by The Nationals WA Leader, Brendon Grylls to nominate in the seat of Pilbara is central to this strategy to increase representation," Mr Holt said.

"The Nationals are taking a risk to protect Royalties for Regions because we know how important it is for regional Western Australians."

To view the advertisement or to share your Royalties for Regions story visit www.nationalswa.com.

Nominations for pre-selection for The Nationals WA are currently open for all regional seats and will close on 5 April 2012.

For more information contact State President, Colin Holt on 0418 902 204.

The logo for 'The Nationals for Regional WA' is displayed on a dark green rectangular background. The word 'THE NATIONALS' is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. To its right, the words 'for Regional WA' are written in a smaller, white, cursive script font.



St John Ambulance Meekatharra Sub Center

Need to renew your Ambulance Benefit Fund Membership?
Interested in becoming a volunteer?
Need to do a First Aid Course?

The Meekatharra St John Ambulance Subcenter has now regular office hours.

Come and see Sonja
Monday and Thursday 8am –12noon

FIRST AID COURSE - 1 Day \$199

Dates : 3rd March 2012

 14th April 2012

 2nd June 2012

Contact Sonja:

Monday and Thursday 8am –12noon

at the sub center office in Hill St

Or per email at sjameekatharra@westnet.com.au

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**One weekend of training and you could
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**One shift per fortnight is all that is
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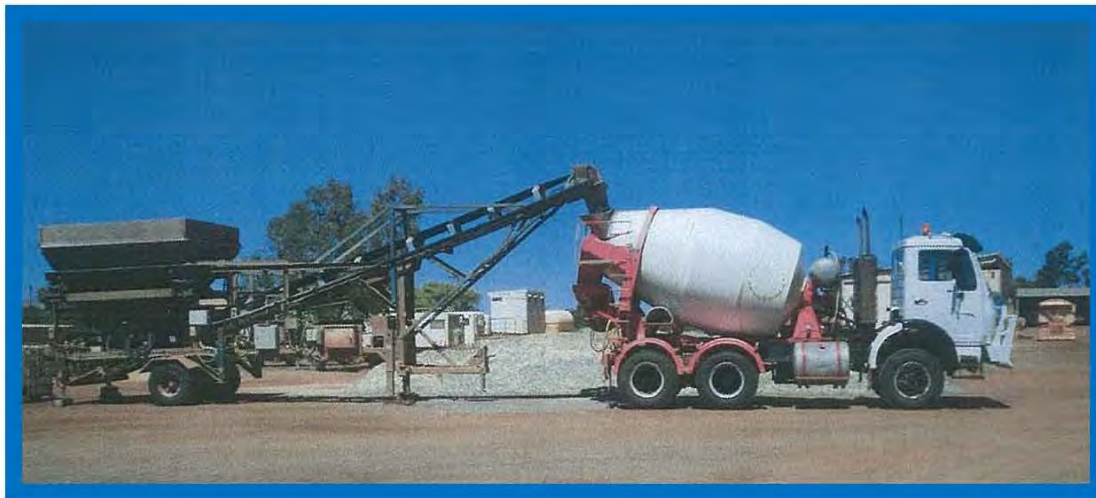
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Community Health: 9981 0636

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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)

RFDS MEDICAL SERVICE

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After Hours is for EMERGENCIES Only

DENTAL VISITS TO MEEKATHARRA —2012

23/04—04/05

18/06—29/06

17/09—28/09

19/11—14/12



Meekatharra Dental Clinic : 9981 0640

Mobile Dental Clinic : 0427 386 647

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



Thank you to Damien Webb and the very helpful team from the State Library of Western Australia and Edith Cowan University who came to Meekatharra and its surrounding communities to further promote the fantastic services the local Meekatharra Library (located in the Shire office) offers to you. Every Wednesday at 10:30am a Better Beginnings Rhyme and Story time session is held. All mums, dads or aunties and uncles (and in particular Aboriginal families) are welcome to join in, sing songs and read fascinating books with their little 0-5 year old children. Svenja, who is running the sessions, will also look at working together with other Meekatharra services (playgroup, kindy, etc) to enable them to use the Library's resources and get more children involved.



Svenja from the Shire and Damien from the State Library with a great, eye catching poster that is displayed in the Shire office.





Meekatharra
Community Resource Centre



April Special

Print your favourite
photos onto **CANVAS**
and only pay
MEMBER PRICES
during April!

\$35 for A3
\$50 for A2



Department of
Regional Development and Lands



ROYALTIES
FOR REGIONS



Meekatharra
Community Resource Centre

COMMITTEE MEETING

Next Meeting: **Tues 17th April 2012 @ 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 welcomes 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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ROYALTIES
FOR REGIONS

55 Main Street

Ph: (08) 9980 1811

Friday 30 March 2012

GNFL ANNOUNCES CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP WITH OPR

The Great Northern Football League (GNFL) is pleased to announce it has retained Oakajee Port and Rail (OPR) as a Gold Sponsor for the upcoming 2012 football season.

For the fifth consecutive year, the OPR sponsorship will contribute to the League's growing football operations, including their bid to reclaim the Landmark Country Week A-Section title in July.

Another major part of OPR's support is to recognise the role of the league's talented indigenous players, through a monthly OPR indigenous player profile in the GNFL Football Budget.

The GNFL's President, Mr Colin Cox, says the OPR sponsorship provides a great boost, enhancing all activities of the League and will continue to ensure the League moves forward.

"With a focus on showcasing our indigenous players and general sponsorship, OPR is contributing to the future of mid-west football. The funding helps to continue our focus on developing the players of the mid-west."

Mr Cox says OPR support of the Country Week team continues the youth development focus from previous seasons.

"Country Week brings the best of regional Western Australia together and the competition allows our players to develop and shine. We can't do it without the support of sponsors, such as OPR."

OPR Chief Executive John Langoulant AO says sponsoring the GNFL is a great way to make a lasting contribution to the mid-west community.

"At OPR, supporting the mid-west sporting community is a vital part of our community relations program," Mr Langoulant said.

"Our project will support the mid-west community and economy for decades to come, creating jobs and opportunities.

"We hope some of the GNFL players of today and the future decide to build careers with OPR in the years to come."

ENDS



Oakajee
Port & Rail



**FESTIVAL MEETINGS WILL BE
HELD ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH**

DO YOU ENJOY THE FESTIVAL?

**DO YOU WANT IT TO BE A
SUCCESS IN 2012?**

**ARE YOU WANTING A MUSIC
EVENT LIKE BATTLE OF THE
BANDS IN AUGUST???**

**WE NEED THE COMMUNITY TO PULL
TOGETHER AND HELP THE REMAINING
FEW ORGANISERS OF THE FESTIVAL
WEEKEND AND ASSOCIATED EVENTS
FOR 2012**

To register your interest call in and see Kelly at the Shire (9981 1002)

Or Eveanne at the CRC (9980 1811)

Or ring Elaine 0439 909 738

Media Release

Hon **Wendy Duncan** MLC

Member for Mining and Pastoral Region / Parliamentarian (State) in the Mining and Pastoral Region / Member of the House of Representatives

THE NATIONALS for Regional WA

KIDSAFE AWARD TO WINDOW BLIND SAFETY CAMPAIGN

29 MARCH 2012

The Parents for Window Blind Safety (PFWBS) has taken out this year's Kidsafe WA Award at the eighth annual Consumer Protection Awards.

Wendy Duncan, Member for Mining and Pastoral Region said that the **Kidsafe WA Award** is in recognition of the work that local governments, businesses, community groups or individuals contribute towards child safety. This includes raising awareness of specific product hazards, involvement in the design and development of new products that improve consumer safety, and developing or delivering projects or initiatives that raise community understanding and awareness of product safety issues for children.

Mr John Williamson of Karratha, a representative of PFWBS has been a strong advocate along with the group in raising awareness of blind and curtain cord safety in Australia through keeping consumers informed of the dangers of window cord products and providing information on safer alternatives.

"John became involved in the campaign to make our window treatments safer following the tragic death of his granddaughter in 2006. His tireless work and commitment to this cause has seen him reach international recognition for his knowledge and technical expertise in the quest to make blinds on windows safe for young children," Ms Duncan said.

In getting the message out PFWBS has visited residents, kindergartens and day care centres to conduct safety reviews and provide advice. PFWBS has also worked with State and Federal governments to introduce national mandatory product safety standards. The group has encouraged governments to undertake extensive public awareness campaigns so that parents and carers of young children can take action to reduce the risk.

Further lobbying of federal politicians by PFWBS has seen a discussion paper released by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) on the changes required for improving child safety.

They have also developed an informative brochure about the dangers of blind and curtain cords which can be viewed at:-

<http://www.accc.gov.au/content/item.phtml?itemId=801255&nodeId=12c3f7c8c87f5e8a6bb088a264b91211&fn=Blind%20and%20curtain%20cords.pdf>

"I have had the honour of working alongside Mr Williamson in his quest to raise government and public awareness of this issue and I am humbled by his commitment



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REGISTRATION DAY



Saturday 28th April 2012
9.30am
Sports Complex

Boys and girls
10 years and under

For more details
Contact Elaine King 0439 909 738



DO YOU FANCY YOURSELF AS A TV STAR?

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP HOST THE

2012 OUTBACK FESTIVAL DVD.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE
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AROUND TOWN AND DIRECT HIM OR HER TO
PEOPLE AND PLACES THAT WILL MAKE FOR A
GREAT SNAPSHOT OF THE WEEKEND.**



TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
PLEASE CALL IN AND SEE
KELLY AT THE SHIRE
(9981 1002) OR EVEANNE AT
THE CRC OR PHONE ELAINE
ON 0439 909 738



Catholic Liturgies

Christ the King Church
(Corner of Darlot and High Streets)

Holy Week and Easter

Holy Thursday 5 April 6.30 pm

Good Friday 6 April 3.00 pm

Easter Vigil (Saturday) 7 April 6.30 pm

**Saturday 14 April Celebration of the Word with
Communion 6.30 pm**

*All welcome to come to celebrate the presence of God
in our lives.*

Enquiries Sr Gerri Boylan 9963 4179

CATHOLIC CHURCH
Christ the King

(Corner of High and Darlot Streets, Meekatharra)



Liturgies

ALL WELCOME

All Liturgies at 6.30 pm

March

Sat 10th Celebration of the Word with Communion
Sat 17th Celebration of the Eucharist

April

Sat 7th Easter Vigil (Mass)
Other Holy Week ceremonies will be arranged
Sat 21st 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 sgs ☎ 9963
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YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM - TERM 1, 2012



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
12.30-1.30PM	Music @ school	Music @ school	Music @ school	Music @ school	Music @ school
2.30-3.30PM					
3.00PM-4.30PM		Junior Lifeguard Club @ swimming pool	Inflatable fun @ swimming pool	Bike Club – Fix It Program @ swimming pool	Music Program
4.00-5.30PM		Cooking Program @ the pool			

Please note: **ONLY** kids attending school can participate in the After School Activity program & gain entry to the swimming pool.

EVENING ACTIVITIES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	5.30PM-9.30PM Trip to Karalundi (leave from pool)		7PM-9PM Bike Night Ride	6-9PM Open Night @ Youth Centre OR Swimming Pool (7-9PM)
See sport flyer	See sports flyer	See sports flyer	See sports flyer	

For further info contact **Belinda** on **0438 993 013**



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At Farmer Jack's Foodworks Meekatharra
we offer an extensive range of fresh foods
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Opening Hours

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



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Farmer Jack's Foodworks Meekatharra
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Sport and Rec Terms 2 & 3 Program

Monday: 6.30 – 8.30pm Netball for 13+ years only

Tuesday: 6.30 – 8.30pm Softball or Tee ball

**Wednesday: 6.30 – 8.30pm Basketball for youth
Tennis for adults**

**Thursday: 6.30 – 8.30pm Soccer for Youth at oval.
Soccer for adults at Cricket Shed**

**Football training 5 - 6pm Wednesday for 10 years +.
Adults welcome.**

Saturday: Auskick 9-12noon 10yrs and under.

Sunday: Football according to fixtures.

These activities will start next week (except the footy) and some will change during holidays.

Any queries regarding this program please call me on 0439 909 738.

Elaine King
YSRO



West Rail Meekatharra/Geraldton Bus Timetable
From Geraldton

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

*For Bookings & Further Information please contact:
Batavia Tickets, PO Box 2741, Geraldton WA 6531
Ph: (08) 99 648 881 Fx: (08) 99 648 883*

Junjar Mudar Mia At The Red Sandbox

Play Group will be holding cooking sessions every Tuesday morning. Please come along and bring your children aged 0 - 3 years. These classes are designed to help you cook quick, easy meals for your family without spending forever in the kitchen.

These classes cover how to cook nutritious foods for babies starting on solids, how to prepare food that will keep toddlers interested at the dinner table, and how to get vegetables and other important healthy food groups into fussy eaters without them realizing.

The centre is open every Monday- Thursday 8am - 2pm

Thank you,
Mary-Joy



TRAVELS IN SOUTHERN VIETNAM

HUE



Hue (pronounced Whay), is a World Heritage Site and was the country's capital until 1945. It is 1100kms from HCMC (Saigon) and 900kms from Ha Noi with a population of 400,000, with only 50% of the population on the road at one time as compared to HCMC and straddles the Perfume River with an eclectic array of architecture of the ancient, the old and the new with strong French influence.

The Imperial citadel, a moated walled fort, dominates Hue. It is modelled on the Forbidden City in Beijing and there are not ample words to describe the view when you see the fortress for the first time. The exterior walls are 8 metres high and entry was forbidden (to mere mortals) and was punishable by death to those other than the emperor, concubines and close officials. During the Tet offensive of 1968 substantial damage took place, however, it is being restored to its former glory and you need at least 3 hours to wander around – enjoy a cyclo ride to get there. You will see ornate throne rooms and imperial & official palaces. Stand transfixed looking at the elaborate mosaics adorning the palaces and it is then you notice the bullet holes everywhere. Some of the palaces are surrounded by moats where nobility could sail.



Mausoleums along the Perfume River house the tombs of several Nguyen emperors. There are tombs and pagodas everywhere in and around Hue. Those with an endless appetite for culture could sate themselves every day for a solid week, and there will still be more left on the table – Keep in mind that you will need to go early and have ample water as there is high humidity and heat.



As with the tombs, there are more pagodas surrounding Hue than you can poke a stick at. If you're only going to see one pagoda, make it Thien Mu. It's situated in a beautiful spot overlooking the Perfume River, on the river road that runs along the north bank; and is about 3.5km west of the Railway Station.



The Elephant arena was built in 1830 to stage annual battles, gladiator style, between tigers and elephants for the benefit of the royal family and other high ranking officials. Elephants were viewed as noble creatures and representative of the power and might of the imperial family. Ergo, elephant victory was always assured with reports that in order to guarantee the right outcome, tigers were relieved of claws and teeth. I found this an interesting site although run-down and is often overlooked by tourists.

There are a lot of galleries featuring traditional Vietnamese art and also the avante garde. We even bought an oil painting displayed in a restaurant whilst having dinner. You will find interesting galleries with

stunning paintings on canvas or rice paper at very, very reasonable prices. A suggestion is to go to the Hue Museum of Fine Arts on Le Truc Street.



The local cuisine is drawn from all over Viet Nam, plus a lot of vegetarian dishes due to the number of Buddhists in the city. Coffee shops and restaurants abound, and we have never been disappointed with the cuisine, although the cafes take a bit of getting used to as motorbikes drive right to the door, or even in some places inside! Once, on a recommendation from Lonely Planet book, we had to convince the hotel staff that we **really** did want to go to Ngo Co Nham Restaurant, even though only locals went there. We were the only non-Asians at this packed restaurant, and it served the absolute best seafood – it was brilliant. It was here that we first sampled Da Lat wine (we are now

devotees: who wouldn't be at the Export Range for \$4.00 per bottle). You might be surprised that Vietnam has great wines, but remember that wineries were established by the French plus their coffee is nectar from the Gods!!! Just remember that our travelling bible is Lonely Planet as it lists all the great restaurants, cafés and sights.

In the evening go to the water puppets if you missed them in HCMC or just want to see them again for all of \$5 pp, take a romantic dinner cruise along the Perfume River or wander down Le Loi Street to the Saigon Moran Hotel and have a cocktail where Somerset Maugham, the writer often stayed. Another suggestion is to go Trang Tien Plaza's Big C supermarket as an eye opener to what locals purchase, but you'll find you spend an hour or more there as it sells everything: e.g. a can of beer costs 6,500 Dong (30 cents) and bottles of spirits from \$3 to \$12 per litre. Erik loves the Rice Vodka - but then again he becomes immersed in the local cuisine and even likes eating the barbeque crickets and beetles. You can even buy a cat or a dog toothpick holder with the toothpick coming out of its head, which are such bad taste that they are transform to oddly good, for only 13,000 Dong – our entire family got them as last year's souvenirs.



Further down Le Loi Street you will find quite a few gold merchants and second hand/antique shops with lots of interesting items. Stop at The Banana Mango Restaurant for a tasty lunch or a drink and then wander across the road to the Festival Tourist Village where you will see women hand embroidering traditional two-sided clear embroidery and even 3D works! It's a pleasant shaded area with interesting workshops and old photographs of Hue. Last May we witnessed (with 100's of thousands of others) the 80 odd neon-lit float parades wending its way through town at night

celebrating Buddha's Rite of Passage.

We recommend staying at The 4 star Green Hotel (yes it is really green with lots of bamboo) on Le Loi Street, in one of their deluxe rooms with a separate loungeroom plus a balcony overlooking the large pool (the must not be without in Vietnam) for \$50 per night. Wonderful efficient and friendly staff, spacious room and an appetizing hot and cold buffet



breakfast of Vietnamese, English and French cuisines. All hotels include breakfast in the tariff.

Unless you are staying in Viet Nam for an extended period, it is best to fly to Hue: Vietnam Airlines fly from Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) / Ha Noi for \$50AUD pp and it only takes an hour or so. A Hint: get your bus/taxi from the airport as it is cheaper than booking through your hotel (even at the international terminal).

Our next stop will be the World Heritage Town of Hoi An which **is an absolute must.**



There are a number of ways to get to Hoi An from Hue: you can either fly (\$ 50AUD) to Da Nang which will take an hour, catch the train to Da Nang for \$5AUD which will take 2.5 hours and then a taxi to Hoi An 25kms away, take an open bus or our choice is to hire a private car (\$50AUD). Those who have seen Top Gear's Vietnam will recall the three guys standing on the Hai Van Pass and saying it was one of the most beautiful spots in the world. I **swore** I would never sound like my mother by saying "oh isn't the view lovely" – but this is! The advantages of a hired car is that one can stop all along the way and you will see

amazing sights such as the pass itself (don't go through the tunnel), the old leper colony and dazzling sights.

By Ellen O'Dempsey

Sherwood Station

Ken Elliot with Kurt Lauritsen



Elliot Family

Photos sent in by Dot Lauritsen

Yulella Building & Construction

Use Yulella Building to build, fix and maintain all of your property needs, quickly and discretely. Yulella Building, with an experienced and friendly local team of tradesmen we have been looking after Meekatharra for over 20 years. We work with the best suppliers and use the highest quality tools and products to ensure the best job is done.

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From left to right Harold Hill, Brian Craven, Daniel Franks, Peter Laylan, Cameron Upson and behind Brian Upson

Peter Laylan

With a keen eye and a steady hand for painting, Peter is our master painter. Never far from Peter is his trusty off sider Googly, the Chihuahua.

Harold Hill

One of the veterans of Yulella Building, young Harold is a legend around these parts. He's a great all round builder who's always good for a laugh.

Brian Craven

Coming from CDEP, Brian is a welcome addition to the Yulella Building team.

Brian Upson

With over 35 years building experience, Brian's the new boss man who's taking Yulella Building in a new direction. With a diploma in project management and the experience to back it up, he's now focusing on big commercial construction jobs, while still providing our bread and butter residential services. 99801910



APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

9-12noon

1-4pm

6.30-9.30pm

CRAFT @ YC SPORTS @ OVAL OPEN YC

Tuesday – Friday week 1

Monday- Friday week 2

**THE DATE OF THE YOUTH BALL HAS
CHANGED FROM APRIL 14th**

***THE NEW DATE FOR
THE YOUTH BALL IS
SATURDAY APRIL 21st***

Want to know more or would you like to lend a hand?

Please call Elaine on 0439 909 738

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Affordable Accommodation

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Opening hours:

Mon-Sat 12-2pm 6-8pm

Sun: 6-8pm

Atmosphere

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Sun: 2pm – 10pm

Every Thursday night: Pool Comp! 8pm registration. \$20 buy in. First and second prizes.

Every Saturday night: \$15 large pizza's. Phone orders welcome.

Every Sunday night: BBQ in the Beer Garden. 6-8pm. \$25



Dates for your diary

COMING UP IN MAY

2ND MAY LADIES NIGHT

SYDNEY HOT SHOTS MALE STRIPPERS ARE BACK!!!!

Pre-purchase tickets from the 16th April from bar staff \$25

Event not to be missed!!!!

25th May LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Keep your ears open for the announcement of live entertainment out in the Beer Garden!!!!

ROYAL MAIL HOTEL Main Street, Meekatharra 6642

T: 08 9981 1148 F: 08 9981 1113 E: royalmail@benet.net.au



St John Ambulance Meekatharra Sub Centre

Need to renew your Ambulance Benefit Fund Membership?
Interested in becoming a volunteer?
Need to do a First Aid Course?

The Meekatharra St John Ambulance Sub Centre has now regular office hours.

Come and see Sonja
Monday and Thursday 8am – 12noon

at the sub center office in Hill St

Ring 0407 994 074 or 99801467 during office hours

Or per email at sjameekatharra@westnet.com.au

Is your first aid certificate still valid?

Would you know what to do if
you came across an accident?
Do remember how to do CPR?

FIRST AID COURSE

1 Day \$199

Dates : 14th April 2012

2nd June 2012

14th July 2012

Do you know that one trip in the ambulance costs hundreds of dollars?

For \$45 for singles or \$75 for families per year you could join the Ambulance Benefit Fund and have peace of mind.

This is only available for WA country residents, but it covers you for any emergency ambulance transport in Australia.

Plus you also support your local St John Ambulance Sub Centre!

**WE NEED MORE
AMBULANCE DRIVERS !!**

**One shift per fortnight is all that is
needed to help out in your town !**



WE WANT YOU!

YOUTH BALL

**The Date for the Youth Ball has
changed to Sat April 21st**

7-11pm

10 - 17yrs only

\$15 entrance fee

(This covers entry and dinner plus dessert.)

Drinks and nibble's on sale.

Semi-formal dress

(No thongs, board shorts or T-shirts please)

**You might be a JNR or SNR Belle or
Beau.**

Contact Elaine King on 0439909738 if you have any
queries or suggestions.

Parents/caregivers, please call me. I need help with
organising this exciting event e.g.; decorating and
cooking.

Leukaemia Foundation

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

The World's Greatest Shave was held on Sunday 18th March 2012 and had many Meeka residents and visitors spending a fun day at the commie, socializing, enjoying a sausage sizzle and of course seeing lots of hair being shaved — or waxed — off!



Raise more money or you stay like this!



The Commercial Hotel was very busy!



Liam getting his annual hair cut
(but NOT the beard!)



The colourful hats brightened up the already colourful crowd.



Cian pretty in pink.



The guys kept jamming all day long and the crowd discovered quite a few musical talents—good on ya!



Before...



During....



And after...! Well done!

SUPPORT FROM DORAY MINERALS. HOW TO LOSE ABOUT 2 KG IN 10 MINUTES!



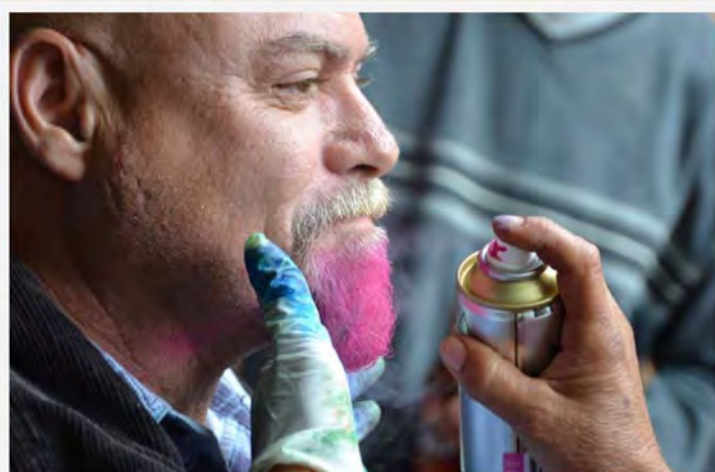
Dan bravely got his legs (and his hairy toes) waxed!

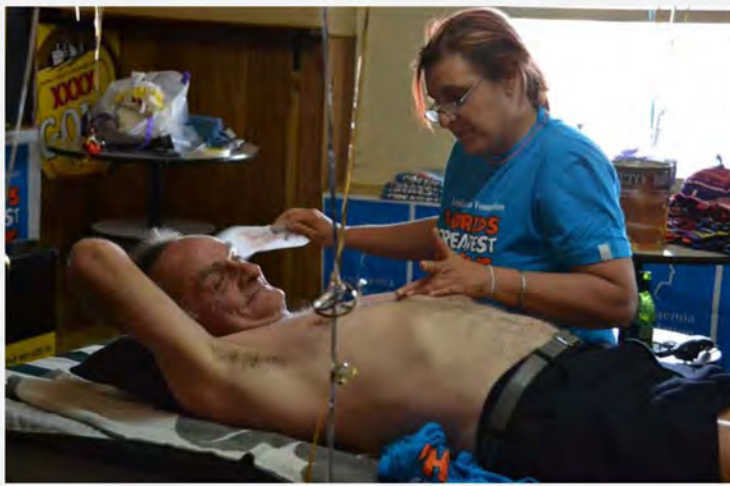


A year's growth is coming off on Steve's annual haircut and shave/



But you have to raise some more before the other side comes off too!





Jenky got his whole chest and stomach waxed—ouch! But he didn't shed a tear as he lay there quite relaxed, drinking beer from a long straw. Well done Jenky!



Many thanks to Kerry Salmon for organising yet another successful World's Greatest Shave in Meekatharra! The town appreciates your efforts! Thank you to Farmer Jacks for the sausage sizzle donations. And thank you to all the sponsors and individuals who donated their hair and money to the Leukaemia Foundation. Good on you! What a fun day.



Skippers' Flight Schedule

PERTH TO MEEKATHARRA TO PERTH

SUNDAY - No Flights

MONDAY

FLIGHT NUMBER	DEPART	TIME	ARRIVE	TIME
JW1941	PERTH	0735	MT MAGNET	0855
	MT MAGNET	0925	MEEKATHARRA	1000
	MEEKATHARRA	1035	PERTH	1200

TUESDAY - No Flights

WEDNESDAY

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	MT MAGNET	0925	MEEKATHARRA	1000
	MEEKATHARRA	1035	PERTH	1200

THURSDAY

FLIGHT NUMBER	DEPART	TIME	ARRIVE	TIME
JW1940	MEEKATHARRA	1000	PERTH	1145

FRIDAY

FLIGHT NUMBER	DEPART	TIME	ARRIVE	TIME
JW1941	PERTH	1230	MT MAGNET	1355
	MT MAGNET	1425	MEEKATHARRA	1455
	MEEKATHARRA	1525	PERTH	1650

SATURDAY - No Flights

For bookings and flight information,
please call Lanie on 9981 1090
or visit www.skippers.com.au

Schedule effective 29th Aug 2011

Media Release

Hon **Wendy Duncan** MLC

Member for Mining & Pastoral Region | The Hon. Wendy Duncan MP | Member for Mining & Pastoral Region | The Hon. Wendy Duncan MP | Member for Mining & Pastoral Region | The Hon. Wendy Duncan MP

KIDSAFE AWARD TO WINDOW BLIND SAFETY CAMPAIGN

29 MARCH 2012

The Parents for Window Blind Safety (PFWBS) has taken out this year's Kidsafe WA Award at the eighth annual Consumer Protection Awards.

Wendy Duncan, Member for Mining and Pastoral Region said that the **Kidsafe WA Award** is in recognition of the work that local governments, businesses, community groups or individuals contribute towards child safety. This includes raising awareness of specific product hazards, involvement in the design and development of new products that improve consumer safety, and developing or delivering projects or initiatives that raise community understanding and awareness of product safety issues for children.

Mr John Williamson of Karratha, a representative of PFWBS has been a strong advocate along with the group in raising awareness of blind and curtain cord safety in Australia through keeping consumers informed of the dangers of window cord products and providing information on safer alternatives.

"John became involved in the campaign to make our window treatments safer following the tragic death of his granddaughter in 2006. His tireless work and commitment to this cause has seen him reach international recognition for his knowledge and technical expertise in the quest to make blinds on windows safe for young children," Ms Duncan said.

In getting the message out PFWBS has visited residents, kindergartens and day care centres to conduct safety reviews and provide advice. PFWBS has also worked with State and Federal governments to introduce national mandatory product safety standards. The group has encouraged governments to undertake extensive public awareness campaigns so that parents and carers of young children can take action to reduce the risk.

Further lobbying of federal politicians by PFWBS has seen a discussion paper released by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) on the changes required for improving child safety.

They have also developed an informative brochure about the dangers of blind and curtain cords which can be viewed at:-

<http://www.accc.gov.au/content/item.phtml?itemId=801255&nodeId=12c3f7c8c87f5e8a6bb088a264b91211&fn=Blind%20and%20curtain%20cords.pdf>

"I have had the honour of working alongside Mr Williamson in his quest to raise government and public awareness of this issue and I am humbled by his commitment



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Horoscopes



Work may be piling up this month, dear Aries, largely because you are putting much energy into fixing problems and revising old work. However, opportunities abound for you to increase your income. Ideas may be best left in the incubation stage. You're more likely to find success if you wait to launch new projects later, as all of the details are not yet clear. The 12-14 can bring a discovery of a lost resource or the re-emerging of someone from your past. The 22nd brings a feeling of emotional renewal.



The month can bring great personal opportunities, dear Taurus. Personal popularity, especially with friends, runs high. The 12-14 can bring successful social events, travel opportunities, and special announcements. Your thinking is long term and you are craving a sense of permanency. Nevertheless, you have some adjustments to make in your love relationships and/or relationships with children. Revelations regarding these matters occur around the 8th. You'll be longing for more down time and solitude in the last. Listen to inner signals and get extra rest.



You begin this month at a yearly career peak, dear Gemini. You may not know the direction in which you are headed just now, but you are certainly bringing more creativity and spunk to the professional table. From the 12th forward, take greater care when communicating your observations and needs. Make your true intentions known in order to minimize misunderstandings. While your love life is becoming more private and may involve some personal sacrifices, mid-month brings strong energy for attraction and possibly the revival of an old relationship.



Love and friendship are tied together in wonderful ways this month, dear Cancer. Cementing a bond with a friend or love interest may be tricky, and might require a pledge to live in the moment, but rewarding. Nevertheless, communication mix-ups are probable this month. Aim to be especially clear or to sidestep making decisions until you are ready. Don't commit unless you are certain you can follow through. The last week brings a burst of new and excitable energy to your career, and you are anxious to create a buzz.



Opportunities to increase exposure and to gain recognition for your unique style of expression and creativity are strong this month, dear Leo. While an increase in income may not be realized until May, you are laying important groundwork for future pay raises. The discovery of untapped resources or areas of drain can help you create a new and improved budget. Go over all details carefully. A money-making idea may need refinement before it can be set in motion. This month is strong for career, public relations, and stabilizing your life in important ways.



You may be dealing with significant delays when it comes to your personal plans this month, dear Virgo, and this gives you the opportunity to slow down long enough to make important refinements. Tame impulsiveness and aim to work at the things you do best rather than taking on new endeavors, just for the time being. You will be tending to others' needs much of the month, and your ability to adapt quickly will strongly affect your success. Watch for overspending. Take more time to assess your needs and wants.



Work can be demanding but also invigorating this month, dear Libra. Some restlessness with your current routines is stimulated now, largely due to uncertainty about where exactly you are heading professionally speaking. Focus on doing your best instead of allowing a lack of direction interfere with productivity. In time, direction and purpose will be revealed. Some impulsiveness in the relationship department can lead to confusing or unpredictable situations. Letting go of unhealthy relating patterns is essential in order to move forward. Good news can come in the areas of taxes and loans mid-month.



This month is very strong for love relationships, dear Scorpio. Opportunities arise to spice up an existing or old connection, or to attract a significant relationship. There is no need to make sweeping decisions just yet, but important groundwork can be laid now. Some of you may revive an old friendship. A partner may come into some extra money this month. Work can involve some mix-ups and slowdowns. Going over work that you thought was complete may be necessary. Stay as flexible as possible and allow for last-minute changes of plans and schedules.



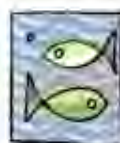
Work can pose some challenges in the form of delays this month, dear Sagittarius, but opportunities arise to improve working conditions. Stimulating social connections can be made through business contacts. Be cautious when it comes to mixing personal and professional arenas, however. Misunderstandings can be plenty, and you'll want to avoid "bad press". Offers may come from a previous employer or industry mid-month. Home and family matters are well starred. It's a strong period for strengthening bonds and taking charge of the household.



Romance and creative self-expression are strong areas for you this month, dear Capricorn. Others are seeing your value, and admirers are many. Friends can be especially supportive this month, and you are happy to return favours. Your social life is improved and in focus, while more worldly ambitions temporarily fade into the background. It may be difficult to focus your attention, but you may very well benefit emotionally from this change of pace. Branch out, make connections, and tend to family matters, which may be a little hectic in the last week.

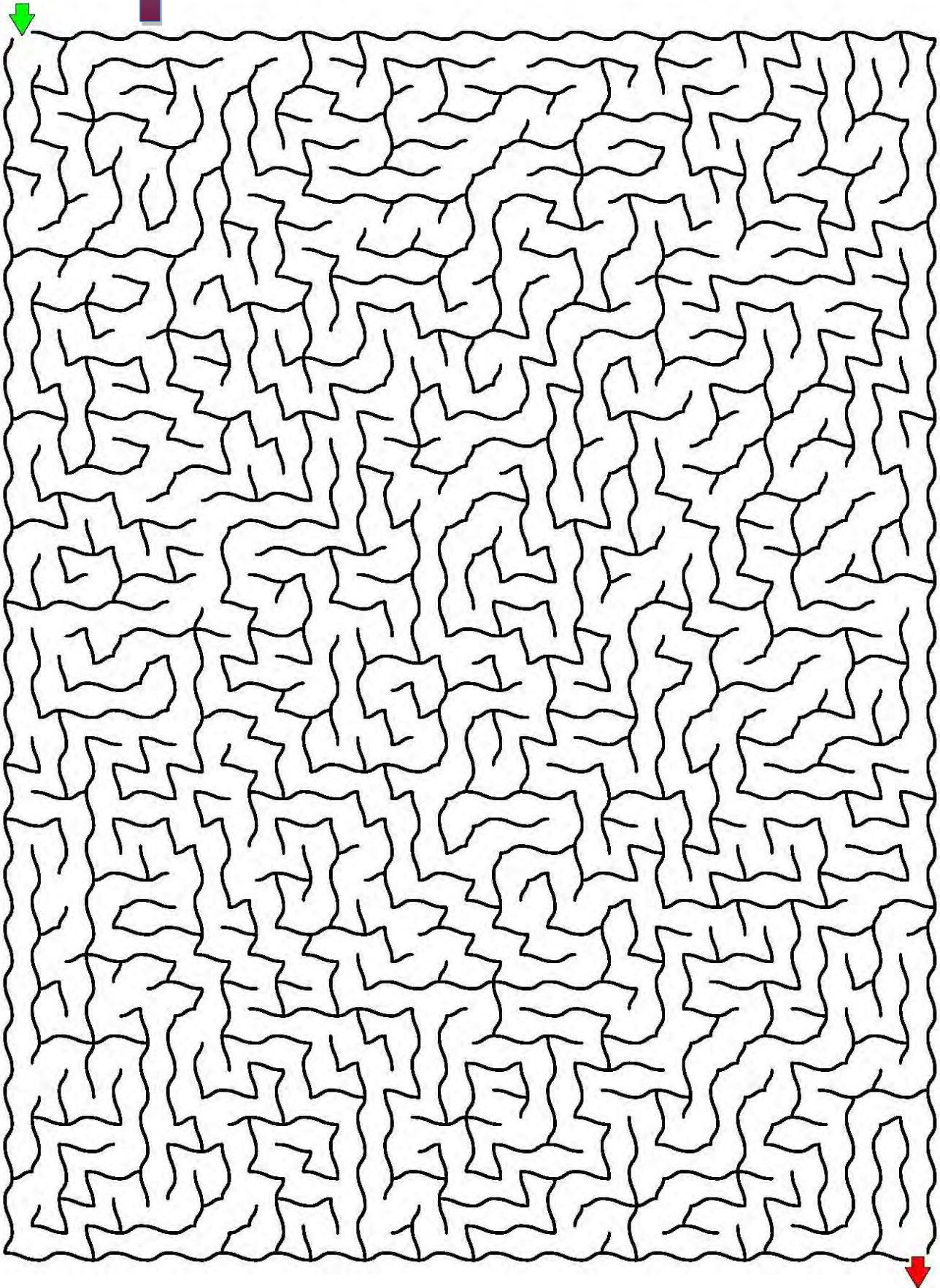


Much joy can be found with family and in the home environment this month, dear Aquarius. It's easier to balance professional and personal endeavors with minimal interference between the two. More money may be spent on enhancing comfort, beauty, and entertainment at home. These things can also be improved without expense, through creative reorganization and spending extra time on family activities. Attention should be drawn to money management, as there can be some problems with offers falling through or unexpected expenses this month. Know your limits.



You are likely to feel "large and in charge" this month, dear Pisces, and you're bound to wear your increased confidence and independence well. It's a very strong month for your social life in general, although close partnerships require considerate attention and care. Business and money-making ideas in the last week of the month may very well be golden, but take at least a few weeks to sort out the details before launching entirely new initiatives. While unique and creative ideas are vital, patience and planning are the authors of most success stories.

Impossible Maze!



AUSTRALIAN KANGAROOS



Spot the FROG!

**Hidden five times in the
Dust, can you find
him???**



Word Search

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sudoku

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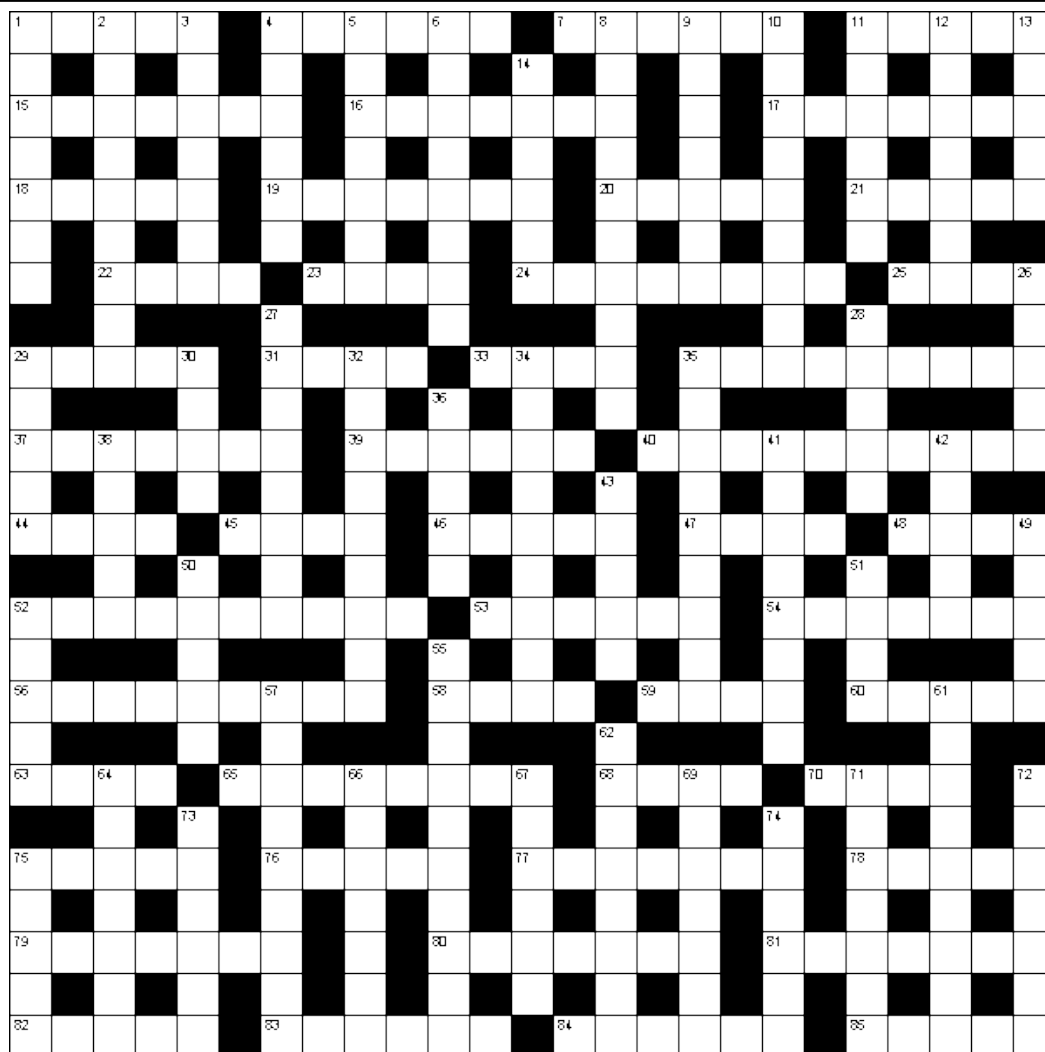
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Crossword



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| 4. Pill (6) | 31. Pleasant (4) | 59. Capital of Norway (4) |
| 7. Adjusts (6) | 33. Impartial (4) | 60. Elude (5) |
| 11. Combat (5) | 35. Winning move (9) | 63. Gape (4) |
| 15. Vegetable (7) | 37. Dissimilar (7) | 65. Roomy (8) |
| 16. Sewing implements (7) | 39. Sharp pain (6) | 68. Amphibian (4) |
| 17. Floorshow (7) | 40. Vanishes (10) | 70. Requests (4) |
| 18. Performed (5) | 44. Nobleman (4) | 75. Claw (5) |
| 19. Instructor (7) | 45. Group of players (4) | 76. Component parts (5) |
| 20. Protective stratosphere layer (5) | 46. Diffident (5) | 77. Acquired knowledge (7) |
| 21. Each and all (5) | 47. Unit of length (4) | 78. Moderate purple (5) |
| 22. Totals (4) | 48. Metallic element (4) | 79. Surprised greatly (7) |
| 23. Sharp (4) | 52. Simple (10) | 80. Ancient god of wine (7) |
| 24. Narcissus plant (8) | 53. Mystery (6) | 81. Kindled (7) |
| 25. Molecule (4) | 54. Small edible fish (7) | 82. Top tournament players (5) |
| | 56. Revolt (9) | 83. Peril (6) |
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| 1. Mattock (7) | 27. Innate (8) | 51. Desiccated (4) |
| 2. Mediate (9) | 28. Similar to a giraffe (5) | 52. Ahead of time (5) |
| 3. Stashed (7) | 29. Intense (5) | 55. Totally unlikely (10) |
| 4. Pact (6) | 30. Pulpit (4) | 57. Confiscated (9) |
| 5. Dressing (7) | 32. Type of sailing boat (9) | 61. Threw into disorder (9) |
| 6. Large mammal (8) | 34. Differences of opinion (9) | 62. Appended (8) |
| 8. Soreness (10) | 35. Felons (9) | 64. Greeting (7) |
| 9. Small flute (7) | 36. Presents (5) | 66. Domestic fowl (7) |
| 10. Tightlipped (9) | 38. Concur (5) | 67. Choose (6) |
| 11. Short moral stories (6) | 41. Progenitor (8) | 69. Memory loss (7) |
| 12. Article of clothing (7) | 42. Legal excuse (5) | 71. Conference (7) |
| 13. Shabby (5) | 43. Byword (5) | 72. Slim (7) |
| 14. Flamboyant (6) | 49. Paper with crinkled texture (5) | 73. Reptiles (6) |
| 26. Encounters (5) | 50. Stringed instrument (5) | 74. Allows in (6) |
| | | 75. Jobs (5) |

Spinach, ricotta and pine nut ravioli



Preparation Time

10 minutes

Cooking Time

30 minutes

Ingredients (serves 4)

- 2 tbs olive oil
- 1/2 small finely chopped onion
- 1/2 bunch English spinach, washed, trimmed and finely chopped
- 1/2 cup (125g) ricotta cheese
- 1 tbs toasted pine nuts
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 x 400g cans Italian whole peeled tomatoes, chopped
- 1 tsp dried Italian herbs
- 1/2 cup torn basil leaves
- 1 packet gow gee wrappers

1/2 cup (35g) shaved parmesan cheese

Method

1. Heat half the oil in a frying pan. Add onion and spinach and cook for 3-4 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in ricotta, pine nuts and nutmeg. Season to taste and cool.
2. Heat remaining oil in a saucepan. Add garlic and cook for 30 seconds. Add tomatoes and dried herbs, bring to the boil, reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes or until thickened. Remove from heat and stir in basil.
3. Bring a large pot of water to the boil. Lay gow gee wrappers on a clean surface. Place a teaspoonful of mixture onto each. Brush edges with water, fold in half and press to seal. Repeat with remaining mixture and wrappers.

Cook ravioli in boiling water for 2-3 minutes. Drain well. Serve with sauce and parmesan immediately.

Italian chocolate mousse cake



Ingredients (serves 8)

- 450g good-quality dark chocolate
- 4 eggs
- 250g caster sugar
- 500ml (2 cups) thick cream, lightly whipped
- 100ml (5 tbs) rum
- 500ml (2 cups) prepared strong black coffee
- 450g savoiardi sponge finger biscuits

Cocoa, to dust

Method

Place the chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a pan of simmering water (don't let the bowl touch the water) until the chocolate melts. Set aside to cool. Whisk the eggs with half the sugar until pale. Fold the chocolate into egg mixture, then carefully fold in the cream and refrigerate.

Add remaining sugar and the rum to hot coffee, stirring to dissolve sugar. Dip half the biscuits in the coffee mixture and place a layer in the base of a 24cm springform pan, completely covering base. Spread chocolate mixture over top. Dip remaining biscuits in coffee and place over top. Cover and freeze overnight. Transfer to fridge 1/2 hour before serving. Dust with cocoa and serve with pears (see related recipe).

Notes

Begin this recipe the day before.

FUNDRAISING EVENT

MARKET STALLS

JAMMIN IN MIKA

FESTIVAL - RACES - RODEO

ANIMAL STERILISATION PROGRAM

2012 Meeka Community Events Calendar

CLEAN UP OZ DAY

VOLUNTEER WEEK

WELCOME TO MIKA

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

HARMONY DAY EVENT

GREAT SHAVE

YOUTH BALL

GYMKHANA

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PUBLIC HOLIDAY

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

FESTIVAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

If you have events you would like added to this
Calendar please contact Kelly at the Shire on 9980 0600
or cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au

March 24th - BINGO with a twist
June 30th - Trivia Night
August 4th - Fancy Dress Ball - Theme to follow

Closing Date: 26th April

The Meekatharra Dust

March 2012