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THE NEXT STALLS WILL BE HELD ON

SATURDAY MARCH 31ST 2012

MEEKATHARRA WELCOME PARK ON MAIN STREET

TIME: 9.30AM — 12PM



The Festival Committee will be asking for a gold coin donation for entry. So please come prepared to support us in this way.

If you have any items you wish to donate for the Festival Committee to sell please come and see Kelly at the Shire, Eveanne at the CRC or ring Elaine on 0409 909 738.

If you would like to hold a stall - it will be \$5 plus another \$5 if you require a table

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO FARMER JACKS AND THE



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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hi readers

This month we held our first Market Stall which is raising money for this years Meeka Festival.

It was great to see the community get together and swap their treasures.

Make sure you don't miss the next stall at the Welcome Park on Main Street Saturday 31st March.

It's for a good cause!

-Sam

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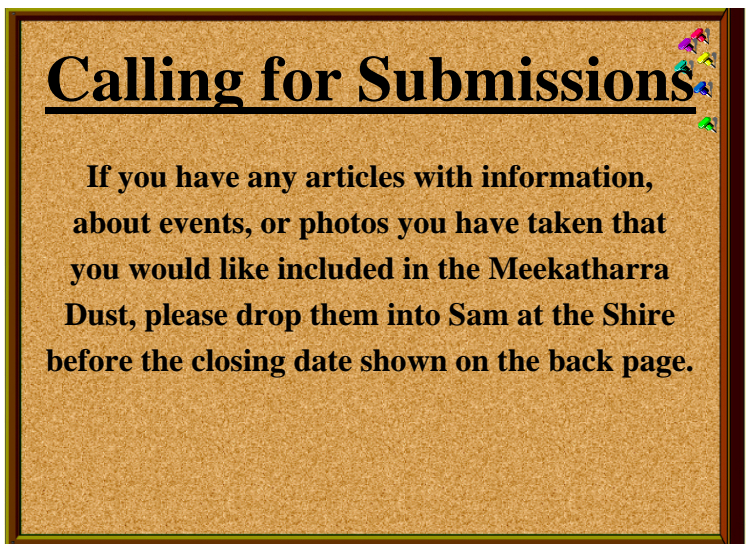
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Calling for Submissions

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.

Monday 5th - Public Holiday

Tuesday 6th - Interagency Meeting

Wednesday 7th - Festival Meeting 5pm at the Shire

Friday 9th - Welcome to MKA Event

Sunday 11th - Clean up MKA Event – 10am on the pool lawn

Tuesday 13th - CRC Meeting

Tuesday 13th - Meekatharra Race Club AGM – 7pm at the Commie

Sunday 18th - World's Greatest Shave – 1pm at the Commie

Saturday 24th - Bingo With a Twist – 6pm at the Shire Hall

Saturday 31st - MKA Market Stalls - 9.30-12 at the Meeka
Welcome Park on Main Street

Note from Council

All items to be presented at Council Meetings need to be submitted to Shire Staff two weeks prior to Council Meeting dates.

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Meekatharra Library

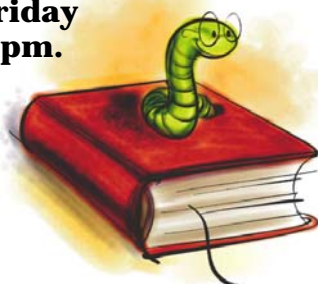
Did you know we get a new exchange of books every month? Come in and check out what is new this month!

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 –Brenda

Newman Vet

Meekatharra



Dr. Rick Fenny

Located at Paddy's Flat

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FREE WORKSHOPS!

For Rural Community Members

6 months FREE membership to Farmsafe WA for attendees

Farmsafe WA Alliance is an independent not-for-profit, non-government organisation encouraging and leading the way to safer farming.

WORKSHOP DETAILS

CARNAMAH	5th MARCH	2.30-5.30pm
Venue: Council Chambers		
MORAWA	6th MARCH	2.30-5.30pm
Venue: Morawa Town Hall		
MINGENEW	7th MARCH	2.00-5.00pm
Venue: Mingenew Recreation Centre		
GERALDTON	10th MARCH	2.00-5.00pm
Venue: St John Ambulance Sub-Centre		
MULLEWA	11th MARCH	1.30-4.30pm
Venue: Mullewa Recreation Centre		
CUE	13th MARCH	10-1.00pm
Venue: Cue Shire Hall		
MT MAGNET	14th MARCH	2.00-5.00pm
Venue: Anzac Hall		

**Register NOW as
places are limited!**

Call or email us below..



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WA 6058
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E: admin@farmsafewa.org
W: www.farmsafewa.org

Emergency Care and Injury Management

Farmsafe WA is coordinating a project funded by the Department of Health, Western Australia which will involve the delivery of a series of free community workshops throughout the Midwest region during March.

Delivered in partnership with St John Ambulance, Fire and Emergency Service Authority (FESA), Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS) and the WA Regional Police, the workshops will include interactive skill stations run by the different emergency services.

The workshops will cover practical information on how to deal with medical and other emergencies in rural environments and will cover topics such as:

- ♦ Emergency planning and preparedness
- ♦ Practical skills and specific scenario demonstrations
- ♦ The role each emergency service plays in the community
- ♦ Who to call in a medical emergency
- ♦ A chance to meet your local emergency service officials

The workshops will run for approximately 3 hours and include complimentary refreshments. All attendees will receive a show bag with freebies, including health and safety information and resources.

The Emergency Care & Injury Management Project is an initiative of Farmsafe WA Alliance & is funded by the Department of Health, Western Australia & supported by the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Fire & Emergency Service Authority, St John Ambulance & the WA Regional Police.



Government of Western Australia
Department of Health
Public Health

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Farmsafe WA Alliance is also running workshops for upper primary school children...

The 'Safety of Young People in Agriculture' Project will see workshops run in selected primary schools during March. Workshops will be held in the following locations:

Carnamah | Morawa | Mullewa | Mingenew | Geraldton | Northampton | Mount Magnet

Parents and caregivers are also encouraged to attend!

For more information on this project, please visit our website at www.farmsafewa.org

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Youth Ball

Meekatharra Shire Hall

14th April 12

7-11pm

10- 17yrs only

\$15 entrance fee

(This covers entry and dinner plus dessert.)

Drinks and nibbles 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.



Meekatharra Community Resource Centre

COMMITTEE MEETING

Next Meeting: **Tues 13th March 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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Hello Adults,

There seem to be quite a few people who want Sports Activities but are not talking to me. I am the person to see.

I am having a meeting for adults on Thursday 1st March at the Sports Complex @ 6.30pm. If you are interested in getting a program for adults happening then *PLEASE* attend this meeting. I am not going to be able make a program without knowing what it is you all want to take part in.

If you do not attend then don't whinge about what is set by those who do.

Please call me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Elaine King
Sport & Rec Officer
0439909738



Joblink Midwest is a non-profit organisation based in Geraldton. We serve the Midwest and Gascoyne region of WA providing career and employment services to jobseekers and employers. We service a number of Government contracts including ApprentiCentre and also operate as a Workforce Development Centre.

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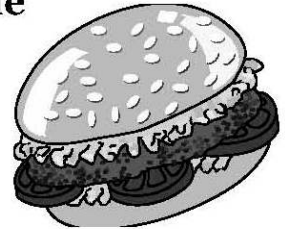
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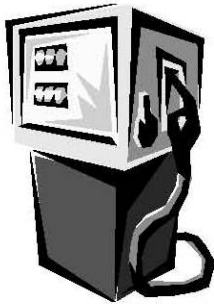
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- ◆ Key Bond (Fully refundable) - \$100 Cash.
- ◆ Court Hire—\$11.00 per token = one hours use
- ◆ We do not hire equipment (racquets/balls etc)



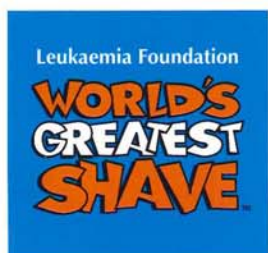


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Place: **COMMERCIAL HOTEL**

SUNDAY

Date: **18TH MARCH** Time: **1.00 PM**

Contact: **KERRY SALMON 0404856655**

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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

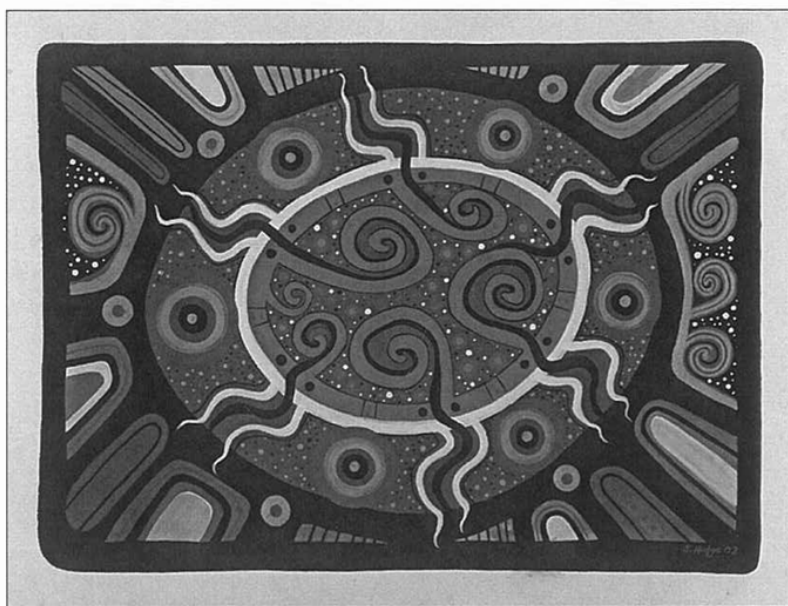
3rd: \$400.00



Must compete in 2 events prior to qualify

Canteen and Bar Facilities





Alcoholics Anonymous Meekatharra.

Date: Thursday 23rd February

When: 6pm-8pm.

Where: Seventh Day Adventist Church Hall,
McLeary Street Meekatharra.

Enquiries: Ring Jennifer on 08 9981 0625 (office hours).

FIRE DANGER RATING AND WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU.

FIRE DANGER RATING	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHAT SHOULD I DO?
EXTREMELY HIGH 10-14	<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 ACT NOW</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 15-19	<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 ACT</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, enclosed 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.
VERY HIGH 20-24	<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 25-31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It a fire starts, it is likely to be controlled in these conditions and homes can provide safety. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlled burning may occur in these conditions if it is safe – check to see if permits apply.
LOW-MODERATE 0-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.bcsa.vic.gov.au or call the FESA information line on **1300 657 209**.

Call 000 to 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.ozywriters.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@ozywriters.com



Design by T. Badcock 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.



Meeka Goes Green



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

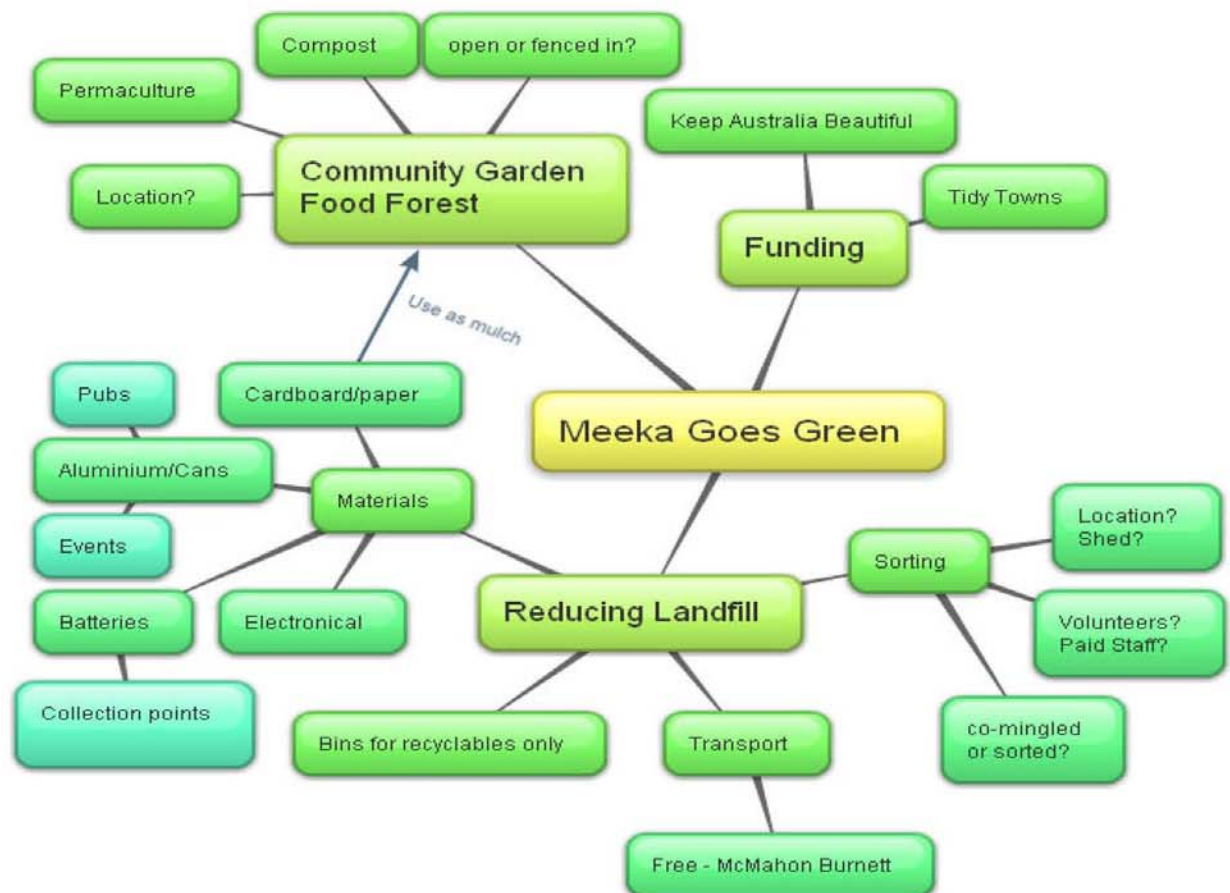
Would you prefer seeing valuable resources **recycled** rather than dumped in landfill?

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!



Mobile phones

Did you know?

- More than 1.5 billion people in the world use a mobile phone and the numbers are rising.
- In Australia it is estimated that 3.5 million new mobile phones were sold in the past 12 months.
- The average Australian typically upgrades their phones every 18 to 24 months.
- It is estimated that Australians are hoarding 10 million old phones.

About mobile phones

A lot has changed since Alexander Bell invented the telephone in 1876. Phones can now be taken away from the home and used for much more than just making and receiving calls. In Australia, the first mobile phones of the 1980s were bulky and expensive. These days they can fit into the palm of your hand and have calculators, games, cameras and MP3 players built into them. A simple mobile phone can be bought for less than \$100 and top-of-the-range phones with designer logos and a whole array of accessories sell for thousands of dollars.

The resources used to make mobile phones

Mobile phones, like most electronic equipment, are made up of a number of different parts from a number of different minerals. These minerals are sourced from all over the world, extracted, processed and assembled to make the millions of phones that are sold each month.

The minerals needed for a mobile phone include lead, cadmium, gold, beryllium, iron, chlorine, aluminium, tin, zinc, copper, bromine, chromium, platinum, crude oil, silicon, nickel, bismuth, silver, tantalum, antimony, arsenic and palladium. These minerals are commonly extracted from different parts of the world including Russia, Peru, Mexico, Australia, Saudi Arabia, China, South Africa, USA and Chile.

Life cycle of the mobile phone

Every product produced has a life cycle that involves extraction, processing and manufacturing, distribution and sale, usage and disposal. The mobile phone life cycle is complicated because many of the parts needed for assembly are from extracted minerals from all around the world. These mobile phone parts need to be shipped or flown to one location for manufacturing, commonly China, Taiwan and India. The assembled mobiles are then distributed around Australia to be sold and used by more than 15 million Australians.

The disposal of mobile phones causes almost 90 per cent of the environmental problems associated with the mobile phone technology. This is due to unnecessary disposal and upgrades, the numerous heavy metals used in mobile phones and their batteries, and the low rate of recycling of mobile phones in Australia. It was estimated that between 1999 and 2005 only four per cent of mobile phones were recycled.



How the environment is affected

One of the mined minerals needed for mobile phones is tantalum, which is found in Canada, Australia, Thailand and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Tantalum is mined because it contains small amounts of an ore called coltan. Coltan is an abbreviation for columbo-tantalite, a substance commonly used in the manufacture of mobile phones, hand-held gaming devices and laptops. It is in huge demand and therefore fetching high prices on the world market. Coltan is found in the East Congo, where the lowland eastern gorilla lives. Mining activities put pressure on the estimated 400 gorillas that survive in the area.

How to be Waste Wise about mobile phones

Reduce

It is important to think about consumerism, and how this impacts the amount of waste going to landfill. One way to reduce the number of mobile phones going to landfill is to keep a mobile phone for as long as possible. Do not replace it just because fashions or technologies have changed.

Reuse

It is important to focus on the principle of reuse and aim to minimise the impact mobile phones have on the environment. What cannot be reused should be recycled, with zero waste going to landfill.



Recycle

In Australia there are now more than 3,000 collection points for mobile phones and the good news is that in 2008, the number of people aware of mobile recycling was 75 per cent, however only six per cent of phones are being recycled. Over 16 million mobile phones are still in the drawers and cupboards of Australian households, or have gone to landfill.

The large number of mobile phones going to landfill is unnecessary. More than 90 per cent of the materials in mobile phones are recyclable. The batteries are recycled to make stainless steel, and the cobalt and cadmium are used to make new batteries. The plastics from the handset and accessories are shredded to make new plastic products. The circuit boards, where most of the heavy metals are used, are separated and melted to extract the minerals, such as gold and silver. One tonne of mobile phone circuit boards can yield the same amount of gold as 110 tonnes of gold ore, and the same amount of silver as 123 tonnes of silver ore.

Sources

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www.mobilemuster.com.au

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www.tanb.org

Charles Darwin University, *Coltan: In and beyond the democratic Republic of Congo*
www.cdu.edu.au/ehs/globaleducation/ColtanInBeyondDRC/coltan.htm

Websites

www.cellular-news.com/coltan/

www.arp.net.au/envcha.php

www.secret-life.org/index.php

The Waste Wise Schools Program

Department of Environment and Conservation
Locked bag 104, Bentley DC, WA 6983
Fax: (08) 6467 5532
Email: wastewise@dec.wa.gov.au
Web: www.wastewise.wa.gov.au



Department of Environment and Conservation
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Yulella Vision will be opening up every second Saturday
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From Friday 10th march



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Meekatharra
Community
Resource
Centre

Do you have any old mobile phones?
Don't know what to do with them?

**Come into the
Meekatharra CRC and
drop them into the
green recycling box.**



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Opening times

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Friday	7pm-9pm (late night swimming)
Sat	10.30– 5.30pm
Sun	12pm – 6pm

Meekatharra Race Club

Annual General Meeting

Please Note New Club Members &
Volunteers Are Urgently Needed To Allow
Our 2012 Race Round To Happen

When: Tuesday March 13th

Time: 7.00pm

Where: Commercial Hotel—Front Balcony

Who: All Previous Officers & All Interested

Welcome

Need: Every Bit Of Your Community Spirit

All Enquiries To Lauren Howden on 0419 195 290



Media Release

Hon **Wendy Duncan** MLC

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

21 February 2012

Farmers urged to use available help planning for new season

Member for Mining and Pastoral Region, Hon Wendy Duncan MLC and Dexter Davies of the office of Hon Terry Redman MLA, Minister for Agriculture, attended a public meeting in Salmon Gums last week.

The meeting, attended by about 40 people, was called to discuss options for the forthcoming season.

"Throughout the State there are areas that have had a difficult season with either insufficient rain or a very wet harvest," Ms Duncan said. "This makes planning for the next cropping year more difficult."

Representatives of the Water Corporation and the Rural Financial Counselling Service were in attendance to provide information to those present.

Dexter Davies, past Chair of the Dry Seasons Advisory Committee, outlined assistance that is available and encouraged those who are experiencing difficulties to use the Rural Financial Counselling Service.

The Service is operated by skilled professionals who know the system well and can assist farmers to access support payments from Centrelink, negotiate with banks and apply for other funds that may help tide the business over.

Ms Duncan said that Royalties for Regions had contributed \$2.4 million over three years to Wheatbelt Men's Health to make sure that every assistance is available to regional families to look after their wellbeing and seek help when needed.

"Nothing is so bad that the sun will not rise tomorrow. If you are feeling down or isolated tell someone, there is nothing wrong with that. If your mate has gone quiet or stopped turning up to community events, seek him out and make sure he is ok."

To contact the Rural Financial Counselling Service call Freecall: 1800 612 004. The Wheatbelt Men's Health Service can be reached on 08 9690 2277 or menshealth@agric.wa.gov.au

Ends...

For more information call Wendy Duncan on (08) 9071 1500 or mobile 0438 782 034.



THE NATIONALS for Regional WA

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MEEKATHARRA GYM

AT THE INDOOR CRICKET CENTRE ON HIGH STREET



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FIVE YEARS ON, GOOD HEART STILL BEATING STRONG

Oakajee Port and Rail (OPR) today launched the 2012 Good Heart Mid-West Aboriginal Art Exhibition, calling for the region's Indigenous artists to start creating their works for this year's event.

During the past four years, Good Heart has gone from strength to strength, showcasing traditional and contemporary works by mid-west Indigenous artists to regional and metropolitan audiences.

Last year's exhibition was viewed by a record 5,000 people and featured 177 works by artists from communities across the mid-west including Wiluna, Mullewa, Northampton, Meekatharra, Mt Magnet, Cue, Yalgoo and Morawa.

This year, a preview hosted by Geraldton Newspapers Pty Ltd in conjunction with the City of Greater Geraldton Regional Library will be held in Geraldton from **21 May-2 June**. The main exhibition will be staged in Perth's CBD from **18-22 June**.

Works, including ceramics, woodwork, canvas, artefacts and textiles, must be submitted for consideration by **4 May 2012**.

Emerging and previously exhibited Indigenous artists interested in submitting works should contact Nan Rickards on 0417 184 290 or email nan.rickards@bigpond.com.

To date, the exhibition has generated more than \$330,000 in sales, with all sale proceeds flowing directly to the artists. OPR does not take a commission.

"The mid-west art works are becoming steadily recognised and the exhibition is much anticipated by the city's arts and business scene, with the exhibition providing a vital platform to showcase the best of mid-west indigenous art," OPR Government and Community Relations General Manager Kim Pervan said.

"We'd urge Indigenous artists from across the region to consider submitting their works – it's a very rewarding experience.

"Our goal is simple – to support a sustainable regional Indigenous arts industry and to strengthen community life in the mid-west."

Last year, the piece "Frank Wittnoom" by Morawa artist Dawn Hamlett, was selected by the Art Gallery of WA and gifted to the City of Greater Geraldton permanent collection, housed at the Geraldton Regional Art Gallery.

Media Statement



The Mid West Development Commission continues to lead the development of plans to raise the profile of the region's Indigenous arts community. OPR works closely with the MWDC and is guided by its vision.

To realise the full potential of the local arts industry requires appropriate support to artists through strong and viable arts centres including Yamaji Art Gallery in Geraldton, Wirnda Barna Artists Incorporated in Mt Magnet and the Tjukurba Art Gallery in Wiluna.

OPR's vision is to deliver an integrated bulk iron ore supply chain for the mid-west – through the construction of a deepwater port 25km north of Geraldton, and a 570km railway, servicing the region's emerging mining operations.

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Safe Horizon:

Women supporting women

Chrysalis Support Services are running a 6 week program to support women who have experienced or are experiencing relationships that make them feel bad.

DATE: Starting 13 March 2012
TIME: 9:30 – 11:30am
VENUE: Lotteries House
114 Sanford Street

To register your interest please contact [Chrysalis Support Services](#),
Patsy or Dionne Phone: 99380750



Media Release

Hon **Wendy Duncan** MLC

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

ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS TO UPGRADE WATER FOR REMOTE COMMUNITIES 15 FEBRUARY 2012

The Hon Wendy Duncan MLC has welcomed the announcement that will see \$12 million of Royalties for Regions funding used for water upgrades in Aboriginal communities in her Mining and Pastoral Electorate.

Ms Duncan said that the funding would see upgrades to essential water services, including improvements to the quality and supply of drinking water in up to 28 remote communities, which include approximately 15 in Kimberley, 6 in the Goldfields and 7 in the Pilbara.

The Royalties for Regions funding will be utilised to ensure the ongoing continuity and safety of supply for residents and resident service providers, addressing any public health risks associated with water quality risks.

In addition to this, \$7 million of Royalties for Regions funding will be utilised for electricity upgrades in six remote health clinics in the roll-out of the Royalties for Regions Remote Indigenous Health Clinics Program.

"Living in the remotest of communities in the State certainly does provide some challenges for residents. This Royalties for Regions funding will enhance essential services to these people, having an immediate positive impact on their communities," said Ms Duncan.

The water upgrade project will be managed by the Department of Housing with works commencing immediately and continuing through 2012.

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FREE Emergency Care and Injury Management Workshops in the Midwest

Farmsafe WA Alliance will be running a series of FREE Emergency Care and Injury Management workshops in the Midwest region during March 2012.

The Emergency Care and Injury Management project, which targets rural community members, has run previously in the Southwest region of WA as a pilot project. Following a positive evaluation, the Department of Health, Western Australia has continued funding for this project, extending it into the Midwest and Great Southern regions in respective years.

As an independent, not-for-profit, non-government organisation which encourages the way to safer farming, Farmsafe WA Alliance will be facilitating the free, three hour workshops in the Midwest region. The workshops will be presented in partnership with St John Ambulance, Fire & Emergency Services Authority (FESA), Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) and the WA Regional Police.

The workshops will be conducted as a set of interactive skill stations, each led by the different emergency services. Participants will acquire knowledge and skills in topics such as practical first aid, responding to and managing emergency situations, emergency preparedness and the role these key organisations play in the community.

The workshops are scheduled to run in **Carnamah** (5th March, 2.30-5.30pm), **Morawa** (6th March, 2.30-5.30pm), **Mingenew** (7th March, 2-5pm), **Geraldton** (10th March, 2-5pm), **Mullewa** (11th March 1.30-4.30pm), **Cue** (13th March, 10am-1pm) and **Mt Magnet** (14th March, 2-5pm). Refreshments will be provided at the workshops and all participants will receive a show bag containing a number of freebies, including safety information and resources.

Farmsafe WA Alliance encourages people from all age ranges and walks of life to attend these community workshops — at no cost it is a great opportunity to learn new skills, meet your local emergency service representatives and get together with other community members!

Places are limited, so to ensure your spot at your local workshop please register your attendance now or contact Farmsafe WA Alliance for further details by calling **9359 4118**, emailing us at admin@farmsafewa.org or you can visit our website at www.farmsafewa.org

...Ends...

Contact Details:

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Sheila@farmsafewa.org
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Or

Alicia Hughes (Project Officer)
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Phone: 9359 4118

The Emergency Care and Injury Management Project is an initiative of Farmsafe WA Alliance and is funded by the Department of Health, Western Australia and supported by FESA, RFDS, St John Ambulance and the WA Regional Police.



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St John Ambulance Meekatharra Sub Center

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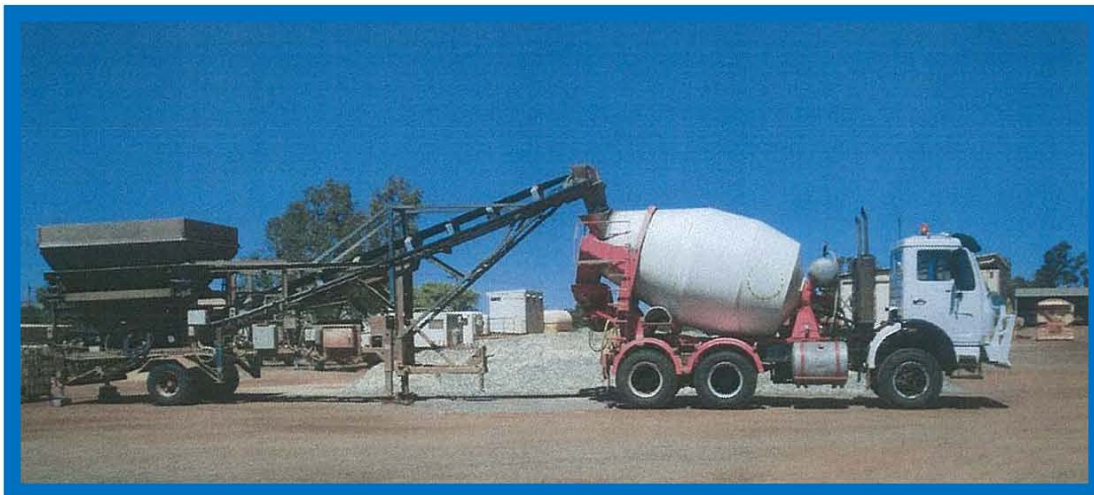
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23/04—04/05

18/06—29/06

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19/11—14/12



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TRAVELS IN SOUTH VIETNAM



Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) has a population of almost 8 million and it appears that 80% of them are on the road every minute of the day. HCMC NEVER shuts down. There are few cars but a multitude of motorbikes, buses and trucks with the most unsettling issue being no-one seems to adhere to road rules as the traffic goes in every direction. Crossing the road for the first time can rattle one's nerves, but after only a day one realises that if you walk slowly and steadily the bikes will go around you! The continual sounding of horns is not done in

anger but just to let others know "I'm" coming.

District 1 is outwardly busier than other parts of HCMC with many restaurants, stores and full of hotels (1-5 Stars) for those on all budgets. The first time we stayed it cost \$17 a double a night with a minimal breakfast, with no windows but did have an elevator. Next trip was a 3 star hotel, at \$38 for a superior room with a lovely buffet breakfast located one street behind the Ben Thanh Markets. Almost all hotels have free internet and there are internet cafes everywhere where access will cost \$1.00 per hour. Forget about doing your own washing as even the hotels are cheap but shops will cost 15,000 Dong (75cents) per kg – put it in one day and get it back next. Immediately, after coming to terms with the humidity and purchasing a handheld fan like Nanna had, start sampling the delights of the local cuisine by looking for a restaurant with locals in it and you can't go wrong. For instance, last visit we paid \$3.00 each for a two course meal with cold drinks, fresh fruit and free tea. I personally don't eat from street vendors except fruit even though we have never been ill in Vietnam, which cannot be said for other countries in Asia. Check a Lonely Planet guide for recommended food places. A must is to ensure that you have a delicious iced milk coffee or fruit shake. Just imagine the pineapple or a mango which was the best you have ever eaten, and magnify the flavour by three and this is what you will taste. We even ate in a Pho 24 which is the Vietnamese equivalent of McDonalds which was not only cheap but delicious.



Whilst eating or drinking watch the bikes go past as you will be astonished what is carried on the little bikes - it is the norm to see three people on a bike but we have seen 5! People carry all their purchases large or small on the back of them.

Cost of living is very cheap in Vietnam and there is nothing like the feeling being an instant millionaire – the exchange rate hovers around 20,000 Dong to the dollar! Note that there is a definite price between Vietnamese and tourist so insist on the price in Dong not American dollar: if quoted a price halve it and you will get just above the Vietnamese price.



To travel to Ben Thanh will cost you about \$2 in a metered taxi, (your hotel will book one for you free of charge) but whilst in HCMC make sure you take a cyclo (a push bike with



a large chair in the front) propelled by a local man and you will laugh for kilometres and to travel through the mad traffic is soooooo much fun.

Ben Thanh Markets is a commercial market in Le Loi Street full of stallholders selling genuine "imitation" goods such as wallets, clothes, perfumes etc and at the rear is the local fresh produce area. Wandering around you will be amazed at the plethora of goods from 20 different sorts of rice, fruit and vegetables and even meats and seafood. Le Thanh Ton Street at the rear of the markets is full of gold, silver and diamond merchants where one can purchase goods at excellent prices: ready-made or have rings etc tailor-made to your needs. Flower stalls are everywhere and in the evening there is a night market surrounding the markets on all sides. you can buy almost everything in HCMC but most "foreign" goods are repos, even supposed antiques. There is wonderful lacquer ware, embroidery, artwork, and jewellery – just take your pick and the prices are fantastic. Be amazed at women carrying heavy loads of fruit or vegetables on trays on bamboo yokes, but, do not be tempted to buy sealed new books from street peddlers as they are not just seconds but fifteenths with bad printing and missing pages.

Strolling down Le Loi Street towards the Opera House you will find a "local's" market on the corner of Nam Ky Khoi Street, where everything has fixed prices and possesses a good array of items for sale. The next cross street along Le Loi Street is Pasteur, where an upmarket mall, previously known as the Russian Market has lovely stores and is air-conditioned. The first sight of the Opera House will transport you to Paris, after that,



turn left along Dong Khoi Street and discover the Post Office which is a lovely building where you can mail your postcards, book your tickets to the Water Puppets (an absolute must), Dinner River Cruises etc and there is an huge selection of souvenirs and books. Virtually opposite is the Notre Dame Cathedral with a number of parks nearby. Be prepared if you sit in a park to have a drink or lunch for young Vietnamese come and ask you VERY politely if they can speak to you– all they want to do is improve their English.



The Reunification Palace is located on Nam Ky Khoi Nghia Street and as you pass the massive gates enclosing the palace, you will recall the vivid film footage of the fall of Saigon when the North Vietnamese broke them down with their tanks. The grounds are immaculately kept with many shady spots. The palace is open to the public so wander through

the myriad of rooms featuring the conference room, paintings, sculpture and even the war bunker.

A visit to the War Remnants Museum is not only emotive but evocative of the struggles the people have gone through over the years. The museum located on Nguyen Thi Minh Khai Street houses a collection of weapons and photographs of the American War (in Vietnam it is NOT the Vietnam War.) This is an education to see but not to everyone's taste.

There are many ways to enjoy your evening by either taking a Dinner Cruise along the Saigon River, going to the Water puppets or wandering around all the shops and markets. There is always something to do and see in HCMC.

If you want to have lots of fun, meet great people, eat delicious food and see wonderful sights go to Viet Nam for just \$450 per person return.

Next Month: Hue

Written by Ellen O'Dempsey

I John Sinclair (Sunshine) want the Meekatharra Community to know that I am not affiliated or involved with Sunshine Cleaning and Maintenance.

**Thanks
John Sinclair
Sunshine**

St John Ambulance, and in particular Norm and Brenda, would like to thank Mark Smith for the use of his truck and for the great effort of Nathan and Adam and Aaron to pick up the stranded Ambulance from Landor Road and bring it back into town.

Thanks also to Pete Clare who spent a few hours on the phone to Burringurrah Police, Perth Comms, Mark Smith, Nathan, and the stranded ambos to get it all organized. What a great community input. And what do we learn? Don't call the ambulance if you don't need it.

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Or Eveanne at the CRC (9980 1811)

Or ring Elaine 0439 909 738

Western Australia Rodeo Princess Quest 2012



Meekatharra's Mickaela Mongoo entered into the Western Australia Rodeo Princess Quest for 2012 which was held at the Brigadoon Equestrian Centre on the 11th February 2012.

Mickaela and her horse Albert scrubbed up well. Their overall appearance and horsemanship were high and were definitely a pair to watch.

The contestants had to have a personal interview with the judges and have completed a portfolio of themselves. They also had to learn a freestyle dressage exam which Mickaela and Albert performed beautifully to the song Courage's by Melinda Schneider dedicated to her sister Janine who is going through cancer treatment. The contestants also had to do a compulsory dressage test which was shown to them once and had 5 minutes to remember it and then perform it as well. This also was completed by Mickaela and Albert at a high standard.

The judges had then to go through and make a decision who will represent WA through out the year.

The result came back with Mickaela taking out the Runner-up WA Rodeo Princess for 2012. The role is to help the new Princess and Rodeo Queens with fundraising, grand entries and help other young riders etc through out the year Mickaela will step up if the Rodeo Princess is unable to attend and fill the position.



We would like to congratulate Mickaela. Meekatharra should be very proud of this young lady from your community, definitely a role model.

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Princess Ruby Hayes

Mickaela and Albert

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April

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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**

The Meekatharra Dust

February 2012



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The Management Committee of Kids After Dark Incorporated, out of respect for our Community hereby inform the Community of Meekatharra, that notwithstanding, all of the misconceptions innuendoes and assumptions that KAD INC and our Safe House has closed down or failed **THIS IS UNTRUE**

KIDS AFTER DARK INCORPORATED CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR KAD INC, AND AT TIMES WE CAN NOT OPERATE DUE TO THE ENORMOUS COSTS TO RUN THE SAFEHOUSE AND OF LACK OF FUNDING.

KAD INC IS THE ONLY COMMUNITY ORGANISATION THAT IS DESPERATELY TRYING TO KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE AND WORK WITH THE FAMILIES AND KIDS IN MEEKATHARRA.

KIDS AFTER DARK INCORPORATED, WITH THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF RIO TINTO WISH TO CONFIRM THAT KAD INC IS AND HAS BEEN SUPPORTED BY RIO TINTO FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, AND WE WILL REOPEN THE SAFE HOUSE SHORTLY WITH THE CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF RIO TINTO AND WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR OUR PEOPLE AND ESPECIALLY OUR KIDS IN MEEKATHARRA FOR THE FUTURE.

KAD INC WILL HOLD A COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION MEETING AND SHORTLY THERE AFTER WILL HOLD A COMMUNITY MEETING THAT WE INVITE ANYONE IN THE COMMUNITY TO ATTEND ON TUESDAY THE 28TH MARCH 2012 AT 1:00PM AT THE KAD INC SAFE HOUSE A BBQ LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Debranne Greeves

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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





REQUEST FOR QUOTES

Construct Internal Partitioning at Lloyd's Outback Centre

The Shire of Meekatharra is inviting quotes from interested individuals or Companies for works to 'Lloyds Outback Centre' Building, Meekatharra.

The quote to be provided is for completion and co-ordination of the entire project. Quotes for part or portion of the project will not be considered.

A brief summary of works required is:

Install partitioning to form new area inside Lloyd's building with access door in one wall.

Paint all internal walls and doors.

The above is indicative only and should not be relied on for quoting. It is the responsibility of the quoter to ensure that they have obtained all relevant information before submitting their quote.

A detailed scope of works can be obtained by contacting the Shire Office during normal hours.

Quotes should be addressed to Krys East and received no later than 4:00 pm, Friday 23rd March 2012. Quotes can be submitted via mail, by hand at the Shire Administration Office, by email to dceo@meekashire.wa.gov.au or via fax on 9981 1505.

For further information, please contact the undersigned on 9981 1002 or 0429 204 146 or via the above email address.

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

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

To apply please contact our Meekatharra Branch Manager, Ashley Page, on 08 99811466, mobile 0418949613, email Meekatharra@coateshire.com.au or Area Manager John Cartwright 0467775781, email john.cartwright@coateshire.com.au



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Saving Water at Home

Water is a precious resource, particularly on such a dry continent as Australia. Unfortunately, the large amount of water used by households has a significant environmental impact, so saving water means protecting the environment.

The Problem

The Thirsty Environment

All life requires water, so when we take water out of natural ecosystems and use it for urban or agricultural use, we take water from the environment.

Reduced 'environmental flows' have had significant impacts on rivers systems such as the Snowy River and the Murray Darling River system.¹

Free Flowing Rivers

Trapping water for urban use requires the construction of dams that flood valleys, destroying large areas of wilderness. Dams also disrupt the natural flow of rivers and change sediment deposition patterns. They can also prevent marine creatures from swimming up and downstream creating isolated ecosystems and disrupting breeding patterns.²

The construction and maintenance of dams is also capital and energy intensive. As Australia's population continues to grow, we will need to invest in water efficiency or there will be a requirement for more dams and desalination plants.³

A Heavy Investment

Many capital cities have invested in desalination plants, which are very energy intensive.³ When desalination plants are not powered by renewable energy, significant environmental damage is done through mining and the emission of green house gases from fossil fuel burning.

The purification of drinking water requires energy, chemicals and significant infrastructure. Much of the water we use is over-purified - for example we don't need potable water for flushing toilets. In some areas water use can drain stored ground water in aquifers at an unsustainable rate.

The Solution

Water Saving At Home

Saving water at home is easy and in the long term can save you thousands of dollars.

If you have space you may want to consider installing a rain water tank. Even small rain water tanks can be used for washing your car or watering your garden. Have a look at the Australian Government's '[choosing the right rain water tank](#)' fact sheet for more information.

Another important way to save water is to stop leaks as soon as they appear - a leaking tap can use as much as 2,000 litres a month. You can check for leaks in your house by having a look at your water metre before you go to bed - then checking it again in the morning (but make sure nobody uses water overnight!).

Most taps run more water than you need, so installing aerators will also help.

In The Bathroom

The shower is usually the largest consumer of water in any household. Installing a water-saving shower head and a timer in your shower can dramatically reduce your water use.

Second to the shower is the toilet as a big consumer of water in the household. Installing a dual flush toilet can save you thousands of litres per year. If this is too expensive you may want to consider putting a brick or in your toilet cistern to reduce the flush volume.

Old fashioned toilets may use as much as 12 litres per flush, while new dual flush toilet can use as little as 6 litres for a full flush and 3 litre for a half.

Did you know?

- An old-style single-flush toilet uses up to 12 litres of water per flush, while a standard dual flush toilet uses just a quarter of this on a half-flush.
- A standard showerhead may use up to 25 litres of water per minute whereas water-efficient showerhead might use as little as seven litres per minute.
- A leaking toilet can waste more than 16,000 litres of water a year.
- The bathroom accounts for around half of all water used inside the home.
- Residents of NSW consume the most water per person, while residents of the ACT consume the least².
- Washing your car can release up to 750mL sludge which can contain toxins such as surfactants, oil, dirt and heavy metals such as lead.
- The Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) Scheme is used to rate the water efficiency of appliances in Australia.
- A leaking tap can waste as much as 2,000 litres of water per month.



Saving Water At Home

You can check if your toilet is leaking by putting a small amount of food dye into your cistern, then looking to see if the dye leaks into the bowl.

In The Kitchen

The key culprit for water consumption in kitchens is the dishwasher. However, not all dishwashers are equal – some are markedly more water efficient than others. In Australia, the standard for rating the water efficiency of appliances is known as the Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) Scheme.

According to the WELS rating, the most efficient dishwashers can use half as much water as the average dishwasher. To see how your appliances stack up, check the [WELS product database](#).

In The Laundry

Set your washing machine to an appropriate water level when washing clothes. You can also save energy by washing in cold water. Front loading washing machines use considerably less water than top loaders, and also require less energy and soap to do the same job. While the investment may be higher to begin with – in the long term they will save you money.

In The Garden

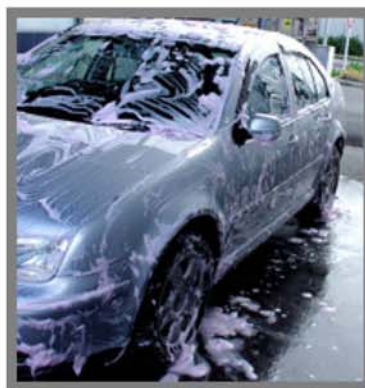
You can reduce the need to water your garden by planting drought tolerant native plants. Ask your local nursery for advice. When using your hose for cleaning or watering, use a hose-fitting with a trigger nozzle and water saving spray fitting.

Washing Your Car

Washing your car in your driveway can be an environmental hazard. Car washes can release approximately 750ml of sludge that contains surfactants, oil, dirt and heavy metals such as lead.

Professional car washes recycle water and treat wastewater before discharge into the local sewer system. Discharge into the sewer system rather than into the stormwater drains means that wastewater is treated by the local sewerage treatment plant - which can remove toxins.

Thus, washing your car in an WELS accredited car wash can significantly reduce water use and emission of toxins into the environment. This is because accredited car washes use systems like water recycling and high pressure hoses to reduce water use. They also discharge wastewater into the sewer system where it gets treated by the local sewerage treatment plant. Keep an eye out for the five star water rating sign to see how the car wash stacks up.



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REQUEST FOR QUOTES

Sports Complex - Kitchen Renovations

The Shire of Meekatharra is inviting quotes from interested individuals or Companies for works to Sport Complex Building Meekatharra.

The quote to be provided is for completion and co-ordination of the entire project. Quotes for part or portion of the project will not be considered.

A brief summary of works required is:

Upgrade kitchen cupboards and bench.
Supply and install new stove, rangehood, sink and tapware.

The above is indicative only and should not be relied on for quoting. It is the responsibility of the quoter to ensure that they have obtained all relevant information before submitting their quote.

A detailed scope of works can be obtained by contacting the Shire Office during normal hours.

Quotes should be addressed to Krys East and received no later than 4:00 pm, Friday 23rd March 2012. Quotes can be submitted via mail, by hand at the Shire Administration Office, by email to dceo@meekashire.wa.gov.au or via fax on 9981 1505.

For further information, please contact the undersigned on 9981 1002 or 0429 204 146 or via the above email address.

Krys East
Corporate and Development Services Manager



Looking for somewhere to run a hairdressing business or possibly a beauty salon from?

The Shire of Meekatharra is inviting expressions of interest from interested individuals or businesses to lease the Hairdressing Section of Lloyd's building.

Council will give consideration to persons who are supplying a needed service to the town.

Expressions of interest (EOI) detailing what the intended purpose for leasing this area are and any relevant information that may assist Council in reaching a decision on what to do with this section of the Lloyds building.

EOI's should be addressed to Krys East and received no later than 4:00 pm, Friday 16th March 2012. EOI's can be submitted via mail, by hand at the Shire Administration Office, by email to dceo@meekashire.wa.gov.au or via fax on 9981 1505.

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Facts about smoking

In Australia 15,000 deaths per year are caused by regular long-term tobacco smoking. Some of the diseases caused by smoking include lung cancer, bronchitis, heart disease and stroke.

Smoking kills

Smoking kills more people in Australia than all the people killed by alcohol, other drugs, murder, suicide, road crashes, rail crashes, air crashes, poisoning, drowning, fires, falls, lightning, electrocution, snakes, spiders and sharks.

Each year about 245 Western Australians have body organs partially or completely removed because of problems caused by smoking. Each year this results in the removal of 55 lungs, 44 legs, 22 larynxes (voice boxes), 15 kidneys, 11 palates, 10 gullets, 10 stomachs, 10 wombs, 9 tongues, 10 bladders, 2 pancreases and 2 arms.

Who does not smoke?

Approximately 80% of West Australian adults don't smoke. The majority of young people also choose to be smoke-free. In fact more than **90% of schoolboys and schoolgirls aged 12 to 17 years in Western Australia do not smoke regularly.**

People who start smoking in their teen years are more likely to become regular smokers, smoke more heavily, have difficulties quitting and are at greater risk of getting smoking-related diseases.

The majority of adult smokers say they wish they had never started and that they would like to stop.

In fact, around 80% of Australian smokers have made attempts to quit.

Second hand smoking

Second hand smoking is when a person breathes another person's tobacco smoke. Sometimes referred to as passive smoke, it can be the smoke that the smoker breathes out (exhaled mainstream smoke) or the smoke from the end of the cigarette (sidestream smoke).

Second hand smoking causes smelly clothes and hair, sore and/or watery eyes, sneezing and coughing, ear infections, slower lung growth and can trigger asthma attacks. It has also been linked to cot death.

Addiction to cigarette smoking

Nicotine is the addictive drug in tobacco. New smokers often feel dizzy and sick from tobacco smoke, but some get used to its effects. As they continue to smoke, their bodies learn to depend on nicotine and they can tolerate smoking more and more. When smokers stop they may get cravings and feel anxious, hungry, irritable and find it hard to focus on what they are doing. Social and emotional factors also contribute to someone becoming addicted to smoking. For example, people may feel they need to smoke when they are at a party, when they are with certain friends or feeling stressed or bored.²

Research shows that people do not need to smoke many cigarettes to become addicted to smoking. Young people can be at risk of becoming addicted to smoking even if they only smoke occasionally, such as at parties or on holidays.

Someone who is addicted to smoking may find it difficult to stop or cut down. They may crave cigarettes and experience withdrawal symptoms as their body adjusts to not having nicotine. Getting help with quitting will give smokers a much better chance of success. They can:

- ♦ visit their doctor for advice on quitting methods or products
- ♦ get support from family or friends
- ♦ call the Quitline 13 QUIT (13 7848)
- ♦ visit www.quitwa.com.



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Friday 9 am - 4 pm

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55 km North of Meekatharra





Parents/ Guardians,

Bikes, Scooters, Rip Sticks and Skate Board are not allowed to be used anywhere in the Sports Complex.

Bikes are to be put into the rack (which has been moved to the Basketball Courts) and the other things are to be given to the adult in charge, e.g. Elaine or Brenda. They will be locked away in the Club room until the end of the session.



Truck Rollover on the Great Northern Highway 11th February 2012



A Truck Rollover on the Great Northern Highway approx. 45km north of Meekatharra on the night to the 11th February 2012 saw local Emergency Services busy and many truckies stuck. The truck driver who luckily didn't sustain any injuries from this accident managed to keep the cabin and the first trailer on the road while the second trailer tipped and spilled the Ammonium Nitrate Emulsion down the gravel. Ammonium Nitrate is an explosive which is why the highway got closed and no trucks were able to go past.



The Meekatharra Police and the Meeka and Cue Fire services did a great job in securing the accident scene. A big THANK YOU to our local volunteers who spent most of their night and almost all of their Saturday working on the scene and waiting for the crane and clean up crew to further tidy up the spillage. Thanks for your great insight to put a BBQ into the trailer of your fire truck to keep truckies and vollies well fed and happy. Thanks to Farmer Jacks who kindly donated snaggers, eggs and bread. What a great sense of community :)



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ROYALTIES
KIMBERLEY GREENS

Dear Parent/guardians of 10-17 year old,

The Youth Ball date has been changed back to the original one in April. Please help your kids get organised for it. If you have got kids away at school, they will need outfits too because 14th April is the middle of the school holidays.

We have also invited Mullewa, Magnet, Cue and Wiluna to attend.

I need parents to help with cooking, decorating and working on the night. I would like to have a meeting in a couple of weeks time to get organised.

Please ring me if you are able help in any way.

Elaine King

0439909738 or home 99801030

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

FLIGHT NUMBER	DEPART	TIME	ARRIVE	TIME
JW1941	PERTH	0735	MT MAGNET	0855
	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
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	MT MAGNET	1425	MEEKATHARRA	1455
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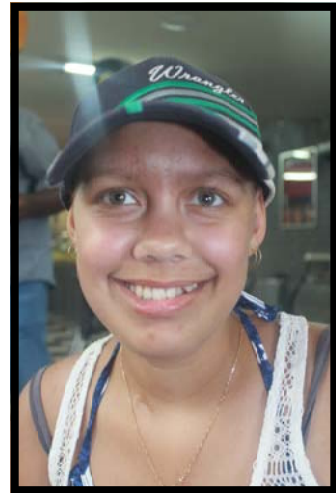
SATURDAY - No Flights

For bookings and flight information,
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or visit www.skippers.com.au

Schedule effective 29th Aug 2011

Janine's Journey so far....

A week before Janine was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia it was announced that she was WA No1 Junior Barrel Racer for 2011 and has received a beautiful buckle. And now has also been given the Buff Coumbe Memorial Buckle from our Meeka Rodeo. She was so stoked. But since then going through the chemo treatment and any other treatment related to leukaemia has been a very emotion and painful time for her.



With the support from our community and family/friends it has made it easier for Janine to get through this last 4 months of treatment. The well wishes and financial support has helped Janine, especially buying new clothes each time she loses more weight.

Janine has kept herself busy doing SIDE (school work) at PMH with Mickaela. Visiting lots of places, meeting new kids who unfortunately have cancer as well. And meeting legends either football or swimming stars.

Janine will be away until the treatment is hopefully 100% gone. Here are some pictures of the best times she has managed to have. And yes, done things she shouldn't have as well. But we won't tell the doctors!!! Hopefully the transition back to school and Meeka will be easy for her. Once she has been given the OK. Awhile yet though..



The best day ever, when Kadi and the mad hatter turned up. (Ben Clare). Best Xmas present ever.



Swapping their wigs.....So cute Ben!!!!



Hanging out with John Worsfold at a Wildcats Game



Xmas with the family...



Riding Mickaela's horse which was a no no!!!



Getting a cuddle from Australian Swimmer Geoff Hugall at the State Trails...

Ron Huckle



14-9-1917 to 7-1-2012

As told by Doug and Sandi Wood

On the 7th January 2012 saw the passing in Perth of one of the Meekatharra districts long time resident RON HUCKLE. I met Ron around mid 1962, my first days work at Annean Station was to assist him in laying piping from a newly erected windmill and tank to the adjacent troughs. Arriving on site Ron and his three children greeted me, (Joy his wife was ensconced in Meekatharra Hospital with their toddler Chris awaiting the arrival of their fifth baby – Joe) “G’day you must be Doug these are my kids Herbie, Cathy and Jenny, they’ll try you out but just ignore their antics and you’ll be right”. I did as suggested and we got along just fine. I was in my late teens and knew everything, but after a couple of days as Ron’s offsider the realisation dawned that I really didn’t know as much about station work as I thought I did.

Ron is the only man that I know in my years of outback wandering who could set in concrete the foundation footings for a windmill tower, swing the tower into place and it would bolt up perfectly and be spirit level straight above the bore on which it was sited. He was a master fencer (at the time his main employment) both in the days of Mulga posts and Star Pickets, some months ago we passed by some Mulga post and rail work on the Belele – Koonmurra boundry erected by Ron circa 1959 and it is still as sturdy as the day it was built. In 1962 at the age of 45 he could still cut 100 Mulga posts a day with an axe, the following day he would put per hand brace and bit bore 5 x 12.7mm holes for the wires in each post and commence setting them in the ground. Using only a crow bar and empty meat tin for tools to excavate a post hole no less than 350mm in depth, during this time at Annean he acquired a motorised post borer and a chainsaw even though by then steel pickets were the norm Mulga posts were still used as strainer’s.

Ron never had problems only things that needed a solution. Wife Joy had a hand operated plunger washing machine. With the purchase of the motorised post borer came the opportunity to make washing less tiresome for Joy, so Ron set up the post borer with a crank mechanism to operate the plunger. On another occasion one of his trucks universal joints wore out undeterred he removed the offending rollers cut strips off a Sunshine Milk tin wound them around the universal cross in lieu of the needle rollers and continued on his way. On returning one afternoon from a windmill run (checking stock watering points) the Annean manager Rod O’Connor related having seen Ron along the way. He had damaged his trucks radiator (a tree branch) had removed some, lit a fire to heat his soldering iron and in the middle of nowhere proceeded to repair the holed radiator. (This being pre – wonder plastic mending compounds.)

Ron’s last employ was a dogger based at Doolgunna Station from there he retired to Meekatharra thence his last 18 months in Perth. Whilst at the previous two locations we were frequent visitors and spent many hours listening to Ron’s reminiscences, he had come from England during 1927 to Fairbridge Farm. In 1934 he ventured North to Three Rivers Station, this was the beginning of a lifetime in outback W.A. His employment was many and varied being a stockman on numerous Stations a drover with George Best on the Anna Plains – Meekatharra stock route. During World War 2 Ron enlisted the Volunteer Defence Corps (V.D.C) and because of his bushmanship seconded to a group trained for Guerrilla Warfare in the event of the Japanese invading Western Australia they were to stay behind enemy lines and harass them i.e deny them access to water, destroy roads etc. After the War’s end he spent time as a fence repairman on the No 1 Rabbit Proof Fence between Gum Creek and Jiggalong. Ron was also instrumental in the removal of the rabbit netting on a section North of Gum Creek when the fence was closed down, he contracted to the White Family then of Yarrabubba Station who had purchased a quantity of netting to boundary fence their property at Young River near Esperance.


From the 1950’s through to the late 1960’s Ron and Joy were Station Contractors fencing, yard building, erecting windmills, tanks and sheds basically whatever needed doing. Their home a tent then a caravan lit by kerosene pressure lanterns and their refrigeration also of kerosene power. On retiring from Contracting Ron worked at Annean as windmill repairman come Station Handyman, his final outback contribution being that of a dogger.


VALE RON HUCKLE


THE QUIET BUSHMAN


The Meekatharra Dust


February 2012


 *Aries* The energy of the month, if used wisely, supports love and relationship. It's a good time to make some resolutions to repair any or all of these life "departments". You are especially open to exploring your vulnerabilities now, and as they are illuminated, you can have an easier time coming up with solutions to problems. It doesn't have to happen all at once, of course, so be patient. But do take the first steps.


 *Taurus* This may very well be a superlative month for starting a new relationship or repairing and enhancing an existing one. If you are trying to build trust, it's a good time to do so. Your naturally unique qualities are likely to be noticed and appreciated this month, and others see you in a favourable light - especially friends. Emotions are steady, although they tend to build as the month progresses.


 *Gemini* Good energy is with you both socially and professionally this month. There is no need to toot your own horn right now - the month's energies favour quiet leadership and humble confidence, things that others will notice best if they come to their own conclusions. Some of you could even find love on the job or through associates.


 *Cancer* If family relations are in need of some work or repair, this month is a fine time for doing so. Some form of emotional discovery can be purging and positive. It's also a good month for connecting with friends on a deeper level. Your opinion may be sought this month, and delivering it humbly makes all the difference.


 *Leo* You might hear news or pick up new information about your health and well-being, either physical or mental, that helps you feel more confident and hopeful. Make resolutions this month to go forward with a new outlook or a new wellness program. Conversations can be immensely rewarding now. People may be spreading the word about your services or simply your good character, and your reputation is set to improve as a result.


 *Virgo* This is a potentially strong month for subtly communicating your worth and value to others, that might eventually boost your income or position. It's important to look at the big picture this month and to shrug off life's minor inconveniences and challenges. You'll feel better, and others will enjoy your enthusiasm and resilience.

 *Libra* Quiet power and humble confidence are with you this month, and this can win you some well-earned respect. It's a strong month for recognition, as long as you're not looking for it! You are projecting qualities that others are seeking out, so that whether you're looking for a new job or a new love, you're likely to get positive attention. Know that you are building others' faith and confidence in you, and this takes some patience.

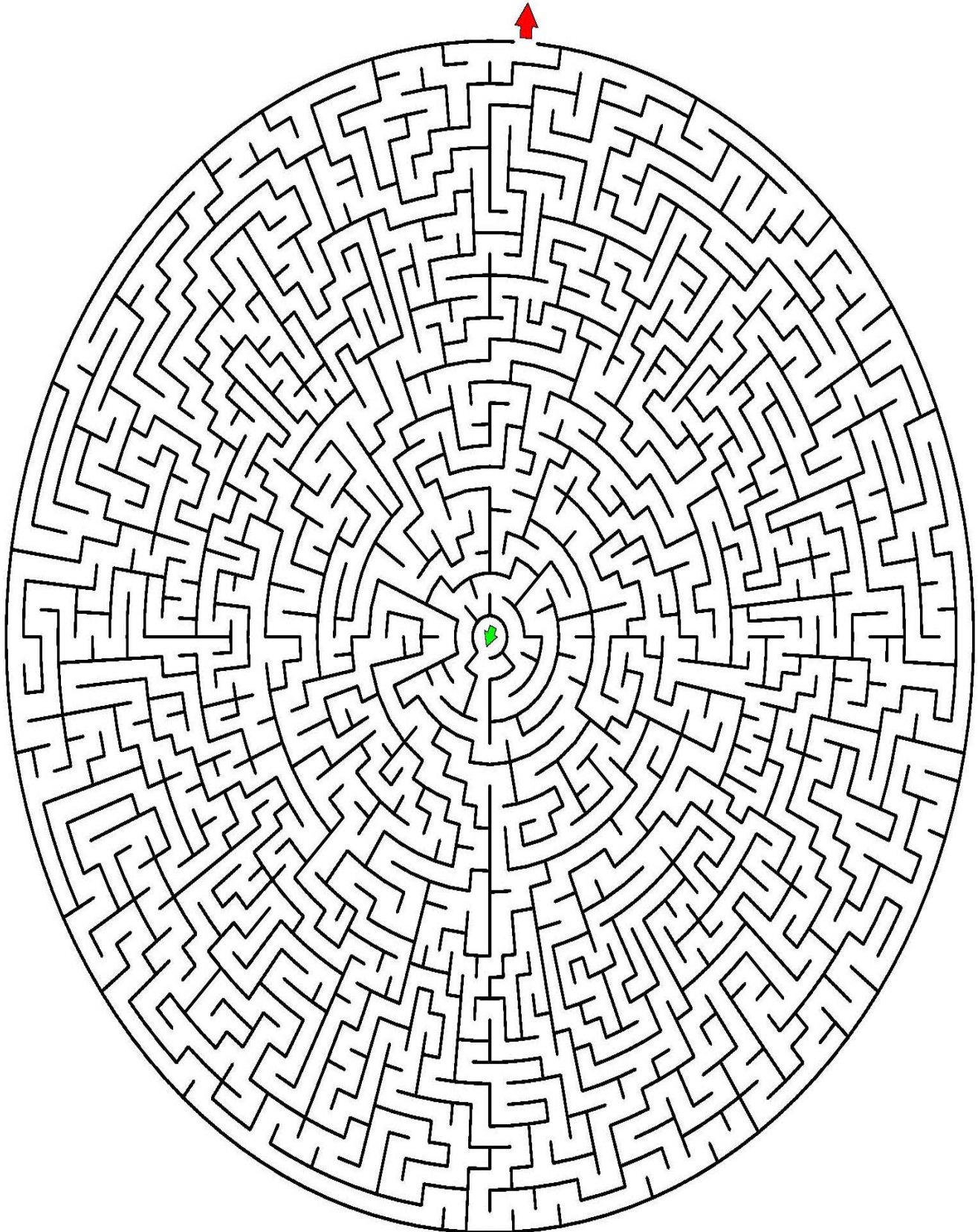
 *Scorpio* Venus has been moving through your romance sector recently, and this is a good transit for attraction. Because Venus is aligning with Chiron in declination, this planet of love and comfort is enhanced and strengthened. Especially with an open and generous spirit, you're likely to attract who or what you want into your life.

 *Sagittarius* You can break new ground when it comes to relationships with family and those people who are like family in your life this month. Friendships can blossom, and willingness to connect on a deeper level now, and to face normally uncomfortable emotional "material" makes all the difference.

 *Capricorn* You express yourself with exceptional warmth and openness this month, and you are especially natural in social situations. Making new friends or building existing friendships comes naturally now. Conversations are at once revealing and positive.

 *Aquarius* This is a strong month for getting in touch with the qualities you project to others that tell them that you are valuable and worthy. While for some it may be a time when gifts or pay increases come their way, for most it's a time to subtly prove that you are worthy of more. New insights into financial matters can set you on a better path. Openness and willingness are important when dealing with family.

Impossible Maze!



Colour Me !



Spot the FROG!

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



The Meekatharra Dust

February 2012

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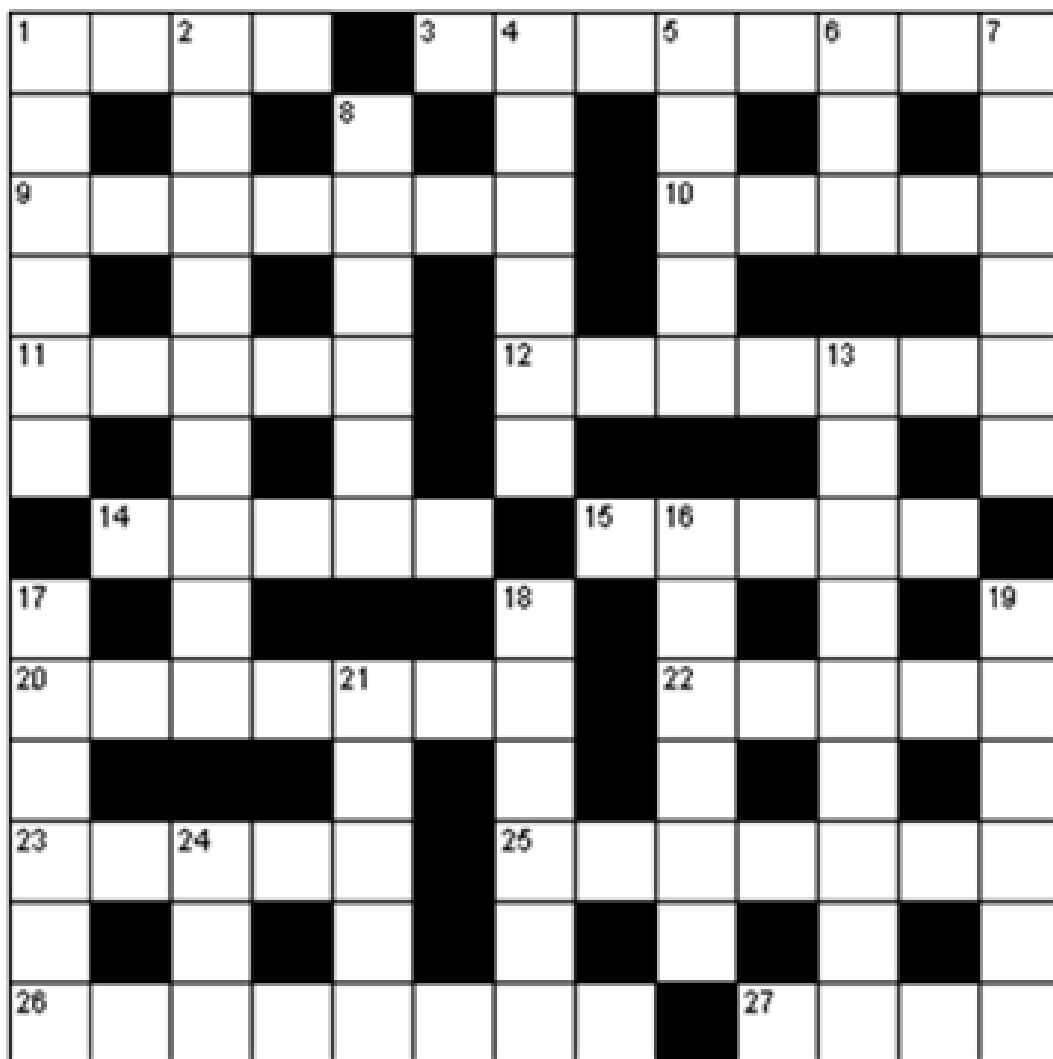
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Sudoku

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10. Engaging / Distant in manner (5)
11. First or last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
12. Local inhabitants / Tourists (7)
14. Laughter / Anger (5)
15. Diplomatic / Candid (5)
20. Easy decision / Quandary (7)
22. Kitchen tables / Writing tables (5)
23. Paragon / Bad example (5)
25. Cranny / Canyon (7)
26. Transient / Lasting (8)
27. A short time / A long time (4)

Down

1. Depending on chance / Orderly (6)
2. Small church / Large charge (9)
4. Present / Not present (6)
5. Internal organ / External organ (5)
6. Road sign / Star sign (3)
7. Accept / Decline (6)
8. Classical composer / Musical instrument (6)
13. Appearing / Disappearing (9)
16. Men / Women (6)
17. Look up to / Despise (6)
18. Type of bird / Type of fish (6)
19. Valuables / Debts (6)
21. Tooth / Shoe (5)
24. Start / Finish (3)



Crossword

Three Dips



Beetroot, horseradish & dill dip

1 large (about 250g) beetroot, stems trimmed, washed
25g (1/3 cup) fresh breadcrumbs (made from day-old bread)
60ml (1/4 cup) extra virgin olive oil
1 garlic clove, finely chopped
2 tbs finely chopped fresh dill
1 tbs horseradish cream
Salt & freshly ground black pepper

Carrot, orange & cumin dip

3 small (about 500g) carrots, peeled, finely chopped
2 tbs extra virgin olive oil
1 brown onion, halved, finely chopped
1 garlic clove, finely chopped
1 tsp ground cumin
60ml (1/4 cup) fresh orange juice
Salt & freshly ground black pepper

Broad bean & parmesan dip

250g frozen broad beans, thawed, skins removed
60ml (1/4 cup) extra virgin olive oil
1 garlic clove, finely chopped
1 tbs fresh lemon juice
Salt & freshly ground black pepper
50g parmesan, finely grated

Preparation Time

30 minutes

Cooking Time

65 minutes

Ingredients (serves 8)

Toasted pita or lavash flatbread, to serve

Method

To make beetroot, horseradish & dill dip: cook beetroot in a saucepan of salted boiling water for 1 hour or until tender. Set aside in cooking liquid for 30 minutes to cool. Drain, reserving 2 tbs of cooking liquid. Wearing rubber gloves to avoid staining your hands, peel beetroot and coarsely chop. Place the beetroot, breadcrumbs, oil, garlic, dill, horseradish and reserved cooking liquid in the jug of a blender and blend until smooth. Taste and season with salt and pepper.

Meanwhile: to make carrot, orange & cumin dip: place carrot in a steamer over a saucepan of simmering water. Steam, covered, for 15-20 minutes or until tender. Remove from heat. Heat the oil in a frying pan over medium heat. Add the onion, garlic and cumin and cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until onion softens. Place carrot, onion mixture and orange juice in the jug of a blender and blend until smooth. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside for 15 minutes to cool.

To make the broad bean & parmesan dip: cook the broad beans in a saucepan of salted boiling water for 3 minutes or until tender. Drain well. Place the broad beans, oil, garlic and lemon juice in the jug of a blender and blend until smooth. Taste and season with salt and pepper. Transfer to a bowl. Add parmesan and stir to combine. Set aside for 15 minutes to cool. Transfer dips to serving bowls and serve with bread.

Gluten-free hazelnut cake with spiced honey syrup



Ingredients (serves 12)

125g butter, softened
1/2 cups caster sugar
2 eggs
1/3 cup cornflour (see note)
1 teaspoon gluten-free baking powder
1 3/4 cups hazelnut meal (ground hazelnuts)
1/4 cup milk
Whipped cream, to serve

Spiced honey and tea syrup

2 chamomile tea bags
3/4 cup boiling water
1/4 cup honey
1 cinnamon stick
3/4 cup caster sugar

Method

Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan-forced. Grease a 6cm-deep, 20cm (base) round cake pan. Line base and side with baking paper. Using an electric mixer, beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Sift cornflour and baking powder over butter mixture. Add hazelnut meal and milk. Stir to combine. Pour into prepared pan. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until a skewer inserted in centre of cake comes out clean.

Meanwhile, make syrup. Place tea bags in a saucepan. Add boiling water. Stand for 5 minutes. Remove and discard tea bags. Add honey, cinnamon stick and sugar. Place over medium heat. Stir until sugar dissolves. Bring to the boil. Boil, covered, for 6 to 8 minutes or until slightly thickened.

Cool cake in pan for 5 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack over a baking tray. Pour two-thirds syrup over cake. Serve with cream and drizzled with remaining syrup.

Notes

Use cornflour made from maize, not wheat, to ensure cake is gluten-free.

March 2012

Monday 5th - Public Holiday

Tuesday 6th - Interagency Meeting

Wednesday 7th - Festival Meeting 5pm at the Shire

Friday 9th - Welcome to MKA Event

Sunday 11th - Clean up MKA Event – 10am on the pool lawn

Tuesday 13th - CRC Meeting

Tuesday 13th - Meekatharra Race Club AGM – 7pm at the Commie

Sunday 18th - World's Greatest Shave – 1pm at the Commie

Saturday 24th - Bingo With a Twist – 6pm at the Shire Hall

**Saturday 31st - MKA Market Stalls - 9.30-12 at the Meeka
Welcome Park on Main Street**

Closing Date: 28th March