

TRIVIA NIGHT!



Meekatharra Dust

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Winners are grinnerers

1st Place



Equal 2nd Place



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Saturday June 23rd saw the townsfolk of Meekatharra brave the chilly conditions to help raise funds for the Meekatharra Outback Festival.

Justice Crew were able to avenge their defeat from last year's Trivia Night to take out first place honours! Well done to the Department of Mines and Petroleum and to the Department of Corrections.

Tying in second place was Trennies Table along with Simply Awesome (pictured on the left).

Adam Howden won the special edition bottle of Jack Daniels for the second time in two years which included a Jim Beam watch. He rolled his \$2 coin with precision and was closest to the bottle on the night.

Mal Trenfield won the woman's raffle - we hope you enjoy all those women's products Mal! Whilst Mark Devene won the men's raffle and scored himself a range of male hygienic goods!

After fearing the event may have to be cancelled due to a lack of volunteers we were grateful to have the support of Jo Burgemeister behind the bar in between answering questions! And welcome to our newest recruit Jacinta who ably assisted Eveanne in tallying the score sheets.

A big thanks to Elaine for running the evening and providing the questions for the night and for all those who helped in the setting up of the hall after the Festival Committee made a last minute call for help!

John and Venessa Watson-Bates again manned the door and everyone's help in ensuring a successful and enjoyable evening is appreciated.

We hope to see you at the Fancy Dress Ball on Saturday August 4th!

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Readers

Unfortunately this will be the last issue of the Dust that I am editing, as I will be heading back home to Perth next month.

It has been a pleasure producing the last 27 issues of the Dust, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here in Meeka.

Thanks for all your submissions and please keep them coming for the next editor!

-Sam



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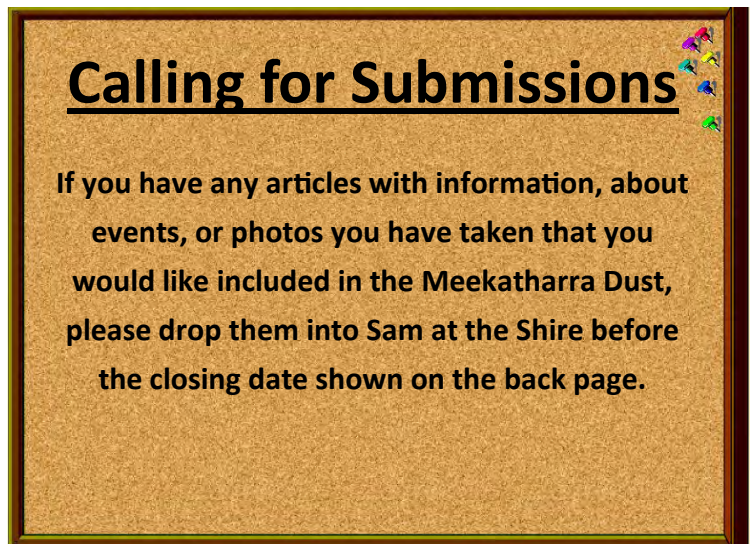
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3RD JULY - INTERAGENCY MEETING – 3PM AT THE SHIRE

5TH JULY – JOHNNY FORD AND THE BALDJA BOYS – 8PM
ROYAL MAIL HOTEL

7TH JULY – 23RD JULY - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

10TH JULY – CRC COMMITTEE MEETING - 5PM AT CRC

16TH TO 21ST JULY - STORM CO.

4TH AUGUST – FANCY DRESS BALL

27TH TO 30TH JULY – MULLER ACCOUNTING

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. All items received after this time will be held for further consideration.

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Meekatharra Library

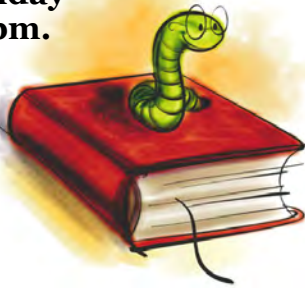
Did you know we get a new exchange of books every month? Come in and check out what is new this month!

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.**



Wanted

Block of Land in Meeka

I am wanting to purchase a vacant block of land to build on in Meekatharra.

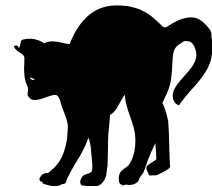
If you have a block you are thinking about selling please contact Ben :

ben_strong638@hotmail.com

or phone 0401 929 977

Newman Vet

Meekatharra



Dr. Rick Fenny

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The Meekatharra Dust

July 2012

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and
Alcohol
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Jammin in Meeka

MC
Mary G!

Community Concert and Open Jam Sessions!

Sat 25th August 2012

SPECIAL VISIT FROM DESERT FEET TOUR



Ulla Shay



Ewan Buckley



Bryte MC



Damien Thornber and the Orphans

AT MEEKATHARRA TOWN OVAL

ADULTS \$10, CHILDREN \$5

GATES OPEN AT MIDDAY

To register for the Jam Session please contact
Kelly at the Shire for a registration form on 9980 0600 or
cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au



Government of Western Australia
Department of Culture and the Arts

Government of Western Australia
Mental Health Commission



Jammin in Meeka 2012

Jam Session NOMINATION FORM

Name of Band (if applicable): _____

Number of Artists: _____

Main Contact Person:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax/email: _____

What style you will be performing? : E.g. original/cover/solo.....

Are all your band members Youth under 25? Yes ☐ No ☐

Sound equipment, including a backline with drums and amps will be provided. A keyboard may be available for use on application. Please provide a list of additional instruments you may require (no guarantee that they can be provided):

Do you have any special requirements? _____

Important Information

- You will have the opportunity to perform up to 4 songs dependent upon the number of entries into the Jam Session
- **The Jam Session will commence after the Community Concert – at approximately 3.30pm**
- Once nominations have closed you will be contacted with a time slot for your performance

Send forms to: Shire of Meekatharra, PO Box 129, Meekatharra WA 6642
Please return by 13th August

Fax: 9981 1505 or email cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au



MEEKATHARRA COMMUNITY GARDEN

Meeka Goes Green has partnered with Meekatharra District High School, the Meekatharra Shire and input from Yulella to create a Community Garden. The Garden will be located at Meekatharra District High School.

The local High School has a farm area which is managed by a full time staff member. As part of the Farm program the students will take ownership of the garden during school hours with each class spending two hours per week maintaining specific areas of the garden.

Community members are invited to share their ideas for how they would like the garden to work and the school will work closely with its partners in this project to comply with risk management and child protection issues in regards to community members visiting the garden both inside and outside of school hours. Luckily the garden is accessible from Landor Road so with a bit of forward planning community will be able to access their individual and community plots outside of school hours without entering the school premises.

Meeka Goes Green has been working hard to promote the garden (see attached drawing) and an Open Day will be held over the coming months to progress the garden and ensure that the community has input in to how it will best work for them.

A site visit was held in May to establish the best area for the project and to look at the available resources held by the school such as a storage shed, shaded area for seedlings and a large area for communal and individual plots. (Photo's included)

The Beyond Gardens Team from Perth who visited Meekatharra in 2010 have offered to assist in the initial stages of setting the garden up to ensure it is water wise and that appropriate gardening methods and plants are chosen for the climatic conditions. Once funds are secured the team will visit for three days to help establish the garden and provide advice to all interested Meekatharra residents around the Community Garden and their own backyard gardens as well.



Seedlings area



Storage Shed

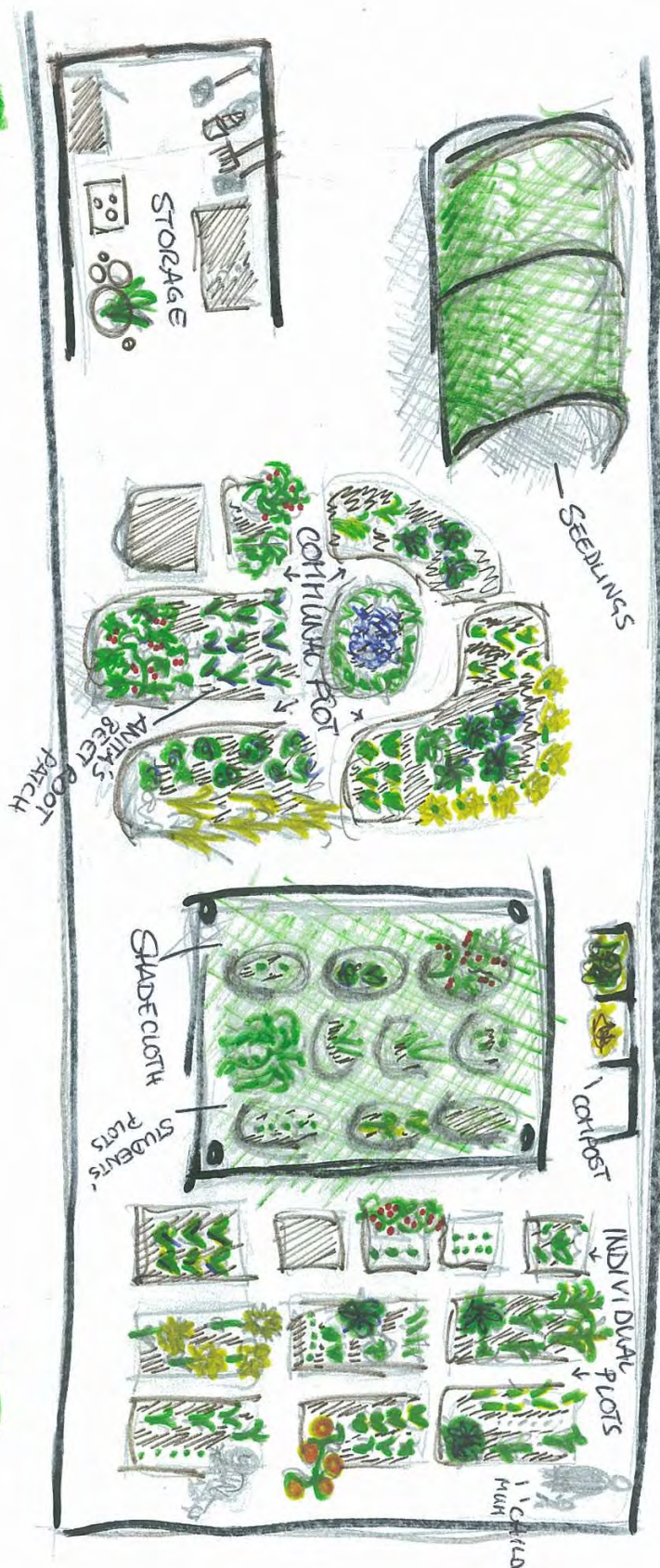


Open Garden Area



WHAT DO YOU WANT OUT OF OUR

COMMUNITY GARDEN



MEEKATHARRA FANCY DRESS BALL

August 4th 2012 @ THE SHIRE HALL

THEME

**‘FAVOURITE/MOST UNUSUAL
OCCUPATION’**



Doors Open at 7.15pm.

\$15.00 entry

18+ No BYO as the bar will be open

All proceeds to 2012 Festival Committee Events

Jammin in Meeka

YOUTH MUSIC, DANCE AND ART WORKSHOPS

Friday 24th August 2012

WITH DESERT FEET TOUR



Ulla Shay



Ewan Buckley



Bryte MC



Damien Thornber and the Orphans

AT MEEKATHARRA YOUTH CENTRE

DOORS OPEN AT 5.30PM

BBQ PROVIDED

ALL WELCOME



Government of Western Australia
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Mental Health Commission





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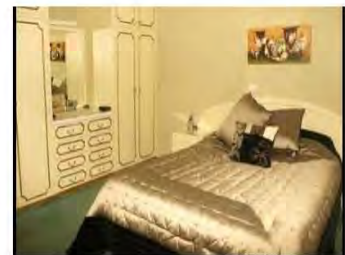
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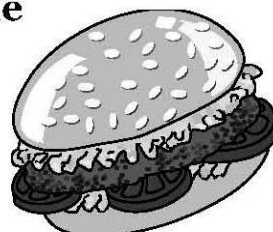
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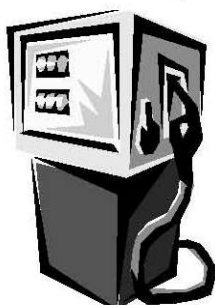
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Asian Food



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Burgers

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Tyre Repairs

Driveway Service

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Fees and Charges are as follows :

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



DOG CONTROL

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

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

Thank you, Meekatharra Shire



Monthly Brigade News - July 2012

May and June were busy months for the brigade, with many of our volunteer members attending training courses as well as responding to a range of local callouts. Meekatharra hosted a training weekend in Basic Firefighting and Introduction To Bush Fire Fighting for members from both Meeka and Mount Magnet.

Gary Hammer and I attended the FESA forum in Geraldton to discuss future management and resources planning for the state brigades; Gary also went to the AIIMS course on major incident management. This year will bring some excellent resource upgrades, and a focus on expanding our volunteer. We'll also be holding weekly training exercises and planning our pre-fire season burn-off program.

- Captain Cameron Harvey








We look forward to issuing these regular monthly news releases and keeping you up to date on your local Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service.

Thinking about volunteering? You don't have to go to fires and road crashes; there are important roles available in radio communication, maintenance, admin and research. In fact, if you're interested in local history, we'd love some help with our archives and photo collection.

To find out more, just come along to one of our Tuesday night meetings (see below, left, for details).

Some Recent Incidents Attended

-  03/05/12 - 7:25 AM: Incident alarm at hospital. Cause: burnt toast at aged care kitchen.
-  13/05/12 - 7:46 PM: Bin & grass fire at Welcome Park. Suspected cause: arson.
-  17/05/12 - 2:55 PM: Grass fire, rear of Meeka Hotel. Suspected cause: arson.
-  22/05/12 - 8:45 AM: Car rollover, Kumarina Roadhouse area. 1 victim w/spinal injuries.
-  22/05/12 - 3:00 PM: Mulch fire, Consuls Road. No damage. Suspected cause: cigarette.

Emergencies : Dial 000



Volunteer Profile

Cameron Harvey
Brigade Captain

Active member since 2009

Cameron Harvey became our Brigade Captain in 2010. He is a veteran of the French Foreign Legion and British Army, where he became an engineer diver and welder. He works as a fieldie for Thundelarra with his partner, Monica Hastings.

"If I catch any of you little @#%\$ lightin any more *&^! fires I'll kick yer #@%\$ heads in and stuffem up yer *&^%* ##\$@!^%."

How To Contact Us

We meet each Tuesday at 6:30 pm at the Fire Station at the northern end of Hill Street - pop in for a chat if you want ask about volunteering, say "G'day" or to get safety information for your home or business.

Meekatharra VFRS Media Liaison:

Anna Johnson, Paul Smith

Be Safe This Winter



As winter takes hold, it's time to be aware of the dangers of gas & electric heaters, fireplaces and clothes dryers. Install and check smoke alarms, make sure your appliances meet safety standards, and that connections are in good condition. Don't overload power boards!

Never hang clothes close to heat sources, and clean the lint filter of your dryer after each load. Ventilation is important, especially with gas appliances. Fireplaces should be screened, and chimneys cleaned regularly. Never leave a working heater or fire unattended, and make sure things are child and pet proof.

Check out the FESA website for fire and other safety information:

<http://www.fesa.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation/Pages/default.aspx>



Do you have any information about an arson incident? Please contact our local police on 9981 1007. Deliberately lighting a damaging fire is a serious crime, even if it's just grass or a bin - educate your kids about the risks of "playing with fire", for their sake and others.

Moments In Time...

The Meekatharra brigade has a remarkable history. Each month we'll include a photo from our archives, and perhaps a tale or two from some of our local alumni. Below is Captain Cameron Harvey flanked by Apps Officer Gary Hammer (left) in a vintage jacket, and former Meeka firefighter Guy Bell (right) standing proudly in front of "The Old Girl", our historic Bedford fire truck. Now retired, she still makes appearances at local events, and at Christmas time Santa books her for his Meeka lolly run.



July Holiday Program for under 12's

EVERY DAY Monday 9th - Friday 13th July

Art & Craft

Movie's

Treasure Hunt

Cooking

Basketball

2-4pm at the Youth Centre (Mon, Wed, Fri)

2-4pm at the Sports Complex (Tues & Thurs)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BBQ & NAIDOC
CELEBRATIONS



Meekatharra
Community Resource Centre

COMMITTEE MEETING

Next Meeting: **Tues 10th July 2012 @ 5pm**

Where: Meekatharra Community Resource Centre
55 Main Street



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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LIQUOR CONTROL ACT 1988

SECTION 152S

NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF LIQUOR RESTRICTED PREMISES

DECLARATION

On 17 May 2012, Mr Wingo lodged an application for the Director of Liquor Licensing to make a liquor restriction declaration in respect of premises situated at 72 Oliver Street, Meekatharra.

Pursuant to Part 5B of the *Liquor Control Act 1988*, I declare the premises at 72 Oliver Street, Meekatharra to be a liquor restricted premises.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 152O ANY PERSON WHO:-

- **BRINGS LIQUOR ONTO;**
- **CAUSES LIQUOR TO BE BROUGHT ONTO;**
- **HAS IN HIS OR HER POSSESSION OR CONTROL ANY LIQUOR ON; OR**
- **CONSUMES LIQUOR ON,**

LIQUOR RESTRICTED PREMISES COMMITS AN OFFENCE.

PENALTY: FINES OF UP TO \$2000 MAY APPLY

DESCRIPTION OF RESTRICTED PREMISES



THIS DECLARATION TAKES EFFECT FROM 6 July 2012

JANINE BELLING
DIRECTOR OF LIQUOR LICENSING
27 June 2012

**FESTIVAL MEETINGS ARE HELD
ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF
EACH MONTH**

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 (9980 0600)

Or Eveanne at the CRC (9980 1811)

Or ring Elaine 0439 909 738



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G'DAY I'M MARK BIN BAKAR

Mary G

OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST

55 KM NORTH OF MEEKATHARRA

9 AM - 4 PM

FEATURING

⇒ **BOUNCY CASTLE**
⇒ **HORSE RIDES**
⇒ **FACE PAINTING**
⇒ **GIANT SWING**

⇒ **FAMILY GAMES**
⇒ **SUMO WRESTLING**
⇒ **FLYING DEMO (WEATHER PERMITTING)**

GREAT CAFE FOOD



EDUCATE

EQUIP

INSPIRE

The Meekatharra Dust
July 2012

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,



Meeka Goes Green



**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.**



**Don't forget: Ink Cartridges and Toner can be
Recycled at the Post Office!**



Youth Centre Holiday Program 9th-13th July, 2012

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2-4PM	<u>12 Plus Program</u> Pool Wii/Xbox <u>Under 12's Program</u> Art & Craft Movie Basketball	<u>12 Plus Program</u> Music Pool Wii/Xbox <u>Under 12's Program</u> Sports at the complex	<u>12 Plus Program</u> Pool Wii/Xbox <u>Under 12's Program</u> Treasure Hunt Games Badminton	<u>12 Plus Program</u> Music Pool Wii/Xbox <u>Under 12's Program</u> Sports at the complex	<u>12 Plus Program</u> Pool Wii/Xbox <u>Under 12's Program</u> Art & Craft Cooking Volleyball
6-8PM (9PM Friday)	Open Night <u>12 Plus Program</u>	Open Night <u>12 Plus Program</u>	NAIDOC Celebrations BBO & Games Night <u>All ages</u>	Open Night <u>12 Plus Program</u>	Open Night <u>12 Plus Program</u>





POWER AND CONTROL IN AN ABUSIVE FAMILY

There are no typical victims of domestic violence, however abusive relationships do share similar characteristics. In all cases, the abuser aims to exert power and control over his partner in many ways:

- By using the children, accusing you of bad parenting, threatening to take the children away, using them to pass messages, threatening to report you to Child Protective Services.
- Threatens to hurt other family members, pets, harm the children or harm himself.
- Denies that the abuse occurs and blames his bad behaviour on you. This can leave you confused and unsure of yourself and you feel like you are going crazy.
- He controls all finances and refuses to share money. Makes you accountable for what you have spent and not allowing you to work outside of the home.
- Uses put-downs, insults, criticism or name-calling and making you feel bad about yourself.
- Uses certain looks, actions or gestures to frighten you. He may break things, destroy property, abuse pets or display weapons in a threatening way.
- Limits your contact with friends and family, requires you to get permission to leave the house, not allowing you to work or attend school, controlling your activities and social events. They may track how long you take when you are out or check the car odometer.
- He makes all major decisions, defines the roles in your relationship, is in charge of the home and social life and treats you like a servant or possession.

THIS IS POWER AND CONTROL – not a shared and fair relationship.

If you or someone you know is having difficulty with some of these things, seek help.

For confidential appointments or assistance, contact Chrysalis Support Services

Ph: 9938 0750 or call into our office at the new Lotteries House 114 Sandford Street Geraldton, we are on the first floor.



St John Ambulance Meekatharra Sub Centre

Is your first aid certificate still valid?

APPLY FIRST AID COURSE

(former Senior First Aid)

at the St John Sub Centre

in Hill St

One day flexible learning courses to be held

14th of July 2012

1st of September 2012

13th of October 2012

\$199.00

St John Ambulance would like to thank all our volunteers. The many ordinary Western Australians who do an extraordinary job for us every year.

By volunteering your time to maintain vital services, such as First Aid given at local and major events and the Country Ambulance Service, you're helping to save lives and keep people safe.

Not a volunteer yet? If you would like to learn new skills and make a real difference to your community, we'd love to hear from you.

Get in touch with the Meekatharra Sub Centre or

Free call 1800 069 393 or email

volunteer.recruitment@ambulance.net.au

St John DRSABCD Action Plan - Do you know what to do?

Book a first aid course today!

- | | |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Danger | To you, others or the casualty |
| Response | Is the person responsive? |
| Send | Send someone for help - call 000 |
| Airway | Is the airway clear and open? Clear mouth and tilt head back |
| Breathing | Can you see, hear or feel casualty breathing normally? If not commence CPR.
If breathing normally place in recovery position. |
| CPR | 30:2 Try changing rescuer every 2 minutes. |



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

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

FLOAT PARADE

Start planning now for the 2012

Meekatharra Float Parade!

Saturday September 29th during the

Meekatharra Outback Festival!

Beaut Ute and Decorated Bike Comp



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



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Meekatharra

Community Resource Centre

July Membership Deal

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Monthly Membership will receive a free 2012 calendar

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and coffee
for
members

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YOUTH HOLIDAY PROGRAM for 12 plus Monday 9th – Friday 13th July



2-4pm every day
6-8pm every night

Movies

Jammin' music sessions

Makeup, hair & nails

Mocktails & nibbles

Pool competitions

X-box & wii/ guitar hero



The Meekatharra Dust

July 2012

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Katrina Mitchell was very clever and organized a Nurses Reunion, as usual we all have very busy lives and could not all attend.

Great memories were shared between us as we made some very good friends and had a lot of good experiences in Meekatharra.

Most of these Nurses meet their partners for life in Meekatharra.

Some memories were shared about the Heat Flies, cricket, Out Door picture theatre, Meekatharra Races, Hot Rods (speedway) and street parade. There were a lot of great friendships made with the local community, we could go on forever.

Eileen Gracie and Pearl Deans ears should have been burning.

As usual Nurses love their food and Eileen was our Cook that always supplied yummy food. Fond memories of Morning teas, we could not agree on what was the best either sponge cakes, custard slice, caramel slice, apple pies or Pasties, Pea and Ham soup you name it and we got it. Pearl was always there to give a helping hand and offer advice to us young ones, especially when the Bungarra was living under the nurse's quarters we were very scared.

Louise was spoilt with her beetroot sandwiches for morning sickness.

Dr Nigel Jones and his lovely wife Lucy with Kerry Lambert came a bit late with a lot more memories to share. X-raying Camel dogs being a vet nurse for sick animals lucky to have a Dongara Vet Kevin that was always to share his knowledge over the phone.

Jenny Jenner was unwell and did not make it, we were all very disappointed.

Jenny got lots of mention if only we had staff like her these days we would not run short of anything linen cupboard was very tidy and if it could be fixed or made something out of it Jenny would do it.

Thanks Katrina maybe next time we will all attend.



Liz Schilling, Josie Johns, Sheila Lacy, Louise Castelli, Katrina Mitchell, Ann Morton, Georgie O'Neil, Dot Lauritsen



Lucy Kerry and Anne



Some of the husbands

A Lonely Place To Die



Unmarked graves, crumbling stone ruins, and an eerie bat cave - a trip to this local ghost town raised a few hairs on the back of my neck and sparked my imagination.

**Story and photos by
Anna Johnson**

Young John Barrett was a talented left-hand opening batsman and medical student from Victoria. Imagine him strolling the leafy streets of Melbourne, stopping perhaps at a Lygon Street pub for a pint, reliving his cricket glories during a lunchtime match with his fellow undergraduates. A doctor at just 26 years of age, he somehow found his way into the searing heat of the outback in 1893, and now I'm standing on his grave.

Meekatharra is surrounded by ghost towns, and the old township of Peak Hill is one of the most interesting, a richly beautiful place dotted with the stone ruins of the old hotel, bakery and outbuildings. Once a thriving gold town, it's now the haunt of prospectors, mine surveyors and wandering cattle. White rocks outline the graves of those who built it, and bats inhabit the shafts where miners once hacked at the iron-hard earth in their search for riches.

In 1892, when gold was discovered there, Peak Hill was many days' journey up the middle of WA by horse-drawn coach. In 2012, all I needed was a packed lunch and a map drawn on the back of a shopping list by Gary Hammer, my handsome personal tour guide. Driving my old red bus north past the 26th Parallel sign, I turned off on to the Ashburton Downs Road, bumping along the washouts and corrugations until the Peak Hill turnoff came into view and Gary came into range on the two-way. "Did ya bring the cold cans?"



*The old post office and chambers, now the
Burrows family homestead*

The wide, winding track finally brought me in view of the hill and the old homestead. Once the post office and chambers, there's a handwritten panel on the fence saying that it's belonged to the Burrows family since 1899. The tall Telstra tower contrasts oddly with the evocative ruins of the hotel, bakery and main street; a ramble with the dogs revealed old street signs, root cellars, and soaks and pools which have become mini-wetlands among the mine bung walls.

Northwest of the homestead is the old cemetery, where the bush is slowly taking over the mostly unmarked graves - many outback pioneers were buried with wooden grave markers, their identities lost to us as nature takes its course. There's a small grave which lies at an angle from all the others - a Muslim, buried in alignment with Mecca. Doctor Barrett is buried here; he died in 1916 at the age of forty-four. He did better than the young policeman who'd only been in the force for two or three months before death claimed him at this lonesome outback post.

Further on is a pretty creek crossing where there is usually standing water; chimneys from an old homestead stand silent in the bush. Flocks of bright green budgies are everywhere, plus a few kangaroos and emus. Further on there are remnants of the wooden fenceposts which Meekatharra local David Green helped build back in the 1940's. The fenceline was measured into place by hand; when surveyors later checked it with high-tech boffin tools, it was only a few centimetres out of line.

There are still traces of the old railroad and tramway - the little steam loco opposite the police station in Meekatharra once ran at Peak Hill. Gary found two of the wheels just last year, near the creek.

Gary often stays at the homestead when he's up doing track repair for Alchemy Mining. Not satisfied with the stunning scenery and historic ruins, I eagerly asked if he'd ever had any ghostly experiences in the old building. "Nah." "Come on, just some spooky footsteps? An eerie cold spot?" "Nah." "Strange noises in the night?" "Nah. Oh. A cow. And a bungarra shared my dinner on the verandah once."

Sadly crossing "ghosts" off my spotter's list I settled for an after-dinner date at the old mine shaft in the hill (Gary and I sure know how to have a good time). The tiny bats were hard to see, but we felt them flit past our heads. I was pretty sure that the leg bone poking up from inside an ancient rubber boot was someone's idea of a practical joke, and despite the narrow walls it wasn't scary at all until Gary suddenly turned the torch off and oh my god is that something touching my leg GARY TURN THE DAMN TORCH ON



*Buried in the earth they once sifted for gold -
the bush slowly reclaims the graves of the
adventurous people who lived and worked at
Peak Hill over the decades*



*Great place for a date -
entrance to the bat cave*

Ahem. Anyway, that's the closest I got to any paranormal activity at Peak Hill, but there was much more to discover, following the mining tracks through the hills, exploring the creeks, bores and quartz blows. Gary made up for his girlfriend-scaring tactics by taking me to the delightful gorges of the lower Gascoyne to swim and be nibbled by friendly little fish. They were small and harmless, and Gary has expressly forbidden me to mention that when one of them bit him slightly on the bum, he screamed.

The gorge at Fish Holes, about 50 km north, is like a lost paradise; it was hard to find on the barely-visible track, but worth it when we descended into the tree-lined oasis and drank our fill of the cool, clear water. I've been to Karijini, but the gorges at Fish Holes gave me a real feeling of the loveliness and seclusion that you can discover in the outback, far from the tourists and safety signs, where you can toss your dusty clothes in the back of the ute and just wade slowly along the river from one swimming hole to the next.

You can read the history of Peak Hill in P.R. Heydon's book "Gold At Peak Hill". For me, the magic is not so much in the facts and figures of history, but in

standing among the stone ruins, half-closing my eyes and letting the sound of the wind in the acacias carry my mind into the past. In 1898, there were just 180 men and 10 women living at Peak Hill, growing gardens, making stone buildings, drinking beer at the pubs, baking bread, even playing cricket - it later became a boom town with a population of over two thousand, full of promise and excitement. Rambling there now, we still come across little fragments of the town's past; a rusted watch or handmade tool that we can hold in our palms - whose long-dead hand once held it when it was shiny and new? Did they find the riches they were searching for, or do they lie silent in the local cemetery, their bony hands clutching only dust?



It's the mention of the women that really gets me wondering. Who were they? What did they think of it out here? There must have been at least one prostitute there in 1898. Did she sigh as she washed her few fancies in precious water, her gaze drawn to the vast horizon that dared her to think of a future away from here? Imagine it, shagging mining men who bathed infrequently, dusty and beaten by work, their hands cracked and sandpapered, tough and exhausted but lonely all the same, seeking something soft against the toil of the rocky earth which promised untold wealth or an untimely death.

And what about the mothers and wives? Was there time to think of anything but work, carrying water, pounding and scraping, making do? I imagine sitting in one of the stone houses, bent over a sick child in the unbearable heat, searching Doctor Barrett's face for any sign of hope. Were there many rewards for a woman living at Peak Hill?



Remnants of the old pub and bakery - we found traces of the old oven and root cellars, and much broken glass from ye olde beer bottles of yesteryear

As I stand and look at the graves resting in the red, rocky soil, marked only by white stones under the huge and silent outback sky, I admire the tenacity and adventurous daring of these long-gone people. It's such an achingly beautiful place, yet so hard, remote and lonely - one day the bush will claim these final resting places, erasing the traces of their hardship while the next generations come and leave their own temporary mark.

For historical information about Peak Hill, have a read of Phil R. Heydon's book "Gold At Peak Hill".

Heydon worked for many years at post offices throughout the Murchison region, and has written books about Peak Hill, Big Bell and other local sites; his book on Peak Hill can be purchased from Hesperian Press:

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The group stayed and worked out of Paddy's Flat Recreation Centre. Stayed tuned to next month's Dust to hear how many animals they treated.

The program would not have been a success without the support of the Meekatharra Shire. In particular councillor Jo Burgemeister and the Shire Ranger Peter Smith acted as a taxi service picking up dogs and returning them to their owners after they had recovered from surgery.

Dr Ian Robertson, currently the Dean of the School of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences for Murdoch University it the brains behind the 5 day visit.

Ian is looking forward to a return visit with new students in 2013







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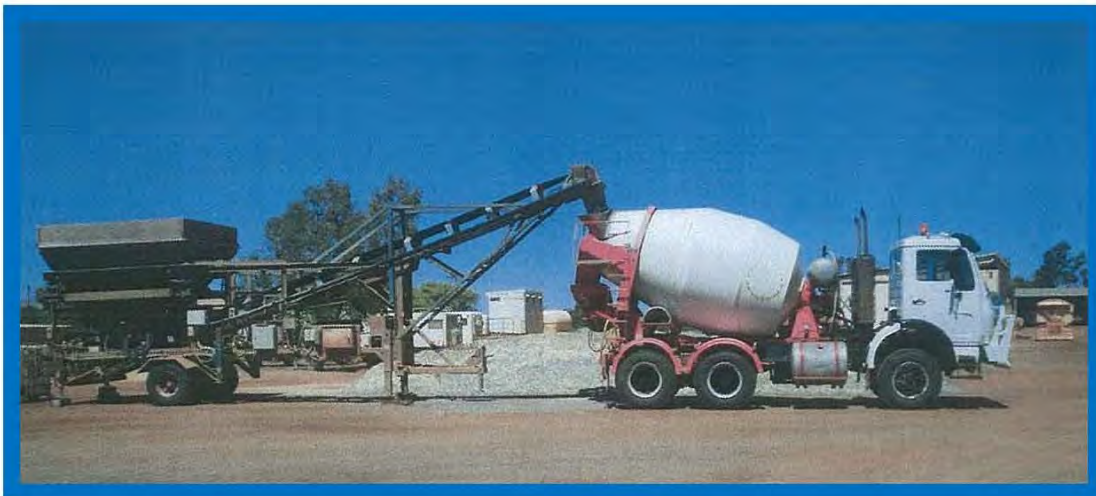
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-Rusty

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NP No11	P.MOSES
NAGA	MORRIS



07.06.12 STABLEFORT

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PARVOVIRUS INFECTION

There has been a number of dogs struck down recently in our community with Parvo and unfortunately many have not survived. Here is some information that may help you to recognise the signs and symptoms and possibly seek treatment from the nearest vet before it is too late.

What is Canine Parvovirus disease?

Canine parvovirus (CPV) infection is a relatively new disease that first appeared in 1978. Because of the severity of the disease and its rapid spread through the canine population, CPV has aroused a great deal of public interest. The virus that causes it is very similar to feline enteritis, and the two diseases are almost identical. Therefore, it has been speculated that the canine virus is a mutation of the feline virus. However, that has never been proven.

How does a dog become infected with parvovirus?

The causative agent of CPV disease, as the name infers, is a virus. The main source of the virus is the faeces of infected dogs. The faeces of an infected dog can have a high concentration of viral particles. Susceptible animals become infected by ingesting the virus. Subsequently, the virus is carried to the intestine where it invades the intestinal wall and causes inflammation.

Unlike most other viruses, CPV is stable in the environment and is resistant to the effects of heat, detergents, and alcohol. CPV has been recovered from dog faeces even after three months at room temperature. Due to its stability, the virus is easily transmitted via the hair or feet of infected dogs, contaminated shoes, clothes, and other objects. Direct contact between dogs is not required to spread the virus. Dogs that become infected with the virus and show clinical signs will usually become ill within 7-10 days of the initial infection.

How does this disease affect the dog?

The clinical manifestations of CPV disease are somewhat variable, but generally take the form of severe vomiting and diarrhoea. The diarrhoea may or may not contain blood.



Additionally, affected dogs often exhibit a lack of appetite, depression, and fever. and diarrhoea are the most common signs; vomiting usually begins first. Parvo may affect dogs of all ages, but is most common in dogs less than one year of age. Young puppies less than five months of age are often the most severely affected and the most difficult to treat.

How is it diagnosed?

The clinical signs of CPV infection can mimic other diseases causing vomiting and diarrhoea; consequently, the diagnosis of CPV is often a challenge for the veterinary surgeon. The positive confirmation of CPV infection requires the demonstration of the virus in the faeces or the detection of anti-CPV antibodies in the blood serum. Occasionally, a dog will have parvovirus but test negative for virus in the faeces. Fortunately, this is not a common occurrence. A tentative diagnosis is often based on the presence of a reduced white blood cell count (leukopaenia). If further confirmation is needed, faeces or blood can be submitted to a veterinary laboratory for the other tests. The absence of a leukopaenia does not always mean that the dog doesn't have CPV infection.



Can it be treated successfully?

As with any virus disease there is no treatment to kill the virus once it infects the dog. However, the virus does not directly cause death; rather, it causes loss of the lining of the intestinal tract. This results in severe dehydration, electrolyte (sodium and potassium) imbalances, and infection in the bloodstream (septicaemia). It is when the bacteria that normally live in the intestinal tract are able to get into the blood stream, that it becomes more likely that the animal will die.

The first step in treatment is to correct dehydration and electrolyte imbalances. This requires the administration of intravenous fluids containing electrolytes. Antibiotics and anti-inflammatory drugs are given to prevent or control septicemia. Antispasmodic drugs are used to inhibit the diarrhoea and vomiting that perpetuate the problems.

What is the survival rate?

Most dogs with CPV infection recover if aggressive treatment is used and if therapy is begun before severe septicaemia and dehydration occur. For reasons not fully understood, some breeds, notably the Rottweiler, have a much higher fatality rate than other breeds.

Can it be prevented?

The best method of protecting your dog against CPV infection is proper vaccination. Puppies receive a parvo vaccination as part of the vaccines given at 6, 12 and 16 weeks of age. After the initial series of vaccinations when the dog is a puppy, all dogs should be boosted at least once a year. Bitches should be boosted before mating or immediately before whelping in order to transfer protective antibodies to the puppies. The final decision about a proper vaccination schedule should be made by your veterinary surgeon.

Is there a way to kill the virus in the environment?

The stability of the CPV in the environment makes it important to properly disinfect contaminated areas. This can be accomplished by cleaning food bowls, water bowls, and other contaminated items with a solution of 250 mL of chlorine bleach in 5 litres of water. It is important that chlorine bleach or glutaraldehyde based disinfectants be used because many other "viricidal" disinfectants will not kill the canine parvovirus.

Does parvovirus pose a health risk for me? How about for my cats?

It is important to note that at the present time, there is no evidence to indicate that CPV is transmissible to cats or humans.

IMPORTANT

To obtain medical advice for your animal you may wish to ring your nearest Veterinary Clinic

More importantly - know your animal! Look for changes in their behaviour. If you are concerned ask someone!





An Opportunity to Make a Difference!

Questionnaire for Review of Shire of Meekatharra Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2012 - 2016

The Shire of Meekatharra is currently reviewing its Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2007-2011 and invites comments and feedback from the community to include in this review. Your feedback will assist us to identify areas we need to focus on in our renewed Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2012-2016.

Access and inclusion means different things to different people. The common elements of access and inclusion are the removal or reduction of barriers to participation in the every day activities and functions of a community, by ensuring that events, buildings, facilities, playgrounds, outdoor spaces, services, information and processes are accessible and inclusive. Access and inclusion can relate to people who have various disabilities, people who are facing increasing challenges due to advanced ageing or loss of physical ability or function and includes people who use prams, wheelchairs, gophers and assistance equipment. It can also relate to people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Please fill out the form below in any of the areas you find relevant.

1. In your daily experience of living within the Shire of Meekatharra have you ever felt excluded from or unable to access a Shire event, building, facility, playground, outdoor space, service, information, process (gaining access to the planning process, public works process, building process etc), due to any type of barrier or difficulty?

2. Please comment next to the appropriate heading if you have had any specific concerns relating to Access and Inclusion within the Shire of Meekatharra in the areas listed below:

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3. What are the main two buildings/facilities you think need to be made more accessible in the Shire?

4. What are the main outdoor space you think need to be made more accessible in the Shire?

5. When you are dealing with Shire of Meekatharra staff do you feel they are considerate of the challenges that may be experienced by people with disability or people facing increasing challenges due to advanced aging or loss of physical ability or function?

6. Are you replying to this questionnaire as an individual, carer, on behalf of another person or on behalf of an organisation?

7. What solutions would you like to suggest to any of the above concerns?



If you have any other comments or ideas about how to make our community more accessible or inclusive please write these below or additional pages may be attached to this questionnaire.

If you require assistance to fill out this questionnaire please contact the Shire of Meekatharra Community Development/Administration Officer on phone 9980 0600 or email cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au

Please return your feedback to us by:

- Dropping this form at the Shire Office
- Post this form to Shire of Meekatharra, PO Box 129, MEEKATHARRA WA 6642
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To enable your feedback to be included in the 2012-2016 Access and Inclusion Plan please return this questionnaire by **Friday 13 July 2012**

Please note all information provided will remain confidential

Another copy of this questionnaire can be requested by phoning 9980 0600 or emailing cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au



Thank you.

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2011 QUICK CENSUS STATISTICS MEEKATHARRA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

In the 2011 Census, there were 1,377 people in the Local Government area of Meekatharra. Of these people, 59.7% were male, 40.3% were female. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people made up 32.8% of the population.

The median age of people in Meekatharra was 34 years. Children aged 0 - 14 years made up 18.6% of the population and people aged 65 and over made up 5.95% of the population.

Of people in Meekatharra aged 15 years and over, 32.8% were married and 11.8% were either divorced or separated.

The most common response for religion in Meekatharra were no religion 28.3%, Catholic 13.6%, Anglican 11.9%, Seventh Day Adventist 6.8% and Christian, nfd 2.8%

The median weekly income for people aged 15 years and over in Meekatharra was \$920

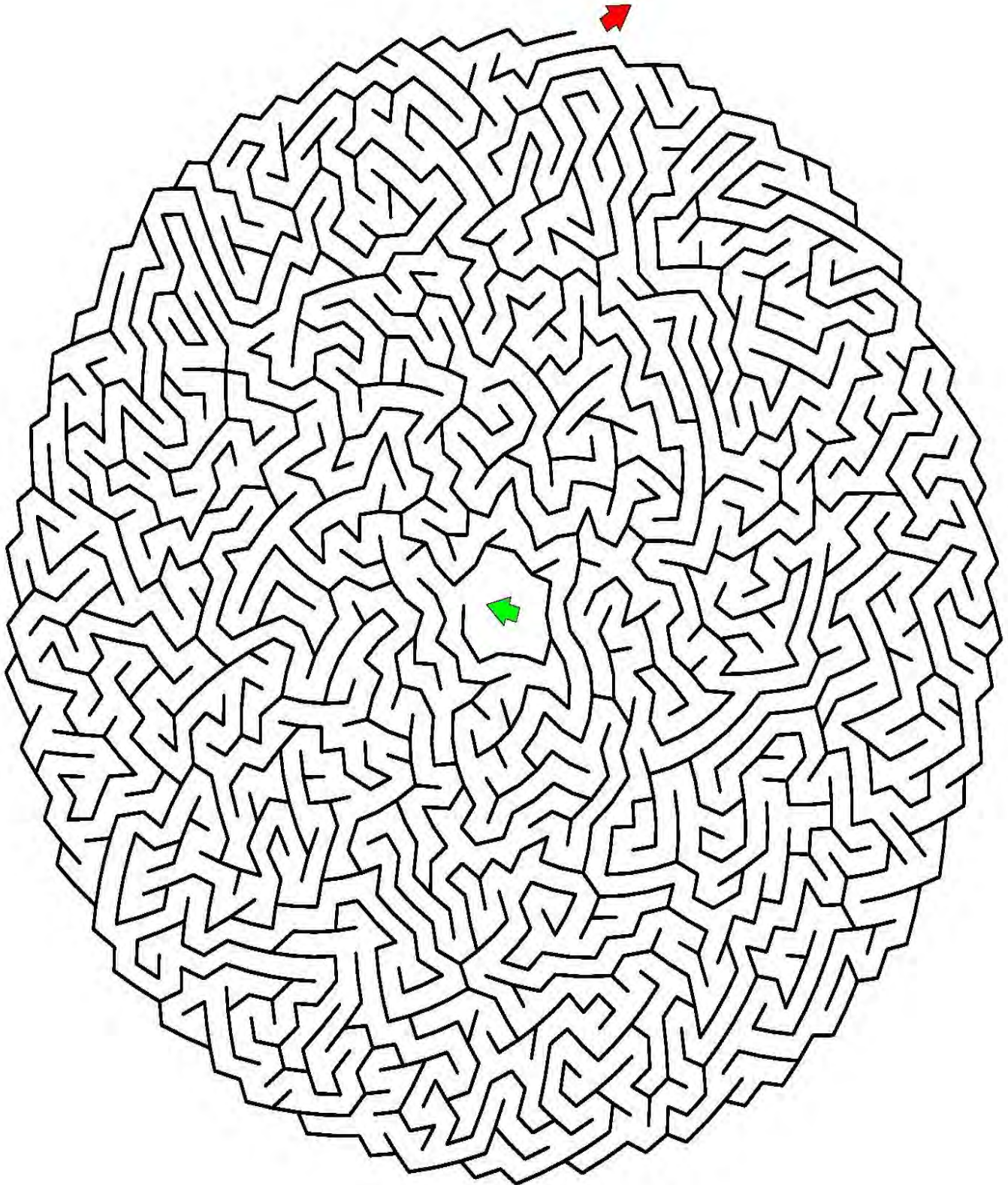


In Meekatharra 42% of occupied private dwellings had one registered motor vehicle garaged or parked at their address, 21% had two registered motor vehicles and 12% had three or more registered vehicles.

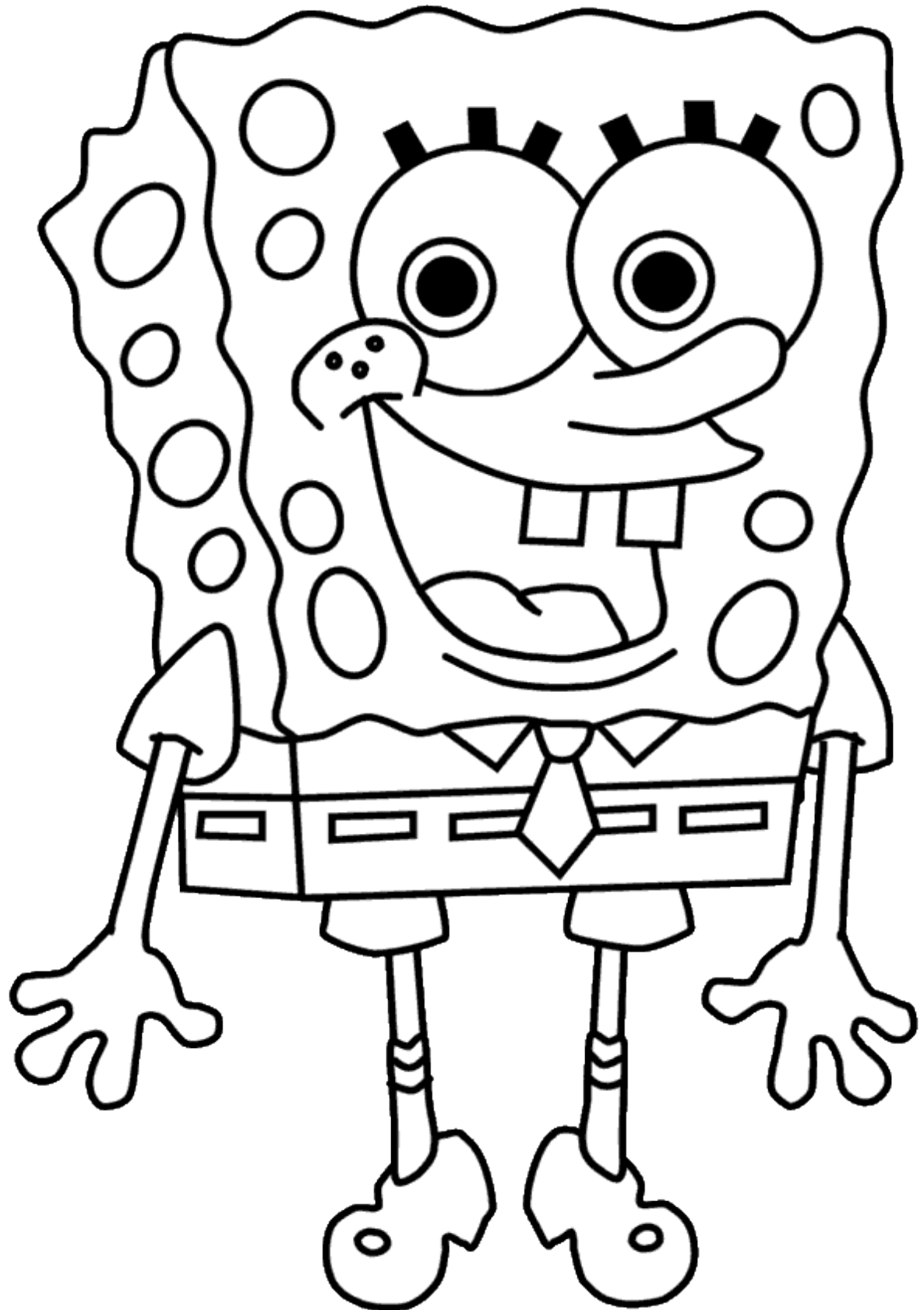
In Meekatharra 80.6% of private dwellings were occupied and 19.4% were unoccupied.

Of occupied dwellings in Meekatharra 20.9% were owned outright, 8.3% were owned with a mortgage and 62.3% were rented.

Impossible Maze!



SpongeBob SquarePants



Word Search



BLAZE, BLAZER, BLIZZARD, BONANZA, BREEZE, BRONZE, BUZZ, BUZZARD, CITIZEN, CRAZY, DAZZLED, DENIZEN, DIZZY, DOZEN, DRIZZLE, EMBEZZLER, FIZZY, FRENZY, GAZELLE, GRAZE, HAZARD, HAZY, HORIZON, JAZZ, MAIZE, MAZE, MUZZLE, PIZZA, PLAZA, PRIZE, RAZOR, SEIZE, SIZE, SIZZLE, SNEEZE, SNOOZE, SQUEEZE, TOPAZ, TWEEZERS, WIZARD, ZANY, ZEAL, ZEBRA, ZENITH, ZEPPELIN, ZERO, ZEST, ZIPPER, ZODIAC, ZOMBIE.

sudoku

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June

Sudoku

Solution



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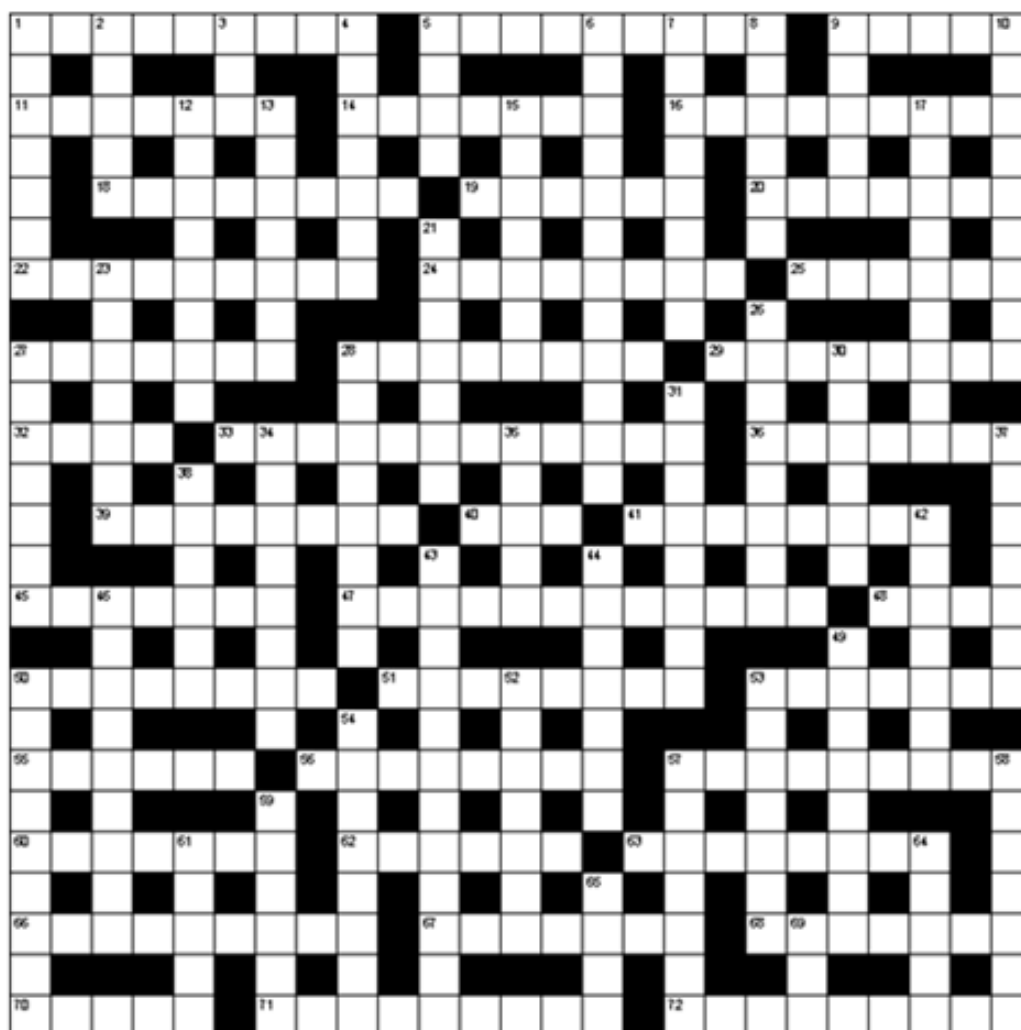
Crossword

Across

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| 1. Brotherly (9) | 28. Monetary system (8) | 53. Transported (7) |
| 5. Savage (9) | 29. Laps (8) | 55. Sickness (6) |
| 9. Larceny (5) | 32. Lure (4) | 56. Explosive (8) |
| 11. Vegetable (7) | 33. Implication (12) | 57. Anteaters (9) |
| 14. Haggle (7) | 36. Corresponded (7) | 60. Infuriate (7) |
| 16. Peremptory demand (9) | 39. Enlightened (8) | 62. Beginning (6) |
| 18. And so forth (8) | 40. Perform (3) | 63. Venomous fish (8) |
| 19. Fold (6) | 41. Endearing (8) | 66. Intrepid (9) |
| 20. Beaming (7) | 45. Pass through (7) | 67. Proposition (7) |
| 22. Essential (9) | 47. Multiplied (12) | 68. Cane syrup (7) |
| 24. Indulgence (8) | 48. Amphibian (4) | 70. Spooky (5) |
| 25. Contusion (6) | 50. Formulate (8) | 71. Abode (9) |
| 27. Cigar (7) | 51. Assailed (8) | 72. Endured (9) |

Down

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| 1. Sect (7) | 21. Clear up (7) | 46. Declared (9) |
| 2. Stroll (5) | 23. Fissure (7) | 49. Cut across (8) |
| 3. Horse-drawn carriage (3) | 26. Differ (8) | 50. Nominee (9) |
| 4. Freedom (7) | 27. Floorshow (7) | 52. Fatuous (7) |
| 5. Garrison (4) | 28. Disdain (8) | 53. Small crown (7) |
| 6. Recuperating (12) | 30. Rises (6) | 54. Summary (8) |
| 7. Luxury (8) | 31. Promontory (8) | 57. Try (7) |
| 8. Irony (6) | 34. Dormant (8) | 58. Debar (7) |
| 9. Shy (5) | 35. Desert plants (5) | 59. Consume with relish (6) |
| 10. Siren (9) | 37. Injured (7) | 61. Recess (5) |
| 12. Forbear (8) | 38. Treasurer (6) | 64. Vessel (5) |
| 13. Draw out (7) | 42. Before now (7) | 65. Impulse (4) |
| 15. Set up (7) | 43. Negated (12) | 69. Fish eggs (3) |
| 17. Custom (9) | 44. Harassed (7) | |



Chilli con carne with herb salsa



Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1kg gravy beef
- 2 medium red onions, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 medium red capsicums, finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons ground coriander
- 1 tablespoon chilli powder
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 800g can diced tomatoes
- 1 1/2 cups beef stock
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh coriander leaves
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh mint leaves
- 1 continental cucumber, deseeded, diced

Method

1. Heat half the oil in a large, heavy-based saucepan over medium-high heat. Cook beef, in batches, for 3 to 4 minutes each side or until browned. Transfer to plate.
2. Heat remaining oil in saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion, garlic and capsicum. Cook, stirring, for 7 minutes or until capsicum has softened. Add cumin, coriander, chilli and cinnamon. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute or until fragrant. Return beef to pan with tomato and stock. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to low. Simmer, covered, for 1 hour.
3. Remove lid. Simmer, uncovered, for 45 minutes or until beef is very tender. Using tongs, transfer beef to a bowl. Using 2 forks, shred meat, discarding excess fat.
4. Bring mixture to the boil over medium-high heat. Add beef. Reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes or until sauce has thickened. Remove and discard cinnamon stick. Stir in half the coriander.
5. Combine mint, cucumber and remaining coriander in a bowl. Serve chilli con carne topped with mint mixture.

Notes

- You can freeze the chilli con carne. Make recipe to end of step 4 (omit coriander). Cool. Transfer to an airtight container or snap-lock bag. Seal. Freeze for up to 3 months. Thaw in fridge overnight. Add coriander and reheat in a large saucepan over medium-high heat for 20 to 30 minutes or until heated through.

Sticky date pudding



Ingredients (serves 6)

- 200g pitted dried dates, roughly chopped
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 1 cup boiling water
- 60g butter, softened
- 1/2 cup caster sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/3 cups self-raising flour

Butterscotch sauce

- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 cup pure cream
- 100g butter, chopped

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan-forced. Grease a 6cm-deep, 18cm (base) round cake pan. Line base with baking paper.
2. Place dates and bicarbonate of soda in a heatproof bowl. Add boiling water. Stand for 20 minutes or until tender.
3. Using an electric mixer, beat butter and sugar until pale and creamy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Using a large metal spoon, stir in date mixture and flour. Stir to combine.
4. Spoon mixture into cake pan. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Stand for 10 minutes. Turn out onto a wire rack.
5. Meanwhile, make butterscotch sauce: Combine sugar, cream and butter in a saucepan over medium heat. Cook, stirring, for 3 minutes or until boiling. Reduce heat to low. Simmer for 2 minutes. Pour warm sauce over warm cake. Serve.

Notes

- Cake and sauce can be made up to 2 days ahead. Refrigerate cake and sauce in separate airtight containers.

July 2012

3RD JULY - INTERAGENCY MEETING – 3PM AT THE SHIRE

5TH JULY – JOHNNY FORD AND THE BALDJA BOYS – 8PM
ROYAL MAIL HOTEL

7TH JULY – 23RD JULY - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

10TH JULY – CRC COMMITTEE MEETING - 5PM AT CRC

16TH TO 21ST JULY - STORM CO.

4TH AUGUST – FANCY DRESS BALL

27TH TO 30TH JULY – MULLER ACCOUNTING



5 Mile on a clear day—by Sam

Closing Date: 27th July