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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

Welcome to my first crack at editing the Meeka Dust. I know I have big shoes to fill as Sam really made the Dust her own. We were sorry to lose her from the Shire Office... 😞

It was so pleasing to see the community come together and support 'Jammin in Meeka' and I hope that this community spirit will flow in to this month's Meeka Festival. It promises to be a ripper with something for everyone so I hope that you manage to get out and enjoy it! Please continue to send through content for the Meeka Dust (YOUR paper) as it makes the job of editing really interesting!!

See you at the Festival! Kelly F.

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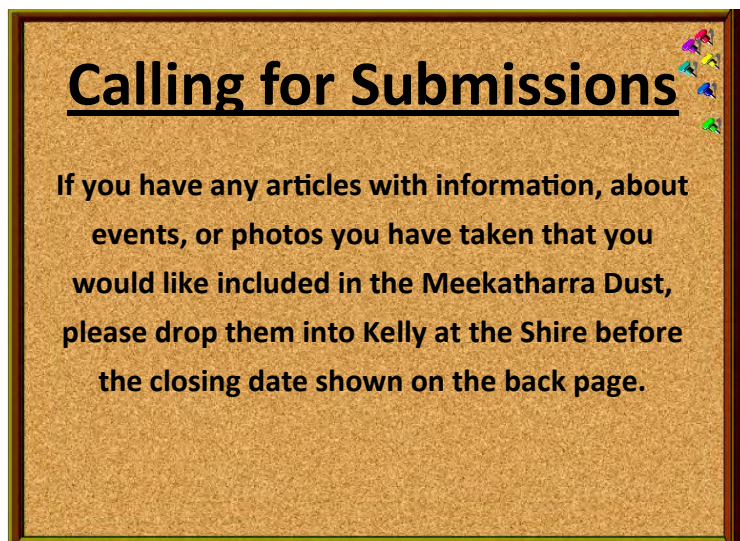
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SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

SHANE COABY MEMORIAL CUP AT THE TOWN OVAL

TUESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE MEETING - 5PM AT THE C.R.C

SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

28TH SEPTEMBER - 1ST OCTOBER

MEEKA'S OUTBACK FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 5TH - 8TH - LANDOR RACES

MONDAY OCTOBER 23RD - COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE AGM

Note from Council

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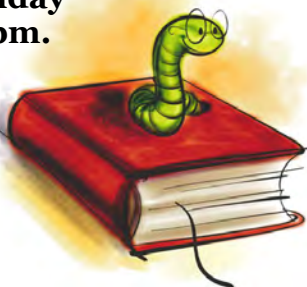
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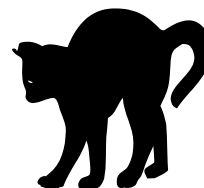
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Jammin in Meeka

Friday 24th and Sat 25th August 2012

Friday 24th of August saw Desert Feet Tour arrive in Meekatharra full of enthusiasm for the weekend ahead. Jammin in Meeka kicked off with evening workshops at the Youth Centre, which after a slow start were really enjoyed by the young people that attended. It was great to see community members turn out and the night was well supported by the Shire of Meekatharra youth service team members.

The main event kicked off on Saturday August 25th with gates opening at 12pm. The Festival Management committee did a great job in setting up and ensuring a safe and secure venue for all those that attended. Around 150 people turned out to see Bryte MC, Ulla Shay, Ewan Buckley and Damian Thornber and the Orphans entertain them.

The most exciting part of the day (apart from Mary G's usual antics!) was the local talent that emerged from the open jam session! The young people from Kids After Dark - rocked the crowd with their two bands 'School of Darlot Street Rock' and 'Patch Up'. The crew including Brett Abbott, Glen Mippy, Jake, Dan from DCP along with Rowan from the school had only practiced together for the event a handful of times but managed to overcome their nerves to entertain the crowd.

The Meekatharra Youth Centre Band (yet to be formally named!) members included Luther King, Bob Binsiar, Jess Ginger and Brandon Mongoo with Dave Hicks ably assisting. This group has been working hard practicing each week and the time and effort they put in showed with an excellent performance which included four songs that were belted out for all to enjoy.

There was some confusion as to whether the local boys who were thrown together were from another dimension (Dimension Five?!) or were actually called the Dynamic Five!

Dynamic (or dimension) Five Band members included

David Hicks, Tony Wilton, Eric Seery, Josie Adler and Collin Campbell (or Wild Wind) from Geraldton.

This group coped really well with some last minute changes to their group, managing to sing the most songs out of any of the 'Jammers' on the day.

From the Festival Management Committees perspective it was an absolute treat to see so many people turn out to support this event. Not only to see the bands and the young people displaying their talents, but to see the enjoyment on peoples faces as they were able to kick back and enjoy live music in a family friendly environment. When events like this are supported it ensures that they can continue and it makes the many hours that go in to organising them worthwhile for everyone.

Obviously these type of events can't go ahead without financial support so the following organisations must be thanked for their contributions. Radio Mama (who broadcast live to Geraldton), Skippers Aviation for their donation of flights, RIO Tinto for another flight donation, Department of Culture and the Arts for supporting the Friday night youth workshops, Crosslands Resources, the Shire of Meekatharra and Healthway. Jammin in Meeka was a drug and alcohol free event with the theme of Respect Yourself, Respect Your Culture and the day really lived up to these expectations.

A couple of commendations also to Anita Seery who manned the canteen all day with her new sensation 'Taco's in a bag' - watch out for these on Festival Weekend! Also to Max Johnson from Yulella who put up one of the band members at short notice and who is also responsible for most of the awesome photos you see in this article and on the front cover. Max is an ex-photo journalist and happy to talk to any townsfolk about taking professional photos - whatever your needs.



RioTinto





Mary G and Albert Curley



Bryte MC



Anita Seery



Eric Seery



Radio Mama



Ewan Buckley



Luther King and Dave Hicks



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Ewan Buckley



Luther King and Dave Hicks



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OUTBACK FESTIVAL

RODEO - FESTIVAL - RACES

FRI 28TH SEPTEMBER

- Family Fun Night at the Oval
- Sydney or the Bush performing live
- Music
- Market Stalls
- Rides for the kids
- Fireworks
- Street Artists
- Food

SAT 29TH SEPTEMBER

- Float Parade in the morning on Main Street
- Art Gallery
- Street Artists
- Market Stalls
- Races from 2pm
- Sydney or the Bush performing live
- Evening entertainment at the Race Track
- Bar facilities available – No BYO

SUN 30TH SEPTEMBER

- Rodeo
- 9am – Pre Events
- 11am – Bar Open
- 12pm – Main Events
- NO BYO
- 18+ Outback Ball - Chris Murphy and the Holy Rollers performing live!

MON 1ST OCTOBER

- Races from 1.30pm



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Friday 28th September - Monday 1st October

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Festival Courtesy Bus Timetable

Saturday 29th September

Town - Race Course

1:30pm

2:00pm

Race Course - Town

6:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm,

11pm

Sunday 30th September

Town - Race Course

9:30am

10:00am

Race Course - Town

4:30pm

5:00pm

Monday 1st October

Town - Race Course

1:30pm

2:00pm

2:30pm

Race Course - Town

6:00pm, 7:00pm and

10:00pm

Pick up and drop off will be at the Meekatharra Swimming Pool

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!*



Contact the Shire to register

**Who can knock last year's winners—Meekatharra Youth Centre
and the Community Resource Centre off their perch??**

meeka's OUTBACK FESTIVAL ART GALLERY

SATURDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2012



SHIRE HALL

9am - 12pm

CATEGORIES

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Monthly Brigade News - August 2012

During June and July the brigade continued with its winter training season. Chris Atkin of Paddy's Flat generously provided the venue for the Breathing Apparatus and Hazmat courses, which were attended by trainees from Meeka, Cue, Mt. Magnet and Geraldton. A refresher BA course was also held at the brigade station for previously-qualified members.

Most of our callouts this month were for thermal alarms at the hospital. We attended one scrub fire behind the aged care hostel, which was deliberately lit by local children. So far the busy grey nomad and school holiday season has not brought us any road accident callouts - keep up the safe driving everyone, and enjoy your travels.

Upcoming training courses for August include Pump Operations, to be held in Geraldton, and Road Crash Rescue, to be held at Paddy's Flat (thanks again to Chris Atkin).

- Captain Cameron Harvey



Regional teamwork - trainees from Meekatharra, Cue, Mt Magnet and Geraldton and Meekatharra take a well-earned break during the tough Breathing Apparatus course held at Paddy's Flat



Volunteer Profile

Reese Anderson
Lieutenant

Active member since 2007

Reese's culinary skills are well known around town - he's the hospital chef, and provides tasty treats at our brigade events. A stalwart member of the fire and rescue team, he's also a proud dad and a soon-to-be-married bloke. Reese's lifelong dream is that the thermal alarm at the hospital will stop going off for no apparent reason.

"Play with fire and you'll get burnt!"

Be Safe This Spring

Deliberately lit scrub and bin fires continue to be our main reason for callouts. They are frequently lit by youths and children who then hang around to watch the "action", making it easy for us to identify suspects and report them to police.

The high rate of arson incidents in Meeka is of great concern, particularly as summer approaches. Scrub fires can travel at high speeds and are very unpredictable. Children playing with fire don't understand that it can easily turn on them. Even just the smoke from a scrub or bin fire can be lethal.

We urge all parents to be responsible about supervising what their children are up to when they are not at home - after all, it's you and your children's lives and property which are at risk.

Moments In Time...



This wonderful photo of the Meekatharra Fire Brigade was contributed by veteran member Guy Bell. It was taken at the running teams competition at the South Fremantle Oval - Guy is carrying the banner, and directly behind him is Fred Lauritsen. Imagine wearing those heavy brass helmets and thick woollen uniforms in the hot summer sun!

Brigades from all over Western Australia would come and challenge each other in the running team competitions; Meeka was one of the top brigades.

"We never came home without a trophy - we were a good running team. We used to train out by the tank hill, then out by the old school grounds on a bitumen track, made it ourselves. We spent hours, hours and bloody hours polishing them brass hats."

When was the photo taken?

"Wouldn't have a clue. A bloody long time ago!"

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 get safety information.

Meekatharra VFRS Media Liaison:

Anna Johnson, Paul Smith

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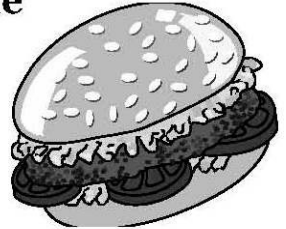
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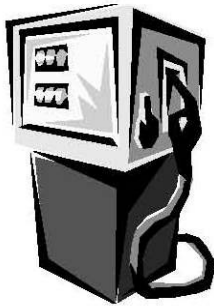
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- ◆ Entry is permitted to key holders only



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Most of the Organisation's services are spread across the metropolitan area, but recent expansion has included the Murchison, encompassing Geraldton, Carnarvon and now Meekatharra.

The Organisation will now be providing services for children and young people in Meekatharra, working in support of the Department for Child Protection, police and schools in the community.

One in four girls; one in six boys experience abuse before they are 18 years of age, but it is the catastrophic effects of abuse on a child that can effect the child's life well into adulthood. Research has shown that abuse may cause impairment of the development pathways of a child's brain, leading to cognitive, emotional, physical and or psychological disabilities. The good news is, however that, with nurturing, safe, consistent care and therapeutic intervention, the damage to the brain can be reversed.

Parkerville Children and Youth Care has a model of care and practice that is consistent with this approach. We welcome you to our website or are happy to send you information on our Organisation or services.

Telephone: (08) 9295 4400 or visit www.parkerville.org.au

The citizenship ceremony for Wilson Mandisodza was held in the Shire Council Chambers on Tuesday 17th July 2012. Congratulations on being an Australian Citizen, Wilson!



Pastors Simon Morton, Don Fehlberg
& Tracey Saylor invite you to:

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PASTOR DON FEHLBERG has visited many of the lands of the Bible. He has been to Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Turkey, Greece and Italy as well as many other countries all around the world. **He has climbed one of the pyramids, been inside Tutanhkamen's tomb, seen golden treasures from an Egyptian tomb, been inside huge temple ruins,** walked around in old underground cities in Turkey, seen some of the famous Dead Sea Scrolls, climbed to the top of Mt Sinai, seen the place in Bethlehem where Jesus was born, stood on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, walked the streets of Jerusalem, stood in front of the empty tomb of Jesus, and much more!



Pastor Don

Plan to come —enjoy gospel singing, see beautiful pictures, and hear wonderful stories!

Students from Mamarapha College will assist in the meetings.

Come to 8 programs and you will get a free Bible Poster!

(one per household)

Sunday 2nd September at 7.00 pm

WHAT I SAW IN THE LAND OF JESUS

The story of Jesus will come alive as we go to Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, Mount of Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, and much more.

Pastor Don will show you the place where Jesus was born, where He was crucified & buried!

Monday 3rd September at 7.00 pm

A DREAM THAT FORETOLD THE FUTURE

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Venue: Seventh-day Adventist Church | McCleary Street, Meekatharra

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Tuesday 4th September at 7.00 pm

I SEE SIGNS OF CHRIST'S SOON RETURN! ARE YOU READY?

The signs the Bible gives are being seen today around the world. What are they?

Wednesday 5th September at 7.00 pm

THE TRICKS OF THE DEVIL

Come with Pastor Don to Haiti and see amazing evidence for the existence of the Devil.

Find out why we don't have to fear him. Why do good people suffer?

Friday 7th September at 7.00 pm

THE TREASURES OF EGYPT

See the pyramids and King Tut's tomb and his golden treasures!

The Egyptians tried to get life beyond the grave. How do we get eternal life?

Saturday 8th September at 11.00 am

I CLIMBED MOUNT SINAI

Come with Pastor Don on a climb to the top of the mountain where God wrote the Ten Commandments.

What are these Commandments?

Saturday 8th September at 7.00 pm

ADAM'S MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY

Special nature pictures.

Every person who comes will receive a piece of Adam's Mother's Birthday cake!

Sunday 9th September at 7.00pm

SEARCH FOR A MISSING TEXT IN THE BIBLE

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Monday 10th September at 7.00 pm

WHO IS THE ANTICHRIST OF BIBLE PROPHECY?

See God's big cartoons that help identify the Antichrist.

See amazing pictures—hear amazing evidence.

Tuesday 11th September at 7.00 pm

YOUR CHOICE—HEAVEN OR HELL!

Wednesday 12th September at 7.00 pm

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A PERSON DIES AND

WHO ARE THE SPIRITS?

What is a soul? What is a spirit? When we die do we go to Heaven, Hell, Purgatory or where?

Who are the spirits that come and visit us after a loved one has died?

Pastor Don will bring a soul in a box for everyone to view.

Friday 14th September at 7.00 pm — **THREE ANGELS FLYING OVER MEEKATHARRA!**

Saturday 15th September at 11.00 am — **HOW TO BE A STRONG CHRISTIAN**

Saturday 15th September at 7.00 pm — **IS IT NECESSARY TO BE BAPTISED?**



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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.

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Meeka Goes Green



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GREETINGS FROM ALBANY!

From the ALBANY Uniting Church Manse

(and our dear friends Lesley and Alistair)

Three blind friends decided that they would travel the world together and discover its wonders. Their travels brought them to an exotic place with new and wonderful flora and fauna to explore and consider. Early on in their travels they came across an enormous creature that none of them had ever encountered before. As they examined this wondrous discovery, they each found something quite different. One friend described the thick, stout tree trunk like posts – four of them – that were rough to the touch and as sturdy as the earth itself. One friend described two curved, cone-like protruding objects that were smooth and cool to the touch. The last friend found a bending, twisting appendage that seemed to curl and straighten with an amazing elasticity. After serious consultation, the three friends determined that they could not possibly be examining the same thing; no entity could contain such diversity. They each walked away from the elephant wondering about their different experiences and confident that the other two missed out on discovering something so unique.

Each time I have the opportunity to engage in dialogue or encounter with someone of another faith I try to remember the story of these friends who sincerely wished to discover the wonders and truths of our world and beyond. More importantly – and with greater difficulty – I endeavour to remember my own “blindness.” I am only able to see what I can perceive with my eyes, ears, intellect, and spirit. While that perception may be true and even wondrous to me, I am limited and am unable to truly see what my friend may find true and wondrous.

As Alastair and I reflect on our four year journey in the Murchison and living in Meekatharra I realise that every human being who lives on this planet travels together on a similar journey. We seek to understand this world and our place in it. Each of us also suffers from an impairment of sight – not of our eyes, but of our hearts and minds. So, we do our best with the rest of our “senses.” We all look into the same existential abyss and find our own response. No response among the many human responses is more pure, more true, or more genuine – religious or secular, rational or romantic, artistic or scientific. Each response – as long as it does not move us to harm those who stand beside us glaring into the same abyss – deserves our intellectual curiosity and respect.

We are so blessed in ‘our’ journey to the Murchison/Meeka we are richer in the discovery, wonders and truths of the world with many of you ‘our’ friends. Many of us were fortunate to meet again at Pete and Svenja’s wedding on 28 July in Mandurah; the sun shone the bride looked exquisite and groom very proud.



Left: Lesley de Grussa McCauley. Middle: Alistair McCauley

Above: Lesley at Pete and Svenja’s wedding.

Living in Albany

My churches (5 in all); 3 in Albany, Mt Barker and Denmark have a huge history. For example this year alone three churches we will celebrate; 50, 120, 130 years of ministry in Albany. The manse was built in 1897 and has had several ministers; in fact one of the early ministers ran away with the maid – yes! The maid; we have no maids but I guess Alastair does a ‘fair’ job of looking after me..... and the repairs around the house, as he has now retired!!

My life is as always super busy, and as I reflect on the journey we share more than space; we learn together, we pray together, and we work together. I still visit a whole lot of people, in their homes, hospital, aged care, on the street and in meetings etc. There is a huge difference in my travel time, the swag remains on the top shelf of the garage as we brought a pop-up caravan (1987 – pure luxury!!), to see the beautiful South West, and ‘my’ travelling companions the two dogs have settled into their ‘new’ home, although little Tyson believes he is the one to guard the Wesley Church; by barking each time someone comes by, actually that’s the same as in Meeka - think he misses ‘Googly’ (his brother).

In the end, what I know – or perhaps it would be more correct to say: what I *believe* – is that all of us are encountering the same “elephant.” We seek and desire the same things: truth, meaning, peace. In my tradition we frame it that we would create a world in which each person remembers:

“What is hateful to you, do not do to others” (Talmud).

The Christian tradition seeks to create a world in which each person remembers:

“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you...” (Matthew 7:12). Different, yet not enough so to divide us and set us against one another. Similar, yet not too much so that we can still wonder and grow from our diversity. Different and similar enough to make us partners on humanity’s epic quest for wonder, truth, and meaning.

Blessings one and all from – Rev. Lesley deGrussa-Macaulay and Alastair Macaulay.
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14th of July 2012

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13th of October 2012

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| Send | Send someone for help - call 000 |
| Airway | Is the airway clear and open? Clear mouth and tilt head back |
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If breathing normally place in recovery position. |
| CPR | 30:2 Try changing rescuer every 2 minutes. |



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AGM

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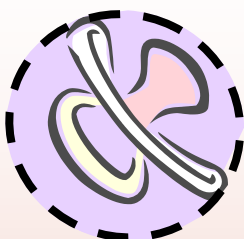
The CRC Committee welcome all members of the community to attend our Annual AGM to tell us your fresh ideas for how we can work with the community to reach new groups with new and improved services, building capacity and opportunity in Meekatharra

The aim of the CRC is to support capacity building in the Community through the delivery of services to provide ICT facilities, Westpac financial services, community outreach and training programs, and Driver and Vehicle Licensing Services for the town on behalf of the Department of Transport

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Whether you are a local individual, organisation, group member or business employee/er, we would like to hear your fresh ideas of how we can work with you to improve and grow our service in the Community

Caelan Michael O'Neill



Born at 2:45pm Friday August 3rd 2012

8lb 1.5 ounces

Brother to Bridie, Shamus and Tadhg.

Congratulations Jodie!

And of course to the proud grandparents Eveanne and Brian Trenfield.



Meekatharra

Community Resource Centre

COMMITTEE MEETING

Next Meeting: **Tues 11th September 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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On the first day God created the dog. God said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. I will give you a life span of twenty years." The dog said, "That's too long to be barking. Give me ten years and I'll give you back the other ten." So God agreed.

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

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

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

And God agreed again.

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

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

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

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

Life has now been explained to you.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 17TH SEPTEMBER 2012- 3pm

**AT THE SAFE HOUSE - 79 DARLOT
STREET MEEKATHARRA**

The Members of the Association are
requested to attend this Annual General
Meeting of the Organization

Thank you
Kad Inc Management Committee

TAKE THE OZ IQ TEST!

1. What are you doing if you slip, slop slap?

- A) Doing an ordinary job of washing the floor
- B) Playing a messy drinking game
- C) Donning a shirt, sunscreen and hat
- D) Jelly wrestling



2. If you come from "the land down under, where women glow" what do men do?

- A) Plunder (and chunder) B) Blunder C) Wonder D) Hear Thunder

3. Which Aussie held the world record for sculling 1.4 litres of beer in the world record time of 11 seconds?

- A) Former Prime Minister Bob Hawke, then a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford
- B) Wikileaks founder Julian Assange, while staying at Posh Ellingham Hall during his extradition hearing
- C) Feminist and author Germaine Greer, who said the amber ale put a smile on her dial
- D) Author Clive James on getting his first byline in a London News Paper

4. Which two Aussies are linked by the words 'Such is Life?'

- A) AFL Player Ben Cousins and Bushranger Ned Kelly
- B) Little Aussie Bleeder Norman Gunston and former Governor General Sir John Kerr
- C) Rugby League and union star Sonny Bill Williams and writer David Williamson
- D) Radio personality Kyle Sandilands and actor Magda Szubanski



5. What has been termed un-Australian?

- A) Not eating lamb
- B) Blocking access to footy sites at work
- C) Serving mid strength beer at the cricket
- D) All of the above

6. There are now more than 200 million cane toads in Australia. How many were introduced in to the country in 1935?

- A) 102 B) 500 million C) 12 D) 3500

7. What do Australians love according to the 1972 radio advertising jingle?

- A) Mashed Potato
- B) Football, meat pies, kangaroos and Holden cars
- C) A weekend with the in-laws in New Zealand
- D) Koalas and a cold VB



8. What is Dame Edna's favourite Flower?

- A) Kangaroo Paw B) Banksia C) Daffodil D) Gladioli

9. If a person advertises at an inflated price in the trading post - what do you say they are doing?

- A) Schemin' B) Dreamin' C) Having a lend D) Pursuing the great Australian Dream

10. If you've got a pineapple in your wallet how much have you got?

- A) \$100 B) \$20 C) \$50 D) \$5

11. What is Alf's best known put down on the Australian Show Home & Away?
 A) The Flamin Mongrel B) The mangy dog C) The maggot D) The dog's bollock
12. Which towns are home to the Big Banana, The Big Lobster and the Big Pineapple?
 A) Coffs Harbour, NSW; Kingston, SA, and Woombye, QLD
 B) Rockhampton, QLD, Launceston, Tas and Tully, QLD
 C) Lismore, NSW, Fremantle WA and Canberra ACT
 D) Broome WA, WEIPA QLD, and Murray Bridge SA
13. What are akubra hats made from?
 A) Akubra pelts B) Rabbit Fur C) Wool D) Silk worms
14. Which of the products below were invented in Australia?
 A) Zinc cream, the esky and permanent crease trousers
 B) Sliced bread, sausages and tomato sauce
 C) Meat pies, thongs and car dice
 D) Shopping trolleys, the artificial knee and low alcohol beer
15. What is described as 'the race that stops a nation'?
 A) The Melbourne Cup
 B) The Boxing Day Sales
 C) The rush to get to the bar before closing time
 D) The bid to get tickets to an AC/DC concert
16. Which item does not belong on a burger?
 A) Beetroot B) Pineapple C) Pickle D) Egg
17. Pick something that is blue arsed
 A) A lizard B) A fly C) A family tree faked to have royal connections D) A cold person
18. The word timmie means
 A) A can of beer B) A metal row boat C) Fake Tiffany from E-Bay D) All of the above
19. What is cricketer Mark Waugh's Nickname?
 A) Goodfer (A take on the lyric Waugh - what is it good for?)
 B) Go-Bro (After brother Steve encouraged him during a one day game)
 C) Monger (As in war monger)
 D) Afghan (The forgotten Waugh)
20. What size are Ian Thorpe's Feet?
 A) 17 B) 11 C) 21 D) 15
21. If you are fanging it what are you doing?
 A) Teasing a snake B) Driving really fast C) Eating like you are starving D) Wearing a shark tooth necklace
22. According to the top selling song who do Aussies love to have a beer with and why?
 A) The Prime minister, 'cause me mates are impressed
 B) Duncan, 'cos Duncan's me mate
 C) Warney 'cos I might meet Liz Hurley
 D) Jennifer Hawkins 'cos she's a good sort



Answers on page 57



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Meekatharra Shire Hall

4th November 2012

7-11pm

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This event will be dedicated
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Hotdogs and drinks on sale.

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Elaine King 0439909738



A Famer (Jack)

Saturday 28th of July 2012 saw a Meekatharra re-union of sorts just outside of Mandurah in Stakehill. Many past and present 'Meekatharrians' made the 900 odd km trek to see two of its favourite residents Peter Clare,(known to locals as Vegie Pete) and Svenja Luebbe confirm their commitment to one another in a beautiful outdoor ceremony.

Meekatharra wasn't the most remote location that guests for the occasion chose to travel from with Svenja's family and friends travelling from Germany to be in Australia for the occasion.

A 3pm ceremony performed by ex-Meekatharra resident and close friend of Peter and Svenja, Rev Lesley DeGrussa-Maccaulay held outdoors as the sun began to set was followed by a night of frivolity and fun! Both the wedding ceremony and reception were held amongst the wide open spaces of Peter's Father Bill's property who made all those who had travelled for the occasion feel most welcome and special.

A few eyebrows were raised during the best man's speech as to Vegies Pete's relationship with the best man (Peter Clancy)! However the humour was taken as it was intended and clearly showed the high regard both men have for each other.

Svenja looked just beautiful in her wedding dress and just as beautiful (although never as beautiful as the bride!) were her bridesmaids who travelled from Germany to be by her side.

Her Father Karsten summed it up during his moving speech when he told the crowd that he had heard that backpackers often came to Australia and married Farmers. This was true even for Svenja as she has now married in to the Farmer Jack's Family.



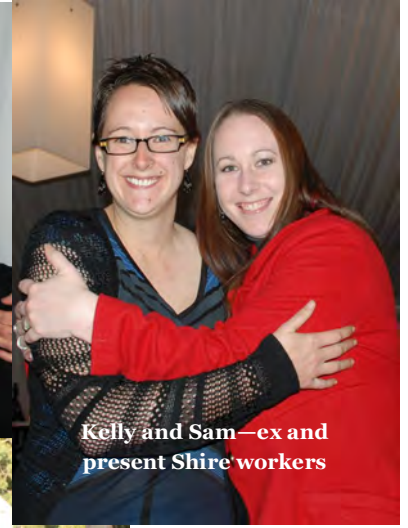
Marries a Backpacker



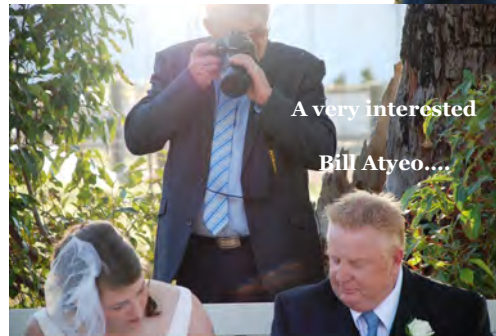
The Happy Couple!



Past and present Community Resource Centre Girls—Eveanne, Jo and Sabrina



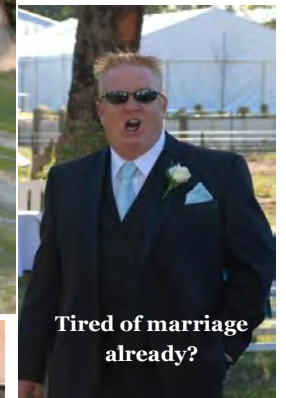
Kelly and Sam—ex and present Shire workers



A very interested
Bill Atyeo....



Vegie's Aussie Mob



Tired of marriage
already?



The Farmer Jacks Crew



Dot and Braylee carving it up on the dance floor.



Was Svenja really standing in a hole
so that she wasn't too tall for Pete
during the ceremony?



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PART A PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

PART B FAMILY DETAILS (WHO ARE YOU PAYING FOR?)

NAMES/AGE

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14 July

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28 July

Celebration of the Word with Communion

18 August

Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass)

15 September

Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass)

29 September

Celebration of the Word with Communion

The Catholic Church is located on the corner of Darlot and High Streets.

For further enquiries contact Sr Gerri Boylan sgs 9963 4179

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Alcoholics Anonymous Meekatharra.

Every Thursday

When: 6pm-8pm.

Where: Seventh Day Adventist Church Hall,
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Enquiries: Ring Adrian on 08 9981 0625 (office hours)

Joy Huckle

Obituary Joyce Huckle

As told by Doug and Sandi Wood



28.10.1931 - 22.03.2012

January 2012 saw the passing of an old Meekatharra identity Ron Huckle in Perth. It is with sadness that we learn't JOYCE his wife passed away also in Perth two months later. As a couple, they had spent sixty years together and Ron was Joy's guiding light.

We recall one early November evening calling to visit at their home in Hill Street, they were both sitting on the front porch holding hands, watching the sunset, reminiscent of two teenagers rather than a couple of senior citizens.

Joy was originally a city girl arriving in Meekatharra during 1952, her employment being a live-in housemaid/waitress at Hurtle Martins Railway Hotel (about where Coates Hire is situated today). Ron at the time was engaged in dismantling a section of the No. 1 rabbit proof fence north of Gum Creek for the White family at Yarrabubba Station. On one of his trips to town he met Joy and after a brief courtship they married. Joy moved with Ron to do contract fencing at Doolgunna Station, north of Meekatharra. Their home a tent and her kitchen an open camp fire with attendant blackened utensils, Joy was an uncomplaining lady capable of making a home no matter the location. She quickly accomplished herself as a bush cook and competent offsider even with the arrival of children, Joy found time to assist Ron running wires on new fence projects. This chore with the assistance of the youngster's when they were old enough with sometimes interesting results according to Joy (wires through wrong holes).

As time progressed so did the family and as the children became of school age, Joy tutored them first with postal correspondence then through the School Of The Air (SOTA). I remember remarking to my boss's wife (a pastoralist) that the Huckle children en-route to town, were always neat and clean and a credit to their Mum. "Yes", came the reply, "and she teaches them well, their grades are much higher than my boy's attain " an accolade indeed, as the station lady concerned conceded very few. This conversation occurred pre SOTA when outback women educated their children via Department Inspector (the schoolie) would test the pupil's - he related to a nearby station owner's wife that Joy had missed her vocation, that of a school teacher.

Everything in Joy's early domain was labour intensive, hand washing both clothes and nappies, ironing when required per medium of a flat iron heated on a piece of steel over the open fire. Things improved during the 1960's with a caravan complete with kerosene refrigerator and Tilly lamps, also a hand operated washing machine. I called by their bush camp one morning and Joy was busy washing in a tub, I inquired as to what was wrong with the 'washing machine ' , Joy's dry rejoinder was, "this is quicker and easier ". Ron ingenuity later rectified this turning the offending machine into one of mechanical operation it in turn being replaced by a 'real' washing machine - a gala day for Joy.

Ron's change of occupation saw them move from bush camps to a cottage on Annean Station which employed them; Joy's first house.

From here her family grew up each leaving when the time came to do so to make their own life's journey. Ron and Joy's last outback home and work place was where they had started out together all those years before at Doolgunna Station. Finally retiring in Meekatharra thence to Perth, on reflection Joy's life was far from easy but she took it philosophically her oft comment "it was hard but we appreciated what we achieved and it did us no harm ".

Joy has again joined Ron now in that grand place that knows no parting; somewhere west of sun set,

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Mental Health: 9981 0625

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

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17/09—28/09

19/11—14/12



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

SOME MEEKA HISTORY...



MEEKATHARRA bakery before World War I. The delivery wagon is an elegant turn-out and the partners are in their Sunday best. Only the horse and the baker look ready for work.



THE MARBLE BAR mail leaving Meekatharra Post Office May 1, 1933. Famous driver Geoff Lambert of Campbell & Co is at the wheel of the Dodge utility and trailer. Note the oversize tyres on the rear wheels.



MEEKATHARRA Volunteer Fire Brigade members on a trip to Geraldton in 1948. Back row; George Howard, Ted Hayes, Eric Gerick. Second row; Terry Hayles, Fred Lauritsen, Reg Lauritsen, Brian Lauritsen, Jimmy Petergan. Front row; Laurie Campbell, Des McDougall.



POLICE RADIO, Kevin Kent talks to a patrol from the radio desk of the Meekatharra Station in the 1960s.



CAMEL DAYS: This outfit used by Hugh Ovens for patrolling the Rabbit Proof Fence early in the century is typical of the conveyances used by prospectors around Meekatharra.



T-MODEL FORD used on the Meekatharra to Peak Hill mail run. This is a 1917 model, the picture taken in 1921.



MEMORIAL plaque on Connelly's tree at Little Gap Creek where the first Murchison gold was found in 1890.



McALEER'S STORE in Earlot St., in 1932.

MEEKATHARRA FANCY DRESS BALL

‘FAVOURITE/MOST UNUSUAL OCCUPATION’

To put it bluntly, this years Fancy Dress Ball was not well attended. It was the poorest turn out for many years. This was a shame for the volunteers who spent many hours decorating the hall, setting up the new PA system and putting together some amazing strobe lights, a glitter ball and smoke machine kindly donated for the evening by MKA FM. The hall looked just amazing and those that did turn up danced the night away despite the low numbers.

We must thank Anita from MKA FM (aka Stevie Nicks) for DJ'ing and providing the lights and smoke machine which looked fantastic!!

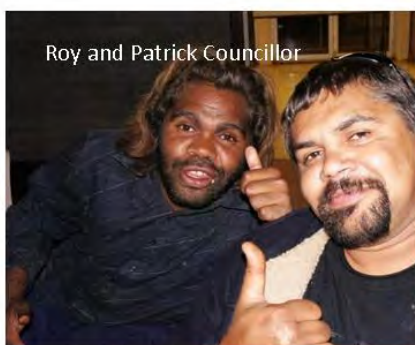
Thanks also to the usual crew who helped out behind the bar and also with the setting up. It was good also to see a few new faces willing to help out. Our regular door man and woman John and Venessa Watson Bates were again willing and able and stayed well into the night in the hope of catching some stragglers to the event.

The food provided by the Royal Mail was a credit to them and we appreciated the donations of goods from Farmer Jack's and the prizes of dinners for two from both the Royal Mail and Commercial Hotels.

Well done to Officers Hit and Run for taking out the best dressed female prize (Jacinta and Teneale from Yulella) and to Lauren Howden for taking out the best dressed male (?) prize as the truckie from 'Howden's Haulage'.

If you didn't know about this year's ball and you think that we should be advertising in a different way - please get the word out and let us know how we can let you when things are happening as we work hard to put these things together. These events may be a fundraising opportunity for our major Festival Event but more importantly they are a means of bringing the community together and this includes you!!





Roy and Patrick Councillor



Mr Dylan, Miss Paulina, Miss Rebecca and Miss Barrett



Jo Burgemeister



Patty Councillor



Josie Adler, Rowan Harvey & Gilly



Elaine King



Leslie, Gary, Torrence, Trevor, Patrick, Raymond and Roy



Kelly Fuhrmann



Willy Ryburn



Hon. Troy Buswell MLA
Minister for Transport



Hon. Brendon Grylls MLA
Minister for Regional
Development

21/8/12

JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT

Funding for road upgrades in the Mid-West

- Four Mid-West roads to share in \$46.1million
- \$20.8million allocation from Royalties for Regions, through MWIP
- Safer Country Roads initiative

Roads in the Mid-West will benefit from State Government investment of \$46.1million through the Safer Country Roads initiative.

Transport Minister Troy Buswell and Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls today announced more than \$40million would be shared between two major road improvement projects.

Speaking in Geraldton, Mr Buswell said the Government had approved an immediate three-year program to fund upgrades to the Wubin-Mullewa Road between Perenjori and Morawa, as well as various sections of Goldfields Highway between Wiluna and Meekatharra.

These two major projects would be funded equally by the Government's Royalties for Regions program and Main Roads Western Australia

"A total of \$21.6million will be spent on the Perenjori to Morawa section of the Wubin-Mullewa Road to complete the upgrade of the entire link from single-lane seal width to two-lane seal width, allowing for a safer mix of heavy and light vehicles, including local and tourist traffic," Mr Buswell said.

"A further \$20million will be allocated to the construction and sealing of passing opportunities and floodways between Wiluna and Meekatharra on Goldfields Highway. This 180km section of highway is predominantly gravel-sheeted with limited sealed passing opportunities.

"This major funding allocation reaffirms the Government's commitment to maintaining and further improving this vital road link between the Wiluna and Meekatharra communities. It also promotes the development of the intermodal transport terminal at Kalgoorlie-Boulder as a hub for freight from the east, servicing the Pilbara and Mid-West regions."

Mr Grylls said the funding for both road improvement projects was identified in the Mid West Investment Plan (MWIP).

"Royalties for Regions funding of \$220million has been allocated over five years to assist in the implementation of the MWIP's major infrastructure projects and initiatives," Mr Grylls said.

"These include its highest priority projects that have been identified as essential to the Mid-West region.

"Projects funded under the MWIP will provide a substantial economic stimulus to the region and potentially generate employment opportunities for local businesses in the planning and construction phases."

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The two road infrastructure projects relate to the rapid growth of the Mid-West resources sector; the proposed PortLink Project; the expanding road freight volume; and associated increase in traffic numbers within the region.

The road upgrades will provide significant benefits for local communities, including supporting the safe and efficient movement of users and freight along these two strategic regional corridors.

The two other Mid-West projects to be funded through Safer Country Roads are a \$3.5million upgrade to the Bunjil-Carnamah Road to accommodate 36.5m road trains and \$1million to widen the seal on Indian Ocean Drive.

Fact File

- Safer Country Roads funded by Safer Roads; Local Roads; Royalties for Regions; and the Road Trauma Trust Account among other State Govt groups
- Construction on major Wubin to Mullewa Road and Goldfields Highway projects start 2012-13; completion expected 2014-15

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Thumbs down to animal cruelty

A big thumbs down to the individuals involved with the slaying of innocent bird life on the school farm on the evening of Friday 24th August 2012.

How very upsetting to the community of Meekatharra to read about it in the Sunday Times Newspaper.



A CONCERNED MEEKATHARRA CITIZEN

Meekatharra & Wiluna welcome road upgrade announcement

This week's announcement has been well received by the local Meekatharra and Wiluna communities, with the State Government announcing an investment of \$20million to road infrastructure upgrades.

Shire of Meekatharra President Councillor Tom Hutchinson and Shire of Wiluna President Graham Harris welcome the announcement as one of the most positive moves from the State Government, on an issue that has been significant in the region for decades.

"This announcement proves intent and commitment by the State Government and is extremely exciting for the townships of Meekatharra and Wiluna," Cr Hutchinson said.

"Local Government has been progressively sealing the road between Meekatharra and Carnarvon, this further funding is a significant step towards the creation of a sealed link between Carnarvon and Wiluna, establishing national significance by providing a second route from the East Coast of Australia to the West."

The State Governments commitment to the Mid West road infrastructure will complement the current Local Governments work on road upgrades and sealing.

"At present the Meekatharra to Wiluna stretch is the only section of the State Highway in Western Australia that isn't sealed," confirmed Cr Hutchinson.

The funding is the State Governments response to the rapid growth of the Mid West resources sector and the increase in traffic numbers in the region. The Shire of Wiluna President Graham Harris is elated with the positive news although believes action should have been instigated sooner to provide safer travel.

"Amid all of the mining and development in the region, it's important to remember the two West Australian communities at the heart of this long-running issue. We live here and we deserve a sealed and safe connection between the two communities," confirmed Mr Harris.

"The Wiluna and Meekatharra communities welcome the news whole-heartedly."

Transport Minister Troy Buswell and Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls on Tuesday 21st August announced \$46.1 million would be shared between two major road improvement projects in the Mid West.

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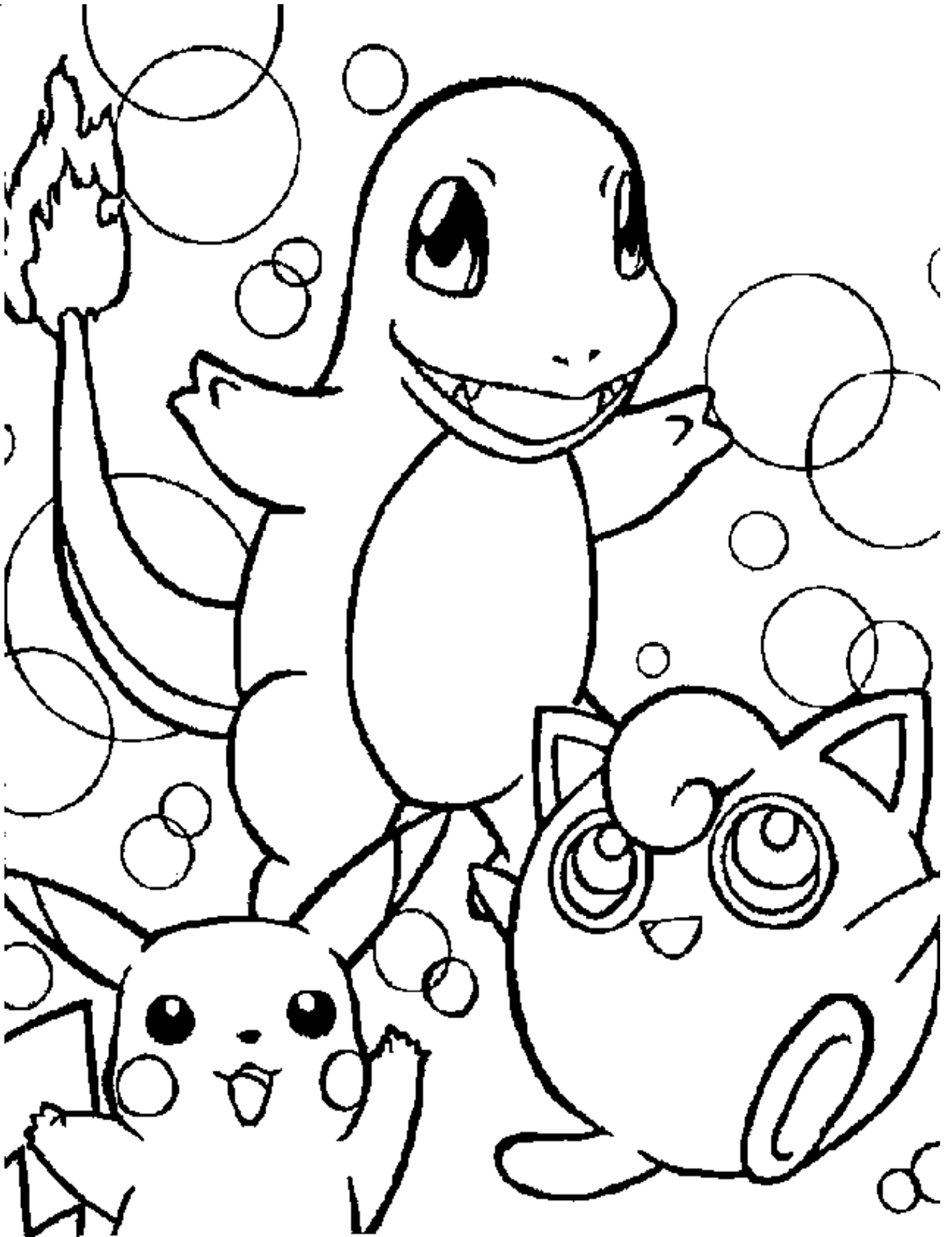
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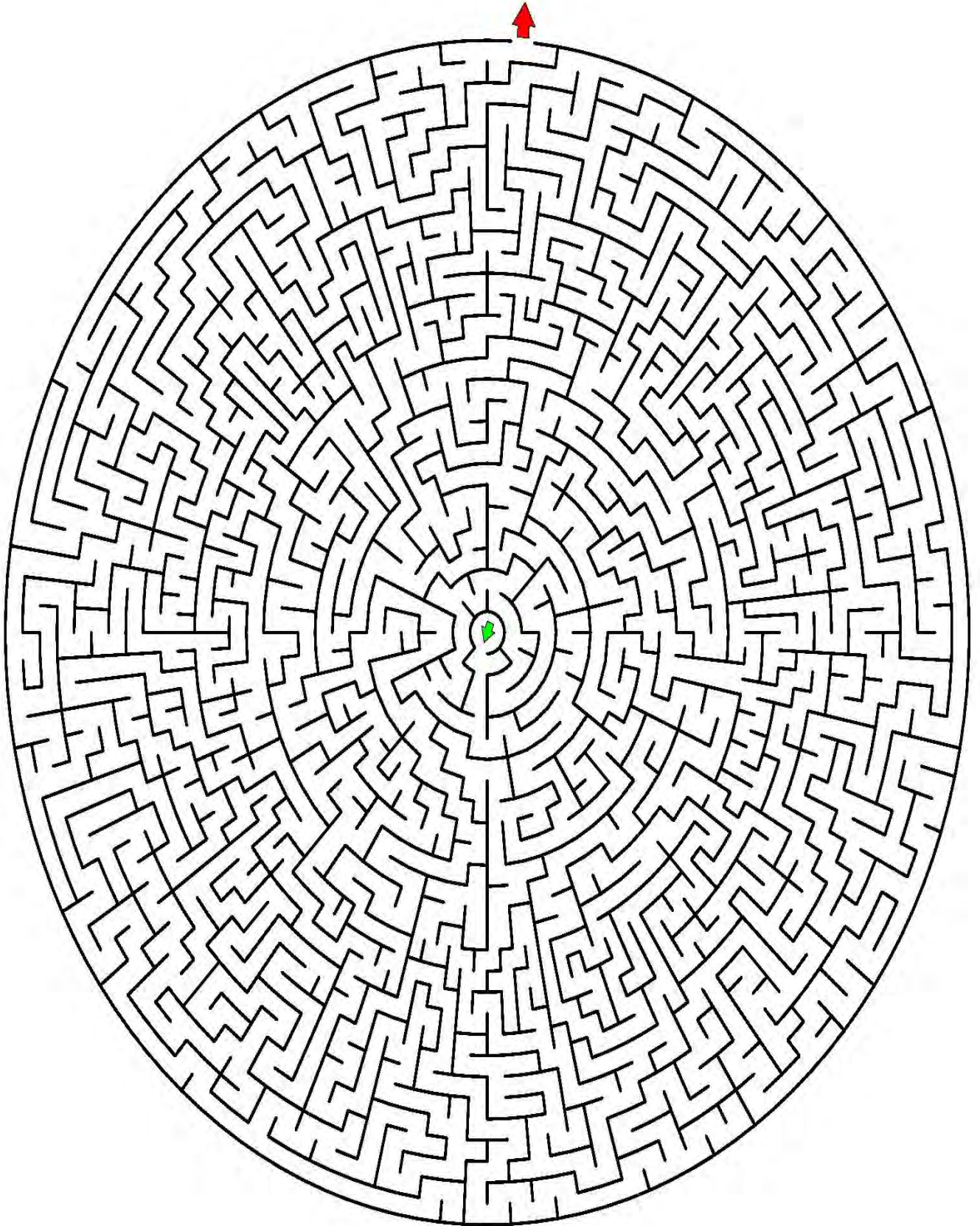
Sudoku

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Impossible Maze!



ACROSS

1. Hidden supply
6. Angry response to a come-on
10. Farm animal that gives milk
14. Playful, web-footed swimmer
15. Feature of a rooster's head
16. Govern
17. Huge, thick-skinned African animal
19. Giant panda's continent
20. Butterfly catcher
21. Yankee Doodle's mount
22. Late-blooming flower
23. Rabbit's refuge
24. Homes for 60-Across
26. Begin to grow, as a plant

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29. Ferocious felines
33. "What's the ___?"
34. Moved on ice
35. Shape of a horse's racecourse
36. Tennis shoe feature
37. On all ___ (how a 10-Across walks)
38. Freshwater food fish
39. Disgusting
40. With 22-Down, predatory insect that travels in vast swarms
41. ___ for (chose)
42. Prickly plants with purple flower heads
44. Works the dough
45. Web addresses, familiarly
46. Animal with antlers
47. Ornate, like a peacock's tail
50. After-bath powder
51. Even if, for short
54. Stink like a skunk

55. Tree-hammering bird
58. Spoken
59. "___ Lang Syne"
60. Jungle roarers
61. Pierce through, as with a bull's 1-Down
62. Easter flower
63. Rope to catch an 18-Down

DOWN

1. Bony, projecting growth on a 10-Across
2. Will-___-wisp (delusion): 2 wds.
3. Busily working: 2 wds.
4. Stimp's canine companion
5. One who doesn't finish high school
6. ___ of the crime
7. Brightly-colored parrot
8. "Te ___" ("I love you" in Mexico)

9. "Sesame Street" network
10. Jumping insect
11. Remove from office
12. "I cannot tell ___": 2 wds.
13. Rip
18. Male foal
22. See 40-Across
23. Shrub yielding fragrant, yellow tubular flowers
24. Milk farm
25. Concludes
26. ___-pea soup
27. Capture wild animals illegally
28. Talk show host Lake
29. Dark purple fruits
30. Madonna musical set in Argentina
31. Gathered leaves in a pile
32. Some huskies pull them
34. Painful places

37. Season when squirrels gather nuts
41. Composition of an amoeba or paramecium: 2 wds.
43. Attempt
44. Large seaweed
46. ___-longlegs (spider look-alike)
47. Tadpole, eventually
48. Flight: Prefix
49. Close to
50. Highway tax
51. Boxing wins, for short
52. Roosters' mates
53. "... ___ it would seem": 2 wds.
55. ___-Mart
56. Yes, in France
57. U.S. espionage org.

Meekatharra Races 2012

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Saturday 29th September



Grand Final: Viewing from 12.30pm—Alcohol Free Until 2.00pm—NO BYO
Cooldrinks & Water Will Be Available For Purchase

First Race: 2.10pm

Entry Price: \$10.00/Adult/Day (Includes Race Book)
or \$15.00 - 2 Day Pass
Under 18's Free of Charge
ID Will Be Required

Human Race: Nominate On The Day - Cash Prizes

Bar Rules: Open From 2.00pm
Bar Tickets Will Need To Be Purchased On The Day
From 2.00pm - 8.00pm - No Sale Restrictions
From 8.00pm - Close - Maximum of 2 Drinks Per Person Per Serve

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PUBLIC HOLIDAY

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

FESTIVAL - RACES - RODEO

MARKET STALLS

YOUTH BALL

SHANE COABY CUP

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

meeka's OUTBACK FESTIVAL

RODEO - FESTIVAL - RACES

FRI 28TH SEPTEMBER

- Family Fun Night at the Oval
- Sydney or the Bush performing live
- Music
- Market Stalls
- Rides for the kids
- Fireworks
- Street Artists
- Food

SAT 29TH SEPTEMBER

- Float Parade in the morning on Main Street
- Street Artists
- Market Stalls
- Races from 2pm
- Sydney or the Bush performing live
- Evening Entertainment at the Race Track
- Bar Facilities Available - No BYO

SUN 30TH SEPTEMBER

- Rodeo
- 9am - Pre Events
- 11am - Bar Open
- 12pm - Main Events
- NO BYO
- 18+ Outback Ball - DJ
- Murphy's Law performing Live!

MON 1ST OCTOBER

- Races from 1.30pm

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RODEO - FESTIVAL - RACES

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