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Australia Day at the Meeka Pool 2013



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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the first edition of the Meeka Dust for the year. There have been some changes to staffing at the Shire since the end of last year. This includes myself taking over from Kelly Fuhrmann as the Community Development Officer and as the coordinator for the Meeka Dust. Kelly has done a great job at keeping the Dust in circulation over the last couple of years. I will do my best to emulate her good example.

This month we have several articles written by residents in the region about their holidays to **other places. These are wonderful examples of writing by local people. I'm sure you'll find them entertaining, amusing and inspiring.**

If you have any stories of Meekatharra and its surrounds please submit them. We are always interested in submissions. These could be about local events, history, people, wildlife or the environment. Cheers from Mal.

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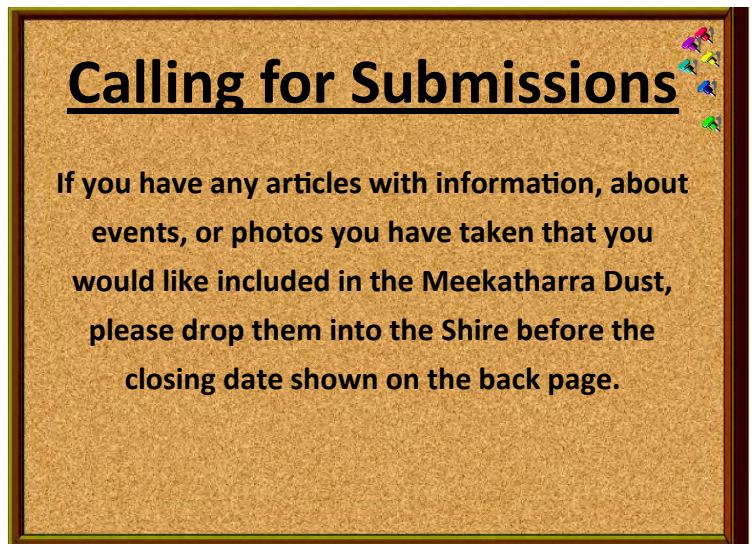
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Note from Council

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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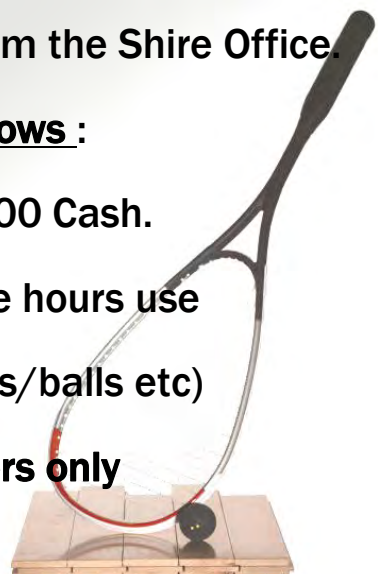
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FRIDAY NIGHT	7.00PM - 9.00PM	
SATURDAY	10.30AM - 5.30PM	
SUNDAY	12.00PM - 5.30PM	



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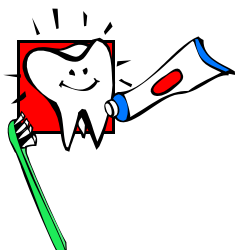
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ADULTS - \$2.40

CHILDREN - \$1.40

MURCHISON DENTAL TEAM VISITING SCHEDULE 2013

Meekatharra	4th Feb	-	15th Feb
Mt Magnet	25th Feb	-	8th March
Yalgoo	11th March	-	26th March
Meekatharra	6th May	-	17th May
Mt Magnet	27th May	-	7th June
Sandstone	10th June	-	14th June
Meekatharra	24th June	-	5th July
Cue	22nd July	-	2nd August
Meekatharra	19th August	-	30th August
Burringurrah	2nd Sept	-	6th Sept
Mt Magnet	16th Sept	-	27th Sept
Meekatharra	14th Oct	-	25th Oct
Mt Magnet	11th Nov	-	22nd Nov
Meekatharra	2nd Dec	-	20th Dec



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Meekatharra

Community Resource Centre

What's your
Big ideas?

COMMITTEE MEETING

Next Meeting Tuesday 19th February 2013 @ 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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Do you know an Aboriginal young person who would like to participate in a successful leadership program?

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One Sky, Many Paths is an Aboriginal leadership program for young people, developed by Aboriginal people that has been running for three years.

This program is delivered by Challenger Institute of Technology and receives funding support from the Department for Communities. The program is free to eligible people (however participants must register with Abstudy).

The program consists of:

- two one-week residential conferences in Fremantle
- on-line learning, with support from a local mentor
- a community project that you will plan and run over a 14-week period.

After completing the program they receive a Certificate II in Leadership Development.

The next course will be held from April to July 2013. You can find information about One Sky, Many Paths and an application form below.

<http://www.communities.wa.gov.au/YOUTH/PROGRAMS/OSMP>

If you know someone aged between 18 and 25 years who would like to participate in One Sky, Many Paths, please nominate them and make sure they complete an application form and send it in by **22 March 2013**.

Further information about the program can be obtained by phoning Mr Peter Mann on 9599 8757 or emailing peter.mann@challenger.wa.edu.au

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SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA
REQUEST FOR TENDER
RUBBISH REMOVAL CONTRACT

Tenders closing with the undersigned at 4.00PM on Wednesday 6th March 2013 are invited for the provision of a Rubbish Collection and Removal service for the town of Meekatharra and nearby locations.

Tender and contract documents are available from Lorri (08 99800600) email: admin@meekashire.wa.gov.au

Further information can be obtained from Roy McClymont (08 99800600).

Tenders must be submitted by hand or by post in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Tender 12/13 – 7 Rubbish Collection/Removal".

Postal Tenders are to be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Meekatharra, PO Box 129, Meekatharra WA 6642 or delivered by hand to the Shire Office, 81 Main Street, Meekatharra.

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Roy McClymont
Chief Executive Officer



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TV and Radio Outages 23rd-24th February 2013

Site Number	Site Name	Audience Impact	Service State	Start Date	End Date	Timing	Description of Work	Service	Contingency
6048	Meekatharra	OFF	OFF	23/02/2013 01:06	23/02/2013 05:00	Primary	VAST - Switch off ABC local Radio	ABC Local Radio	
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Our Big City Trip

by Anna Johnson

Gary and I steeled ourselves after New Year's and ventured east to the dazzling big city lights of Melbourne to visit family and friends, and, more importantly, McDonalds.

It was my first time flying from Meeka, and it was charming to be on the small

prop plane filled with people we know. Gaz and I were pleased to see that Lauren and Anne were in charge of opening the wing-side emergency hatch, mostly because we were pretty sure we could overpower them if it came to hand-to-hand combat in the screaming stampede to get out first. As fire and rescue volunteers, Gaz and I are trained to plan for emergencies, so we alertly memorised which of our Meeka neighbours would make the best eating if we crashed in the desert, and, having recently watched the entire series of "Lost", snatched as many handfuls of complimentary biscuits from the hostess as possible while fashioning rudimentary hunting tools from our coffee cups.

At Perth we headed over to Qantas where helpful airline staff frisked all of us outback travellers for roo-gutting knives, mining detonators, .222 ammo and whatever was left on our credit cards before releasing us in a wild melee for the bookshop, coffee bar and Krispy Kreme donut stand. On the plane, we marvelled at all the fancy new improvements, such as the individual touch-screen DVD players on the back of each seat and the complete lack of room available if, like Gary, you were thoughtless enough to bring your legs on the flight.

We were greeted at Melbourne airport by my friend June, who warned us that the temperature was 35 degrees, so we quickly rugged up and stared goggle-eyed at the sight of traffic lights, other cars on the road, and trees. There wasn't time for sightseeing, though, as we had to keep to our tight visiting schedule of 3.6 minutes per person. Gary's brother and sister in law generously lent us a car, and even let us use their renovated bathroom. It was lovely to use a loo without having to peel frogs off our arses, and to drink tap water that didn't taste like a dingo had died in it.

Our visit was everything we could have asked for - the warmth of familiar, loved faces, remembering funny times, and being welcomed by Gary's family. I never dreamed I would live to see the day I'd be introduced as "Grandpa's Girlfriend", or possibly worse, "Nana Anna"! Everyone marvelled at our descriptions of bush camp life, chasing snakes out of the garden and finding bungarras in the rubbish bin under the roasting outback summer sun. "It sounds like you're having a great time! We're never, ever coming to visit!"



Numb from 1,237 showings of The Slide Show on my laptop ("That's our shed...that's another shot of the shed...here's the shed from another angle..."), we finished off our visiting rounds

Proud Grandpa with Tyler, Meeka's new honorary brigade member - we think he's still sleeping with the helmet

with a trip to Echuca, where we forced Gary's mum to enjoy a paddle steamer trip ("I think I need a lie down now"), then headed back to the city for final farewells. My friend Polly kindly drove us to the airport, which took longer than actually driving to Perth because Polly is a bit navigationally challenged. My friend Sally helped me put our baggage through the infernally complicated self-check-in machines, and then we went to rescue Gary from airport security.

Gaz had been pulled aside for having a small, cheap Leatherman tool in his carry-on bag. They threw it in the bin and we escaped, relieved, because although they found the Leatherman, they missed the 20 kilograms of military large-gun ammo casings, one of which weighed 9 kilos on its own and took up most of Gary's travel bag (they were de-commissioned souvenirs from Gary's brother which we were taking back for the Mess at Paddy's Flat). I had visions of being confronted at Perth airport with a full police lock-down and only seconds to choke "I love you" to each other while being dragged handcuffed into the waiting divvy vans, then being featured on Border Security.



Always alert - Gary and I take the plane safety briefing very seriously

We made it to Perth without incident, however, apart from severe cramping due to Qantas having reduced the economy seating space by another six inches since our earlier flight. Gary stowed his legs in the overhead luggage compartment and we used our noses to operate the DVD touchscreens. The screaming baby who follows me on every single flight I have ever taken in my life was, predictably, just a few seats away, and I wondered for the thousandth time why they don't just release a heavy-duty sleeping gas into the passenger cabin on all flights and bundle your unconscious body onto the baggage carousel with your luggage at the other end. They'd save heaps on complimentary pretzels.

After all this excitement, our big night at the Perth Grand Medina Hotel was reduced to staring blearily at the TV and cleaning out the mini bar before passing out on the acre-sized hotel bed. After a few hours' sleep, we pulled some clean socks out of the ammo casings, handed over our life savings to pay for the mini bar, and joined the hordes of mine workers at Skippers airline terminal. Cam and Monica collected us at the Meeka airport and took us home to be greeted by our over-excited dogs ("You're home! We missed you! We ate your shoes!"), the soothing roar of the generator and our 50,000 pet flies.

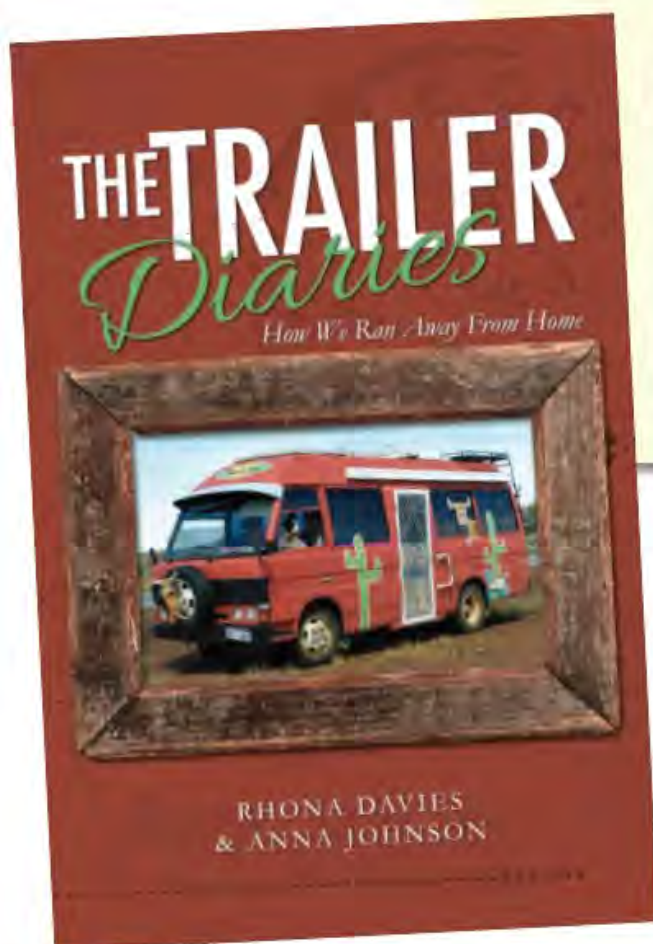
Our visit to Melbourne knitted many aspects of our lives together - our old city life and our new Meeka life, Gary's past and my past, bringing together family, friends and old memories - and I'm glad we went. But it also made us realise that even though we've only been here a relatively short time, we're Meeka people now. The city seems to be mainly about shopping and money, texting and traffic; trying to find work and stressing over an ever-increasing burden of debt. Apart from our loved ones, Melbourne held no appeal for us at all.

As we explained to our city friends, we have much less than they do in the city, but it means we have so much more. Our lives are richer for the challenge, being part of keeping the town going and seeing each day that what you do makes a difference - it's a feeling of self-worth and pride that can't be bought at the mall. And who needs matching Ikea furniture or a shiny new car when you have pretty little ta-ta lizards waving at you in the bathroom and a flock of jewel-bright budgies filling the blue afternoon sky? If our families ever do come to visit though, just don't mention the scorpions.

Local Writer Goes International!

Regular "Dust" contributor Anna Johnson has just published a book! Co-written with her mother, Rhona, it's called "The Trailer Diaries - How We Ran Away From Home". Already selling internationally, local paperback copies will be available mid-December (just in time for Christmas) at the shire office, post office and most Meeka shops, or you can order it online now from Amazon.

If you've enjoyed Anna's contributions to The Dust, you'll love this funny and insightful account about trailer park life and the adventures that the infamous red bus got up to before it accidentally wound up in Meeka!



**Available In Meeka
From Mid December**

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"When one member of a family quits her high-paying job, sells her house, buys an old motorhome and hits the road with two cats and a dog as travel companions, the rest of the family think she must be mad. But then, all having migrated to other lands at one time or another, they accept the fact that there seems to be a nomadic gene in the family, and others follow suit."

Their travels take place in two countries - Australia and North America - and the diaries are a record of the fascinating people and places they meet along the way - the man with the solar-powered wheelbarrow; the lady towing her trailer to Las Vegas for a two week fling; ghost towns, and phone booths in the middle of the desert.

Most of all, the travellers come to realize that humans can survive very comfortably with far less than they think they need, and that "home" is wherever you decide to make it."

Meekatharra Rainfall for January 2013

This January was a bit of a wild month weatherwise. Commiserations to those who suffered storm damage.

15 th January 2013	8.5 mL
9 th January 2013	2.0 mL
12 th January 2013	1.5 mL
13 th January 2013	12.5 mL
15 th January 2013	1.0 mL
16 th January 2013	11.0 mL
23 rd January 2013	1.0 mL
24 th January 2013	5.5 mL
Total rainfall for the month = 43 mL	



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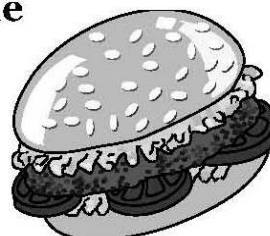
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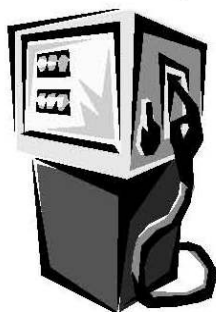
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Asian Food



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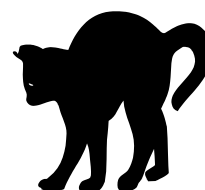
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Tassie Holiday by Raelene Hall

New Year's Day saw us (hubby, daughter and myself) driving to Perth ready to fly out to Tasmania on the evening on 2nd Jan. We arrived in Hobart to 32 degrees –not what I was expecting or wanting.



Friday was worse with Hobart recording one of its hottest days ever. The wind was horrendous and the smoke from the fires on the Peninsula could be seen all over the city skies. Not the best day to be doing sight seeing tours but we were booked so made the best of it.

The main reason for our trip to Tassie was to attend a friend's daughters wedding and much to my relief the wedding day was a beautiful 26 degrees with a lovely breeze.

Following the wedding we had plans to spend a night down near Port Arthur then travel the East Coast to St Mary's. The bushfires changed all that so we spent an extra night in Hobart enjoying a dinner cruise on the Derwent River and a drive south of Hobart.

We drove inland along the Heritage Highway, visiting places such as Oatlands, Ross and and Cambell Town until we reached Conara and could head to the East Coast and Seaview Farm where we spent 2 nights, visiting St Helen's, Pyengana Cheese Factory and St Columba Falls. We also checked out the pub in the paddock which has a beer drinking pig. It must have had a hangover when we there because it had absolutely no intention of getting out of its sty or even moving.

Driving along St Mary's pass is interesting with sheer rock cliffs one side and vertical drop the other –luckily I was only a passenger so could close my eyes when I needed to!

Our travels then took us to Scottsdale for lunch before we visited the Bridestow Lavender Farm. Not sure if we were a bad omen but we had no sooner arrived than people were cleared from the lavender fields when a bush fire started nearby. Along with the lavender we got to watch a helicopter working to put out the fire.



That night we stayed in Deloraine as we had friends in nearby Caveside. The next day we visited Mole Creek Pub and saw the 'Tiger' Bar and an amazing little local craft/op shop before heading to our friends' dairy farm for lunch

and a lovely long catch up.

One of the lovely things about Tassie is that you can have lunch with someone and leave at 4 pm and still have time to get to your next destination. Having been to Tassie before I was keen to show hubby and daughter the murals of Sheffield and the amazing Topiary display at Railton, which had grown since I first saw it five years ago.



The next part of our holiday was very exciting for our daughter as she met and spent a couple of days with her penpal she had been corresponding with for 8 years but never met. Her family spoilt us rotten with beautiful meals and a trip to the beach so our daughter and her penpal could go riding on the beach.

The following day daughter spent the day with her friend whilst hubby and I did a bit touring around



Our holiday was rapidly drawing to a close but we enjoyed another wonderful day with our friends from Caveside, who generously spent all day driving us around visiting the Great Lake and Lake St Clair National Park and an amazing place called 'The Wall in the Wilderness' where an artist is carving the history of the area from three metre high wooden panels. It is a work in progress but has to be seen to be believed. The intricacy of the work is amazing. When completed 'The Wall' will be 100 m long.



We spent our last day visiting Beaconsfield before heading to Beauty Point to visit the 'Platypus House' and 'Seahorse World'. I had never even seen these amazing little creatures before.

The next morning we flew out of Launceston after a wonderful couple of weeks. I love Tassie but don't make the mistake of thinking you can see it all in a week or so. It may be small but there is so much to see and do.

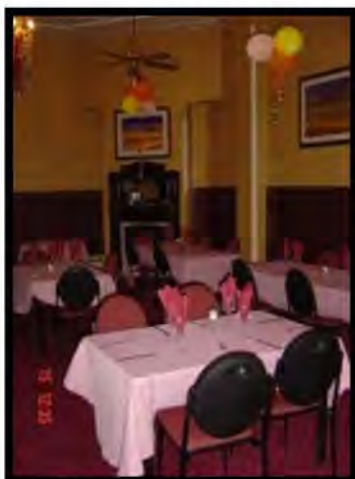
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THURSDAY

FLIGHT NUMBER	DEPART	TIME	ARRIVE	TIME
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FRIDAY

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

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A brief summary of works required is:

- Build cubicles and install two toilets.
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- Build storage area.
- Additional plumbing required to plumb into septic for the two new toilets.
- Two new accesses to be created –one for disabled and one for storage area.
- Supply all materials and hardware required.
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- Tiling

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

Tender documents can be obtained by contacting the Administration Assistant, Lorri Dransfield at the Shire Office during normal hours on 08 9980 0600 or admin@meekashire.wa.gov.au.

Tenders shall be contained in a sealed envelope endorsed with the appropriate tender number and description and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and either mailed to PO Box 129, MEEKATHARRA WA 6642 or deposited in the tender box situated in the Meekatharra Administration Office, Cnr Main & Savage Streets, Meekatharra. Faxed or emailed tenders will not be accepted.

Tenders are to be received no later than 4:00 pm, Friday 20th February 2013. For further information, please contact the undersigned on 9980 0600 or 0429 204 146 or dceo@meekashire.wa.gov.au.

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Liz Campbell-Pay joins the staff at the Shire of Meekatharra as the Customer Service Office. Liz tells us that she loves the town of Meekatharra so much that she bought a house here. Liz hails from Victoria, but we won't hold that against her. Liz's signature dish is a culinary delight that she calls "Mess on a plate", which has delighted many a hungry barbecue attendee.

Lorri Dransfield is the new Administrative Assistant at the Shire. Lorri previously worked at the Shire of Murray. She Has made the move to Meekatharra to gain more hands on experience in Local Government, and with Meekatharra being a much smaller Shire there are more opportunities to learn new tasks/roles in other areas to further enhance her skill base. Lorri's hobbies are reading, watching the AFL and of course supporting her beloved Crows.



Mal Wood is the new Community Development Officer at the Shire. Mal has worked as a teacher at the Meekatharra District High School over a number of years. Mal is looking forward to furthering his understanding of the role of local government in community development and is thoroughly enjoying his change in career. To the probable annoyance of his neighbours Mal enjoys playing a variety of stringed instruments rather badly.

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Tuesday 12th Time: 8 30 am till 4 pm

Wednesday 13th Time: 8 30 am till 11am

April

Visiting Child Health Nurse and School Health Nurse will be doing year 8 Immunisations please make sure your children's forms are filled in at Clinic.

Monday 8th Time: 2pm till 4pm

Tuesday 9th Time: 8 30 am till 4 pm

Wednesday 10th Time: 8 30 am till 11am

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Community Health:	99810 636
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Photo Expeditions" together.

All keen photographers in Meeka who want to come together for the reasons above please register your interest with Svenja at the Shire.

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Crossword Solution on Page 41

'Global Gourmet' Crossword by Dave Fisher

Across

1. Port
5. Interval
9. Hooded creature
14. The Segway has one
15. Tower town
16. Use
17. Swedish ____
19. Anvil Chorus composer
20. Backseat feature, maybe
21. Kitchen worker's headgear
23. Whistle blower?
24. Island, beverage, and computer language
25. Creed
28. Astray
33. Sound of 9 Across
36. Mythological ferryman
38. Buck ender
39. Irish ____
41. English ____
43. Leeds' river
44. Tennis player, Roscoe
46. ____ Moines
47. Team's luck bringer
49. Part of a stair
51. ____ Linda, CA
53. Planted
57. Go gaga over, in Great Britain
61. Type of reaction
63. Israeli desert
64. Swiss ____
66. Russian ballet great, Diaghilev
67. Fossil fuel
68. The 24th and 31st
69. Lock
70. Turkish title
71. Hideouts

Down

1. Buddhist priests

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2. Wield
3. Sweetheart, symbolically
4. Foursome
5. Things with springs
6. Medieval combat
7. Immigrant's course
8. Ottoman ruler
9. Russian ____
10. Done
11. Animal house?
12. Do dressage
13. Dismounted
18. Treat with contempt
22. Park and 5th
24. Preserve, in a way
26. Certain urban areas
27. Yucatan settler
29. Ump
30. Anti-perspirant brand
31. What the fourth little piggy got
32. Chuck
33. Took a dip
34. Sunni counterpart
35. Titles of knighthood
37. Dodge model, once
40. Word on a wine bottle
42. Mural
45. Org. for Heston
48. Spanish ____
50. Oats, often
52. Pilgrim's destination
54. Make a mat
55. Consumed
56. Prepare game
57. Tech. coll.
58. Tractor company symbol
59. Grimm character
60. Endurance, slangily
61. Big boat builder
62. Westwood campus
65. Be greedy

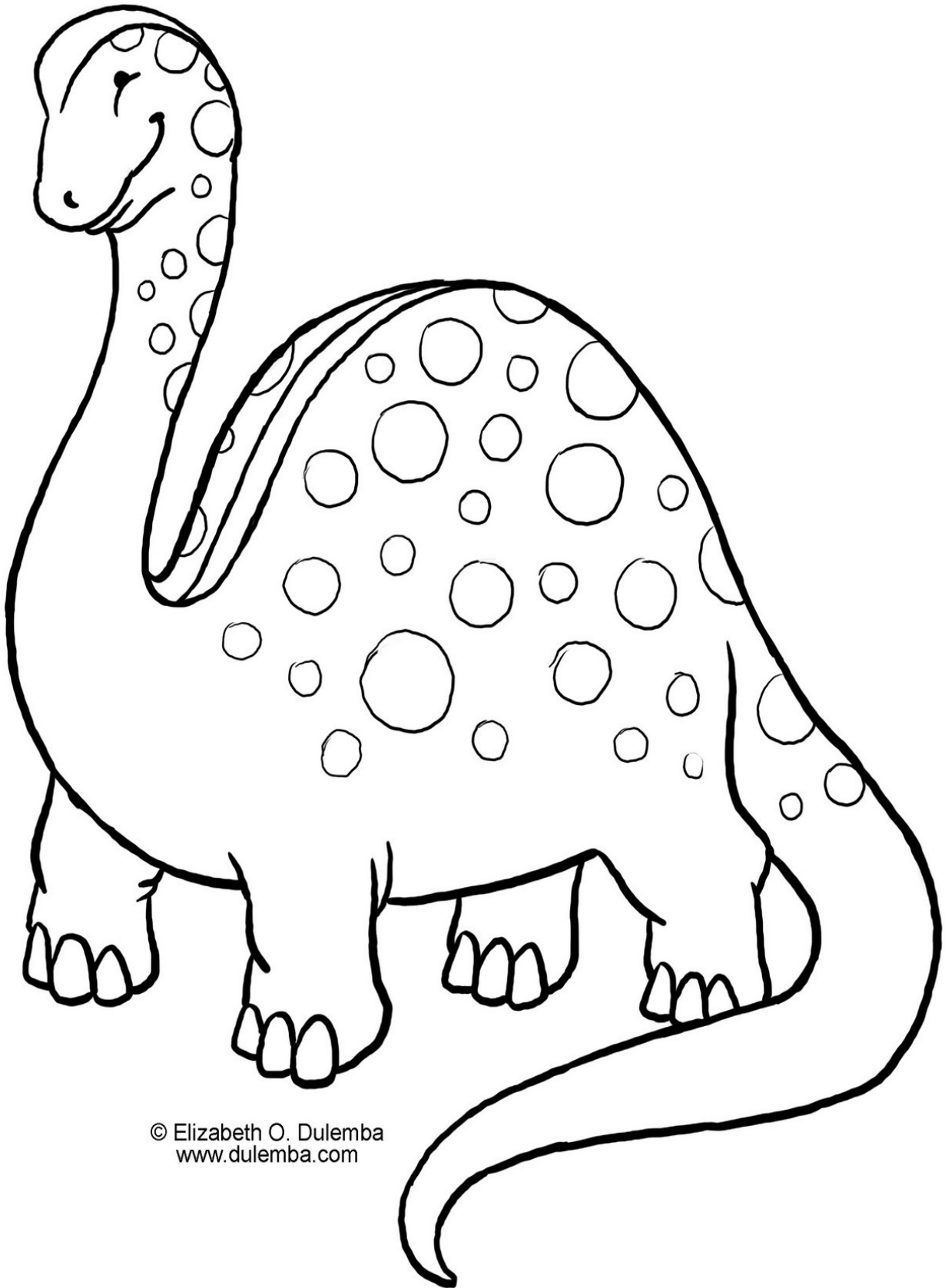
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December Sudoku Solution

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3	9	7	8	5	2	4	6	1
8	5	1	4	6	7	3	9	2
6	2	4	9	1	3	7	5	8
9	4	8	1	3	5	6	2	7
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Crossword Solution

From Page 38

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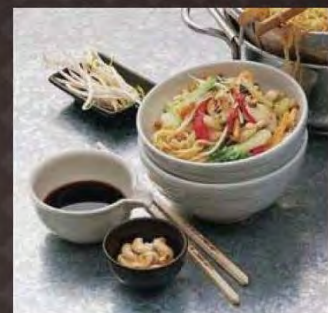
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The Albany Camp

Part 1

by Olivia Ford

It was a really nice idea of Dave and Belinda to plan a camp for the Meekatharra Kids. We all met each other in Meekatharra. There I met Tom Lacy, Ethan and Anna Nichols and Sian and Bob. We left about 8 o'clock in the morning. We stopped to pick up Mr Wood. On the way to Albany we didn't need a radio to listen to when Dave played on his guitar and Mr Wood with his ukulele.

It was getting quite dark when we reached Perth. We got some Hungry Jack's and Macdonald's. We arrived at the school where the Hick's friends went to school. The Principal of the school was very kind to let us camp there. We pulled out our sleeping bags and slept.

We all awoke and had a shower. We had breakfast and played. Hours later we hopped back into the bus and continued down south. We arrived in Mount Barker. We took pictures of ourselves being chased by giant chickens. Hours later



we got to Albany. We stayed at a church. At night time after dinner we had a walk around the beach. We went onto a big ship that was on for tours and display. Then we went back to the church and had desert.

Morning came. We all had breakfast and then got onto the bus. We were going to an exploration trail. We drove onto the mountain and got in. There was loads of stuff! There were even cannons you can go on and direct. We went onto the exploration path and went up on the mountain. We passed hundreds of Skinks. We looked at cannons shacks and missiles. Then we walked down the road. We piled into the bus and drove back to the church.

There we had lunch and then were off to Whale World. There you learnt about whaling and everything! There were whale teeth, harpoons, and in the oil tanks were 3-D movies. We watched them. The experience was unreal! After a visit to the gift shop we were on the bus again and were gone.



On the way we had a quick stop into a wind farm. It was amazing!



The huge blades made a lot of noise.



We walked back past all the windmills and into the bus. We arrived at the church at dusk. We had dinner there. After dinner we went to the aquatic centre and had a swim. Half an hour later we went back to the church.

We awoke quite early the next day because we had to get to Walpole. We had breakfast then after a while, got onto the bus. It took about an hour and a half. When we got there we had a look into the gift shop. There were pictures of birds, books and gems.

We then left and went to the river. There we waited for the cruise to start. The boat we went on was red and white and bigger then what I suspected.



There on the boat the guide told us stuff from bank robberies to poisonous flowers. We passed a pelican named BB (short for bent beak).

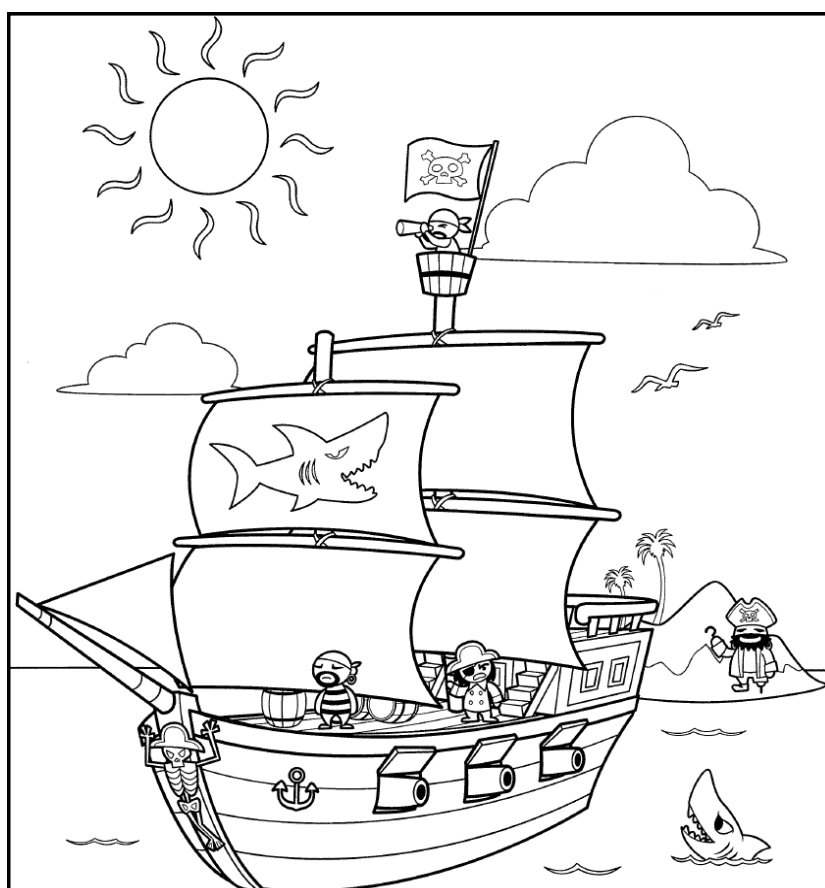
We arrived at our destination. It was a little island with a lot of bush land. Some people stayed at the dock the rest went on a bushwalk. We walked through herbs and saw a lot of snake tracks. We were shown a beach known as 'Secret beach' and we all spent our time there running away from waves. The guide said the sand here had crystals and to get some sand on to your fingers so we can look into a microscope and look.



We then walked across the island back to the boat. We went on to the boat after morning tea and set sail. Some of us saw dolphins and seals and ducks.

Once off the boat we had lunch and then off to the tree walk. The trees there were so high and old! We walked up to about 40 or 50 meters. Once down we walked on a path and we saw so many old trees, including a grandma tree watching over the forest! After that we passed the gift shop and were on the bus again.

Once back at the church, we had dinner and desert. We then climbed into our sleeping bags and slept. The camp so far was excellent!



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SENIOR YOUTH & ADULT BASKETBALL COMP AT SPORTS COMPLEX 6.30-8.30PM	KIDS ZONE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AT POOL 3-5PM (ages 6+) <i>Under 10's must be supervised by an adult</i>	GIRLS ZONE AT YOUTH CENTRE 3-6PM (ages 10+)	KIDS ZONE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AT POOL 3-5PM (ages 6+) <i>Under 10's must be supervised by an adult</i>	KIDS ZONE AT POOL 5.30-7.30PM (ages 6+) <i>Under 10's must be supervised by an adult</i>
JUST JAMMIN' MUSIC PROGRAM AT YOUTH CENTRE 6-8PM (ages 12+)	CHILL OUT ZONE AT YOUTH CENTRE 6-8PM (ages 12+)	CHILL OUT ZONE AT YOUTH CENTRE 6-8PM (ages 12+)	CHILL OUT ZONE AT YOUTH CENTRE 6-9PM (ages 12+)	JUST JAMMIN' MUSIC PROGRAM AT YOUTH CENTRE 6-9PM (ages 12+)
CHILL OUT ZONE AT YOUTH CENTRE 6-8PM (ages 12+)	JUNIOR BASKETBALL TRAINING AT SPORTS COMPLEX 6.30-8PM (ages 14 & under)	JUNIOR BASKETBALL COMP AT SPORTS COMPLEX 6.30-8PM (ages 14 & under)	CHILL OUT ZONE AT YOUTH CENTRE 6-9PM (ages 12+)	CHILL OUT ZONE AT YOUTH CENTRE 6-9PM (ages 12+)

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IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 2013

FEBRUARY 16TH

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 19TH

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE MEETING

FEBRUARY 25TH

MURCHISON HEALTH SERVICE

CHILD HEALTH NURSE VISIT

FEBRUARY 26TH

MURCHISON HEALTH SERVICE

CHILD HEALTH NURSE VISIT

FEBRUARY 27TH

MURCHISON HEALTH SERVICE

CHILD HEALTH NURSE VISIT



Closing Date: 5th March 2013