



Meekatharra Dust

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Summer Fun!



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Happy New Year to all our readers. It has certainly been an interesting start to the year with a bit of a downpour on New Years Eve proceeding to what is normally expected of dear old Meekatharra - scorchers!

A big thank you to our contributors Anna Johnson and Helen Martin. Anna has given us a splendid rundown on the great work done by our volunteer fire brigade over the course of 2013, and a rib tickler of a story about her soon-to-be-visiting parents and what everyone might be in for during their visit. Helen Martin has submitted an article about Santa's visit to Meekatharra and subsequent adventure to Sherwood Station. Glad to hear that Santa, his elves, and frugal fire truck driver Garry are doing well after their ordeal. Thank you to Santa and the crew for delivering the lolly bags to the kids of Meekatharra.

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IMPORTANT DATES JANUARY 2014

COUNCIL MEETING

SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CNR OF MAIN AND SAVAGE STREETS

SATURDAY 18 JANUARY 9:30AM

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION



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SUNDAY 26 JANUARY 11:00AM



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Thank you, Meekatharra Shire



Note from Council

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Contact the CRC for further information or email your interest to meekatharra@crc.net.au or phone 9980 1811.

If there is a course or workshop you'd like to see in Meekatharra, please let us know and we will endeavour to research and make it happen!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome 2014. Hopefully an exciting year for the CRC and Westpac Bank.

Rachel Bateman has joined our team and we look forward to the new ideas she brings. Tilly will be with us until mid February so if you know of anyone who is a genius with computers, powerpoint etc tell them to give us a call as we'll be recruiting end of January, beginning of February.

Due to some committee members leaving at the end of 2013, we welcome new members to attend our monthly committee meeting and putting their ideas forward. Keep a look out for when the next meeting will be held.

Westpac 10/10 survey.

On Monday the 18th Nov we started a 10/10 Survey for our Westpac In-Store Customers and going thru to Friday 22nd Nov, asking our Customers what they thought of our Westpac Bank. I have had a huge response from our Customers filling out the Survey. Most of them giving us great comments and awarding us with either a 9 or a 10 for our friendliness and services that we provide. I am extremely surprised with the outcome of our survey. At the end of the week we held a sausage sizzle and present a lucky customer with \$50 which was kindly donated by the Meekatharra CRC from where we are situated. A really BIG thank you to the CRC and all that took part in our survey

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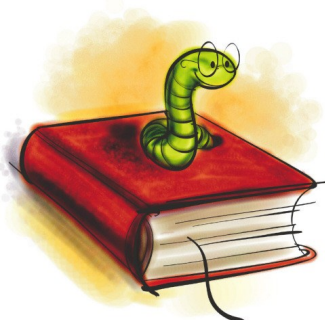
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Mt Magnet 26 May - 6 Jun

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Meekatharra 23 Jun - 4 Jul

Cue 21 Jul - 1 Aug

Meekatharra 18 Aug - 29 Aug

Burringurrah 1 Sept - 5 Sept

Mt Magnet 15 Sept—26 Sept

Meekatharra 13 Oct - 24 Oct

Mt Magnet 10 Nov - 21 Nov

Meekatharra 8 Dec - 19 Dec





Local Heroes 2013

This month we'd like to give a big thanks not only to our regular brigade members, but also to several people in our community who have stepped up to help the fire & rescue brigade over the past year.

Roy Wijbenga and Dave Maly downed tools to help the brigade fight the creek blaze next to the aged care hostel, assisting with moving trucks for the firefighters on the ground during the difficult, dangerous job.

Ben and Funky saw smoke and discovered a mattress fire threatening property in Consuls Road. They contained the fire, preventing some serious property damage, until the brigade arrived for a final wetdown.

In December, *Richard* spotted scrub fires near the old railway dam and alerted the brigade. Meeka firefighters arrived to find him singlehandedly battling the flames with bottled water. Seizing a shovel from the light tanker, Richard threw dirt around like a madman, helping to stop the fire from spreading towards Buttah Windee.

Anna Johnson was interviewed by the ABC radio about her part in the mine pit dog rescue, during which she was winched down a cliff by rescue team members *Splinter, Gary Hammer and Dave Maly*.

Brandon Mongoo is our "Firefighter Of The Month" for his fast response in putting out a series of deliberately lit scrub fires at Luke's Pit in early December.

It's not all about fires and rescues - unsung hero *Paul Smith*, our Secretary, has done an amazing job with all the station paperwork, training coordination and behind-the-scenes chores that keep the brigade operating.

Last but not least, a big thanks to *Santa*. As his best mate *Meacho* knows, Santa's annual lolly run in the fire truck is a hot, sweaty job but brings much joy and laughter each year to our town.

It only takes one coward with a match to destroy lives and property, but it takes courage, pride and community spirit to stand in the front line on behalf of your fellow townspeople - so a big thanks and a Happy New Year to all of you who stepped up this year to serve and protect Meekatharra.

Gary Hammer, Captain
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My family are coming to Meeka in April. Although it's only January, I and my handsome personal solar panel installer, Gary Hammer, have been excitedly preparing for the big hoe-down, disguising our spider-infested shed windows (or, as our friends call them, "holes") with anything we can find that resembles curtains, hiding the spare car parts under the bed and planning some surprise welcoming gestures, such as taking a shower the week before they get here.

Everything seemed under control until Mum started asking questions and we realised that despite dozens of emails, blogs, photos and phone calls, my family doesn't seem to have grasped some important aspects of Meekatharra, such as (a) where it is. Here is a rough transcript of my recent email correspondence with Mum:

reply <> mum@mumsemail.com.canada

Re: Visit

Hi Annakins, we have a few questions as we get ready to come and see you.

HI MUM, NO WORRIES MY REPLIES IN BLUE CAPS

1. Meeka sounds a bit rough and violent, is there somewhere nearby we can stay & just drive in?

WHAT MAP HAVE YOU BEEN LOOKING AT??

2. Do the shops have vegetarian food like tofurkey and Not Quite Chicken?

SHOPS?

3. Should we bring our bikes? How far is your place from the local coffee shop?

ABOUT SEVEN HUNDRED KILOMETRES

4. Should we bring our tennis racquets?

YES THEY WILL BE HANDY FOR SMASHING THE SCORPIONS IN THE BATHROOM

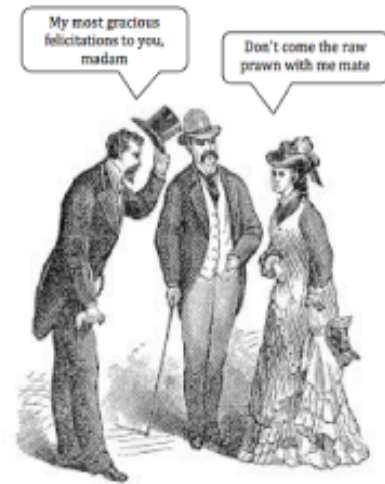
We realised that my family would quickly end up as a blood-streaked smear of tofu on the Great Northern Highway unless we could somehow prepare them - but I soon discovered it's impossible to convey what Meeka is like to city folks, because they just think you're making it up. Giant insects the size of a small pet? Fifty degree heat? Large reptiles strolling by in the back yard?

Mum and my stepfather, Peter, are experienced, hardy travellers in their seventies who are extremely fit and enjoy various forms of exercise, even competing in triathlons and races, so they were hoping that Meeka would have some healthy outdoor activities until I explained that due to outback hazards such as heat, and beer, our local exercise options generally consist of Pub Fighting, Swearing At The Generator, Hiding From The Police, and Borrowing Craig's Ute So I Can Go To The Roadhouse For Some Smokes.

"It doesn't say anything about those in the tourist brochure," said Mum on the phone. I looked around furtively. "We try to keep the good stuff a secret," I whispered.

My brother is a bit better prepared, having lived in Australia for many years now. "Remember, the more they abuse you, the more it means they like you" I reminded him. "Just say Mate and You B-----d a lot and you'll be right. And for god's sake don't wear a brand new Akubra or moleskins or anything like that, it doesn't look right on Canadians and you'll just get us, you know, shot or something."

With essential tourist survival information sorted out, my mind turned to the fact that this will be the first time Gary meets my family. "Do they realise we live in a shed and keep the spare teeth in a jar?" he asked. "I'm not sure," I replied. In Canada, a shed is kind of like what you see in movies,



with clean happy cows and cheery faded red paint, while ours is more like Deliverance, but with extra scorpions and the newly-arrived Giant Racing Spiders, not to mention The Thing Living In Matt's Room Whose Eyes Glow In The Dark. To be on the safe side, I booked them into Paddy's Flat, which features many mod cons that we don't have at our place, such as electricity, and ceilings.

Realising that Gaz might be a bit nervous about meeting most of my family all in one go, I prepared a list of helpful tips, including Things Not To Mention Unless You Want To Cop An Earful, and I thought it might be helpful to share them with you in case you run into - or over - my family during their visit. Basically you want to try and avoid World News Of Any Kind, Gun Laws, Unusual Camping Gadgets, Pig Hunting, Religion, The War (they're originally from Britain, don't get them started) Manchester United, Manchester itself, Types Of Tofu, Sleeping Bag Temperature Tolerances and The Time My Brother Went Ice Climbing Oh God What Was He Thinking.

Then I realised - of course! that most of us won't be able to communicate clearly with my family anyway, due to our reliance on swear words for 98 percent of our verbal exchanges (the other 2 percent is non-verbal, or, as the police prefer to call it, "grievous bodily harm"). Canada has a reputation for being overly polite - it's the only country in the world where people use the word "beaver" in everyday conversation without sniggering - and I wondered what it would be like if we all tried to stop swearing while my family are visiting:

My Mum: Hello! Can you tell me how to find the tennis court please?

Local Person 1: Reproductive act!

My Mum: I beg your pardon?

Local Person 2: Apologies madam, my companion was merely indicating a state of alarum at being unexpectedly interrupted while engaging in the repair of this ill-bred canine's orifice of a generator motor.

My Mum: Oh dear I'm sorry.

Local Person 2: 'Pon my word madam it is of no matter; I submit my humblest regrets at the fecal-headed verbal bumbling of this scurrilous scoundrel, to whom I shall now extend a fitting and just punishment for his grotesque social inadequacies by striking his wretched camel's digestive tract of a head with this splendidly weighty mechanical implement. The tennis courts are two streets up, on your left.

My Mum: Thank you. What charming fellows!

But even though the eye-wateringly strong language you hear in Meeka could burn the ears off a monkey, it expresses the refreshingly direct, "get on with it" attitude of the resourceful, generous people who live here, the words of a place where there isn't time for city waffle and confusion - why shouldn't it be part of the tourist adventure?

Words are as much a part of our landscape as the mine pits, ghost towns and delightful hidden soaks & pools - the colourful nature of outback language is part of the people and the unpredictability that I think make Meekatharra such a delightfully rough diamond of a place, and it will mean a lot to share that with my family.

Of course we'll take them round to see the usual tourist sights, but to me it's the chaotic details of daily life out here that make it unique and memorable - so once my family arrive and we've taken them down to the courthouse to take out their first round of restraining orders, we want to share some of the wonderfully unexpected things you find yourself doing in Meeka, such as helping to fill ice cube bags at Norm's ice factory, giving old Nellie a lift home from Farmer Jacks, putting out a mattress fire at the creek, or joining an impromptu group discussion about which of the post office dogs ate Russell's sandwich.

Gary and I will do our best to ensure that they aren't left unsupervised, but if you see any of my family wandering off into the desert or Consul's Road with their tennis racquets and tofu sandwiches, just herd them gently into your back yard with a cup of tea and we'll come by to collect them. Don't worry about your p's and q's too much - in fact, I'm offering bonus beers to anyone who can work "dry as a dead dingo's donger" and "don't come the raw prawn" casually into a conversation during the big visit. Just try to keep a straight face, and for god's sake don't mention The War.



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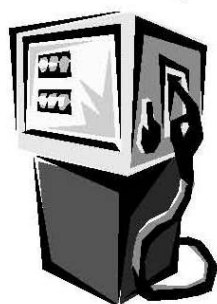
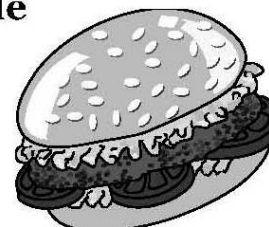
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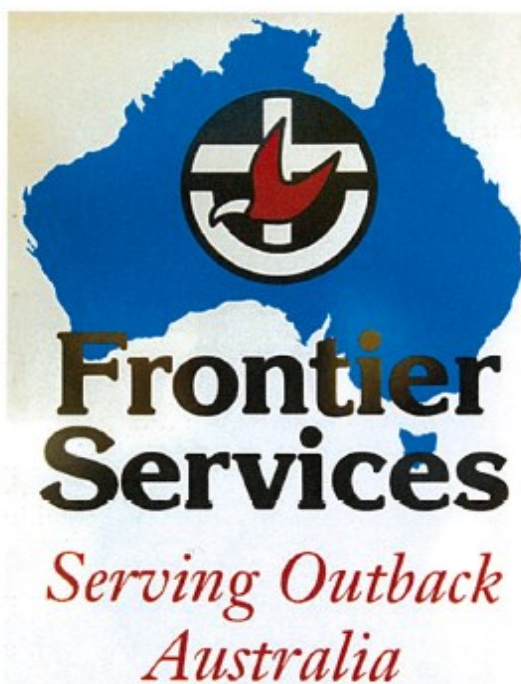
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HERE WE GO HERE WE GO.....
HO HO... O-OH!!

It was another eventful Xmas day thru the streets of Meeka with Santa on board the traditional vintage fire tender to meet the local children & hand out a few treats plus an occasional amber ale for a select few

esteemed members of the town. Santa had his regular Mr reliable driver Garry & his co pilot Anna as well as Commie Elves Lisa, Helen & Harry & apprentice Elf Nigel on board to guide the crew in what was a scorching hot morning. The children were delighted

with Santa's visit and likewise Santa received plenty of hugs from young & old with a touch of white beard rash being rubbed off on to those that dared to get up close & personal with Santa.



Santa was pleased with the incident free run thru town so

for the finale it was off to Sherwood station for the final stop before Santa had to hitch up his reindeers & head home to the North Pole. Cool refreshments were enjoyed by all & in the cheery & relaxed conversation Captain Garry proudly announced how the whole journey was undertaken using the same tank of fuel from last years run, Meekatharra Fire Brigade would have been proud of Garrys frugal management of fuel tokens.



Time to head back to town, the midday heat now blazing for those traveling on the top deck but just before crossing the grid out of Sherwood Santa became confused as the truck suddenly did a U turn & headed back towards the homestead. What have we forgotten Santa asked the driver, nothing, but I



think we are low on fuel was the reply from the driver & just at that second the vehicle stopped in its tracks. Woops, we have run out of fuel. The Elves were not amused, not to mention Santa whose ice which was tucked in his hat had melted &

his lovely red suit was fast turning into a soggy wet blanket from all the sweat. We will have to walk back to Sherwood for help, well the response was, you go Garry & we will wait here in the shade.....under a miserable crispy dry bush Santa & his elves sweated it out in the blazing heat.

Santa's true identity was revealed as he very quickly stripped off the outer layer of garments and a few ales later the emergency rescue vehicle was seen behind a cloud of dust on the horizon. Harvey, in the Xmas spirit of things had come to the rescue.



Next year Santa may choose to assign Rudolf to extra curriculum duties for the Meekatharra run.

Skippers' Flight Schedule

PERTH TO MEEKATHARRA TO PERTH

SUNDAY - No Flights

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	MT MAGNET	0925	MEEKATHARRA	1000
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	MT MAGNET	0925	MEEKATHARRA	1000
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FLIGHT NUMBER	DEPART	TIME	ARRIVE	TIME
JW1940	MEEKATHARRA	1000	PERTH	1145

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

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Shire of Meekatharra Welcomes Project Officer Lance Croft



Project Officer Lance Croft hails from the small town of Greenhead, south of Geraldton. Lance's hobbies include golf, gardening, more golf, volunteer golf course maintenance, rock kicking and collecting, camping and caravanning. In his position as project officer, Lance takes on the tasks of implementing Shire initiatives in the area of physical infrastructure, research of project requirements, project co-ordination, and of course any other tasks Roy might require of him.



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RFDS Clinic/Reception - Doctors Appointments: 9981 0604

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Community Health: 9981 0636

Aged Hostel: 9981 0645

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)

RFDS MEDICAL SERVICE

9981 0604

Outpatient Opening Times : **Monday—Friday 9am—12 noon (except Thursday 10am—12 noon) & 2pm—4pm.** Medical Services are prioritised according to urgency.

After Hours is for EMERGENCIES Only

Christmas Fun

A great time was had by all kids that attended activities over the Christmas break. Kids Zone staff ran several art and craft sessions from the swimming pool, with lots of wonderful Christmas ornaments being made. The summer fun continues, with lots of activities on offer both day and night, so come and join us!

If you need to get hold of more holiday program flyers, please pick them up from the first cash register at Farmer Jacks.

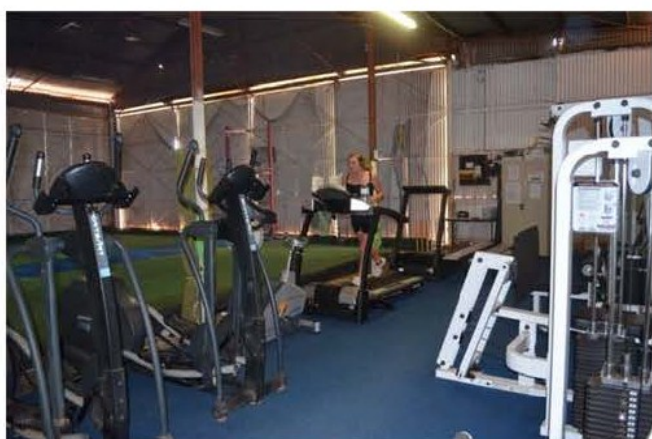
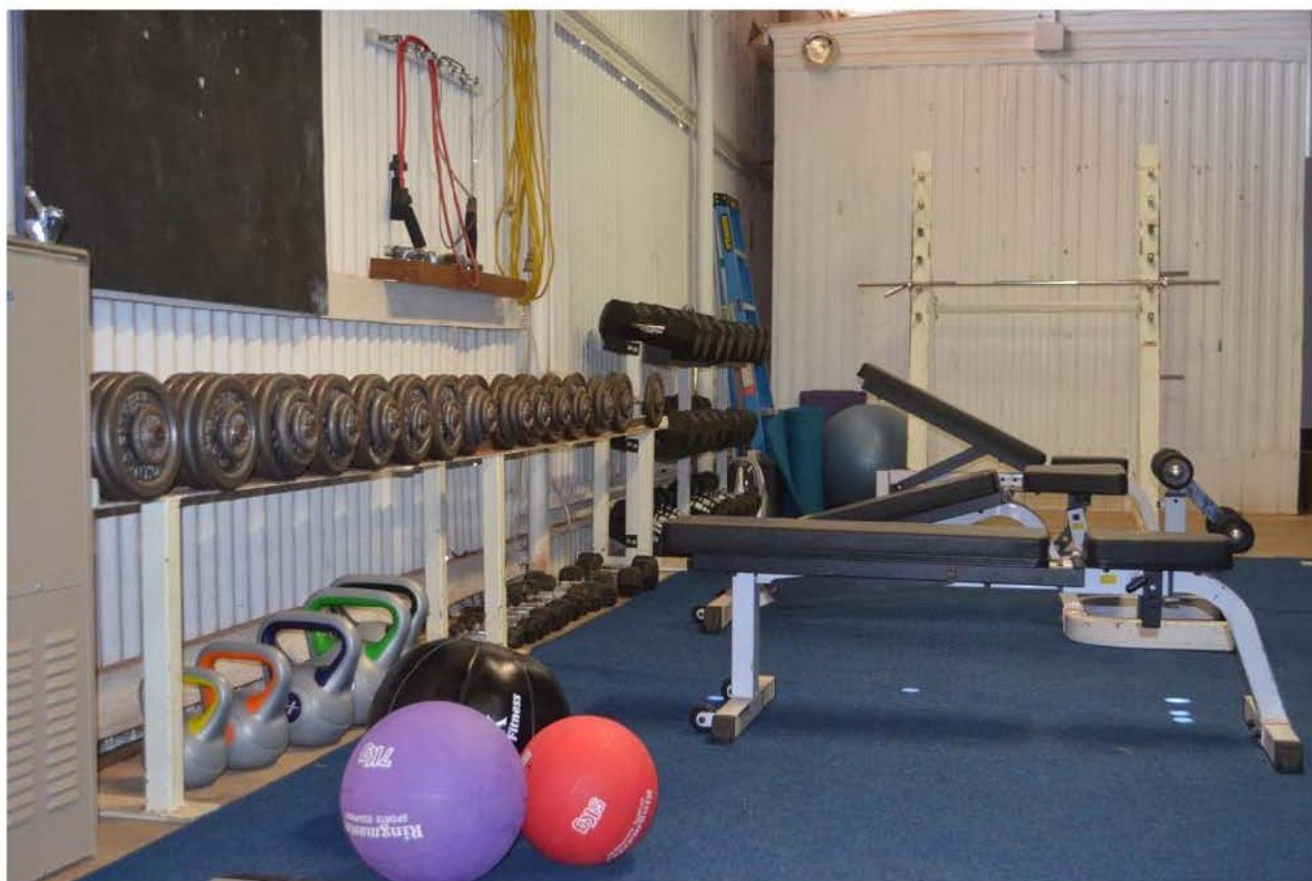
Happy Holidays!

from the Youth, Sport and Recreation team.



MEEKATHARRA GYM

AT THE INDOOR CRICKET CENTRE ON HIGH STREET



**GYM AGREEMENTS AND KEYS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SHIRE OFFICE
ENTRY IS PERMITTED TO KEY HOLDERS ONLY BETWEEN 5AM AND 10PM
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Meeka Dancing Stars

The Meekatharra Girls Dance Group gave a number of performances just before the end of the 2013 year. These included the Meekatharra District High School and their School Concert, and the Meekatharra Swimming Pool. The girls' performances were well received, not surprising since they had worked and rehearsed very hard over a number of weeks under the guidance of Youth Centre Co-ordinator Belinda Hicks and Youth Officer Andrea Gibson. The girls were confident, very professional, and obviously had great fun. The photos here show Anna, Tamika, Hannah, Clair, Patricia, Breehannah and Brittany. Some other girls were also involved in the performances but had gone on holiday at the time of this performance. Dance group will be commencing term 1 2014 for girls aged 10-16 years.

If interested, please contact Belinda on 0438 993 013



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Large Workshop

Large Storage Yard

Phone: 0418 801 089

All above properties neg separately

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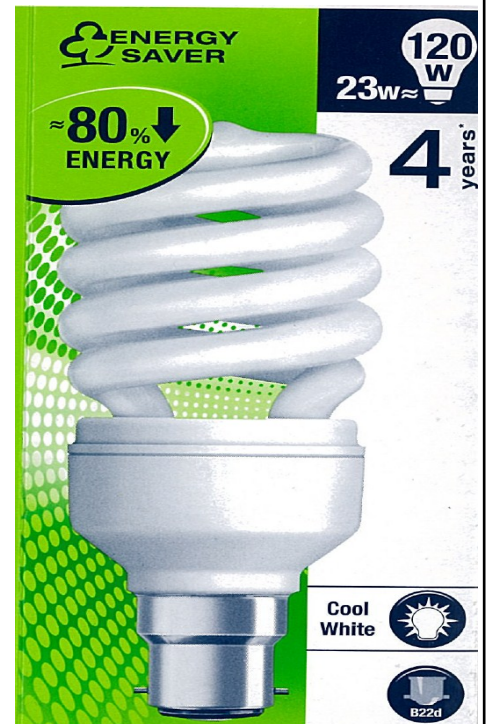
Separate Double Garage

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Free Light Bulbs

The Shire of Meekatharra has around a hundred energy saver light globes (bayonet fitting) to give away. These are 120W and have a life of around 4 years. We are limiting these to 4 per person. Enquiries to office staff at the Shire office on Main Street. Hurry - these will go quickly.



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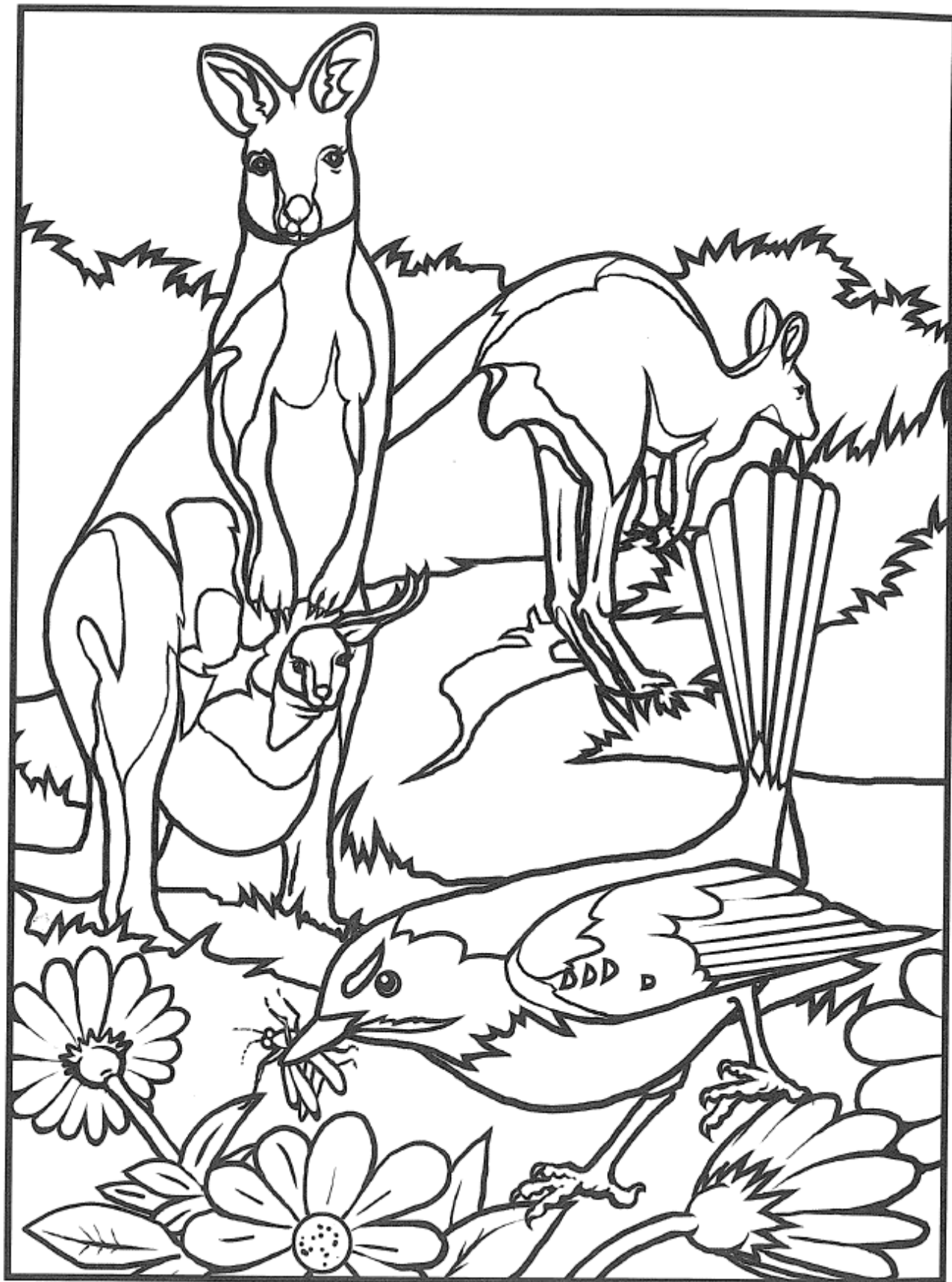
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3. _____ Bonham Carter
4. Knotted again
5. Seek vengeance for
6. Fusion of two firms

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3. Preserver of foods
4. Looking at
5. Go back in
6. A broker or merchant

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Colouring Page!



Tandoori Barbecued Lamb



Ingredients: 1/4 cup tandoori paste, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 1 cup plain yoghurt, 1.2kg boned lamb shoulder (see note), 2 pieces plain naan bread, Olive oil cooking spray, 3 large zucchini, thickly sliced diagonally, 250g mini roma tomatoes, 1 tablespoon olive oil, 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh coriander leaves

1. Combine tandoori paste, lemon juice and 1/4 cup yoghurt in a large glass or ceramic dish. Add lamb. Turn to coat. Cover. Refrigerate overnight.
2. Preheat a barbecue (with hood) hot plate on medium-high heat with hood closed. Transfer lamb to a large disposable foil baking tray. Cook lamb, with hood closed, using indirect heat (see note), turning once, for 50 minutes to 1 hour for medium or until cooked to your liking. Remove lamb from barbecue. Loosely cover with foil. Stand for 10 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, heat barbecue chargrill on medium-high heat. Lightly spray naan bread with oil. Cook naan on chargrill for 2 minutes each side or until heated through. Tear into pieces. Wrap in foil to keep warm. Place zucchini and tomatoes in a bowl. Drizzle with oil. Toss to coat. Cook zucchini and tomatoes on chargrill, turning, for 3 to 4 minutes or until lightly charred and tender. Place on a large platter. Cover to keep warm.
4. Combine coriander and remaining yoghurt in a small bowl. Reserve 300g lamb for Lamb and sweet potato fritters with spiced yoghurt (see related recipe). Thickly slice remaining lamb. Serve with vegetables, coriander yoghurt and naan bread.



Note: Ask your butcher to bone out a 1.6kg lamb shoulder to give you a 1.2kg piece. Leave the lamb flat (not rolled) so it cooks faster in the barbecue. To use indirect heat, turn heat burners on one half of the barbecue to desired temperature. Place baking dish on unheated side of barbecue.

Help us design the Meeka Community Garden!



Submit your design to the Meeka Goes Green committee
(Email it to meekagoesgreen@gmail.com or give it to
Svenja, Mitch or Lorri or other committee members)

SUMMER BREAK YOUTH, SPORT & RECREATION PROGRAM

	Monday 13th	Tuesday 14th	Wednesday 15th	Thursday 16th	Friday 17th
<p>Afternoon 3-5pm</p> 	Swimming pool 6-18 years	Swimming pool 6-18 years	Swimming pool 6-18 years	Swimming pool 6-18 years	Swimming pool 6-18 years
<p>Night time 6-8pm</p>	<p>Senior basketball @ Sports Complex 12-18 years</p> <p>Touch footy @ Sports Complex 6-18 years</p> <p>Tennis lessons @ Sports Complex 6-18 years</p> <p>Golf lessons @ Sports Complex 6-18 years</p>	<p>Softball @ Sports Complex 6-18 years</p> <p>Volleyball Lessons @ Sports Complex 6-18 years</p> <p>Tennis lessons @ Sports Complex 6-18 years</p> <p>Cricket training @ Sports Complex 6-18 years</p>	<p>Junior basketball comp @ Sports Complex 6-18 years</p> <p>Touch footy @ Sports Complex 6-18 years</p> <p>Tennis Comp @ Sports Complex 6-18 years</p> <p>Golf lessons @ Sports Complex 6-18 years</p>	<p>Softball @ Sports Complex 6-18 years</p> <p>Volleyball Comp @ Sports Complex 6-18 years</p> <p>Tennis @ Sports Complex 6-18 years</p> <p>Cricket training @ Sports Complex 6-18 years</p>	<p>Crazy Games At the pool 6-18 years</p> 

Phone Bevan on 0439 909 738

Important Dates

January 2014

MEEKATHARRA SHIRE COUNCIL MEETING
SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SATURDAY JANUARY 18 9:30AM



AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION

MEEKATHARRA POOL

MAIN STREET

SUNDAY 26 JANUARY 11:00AM



**CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEXT
MEEKATHARRA DUST EDITION:**

FEBRUARY 8 2014