



Meekatharra Dust

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All Girls Dance Group

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the Meekatharra Dust. As you all would know by now, Mal has gone on to greener pastures (Tasmania I hear) and I'm sure we all wish him the best. Well, getting on to things, Meeka Festival is being organised by the hard working Committee, but is in need of members and volunteers, people that can give some time to this event can attend the meeting on the 19th March at the Shire Chambers commencing at 5pm.

By giving time, be it as little or as much as you wish, this will make the event good for the community as you would all know that spontaneous celebrations take a hell of a lot of planning.

Community Development Officer

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IMPORTANT DATES FEBRUARY 2014

COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CNR MAIN AND SAVAGE STREETS

9:30 SATURDAY MARCH 15TH

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY MARCH 19TH

5:00PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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Thank you, Meekatharra Shire



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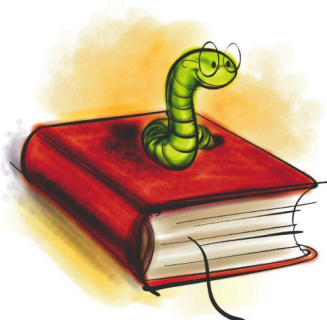
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Mt Magnet	26 May - 6 Jun
Sandstone	9 Jun - 13 Jun
Meekatharra	23 Jun - 4 Jul
Cue	21 Jul - 1 Aug
Meekatharra	18 Aug - 29 Aug
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Meeka Fire & Rescue needs more volunteers in both active and admin roles - it's good fun with plenty of socialising, and takes up very little time.

All training is provided. You don't have to be super fit - just willing to have a go.

Come to the station on any Tuesday night at 6:30 to find out what we can offer you.

Brigade News

It's been a fairly quiet summer, with just one truck incident and the usual child arson fires. It's frustrating that we know who the culprits are, but for various reasons, authorities' hands are tied and our community has to continue to live with the threat of these mindless vandals putting our homes and businesses at risk.

The station improvements look good and we are keen for more volunteers - all you need is to be over 17 and able to pass a police check. We are encouraging women and indigenous locals to join - you don't need to be strong or have any special skills, and it's a great way to become part of the community.

Gary Hammer, Captain



Safety - Burnoffs

Every time someone burns off without a permit in Meeka, the fire brigade gets an emergency call. That means we have to drop what we're doing and rush to the scene. Inevitably we find people burning off in very dangerous circumstances with just a garden hose for safety. This is crazy.

We are considering a "no tolerance" policy under which we will apply full fines against ANYONE who burns off without a permit - there is just too much at stake.

Volunteer Profile



YOUR NAME HERE

Fire & Rescue
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Are you over 17? Can you pass a police check? You're in!

Being a volunteer is really rewarding in many ways - new skills, new mates, and a feeling of pride in helping the community. Whether it's incident logging, fire fighting, road crash rescue or just helping out around the station, there's a role for everyone no matter what your abilities are.



New Volunteers Welcome

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 to ask about volunteering, say "G'day" or ask about safety information.

Meekatharra VFRS Media Liaison:

Anna Johnson, Paul Smith

EMERGENCIES : DIAL 000



St John Ambulance

“Provide First aid” course in

Meekatharra

Beginning of April

What happens when you call 000 in Meeka ?

Your emergency call reaches the State Operations Centre (SOC) in Perth, they will ask a lot of questions to try and establish if your injuries are life threatening or not, they also need an exact house number because the computer system won't accept "we are at the yellow house in Oliver St" (use the number on your curb so we can find you). While you are still talking on the phone, your emergency call reaches the country desk and they ring the Meekatharra Volunteers, if it's at night they need to get up, get dressed and drive to the depot, get the Ambulance and come to help.

But this only happens if we have a crew available



Welcome Helen Painter !

She is our new Community Paramedic. But what does a Community Paramedic do? She will take care of training and supporting the volunteers in our region. She looks after Yalgoo, Sandstone, Mt Magnet, Cue and Meekatharra. Her role is very different to a city paramedic as she's not "on call", she will only attend in the ambulance as a mentor for the volunteers. Her region is too large to be a designated responder that's why it's a great time to join us as a volunteer, Helen will be able to arrange training close to home.



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from Yrs 4-7 to enter.

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CWA References: Website: www.cwaofwa.asn.au

"Her Name is Woman" Erickson, Rica, 1974.

Or

"A Continuing Story" A continuation of the history of
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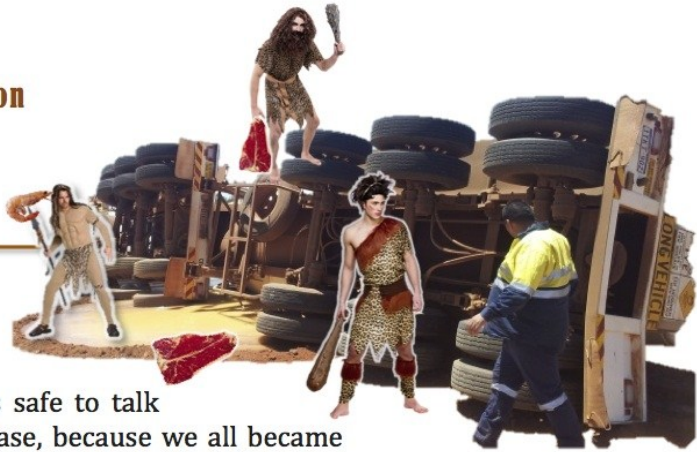
The Country Women's Association of Western Australia celebrates it's 90th
Birthday this year, and to help us celebrate we invite your paper & the
community to look back on those 90 years & the thousands of women who have
served our communities, and through their combined efforts have improved life
for women & children throughout Western Australia.

The 1st Branch formed in Western Australia was at Nungarin on the 7th of July,
1924, at a time when rural expansion into areas, now known as the West
Australian Wheatbelt, was at its height — a family, a man, his wife & children
inhabited every 1000 acres — the need for companionship, schools, baby clinics,
sporting clubs, was immediate and the CWA brought women together to fight for
facilities in their new communities.

We invite you to look back with us and celebrate.

Our schools competition will help children & their parents to do this. We
encourage schools to participate, to interview some local Country Women and
find out just what they have done to make your community a better place to live.

The State President of the Country Women's Association — Sara Kenny of
Badgingarra, will launch the Schools Competition at the Badgingarra Primary
School, on 24th February 2014 @ 1:30pm



Of Meat And Men

It's been a few years now, so I think it's safe to talk about it. I've used disguised names just in case, because we all became involved one way or another, and I bet there's still a frozen prawn or two in someone's freezer that could lead to some awkward questions. You could be eating one right now. Does it taste good? You bet. Because there's nothing like a free lunch, and this was the mother of all free lunches.

You know what I'm talking about. I was there. You were there. Even people who weren't there were there, or were nearly there, or heard about it from someone who knew someone who was mates with someone who was there. For three days it was a madness that gripped the town as greed and the heady aroma of spilled beer threatened to unravel decades-old mateships. Families turned against each other. Men wept. Dogs celebrated. For a little while, it was bigger than the gold rush.

It was The Great Truck Rollover.

I had only been in Meeka for a couple of weeks, living in B---'s spare donger with T--- as I waited for my Main Street house purchase to go through. This was in the days - how impossibly long ago it seems! - before I met my handsome personal shed builder, Gary Hammer. Little did I know it, but I was about to be introduced to full-blast Meeka Madness, and it was an experience that cemented my realisation that I was in a far more interesting place than anything listed on the WA Tourism website.

I've transcribed these notes from the diary I was keeping at the time:

DAY 1:

A food delivery road train has rolled a trailer on the other side of town. Neighbours rush to the scene with utes and trucks to help with the clean-up in true outback "lend a hand" style.

"No worries mate! We'll load up the local trucks and take it to the tip for ya!" Camaraderie and mateship warm the hearts of all.

DAY 2:

It's evident from the suspicious appearance of stray potatoes and oranges on Meeka side streets that helpful locals have employed a rather loose interpretation of the phrase "take it all to the tip". And why not? Outback folk are genetically incapable of throwing anything out - after all, the tip is where you go to get things, not chuck stuff out! Truckloads of vegies and food have been happily distributed to animals and old people. Sacks of fruit are cheerfully handed over neighbours' fences. Women roll up their sleeves and begin chopping, boiling and freezing the hip-high piles of produce. It's like harvest season, and everyone gladly lends a hand.

But as the men begin to unload their trucks, rumblings of concern emerge. "Oi. Anyone seen that pallet of bacon?" "Pallet? I found a 2 kilo box." "What about them prawns mate?" "They went to the tip mate." "Nah, didn't Kev have em on the back of his ute mate?" "Dunno mate. I can't find me box of sausages either mate." Men begin to look sideways at each other in the pub.

T--- comes home looking grim. "Something's up," he says darkly. "I 'ad three tubs of them Italian cheeses put aside an no one's seen em."

I stir my giant pots of Random Roadside Vegetable soup and try to look sympathetic through the steam. We are each having 27 lamb chops for dinner, because there is no more room in the fridge. Backyard barbecues smoke out the town as night falls and men gather to exchange notes on who got what. Stories emerge of "hundreds" of cases of beer which have mysteriously gone missing, and no one knows what happened to the alleged crates of sirloin strips which no one actually remembers seeing in the first place. Women continue making vats of soup and using mallets to wedge food into overloaded fridges. Stars fill the night sky as the men of the town snore into an uneasy sleep, dreaming of missing steaks while dozens of dogs fart contentedly amid piles of barbecue bones.

DAY 3

Men continue to go to the tip in search of the mythical mountain of prawn cases. "It was only 18 degrees last night mate, the ones at the bottom should be OK." Conspiracy theories spread wildly as blokes drive slowly around, spying over each other's fences, peering not-so-discreetly into each other's ute trays, and dropping round to compare stories.

"I reckon someone did a deal with the truck driver over them cases of beer mate." "Yer, and I reckon it's real suss that Wazza's got that old cool room of his running, why would he need all that space if he only took one box a them sausages like 'e said mate?"

T--- spends the morning looking for the missing cheeses, but comes home with a case of prawns ("don't tell anyone!") and a promise from G--- that we can have some of "them porterhouses" from his freezer in exchange for not telling B--- about a block of land that B--- thinks G--- is going to sell him but G--- has already agreed to sell it to R---, or something (I stop listening as I google-search for recipes that require 173 eggs). Like the pots of soup on every stove, the blokes of the town slowly seethe towards boiling point with simmering rumours and bursting bubbles of hot air.

I take a ten litre bucket of soup over to H--- & P---'s house in exchange for some spare rib bones for the dogs, who have already eaten nearly five times their own body weight in burnt chop fat; the combined farting from blokes and dogs at our donger defies any efforts with the air freshener spray and the place smells like a charnel pit. H---'s husband S--- comes round, muttering about "them crates of sirloin strips" which "someone must have taken off G---'s truck because G--- says 'e hasn't seem em and B--- reckons 'e loaded em on with them barramundi fillets but I only found one box so I reckon that bastard's got em somewhere". T--- sits staring into the barbecue fire, a cheeseless, broken man.

Every portable fridge, esky, caravan freezer and cool room in town has been plugged in to overheating powerboards; sacks of potatoes and carrots sit under sprinklers in people's yards to keep cool while us women-folk keep making astonishing quantities of soup which we take round to each other's houses only to be handed a vat of more homemade soup in exchange.

At last the crash site and the tip are picked clean and weary women gratefully put their chopping boards away. Children gaze despondently at dinner plates piled high with broccoli. Overstuffed freezers are held shut with straining ratchet straps, the smoke of a hundred barbecues dissipates into the heat-weary haze of the outback sunset and dogs lie groaning and barely conscious in every yard.

But amid the glorious cornucopia there's a rotten egg and a fishy smell - what happened to the cheeses? Where did the barramundi go? Was there really a whole pallet of sirloin strips, and who took them? Did F--- secretly trade them to W--- to give to J--- to hide in his mobile cool room and did B---'s missus put them up to it?

The deepest bonds of the outback grow frayed as rumour begets rumour and neighbours prowl each other's fencelines. It's comedy and tragedy. It's Banjo Patterson, it's Henry Lawson. Ted Egan could make a ballad out of it. Slim Dusty would have had a field day. It's the Town With No Prawns. It's The Grog And The Barra Box, Clancy Of The Where'd It Go. It's man versus himself, pitted against his own venal nature and discovering that his moral code of mateship, loyalty and the shaking of hands is worth less than a cryovaccated pack of scotch fillets and a carton of beer.

As the sun sinks into the western sky, the last sad prawn hunters straggle back from the tip emptyhanded, the soup vats are washed clean and men frown grimly into their Sunday night beers, contemplating meat, mates and payback.

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Focus on Meekatharra

State and Commonwealth agencies have shown their commitment to Meekatharra; identifying our community as a priority location at the Regional and State levels.

Setting up a 3 tiered approach that includes an Aboriginal Reference Group, one for non-government service providers and a refocussing of the Interagency Group has brought new energy and perspectives to our local issues.

Meekatharra Aboriginal Reference Group member Mr Phil Curley said “the importance of developing an Aboriginal voice for our community is very important. It gives us a voice that talks to government and a group that is committed to our community. It’s early days yet and we need more people to be involved but I’m confident we can make a real difference”, he said. The group is focussed on engaging community – “if we are going to change things that has to come from the community, we all have to step up and get involved – the Agencies and other services can only help; it’s the community that must set the agenda and the direction”, he said.

Chair of the Interagency Group Senior Sergeant Steve Martyn said “the agencies in the Group are committed to making things better – linking to the Aboriginal Reference Group will enable us to listen to the issues and hear the local solutions. One thing we have all agreed upon is that real change can’t happen without the community wanting it and committing to it”, he said.

Whilst all of the groups are in the early stages of developing, strong support is coming from the Regional Managers Group which has committed to focussing on Meekatharra. Mr Zoran Trajkovski, Regional Manager for Youth Justice Services said “the Regional Managers have identified Meekatharra as a priority location in the Region. I have been charged with the responsibility of leading a subcommittee to work with the agencies and community in Meekatharra. Individually the agencies and service providers can help but collectively we can move mountains”, he said.

The groups will be meeting in Meekatharra on a monthly basis and are being strongly supported by the relevant State government agencies, the Geraldton Indigenous Coordination Centre and the Shire of Meekatharra.

Each of the groups are action focussed and want to work on practical and pragmatic approaches to the issues in our Community. “Committees and meetings aren’t the answer – but they provide a mechanism to work together on the complex shared issues in our community”, Steve Martyn said.

The State government through the Aboriginal Affairs Coordinating Committee has committed to assisting the groups to develop local initiatives to local problems.

‘This focus and approach is a great opportunity for Meekatharra’, said Mr Roy McClymont, CEO of the Shire. “We don’t expect a panacea for our issues but it’s great to see people coming together who are committed to making a difference”, he said.

The groups have committed to becoming regular contributors to the Meekatharra Dust to ensure that everyone is kept informed of their progress.

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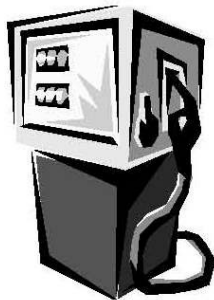
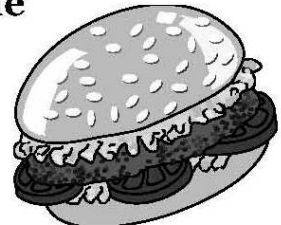
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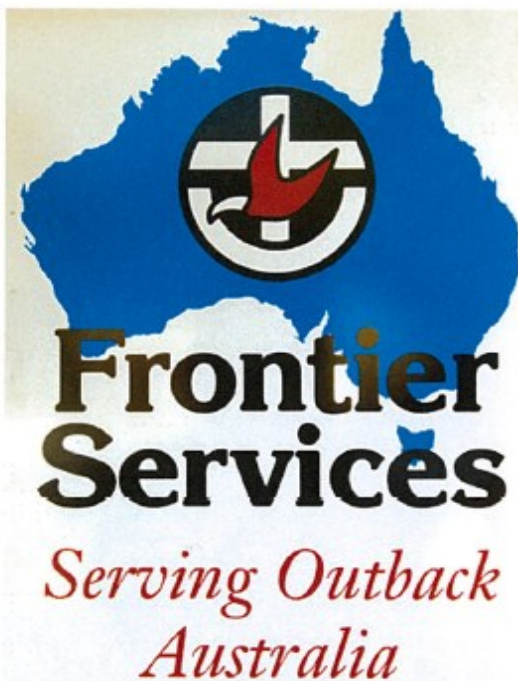
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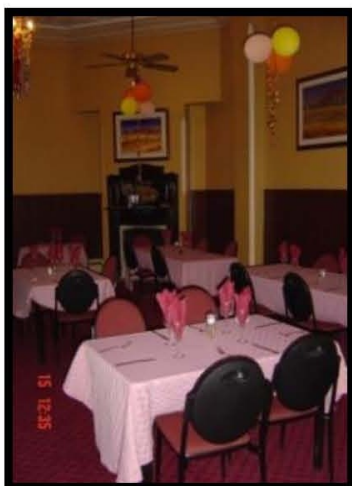
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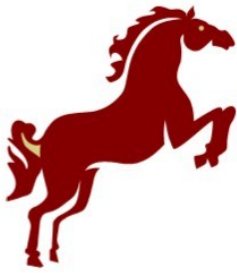


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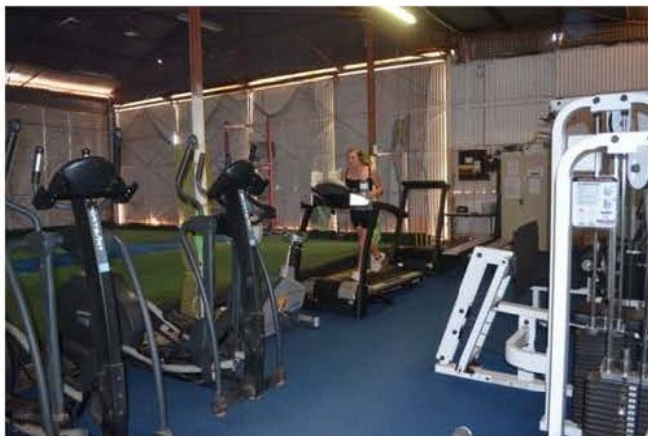
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Afternoon 3-5pm	<p>Swimming pool 6-18 years</p> <p>Art, Craft & Cooking @ Kids Zone 6-12 years</p> 	<p>Swimming pool 6-18 years</p> <p>Pool Competition @ Youth Centre 10-18 years</p> 	<p>Swimming pool 6-18 years</p> <p>Art, Craft & Cooking @ Kids Zone 6-12 years</p> <p>Remix Dance Class 10-18 years @ Youth Centre</p> 	<p>Swimming pool 6-18 years</p> <p>Bike Ride Program @ Youth Centre 10-18 years</p> 	<p>Swimming pool 6-18 years</p> <p>(if raining activities at the Indoor Cricket Cen- tre)</p> 
Evening 5.30-8pm	<p>Junior Basketball train- ing, Golf & TBall @ Sports Complex 6-16 years</p> <p>Senior basketball @ Sports Complex 12-18 years</p> <p>Youth Centre Drop In Pool & dart competition, acoustic guitar, Wii, XBox 12-18 years (7-9pm)</p> 	<p>Milo In2Cricket @ Sports Complex 6-12 years (5.30-7pm)</p>  <p>Golf @ Sports Complex 6-18 years</p>  <p>Tennis @ Sports Complex 6-18 years</p>	<p>Football Training @ Sports Complex 6-12 years (5.30-7pm)</p> <p>Basketball with Karalundi @ Sports Complex 6-18 years</p> 	<p>Milo In2Cricket @ Sports Complex 6-12 years (5.30-7pm)</p> <p>Junior Basketball Game @ Sports Complex 6-16 years</p> <p>Soccer, Tennis @ Sports Complex 6-18 years</p> <p>Meeka Bike Club Night Ride 10-18 years @ Youth Centre (7-9.30pm)</p>	<p>Crazy Games At the pool 6-18 years (or if raining, indoor ac- tivities at the Indoor Cricket Centre or movie at Kids Zone)</p> <p>Art, Craft & Cooking @ Kids Zone 6-12 years (5-7pm)</p> <p>Youth Centre Drop In Movie night, Basketball, street hockey 12-18 years (7-9pm)</p>

Skippers' Flight Schedule
PERTH TO MT MAGNET
PERTH TO MEEKATHARRA

SUNDAY - No Flights

MONDAY

FLIGHT NUMBER	DEPART	TIME	ARRIVE	TIME
JW1941	PERTH	0735	MT MAGNET	0855
	MT MAGNET	0925	MEEKATHARRA	1000
	MEEKATHARRA	1045	WILUNA	1115
	WILUNA	1200	PERTH	1345

TUESDAY - No Flights

WEDNESDAY

FLIGHT NUMBER	DEPART	TIME	ARRIVE	TIME
JW1941	PERTH	0735	MT MAGNET	0855
	MT MAGNET	0925	MEEKATHARRA	1000
	MEEKATHARRA	1045	PERTH	1230

THURSDAY - No Flights

FRIDAY

FLIGHT NUMBER	DEPART	TIME	ARRIVE	TIME
JW1941	PERTH	1245	MT MAGNET	1410
	MT MAGNET	1440	MEEKATHARRA	1510
	MEEKATHARRA	1540	WILUNA	1610
	WILUNA	1700	PERTH	1845

SATURDAY - No Flights

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Proposed schedule as of the 2nd of December



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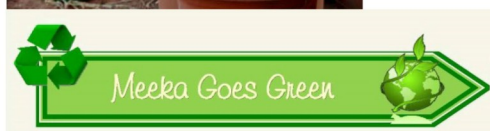
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Meeka Goes Green Update

What's been happening?

The Meeka Goes Green committee members have achieved a lot in these last few months. You might be wondering what those achievements might be because you haven't seen any great visible developments. Most of our achievements were 'behind the scenes', such as writing our constitution, applying for incorporation, setting up bank accounts, writing grant applications, putting user agreements in place and so on. All the boring stuff!

Now that the paperwork is (almost) done we can't wait to get stuck into our projects and get some visible results happening.

The Community Garden

For those who don't know it yet: the Meekatharra Community Garden will be located on the school farm, accessible from the Landor Road. It will be open to all community members – whether old or young or tall or short. If you are a member of our community and you like our projects then you're welcome. It will be a place for people to get together, to potter around their garden beds, to eat tomatoes straight from the bush, to laugh and talk and learn from each other and to pass on their own knowledge. From old to young and from young to old.

At the moment we're inviting more ideas for the garden design. We want to build it the way the community wants it and need to know what you want. Do you want an individual garden bed? Or a big communal one? Do you want a pizza oven? Perhaps nice art work? Fruit trees? Or lots of pretty flowers? Have you seen a great idea on the internet or in a magazine? Benches built from pallets? An old bed frame converted to a trellis for growing beans? Hanging baskets made from gutters? Let us know! You have got until the end of March to give us your input so we can incorporate it in our design.

The Recycling Project

We are working on establishing a recycling depot at the back of St John's yard in Hill Street. We will set up a drop off point for cardboard, aluminium cans, plastic and perhaps even glass bottles. These materials will then be sorted, crushed and baled and sent down to Perth. The money from this will partly be donated to Princess Margaret Hospital and the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

At the moment we're looking for sheds and crushers. Have you got a shed, or know of someone who has got a spare shed? We're also looking for old wool presses from our surrounding pastoral stations. Ross Howden from Murchison Downs and Yarrabubba Station has kindly offered the use of his wool press. Thank you Ross!

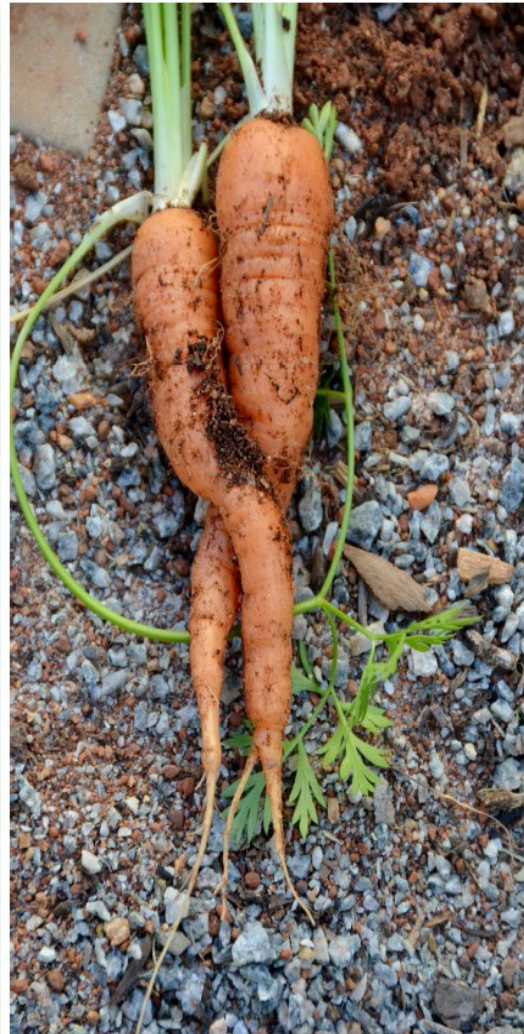
If you have any other materials or ideas that could come in handy please let us know!

Best Front Yard Competition

We are planning on running a Best Front Yard competition. Who has the prettiest front yard? Who can make the greatest improvement in a set time frame, say a couple of months? Whose front yard has got the most edible plants? Whose front yard is the most water wise?

If you'd like to enter the competition let us know!

We have got a few great prizes already but would greatly welcome further donations. Vouchers for your business? Cuttings off your plants? Spare gardening tools? Gardening books? The more prizes we have the more gardeners will be interested and the better looking our town will become!



Contact: meekagoesgreen@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page *Meeka Goes Green*

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**We are looking for donations of boys clothing between the
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All submissions should be submitted by way of a formal letter outlining all relevant details, including quotes or estimates, relating to the proposal and be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer.

Submissions can be posted to:

Meekatharra Shire, PO Box 129, Meekatharra WA 6642 OR

delivered to Meekatharra Shire Administration Office, 54 Main Office, Meekatharra OR

by Fax to 9981 1505 OR

Email to dceo@meekashire.wa.gov.au

by 4:30pm on Friday, 4th April 2014.



What's happening in Youth Services



Remix Dance Class

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for girls aged 10-18 years.

Open to all girls. The girls are currently
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be performed at different community events.

Edmund Rice came for a visit, and after a fun
filled day at school,
they came and cooked a bbq dinner and played
games with
kids on the footy oval. Edmund Rice crew will be
back for the Easter holidays!!!



Meeka Bike Club has been a great success with weekly night rides under
the stars, for kids aged 10-18 years. Spots fill up quickly, so if you are inter-
ested, make sure you get in early!



Pool Competitions

If you are aged between 10-18 years, come and join
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Kids Colouring Page





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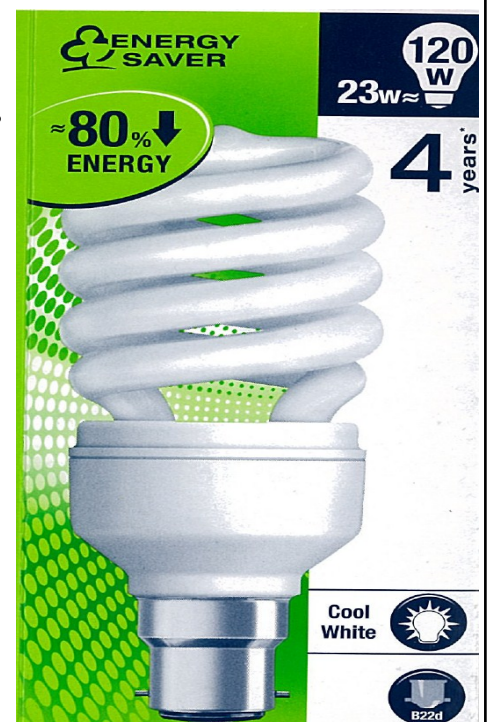
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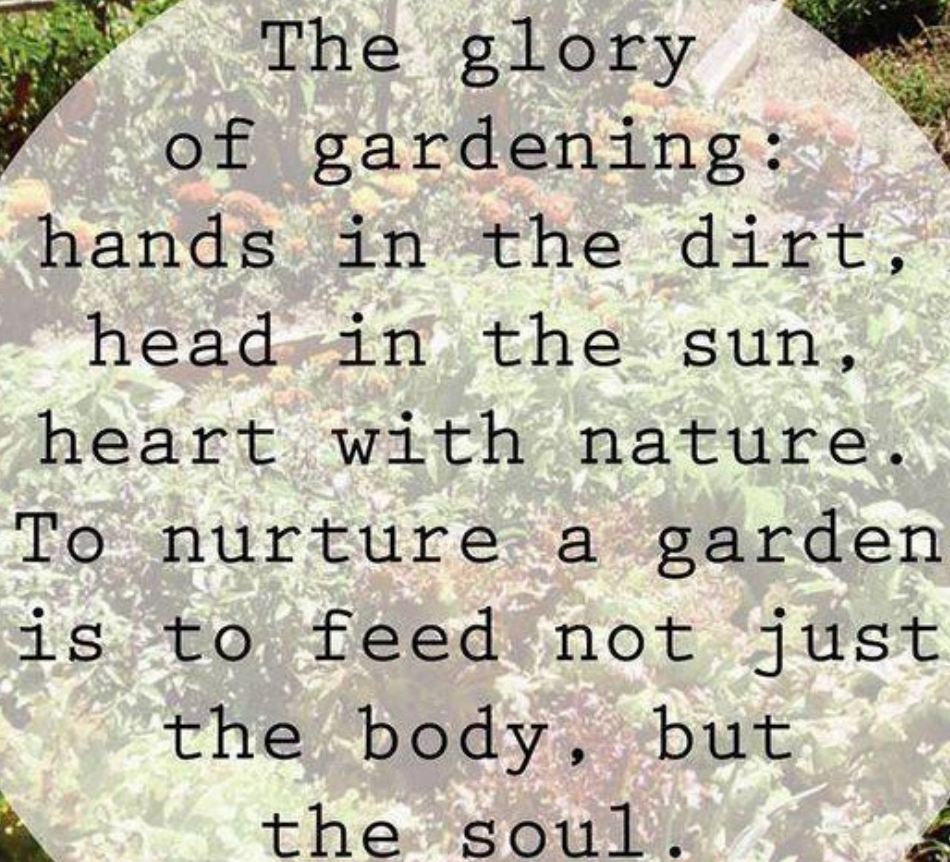
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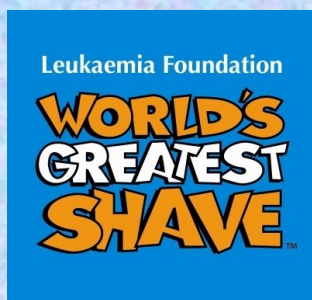
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COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CNR MAIN AND SAVAGE STREETS
9:30 SATURDAY MARCH 15TH

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY MARCH 19TH
5:00PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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