



# Meekatharra Dust

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# Dust Noticeboard...

## KEEPING UP TO DATE WITH WHATS HAPPENNING IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

### Calling for Submissions

If you have any articles with information about any upcoming community events then we want to hear from you!

“The Meekatharra Dust” is a non profit community newspaper.

If you have an article, a photo you would like to share or an advertisement, you can post them to:

*PO Box 129, Meekatharra WA 6642*

or drop them in at the Shire office.  
Alternatively, you can email us at:

***cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au***

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Meekatharra, WA 6642

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Alternatively, pop into  
the Shire Office &  
subscribe in person.





## 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.

*No news is bad news for the Dust.*

*We need your news, has your organisation had a staff change or a change in the way you operate? Why not use the Dust to tell everybody.*

*Until next month.....*

## Don't Forget!

*Photography Exhibition  
Wednesday 13th September, 5pm  
onwards, Meeka Picture Gardens*

*Meekatharra Outback Festival  
Friday 22nd September - Sunday  
24th September, Town Oval*

*Meekatharra Races, Saturday 23rd  
September, Midday. Meekatharra Race  
Club*



## **A FRIENDLY REMINDER ABOUT DOG CONTROL**

When walking your dogs on the town oval, please ensure you are in complete control of your animal at all times and dispose of any waste in the rubbish bins provided by Council.

*Thank-You*

*Meekatharra Shire*



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# Your Council News

September 2017 • by Anna Johnson on behalf of the Shire of Meekatharra

## Return of Main Street Tradition Looking Likely

Locals are already excited and pleased to hear that the Outback Festival Parade will most likely be starting in High Street, heading west to Main Street, then on to the sports complex area - yes, a long-awaited return to the town's tradition of the Main Street Festival Parade, with some great extra sections at the top and tail. Participants on foot will join in at the entry to the town oval off the West Road as everyone heads for a circuit around the sports complex parking & play area where the amusements and food stalls will be set up.

The past few years have seen the shire trying out different parade location options, with increasing local pressure to return it to the traditional Main Street run. The new, longer route will meet with popular approval, offering visitors and locals a greater opportunity to see the costumes and floats for a longer stretch, and for the participants to more fully enjoy their moment of glory after all the weeks of putting floats and costumes together. There are still details to be worked out, so be prepared for changes, but things look good.

Let the shire know if you want to take part, and check closer to the day regarding the approved meeting time, place and route to be taken. Local police will be on hand to manage the road use and access for the parade. A note to all this year: due to the obvious safety concerns, no one is allowed to ride in a trailer. Locals always seem to come up with some fantastic float ideas, so it's great to imagine what we might see coming along the new route this year.



*Crowd pleaser: returning the parade route to Main Street on the cards pending final approvals. The new route will begin in High Street, turn south down Main, then west to the sports complex where the amusements, food and rides will be located.*

For kids and families, the Outback Festival will feature some familiar entertainment, plus of course food stalls and plenty of opportunities for fun. Monsterball and Wild West Amusements always arrive with new ways of bouncing, racing and winning furry rewards plus lots of other ways to work off the hot donuts, chips and snacks on offer. Lunar Circus will also reappear with their bendy bravery and colourful antics. Check with the shire and on local noticeboards for all the times, details and extras that will be on offer during the big weekend.

## FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The annual scramble to get things ready for the Outback festival is in full swing once again, with shire workers, CRC staff and volunteers attending to all the planning details of our big weekend. Ask at the shire office if you'd like to be a volunteer - it's great fun and the various events and venues can always use a hand. See Emily or give her a call on 08 9980 0600. Yes, you can choose your days or hours!

The weekend kicks off on Friday 22nd with the always-speccy fireworks off the Lookout (best viewpoint: the oval, where there will also be amusements, food and family fun). The 23rd is the morning parade and more fun at the oval - check out noticeboards around town for finalised schedules.

The race club also has events on Saturday, out at the historic race course, featuring Fashions On The Field for women and men, the Truck Pull and more.

The shire would like to thank the various sponsors and all those who work hard to plan and undertake our Festival.







## Rates Due, Folks

Before you go blowing all your spare change making yourself dizzy and chip-stuffed at the Festival, don't forget to pay your rates. They were due on the 26th of August. If you're having any issues in regard to payment, just pop in and see the friendly finance staff at the shire office - they're always willing to discuss alternative payment arrangements - even paying a little bit at a time will help you avoid a debt blowout, and of course it all helps to keep the shire in the black. Rates enable the shire to provide the many services we take for granted, whether it's collecting the bins, paving roads, fixing up those washouts when it rains, and all the other myriad chores of running our region successfully.

## Meeka Magic Vibes Visitors

It's been a bit of a bumper tourist season so far, with visitor numbers up and people staying longer in Meekatharra. Not only that, our town is getting plenty of lovely compliments on how friendly, helpful and resourceful we are. A surprising number of those who visit Meeka have some kind of connection to the place, through family history or work. We've had several genealogy-hunting folks come into town looking up grand and great grand parents' past haunts, including the Porter family, who go back to the start of the first payable gold mine here. These visitors have been a boon, and show there are many opportunities for promoting tourism and genealogy appeal in our area.

Surprisingly, Meeka is also getting increased attention as a "nice place to stay and explore", in the words of more than one visitor. Peace Gorge is a big drawcard, and prospecting continues to grow as a tourism focus. Improved visitor information, marketing and an overall improvement to visual street appeal are making a difference, and it's hoped that by demonstrating just how much there is on offer, Meekatharra can attract further and longer term participation in its business, services and community.

If you're curious about what opportunities could be on offer in our town or shire, drop into the shire offices in Main Street. You may be surprised at how easy it is to live and work here, and we are happy to help newcomers discover what we have to offer.

You're welcome to attend the monthly council meetings (dates and times are listed in *The Dust*) and have your say. You can also obtain a copy of the Council Minutes to find out about the many other projects, discussions and improvements that the Shire is undertaking on behalf of the Meeka community. All items or letters for council should be addressed and sent to the Shire Of Meekatharra CEO, at the Shire address (see right).

## Reincarnation Plan Pending

It might look quiet from the outside, but the old Lloyd's building is a few steps closer to its rebirth as the Council and the community wait for the architect's draft plans, which should be arriving this month. With the building completely surveyed and feedback sought from locals about the proposed layout, it will be exciting to have this next stage taking us into the future of the historic complex. Meeka's tourist season increasingly sees former residents, family relations and others with a personal link to the town revisiting the place, and "what's happening with the old Lloyd's building" is one of the most frequent questions from those who recall "the good old days" of its many manifestations - if you don't know its history, ask the shire office for back issues of *The Dust*, check out the museum and of course have a google. It will be great to see this focal Main Street area regain its prominence, offering art gallery and cafe spaces, and more.

## Doray Digs Deep for Meeka Community

Doray Minerals will be placing their camp and operations at Andy Well into temporary care and maintenance at the end of October while they bridge into other projects in our region. It will mean a dip in the airport income as their FIFO charter flights will be suspended during this phase. The mine camp in town will still be in use as of course there will be personnel required during the transition period and in relation to the caretaking and so forth, so we'll still be seeing some friendly faces coming into town for their lolly runs and downtime drinks & meals! Details about Doray's operations can be found on their website if you are interested in finding out more. Doray have continued with their sponsorship of the Meekatharra Outback Festival for 2017, and the Doray Meekatharra Community Trust will be going ahead for another round. Applications will be open over September for qualifying applicants - enquire at the shire office for all the details. Doray have been, and continue to be, excellent supporters of Meeka community events and clubs, and having the mine camp close to town has meant that both the townspeople and the FIFO workers have had a chance to socialise and engage in town business and events. This opportunity to have both a corporate and individual identity in a community is often lacking for FIFO's, and we are appreciative of Doray's efforts in this regard for the benefit of both our community and their workers.



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*"Meekatharra - A Golden Prospect"*

**IT IS ILLEGAL TO LIGHT  
FIRES AT THE TIP.**

**SAVE YOURSELF AND  
THE TOWN THE RISK  
OF DAMAGE.**

**PLAY SMART,  
NO SPARKS.**





## **POSITION VACANT**

### **YOUTH OFFICER (Permanent Part time)**

**30 hours per week - \$27.85 per hour**

**Your role will involve assisting the Youth Officers in delivering youth programs with particular attention to the operation of Kidzone.**

**Working with Children Check required**

**Interested persons should obtain an information package from Geoff Carberry on 99800 600 or [cdsm@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdsm@meekashire.wa.gov.au).**

**Applications close –  
Tuesday, 26 September 2017 at 4.00 pm.**

## MEEKA SHIRE NEWS

### Our new Community Development Officer - **Emily Bailey**

Howdy all - my name is Emily. I've recently taken the helm of the Community Development Officer position at the Shire of Meekatharra. Although I've spent the past 5 years in Perth studying, I'm a country girl from way back, originally from a little farming community called Balingup in our state's south-west (which is about the same size as Meeka but a whole lot greener!). Community involvement is an integral part of what I do - I've been in town a month and already signed up to the Fire Brigade, the SES, Meeka Goes Green, and St. John Ambulance. Volunteers make small communities, and I encourage you to sign up where and when you can.



You all have much to teach me about the place, so be prepared to be bombarded with questions!

I look forward to using my skill set to help our great little town. Don't be strangers; drop into the Shire to say hello or give me a call. I look forward to meeting you all!



# DEADLY DIVAS DAY



Wednesday 30th of August saw forces from across the Midwest region unite to raise awareness of health issues facing our community.

The Cancer Council, Health Department,

and representatives from local groups

addressed how to quit the smokes, cut down on sugar consumption, and how to maintain sexual health.



A healthy lunch was provided which gave the attendees a chance to have a yarn about health and well-being.

A solid turn-out of fifty throughout the day - stay strong, stay healthy, stay deadly, divaz!



# BLAST FROM THE PAST

A gentleman who was raised in Meekatharra has passed on some snaps of the town from the '60s. Have a look at how much things have changed!



Annual Meekatharra Wheelbarrow  
Race



Shopfront



Main Street -  
look at the  
vintage cars!



# Meekatharra Races



**SAT 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPT  
2017**

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**\$10 ENTRY**  
WITH RACE BOOK

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Seven races incl.  
the Meekatharra Cup &  
Meekatharra Sprint

Fashion on the Field  
Truck Pull  
Live Music: Renegade

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Gates open 11:45am  
Bar open 12pm (cash only)  
Food vans available onsite  
Shuttle bus times TBC



**SANDFIRE** RESOURCES NL



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**DORAY**  
MINERALS LIMITED



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**meekatharra**  
a golden prospect

We are a Good Sports club



**GOODSPORTS**





**DORAY**  
MINERALS LIMITED



# **DORAY – MEEKATHARRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

## **Invitation to Submit Grant Applications**

The sole purpose of the Trust is to provide grants to individuals, groups of individuals, companies or associations (eligible recipients) located , based or operating within the Shire of Meekatharra, for charitable purposes, with the aim of assisting the overall development of the community within the Shire of Meekatharra.

Further details and Trust documents are available by contacting Geoff Carberry, on 998 0600 or email





[cdsm@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdsm@meekashire.wa.gov.au)

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE ON A TRUST FORM**

**TRUST APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR  
BEFORE 4PM MONDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2017**

# YOUTH SERVICES September '17 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM: Week 1



Day	Monday 25th	Tuesday 26th	Wednesday 27th	Thursday 28th	Friday 29th
	<u>Youth Centre</u> <u>Arts &amp; Craft</u> 10-12:30  <u>Youth Centre</u> 2-5pm	<u>Youth Centre</u> <u>Arts &amp; Craft</u> 10-12:30  <u>Youth Centre</u> 2-5pm	<u>Youth Centre</u> <u>Arts &amp; Craft</u> 10-12:30  <u>Youth Centre</u> 2-5pm	<u>Youth Centre</u> <u>Arts &amp; Craft</u> 10-12:30  <u>Youth Centre</u> 2-5pm	<u>Youth Centre</u> <u>Arts &amp; Craft</u> 10-12:30  <u>Youth Centre</u> 2-5pm
	<u>Youth Centre</u> Drop In 6-8pm (11-18 years)	<u>Youth Centre</u> <u>Arts &amp; Craft</u> 6-8pm (11-18 years)	<u>Youth Centre</u> BBQ & Movie Night 6-8pm (11-18 years)	<u>Basketball</u> 6-8pm 	<u>Sports Complex</u> <u>Festival</u> 5-9pm

Phone Grandier(Youth Centre) 0438 993 013, Wayne(Sports & Rec)0439 909 738 or Noleen(Kidzone) 0487 193 596





WA Local Government Elections  
21 October 2017



## Take a stand and nominate for council

Passionate about your local community?  
Stand for your local council and make a  
real difference.

Nominations open Thursday 7 September 2017  
and close 4.00pm Thursday 14 September 2017.

For more information visit:

- Your local government
- [www.elections.wa.gov.au](http://www.elections.wa.gov.au)
- [www.dlgs.wa.gov.au/elections](http://www.dlgs.wa.gov.au/elections)



Department of  
Local Government, Sport  
and Cultural Industries



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN  
Electoral Commission



*Meeka Goes Green*



# RECYCLING CENTRE

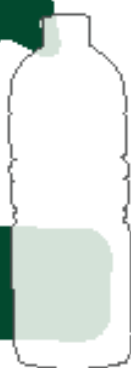
Railway Street, Meekatharra

## OPEN SATURDAYS

### 9-11 AM



CANS



PLASTICS



CARDBOARD



PAPER



**SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA**

**ORDINARY ELECTION**

**SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER 2017**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

Nominations are called for an in-person Council election to be held on Saturday 21<sup>th</sup> October 2017 to fill the following Council vacancies:

**District Ward:**

**Three Vacancies – Four Year Terms (to expire October 2021)**

Nominations open on Thursday 7 September 2017 and close at 4.00 pm on Thursday 14 September 2017.

To nominate, candidates are required to lodge with the Returning Officer:

- a completed nomination in the prescribed form which has been signed and witnessed;
- a nomination deposit of \$80.00; and
- a single A4 page profile of the candidate, containing not more than 150 words of information.

Further details about eligibility and nomination procedures may be obtained from the Returning Officer, Roy McClymont.

Nomination deposits made by cheque, electronic transfer or other means must have cleared before the close of nominations.

Nominations may be hand delivered, posted, faxed or emailed to the Returning Officer at the nomination place listed below:

**SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA**

81 Main St, Meekatharra 6642

**TEL:** 9980 0600 **FAX:** 9981 1505

**Email:** [executive@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:executive@meekashire.wa.gov.au)

**RETURNING OFFICER:** Roy McClymont

# 2017 OUTBACK BALL

Sunday 24<sup>TH</sup> Sept  
Shire Hall 7<sup>PM</sup> - Midnight

With Musical Guests  
**The Midnight Rambler**

Tickets: \$25. Cash Bar. Semi-formal.  
Fully Catered Buffet Meal  
Prizes for Belle and Beau of the Ball

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW







## **ATYEO'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

### **2017 SCHEDULED VISIT'S**

**P: (08) 9980 0600    F: (08) 9981 1505**

**E: [aehsa@gmail.com](mailto:aehsa@gmail.com)**

<b>JAN – NO VISIT</b>	<b>————→</b>	<b>JAN – NO VISIT</b>
<b>MON 6<sup>TH</sup> FEB</b>	<b>————→</b>	<b>FRI 10<sup>TH</sup> FEB</b>
<b>MON 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>————→</b>	<b>FRI 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b>
<b>MON 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL</b>	<b>————→</b>	<b>FRI 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>
<b>MON 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY</b>	<b>————→</b>	<b>FRI 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>
<b>TUES 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	<b>————→</b>	<b>FRI 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>
<b>MON 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY</b>	<b>————→</b>	<b>FRI 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>
<b>TUES 1<sup>ST</sup> AUG</b>	<b>————→</b>	<b>FRI 4<sup>TH</sup> AUG</b>
<b>SEPT – NO VISIT</b>	<b>————→</b>	<b>SEPT – NO VISIT</b>
<b>MON 9<sup>TH</sup> OCT</b>	<b>————→</b>	<b>FRI 13<sup>TH</sup> OCT</b>
<b>MON 6<sup>TH</sup> NOV</b>	<b>————→</b>	<b>FRI 10<sup>TH</sup> NOV</b>
<b>MON 4<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	<b>————→</b>	<b>FRI 8<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>

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DAY in WA**



Don't keep your best photos to yourself. Tag your photos **#justanotherdayinWA** to share your extraordinary Western Australian experiences and follow us on Instagram **@westernaustralia**

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AUSTRALIA**  
EXPERIENCE EXTRAORDINARY



Meekatharra Race Club

# *Fashions on the Field*

## **SUPER SATURDAY**

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017



### **CASH PRIZES**

FREE ENTRY

**Everyone Welcome**

### **CATEGORIES:**

Gorgeous Gal

Dapper Chap

Accessory Of The Day

Classic Look

**REGISTER ON THE DAY**







Department of  
Health

# Protect your teen for a lifetime.

## Give your consent for the year 8 vaccines.

Immunising protects against infectious diseases, including HPV, which can cause cancer in males and females.

Step 1: Year 8 students will receive a consent form at school.

**Step 2: Parents/guardians should sign and return the form.**

Step 3: A community nurse will administer the vaccines at school.

[healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation](http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation)

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Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of Health



# Meningococcal vaccination



A **FREE** meningococcal vaccine is now available for 15 to 19 year olds.



## Meningococcal can be life-threatening

Find out where to get the vaccine at  
[healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation](http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation)

Clinic location:

Clinic times:



TERM THREE 2017					
WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7	<b>28</b>  9:30-12:30	<b>29</b> SHOOTING STARS After School Yrs 4-6  TAFE visit	<b>30</b>  TAFE visit	<b>31</b> SHOOTING STARS After School Yrs 7-12  <i>Shooting Stars Breaky 7.30 – 8.30am</i>	<b>1 September</b>  9:30-12:30  Athletics training Friday afternoons
8	<b>4</b>  9:30-12:30	<b>5</b> SHOOTING STARS After School Yrs 4-6	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> SHOOTING STARS After School Yrs 7-12  <i>(Leaving for NAIDOC Netball Carnival)</i>	<b>8</b>  9:30-12:30 <b>NAIDOC High School Netball Carnival 2017</b> 5.00pm to 8.30pm  Athletics training Friday Afternoons
9	<b>11</b>  9:30-12:30	<b>12</b> SHOOTING STARS After School Yrs 4-6	<b>13</b> <b>Photography competition</b>	<b>14</b> SHOOTING STARS After School Yrs 7-12	<b>15</b>  9:30-12:30  Interschool sports carnival Mt Magnet

Don't forget to come and check the **LOST PROPERTY BIN**. All clothing will be emptied at the end of this week.

Remember.....

*Shooting Stars Breakfast on Tomorrow at 7.30-.8.30am. YAY!*

Remember.....

*Interschool Athletics Carnival coming up in week 9!*





# Meekatharra District High School

Savage Street Meekatharra WA 6642

Newsletter 4 Term 3 30.8.2017



**RESPECT FOR** Community Others Oneself Learning

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,



## School Sports Carnival

I am so pleased and proud about the commitment and achievement of our students at the school sports carnival last week. In this newsletter you will find an update about the faction achievements, and some great writing about the day. Many thanks to Asharnta and Gary for your great articles! A big thankyou to Mr P for organising the day and all of the school staff for making it work well. Thanks also go to all of our senior students who spent the day at the oval and helped to show our juniors how the sports carnival works.

## Shooting Stars Breakfast

Families of girls involved in the Shooting Stars Program have received their invitations for the breakfast, on tomorrow in Room 1 from 7.30am. I am really looking forward to seeing you all there and taking the time to celebrate our kids working towards their goals and achieving success.

## Values Education

School visitor Mr Geoff van Shie was in our school yesterday supporting our values education curriculum. Mr van Shie's program has been reviewed and endorsed by our School Council and we have had very positive reports from classrooms about our first lessons. We look forward to seeing this continue into next year and beyond.

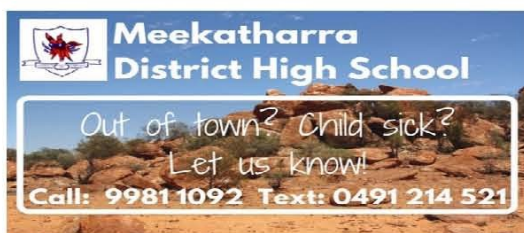
## Education Awards

This term, communities around WA are celebrating the great things at their schools by nominating teachers, assistants and other support staff for an award. We will be promoting the 'People's Pick' on our Facebook page in the next few days, so look out for the links and see if you want to nominate any of our wonderful staff. I always feel proud to see our students, staff and families on Facebook doing great things, so have a look and see if you want to get involved!

## Community Barbecue

The Department of Communities is holding a sausage sizzle at Meekatharra Oval next Wednesday (September 6<sup>th</sup>) from 3 – 4pm to highlight working together as a community to support and protect our children. Please come along!

Kind regards,  
Emma Cooke  
Principal.



Parents are welcome to send their children to school from **8am** onwards.

Unfortunately we don't have duty of care for students who arrive earlier than this. If you would like us to pick your child(ren) up on the bus in the morning, please call the school office on **9981-1092** the day before.

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we live and work, and pay our respects to the elders, past and present.

## We are delighted to Welcome.....

Mr Michael  
Everett our  
new Teacher!



Miss Paulette  
our new  
Education  
Assistant!



Six students from MDHS attended MT Magnet DHS for an awesome day of netball, fun, and food! A massive Shooting Stars thank you to our wonderful Mt Magnet hosts for accommodating us. Your girls were an absolute delight. Thank you to all of our Shooting Stars staff for your dedication and enthusiasm in making this event happen. Special shout out to Mandy Dean, our wonderful EA from Meekatharra DHS, Shooting Stars steering committee member, and all star coach, Lynley, thank you for your ongoing support, you are a great addition to our team (Letter from Rose Whitau).

And special **CONGRATULATIONS** goes to:

### **Coach's award for Sportswomanship**

Kyrisha Curley



### **Shooting Stars Spirit Award**

Lataleah Bell





# MDHS Sports Carnival highlights!

Well Done to all participants! It was a fantastic day with everyone trying their best.  
Special congratulations to the following students:

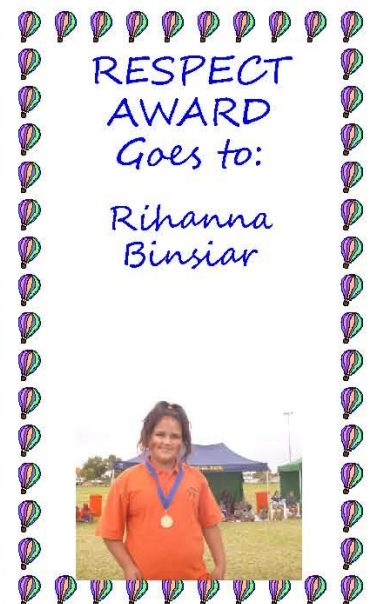
## Junior Champions Years 1-3

<b>Champion Girl</b>	Bobbie Jo Whitehurst	MARLU
<b>Runner up Girl</b>	Qamika Leighton	MARLU
<b>Champion Boy</b>	Elwyn Colbung	BUNGARRA
<b>Runner up Boy</b>	Ryan Coumbe	BUNGARRA



## Intermediate Champions Years 4-6

<b>Champion Girl</b>	Lateah Gillespie	YALIBIDDI
<b>Runner up Girl</b>	Jo-nique Anderson	BUNGARRA
<b>Champion Boy</b>	William Stack	MARLU
<b>Runner up Boy</b>	Keeley-Bob Scott-Callow	YALIBIDDI



**RESPECT  
AWARD**  
Goes to:

Rihanna  
Binsiar



## Senior Champions Years 7-12

<b>Champion Girls</b>	Shinnikka Reece	YALIBIDDI
	Dekoda Shar	MARLU
<b>Runner up Girl</b>	Jasmine Shar	MARLU
<b>Champion Boy</b>	Raymond Binsiar	MARLU
<b>Runner up Boy</b>	Garry Ashwin	MARLU





# Photo Exhibition

Music  
Food and  
soft drinks  
Prizes  
Art displays



Wednesday 13th September  
5PM

# Industry vs Nature





# Help us to stop **NUISANCE MOTORBIKES**

The dust and noise caused by off road bikes, quads and buggies being ridden in town are causing disturbances and putting residents and riders at great risk!

Off road vehicles are not to be ridden in or near town!

Please report off road vehicles that are causing a disturbance in your area to the Meekatharra Police on 9981 1007,  
Photographs or video of the offence taking place will assist the police with resolving the problem.



## CREATIVE CORNER



The Long Road, by Emily Bailey, captured south of Meekatharra.  
No edits used.

**This page is for community members to send in  
written works, art or photos of interest.**

**Why not be the next contributor! Email your creative  
titbits to [cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au)**



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- Internet Cafe & Wi-Fi
- Hot Office & Video Conferencing facilities
- IT training packages & meeting room hire
- Business & secretarial services
- Free Government Information Access Point
- Photographic printing
- Local artwork gallery
- Personalised gifts and cards
- Support centre for local community groups

### POSTCARDS



### CUSTOM CLOCKS



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### PERSONALISED CARDS

- With Sympathy
- Get Well Soon
- Wedding
- Engagement
- Birthday
- New Baby
- Good Luck
- Thank You

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# Farmer Jack's

## MEEKATHARRA

# FOODWORKS

Supermarket



### Opening Hours

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Thursday	8am—7pm
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# What if you called and NOBODY CAME?

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– a support volunteer or as a volunteer ambulance officer;

*and Training at one SJA centre is transferable to another....*



**A Community is only as strong as its people.**



For more information, contact the  
Meekatharra Sub Centre

[sjameekatharra@westnet.com.au](mailto:sjameekatharra@westnet.com.au) or phone 9980 1467 or 0437 681 562

Sub Centre is open Tues & Thurs 9am – 2pm or by appointment.

# MEEKATHARRA HEALTH SERVICE

## PROVIDER DATES



SERVICE	NEXT VISIT	FUTURE
Physiotherapist	12 SEPTEMBER	17 OCTOBER
Podiatrist	12 SEPTEMBER	10 OCTOBER
Child Health Nurse	11, 12, 18, 26 and 27 SEPTEMBER	2, 9, 10, 16, 23 and 24 OCTO-
Ultrasound	18 SEPTEMBER	16 OCTOBER
GRAMS Dentist	10-19 OCTOBER	TBC
Paediatrician	16 OCTOBER	TBC

## SQUASH COURTS



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# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

You must only fly during the day and keep your RPA **within visual line-of-sight**.

This means being able to see the aircraft with your own eyes (rather than through first-person-view [FPV]) at all times.



If you are in controlled airspace, which covers most Australian cities, you must **not fly higher than 120 metres**.

You must keep your RPA at least **30 metres away from other people**.



You must **not fly over populous areas** where—if your drone was to fail—it could hit someone. This could include beaches, parks, or sport ovals where there is a game in progress.

You should **not fly within 5.5km of an airfield**



It is **illegal to fly for money or economic reward** unless you have an RPA operators certificate, or you are flying an excluded RPA in the sub-2kg or private landholder category.



Remember, you must not **operate your RPA in a way that creates a hazard** to another aircraft, person or property.

**Respect personal privacy**  
Don't record or photograph people without their consent—this may breach state laws.



## FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any questions about flying your RPA recreationally, or have other RPA operational enquiries, please contact CASA's RPAS Office at [rpas@casa.gov.au](mailto:rpas@casa.gov.au)

[casa.gov.au/rpa](http://casa.gov.au/rpa)



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Also Known as Meekatharra Accommodation Centre



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Hours:  
Every Day: 6.00am – 9.00pm

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# Meekatharra Corner Store

Corner of Main & High Streets, Meekatharra

**Ph: 9981 1151**



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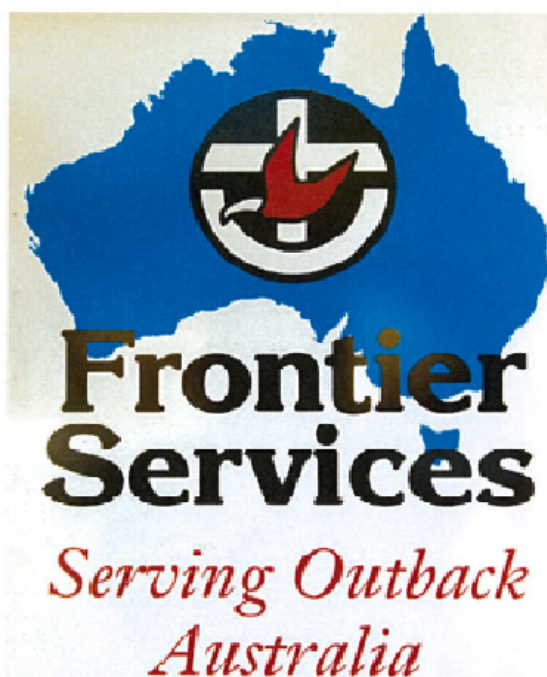
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**Contact:  
Rev Mitch Fialkowski  
9981 1053  
0419 547 175**

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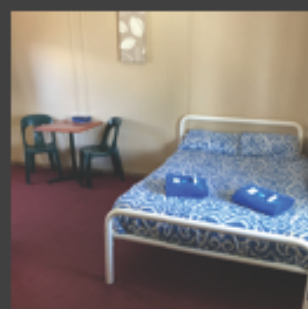


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## **Key Dates:**

Monday 4 September –

- ✓ Final date for entry forms, entry fees and draft title pages to be received
- ✓ Final date for Literature entries to be received (two copies)

Friday 6 October –

- ✓ Final date for posted entries to be received

# Christ the King Catholic Church



**Liturgies**  
**September and October**  
**Saturdays at 6.30 pm**

<b>Sat 02 Sep</b>	<b><i>Celebration of the Word with Communion</i></b>
<b>Sat 23 Sep</b>	<b><i>Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass)</i></b>
<b>Sat 14 Oct</b>	<b><i>Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass)</i></b>
<b>Sat 28 Oct</b>	<b><i>Celebration of the Word with Communion</i></b>

## **ALL WELCOME**

*The Catholic Church is located on the corner of Darlot and High Streets.  
This parish is under the pastoral care of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict  
Sr Gerri Boylan sgs 9963 4179*



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## Meekatharra

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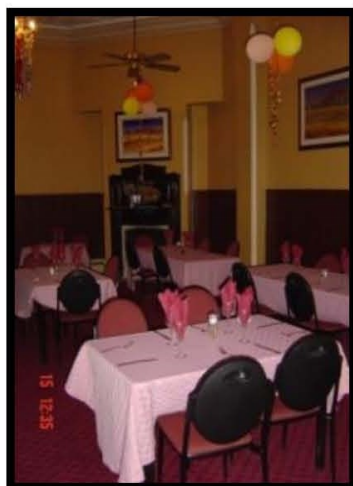
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The Meekatharra Seventh-Day Adventist Church (McCleary St) invites you to join us in a weekly service for all ages from **10am Saturday** mornings.

## **CALLING ALL KNITTERS**

**Are you interested in joining the Sandstone Knitting Group . Come to sandstone on a Friday from 10 am to 2 pm or if anyone was interested in knitting for our local people , We knit squares and strips to make blankets , beanies , baby clothes and fingerless gloves for Mt Magnet School , Meekatharra Hospital and Wiluna Health Centre**

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## Blues for the Bush Update

After an incredible 2016 event, The Shire of Perenjori and Bush Heritage Australia advise that 2017 will be used to build further community engagement and develop a business plan to best support the ongoing success of our unique rural event - Blues for the Bush. Both organisations are committed to an event in 2018 and propose the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 as the weekend of the next Blues for the Bush.

The not-for-profit event is a celebration of community, culture and conservation and has been successfully staged in 2013, 2014 and 2016 at Charles Darwin Reserve, Perenjori.

According to the Shire of Perenjori President Mr Laurie Butler, the event has grown considerably and to ensure it can continue to entertain visitors and locals, it is important to use this year to review and reflect, using past learnings to plan for the future.

CEO of Bush Heritage Australia, Mr Gerard O'Neil also highlights that, "The Shire of Perenjori and Bush Heritage Australia remain committed to this event as a valuable opportunity to bring together people from near and far and showcase the natural landscape, conservation activity and hospitality of our region.

We strongly value the relationships we have built with Shire of Perenjori and our key Sponsors in delivering the event over the past three years and look forward to continuing with these partnerships to stage the most successful and dynamic program for the event in 2018".

During 2017, the Shire of Perenjori in partnership with Blues for the Bush plans to deliver a series of Community Arts Projects that will complement the Blues for the Bush ethos of celebrating community, culture and conservation. These projects will use a number of different artistic and creative mediums to encourage local people to try their hand at new skills and connect with their community. If you are part of a local community group or organisation and have some ideas on the type of projects you would like to see delivered in the lead up to the 2018 Blues for the Bush please contact Christina Laue at the Shire of Perenjori via email [cdo@perenjori.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@perenjori.wa.gov.au) or call 08 9973 0100.

For more information please sign up to our mailing list at [www.bluesforthebush.org.au](http://www.bluesforthebush.org.au) or visit us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/bluesforthebush](https://www.facebook.com/bluesforthebush)





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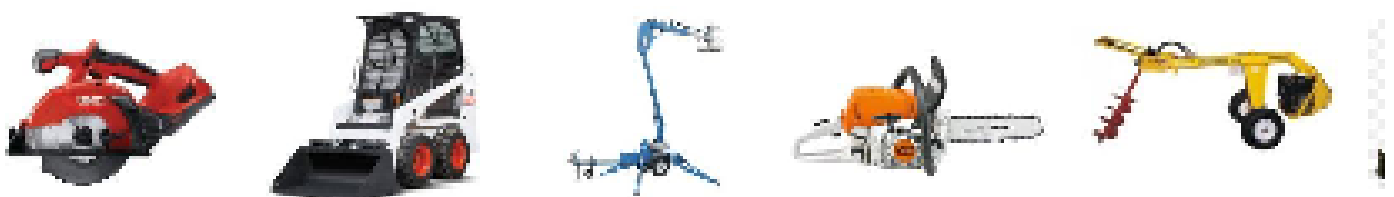
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## MOUNT MAGNET RACES SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

Gates open from 11.30am

Bar Open from 12 noon

Canteen, Two Up, Tote and Bookies

6 Race Program

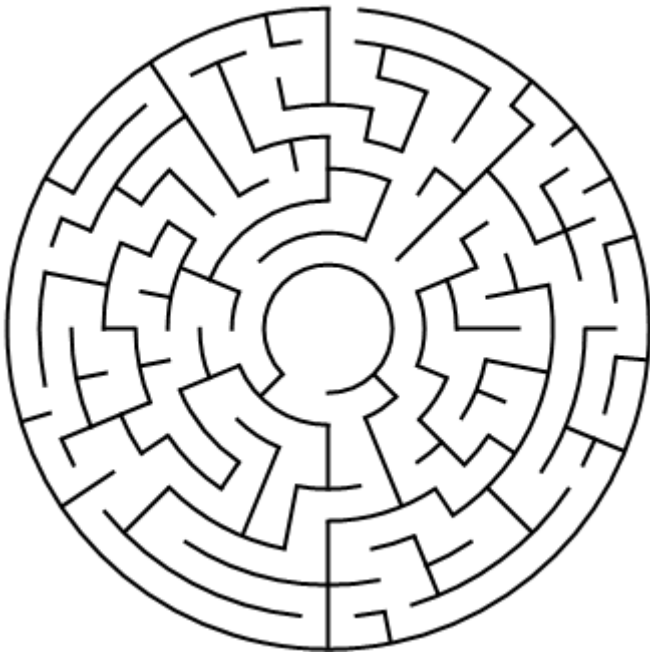
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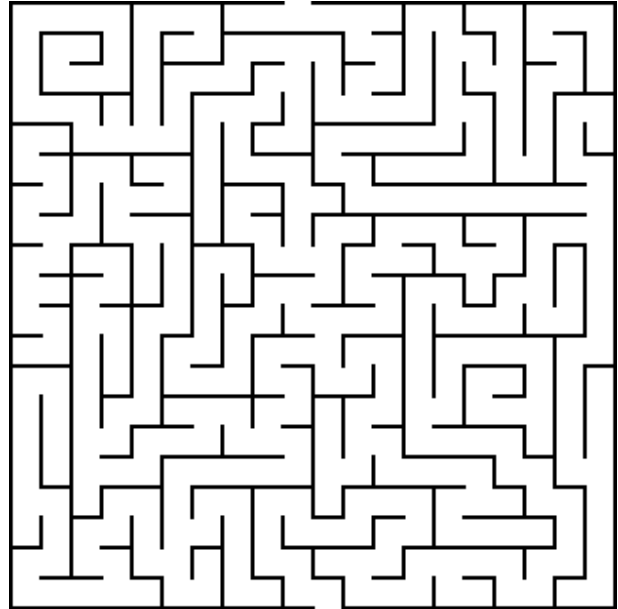
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# KIDS CORNER



Escape the maze!



Okay, smart-pants, bet you can't get out of this one...

Q: What do you call a cow with no legs?

A: Ground beef!

Q: What do you call a pig that knows karate?

A: A pork chop!

Q: What do you call a fly without wings?

A: A walk!

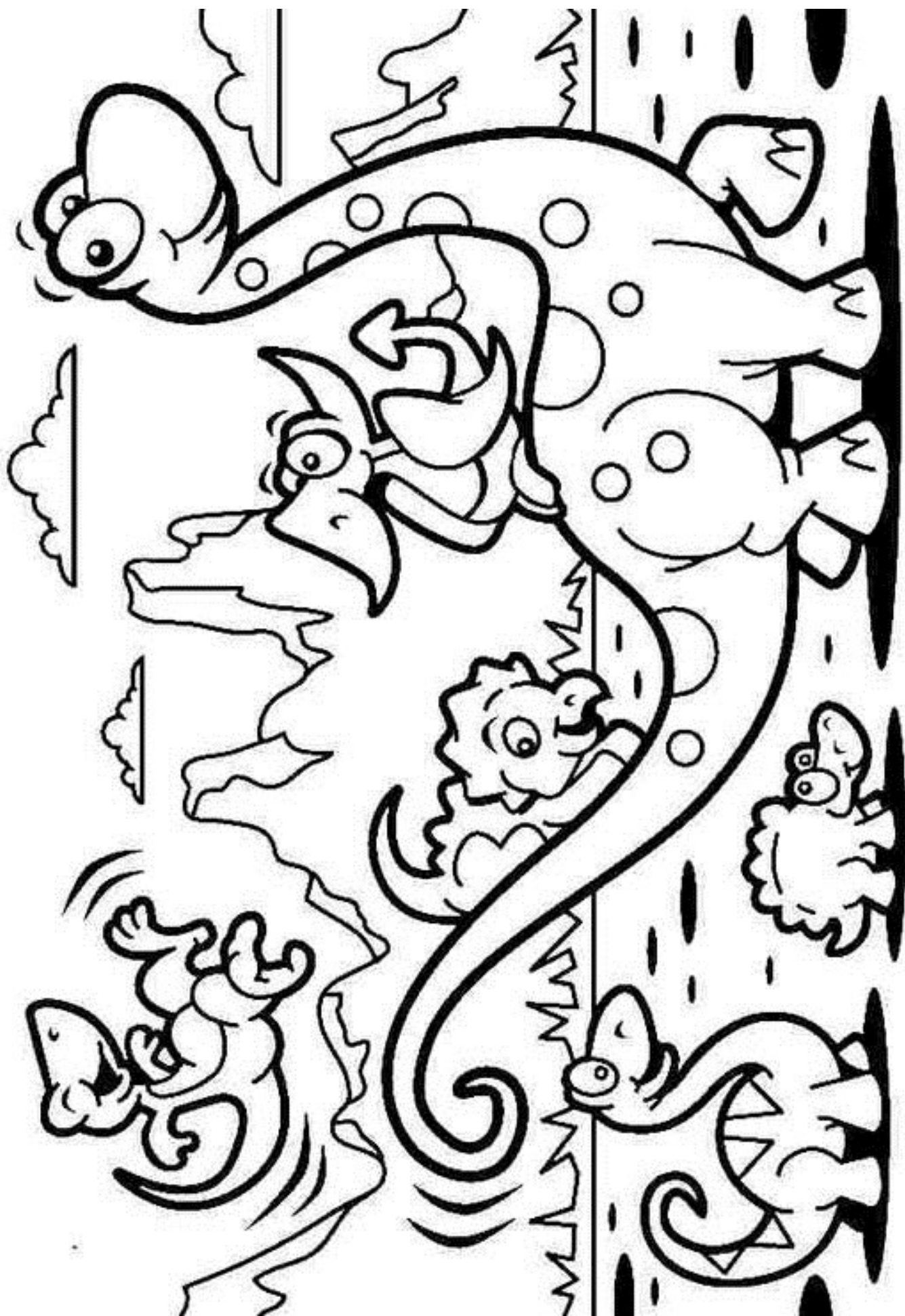
Did you know...

It's impossible for most people to lick their elbow (try it!).

Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.

'Dreamt' is the only English word that ends in the letters 'mt'.





# **Important Dates To Remember**

## **September**

Ordinary Council Meeting  
16th September 2017  
9:30am, Shire Council Chambers  
Council Chambers, Shire Offices

Photography Exhibition  
Wednesday 13h September, 5pm onwards, Meeka  
Picture Gardens

Meekatharra Outback Festival  
Friday 22nd September - Sunday 24th September,  
Town Oval

Meekatharra Outback Ball  
Sunday 24th September, 7pm - Midnight  
Town Hall

Meekatharra Races, Saturday 23rd September,  
Midday. Meekatharra Race Club

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CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF  
THE MEEKATHARRA DUST IS 12 NOON ON:

**28th September 2017**