



# 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:

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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.

*Wishing all our readers a very merry Christmas. And best wishes for 2017. For those of you hitting the highway to spend the holidays with family & friends, have safe travels..*

*See you all in the new year!!!*

## Don't Forget!

*Ordinary Council Meeting  
16th December 2016  
2:00pm, Council Chambers*

*MGG Recycling Yard  
Every Saturday Morning  
9-11am, Railway Street*

*MDHS End of Year Awards  
13th December 2016  
4:45pm, Shire Hall*

*Christmas Carol Evening  
10th December 2016  
6:00pm, Picture Gardens*

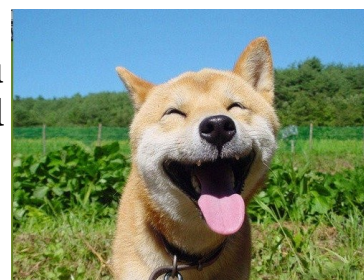


## **A FRIENDLY REMINDER ABOUT DOG CONTROL**

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

December 2016 • by Anna Johnson on behalf of the Shire of Meekatharra

## New Boardwalk Gets AppROOval

The beleaguered boardwalk at the south end of the creek has at last been replaced with a tough new structure. It looks great and it's clear that certain Meeka residents are thoroughly enjoying it (see photo below). The creek walk runs from the grassy information bay area at the Landor road turnoff and runs northwards parallel to Main Street, taking in some surprisingly pretty scenery, then past the mine camp and on to the historic Afghan camel soak (past the last section of housing as you head north). For those who don't know, the creek is supplemented by water piped in from the old mine pits on the southeast side of town, which just keeps the southern end topped up. When it rains heavily, the creek will usually fill pretty much all the way to the soak, where the camel trains would stop to refill their "ships of the desert". The huge beams at the Royal Mail Hotel were brought here by camel train, what an amazing sight that would have been!



The lovely new boardwalk, looking towards the creek crossing at Savage Street. Left: Local residents have indicated their satisfaction with the new facility by leaving their mark of approval - or should that be "apPOOROOval"?







*Left: the Meeka CRC, a long standing resource in town, is to become an accredited visitor centre, promoting tourism in our area. Although losing the bank was a disappointment, it has freed up the facility to offer other much-needed services in Meekatharra.*

## Basketball Lights Lose Their Bounce

At the elderly age of 20 years, the old basketball court lights are failing and the Council has approved their replacement. The stalwart poles are bearing up fine and they'll remain, with new lighting units being installed. Basketball is one of our town's most popular and well-attended sports, with some pretty solid talent to be proud of.



## Take A Seat - But Make Way For The Feet

Energise Cafe (the food van at the corner of Main & Savage street) has been approved to have tables and chairs set out, as has Yulella Vision. Anyone wanting to operate in a public space including footpaths need Shire approval under the Trading Laws.

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).

## Community Projects Get Support

The Council has agreed to "in principle" support for the High School Community Hub - a proposed meeting place for parents, teachers, kids and school volunteers & helpers, and has endorsed the Community Resource Centre's move to become an accredited visitor centre.

The Meekatharra Kart Club has applied for a lease on the old Speedway, which is looking much better than it has in many years. The Shire contributed significant support to the Kart club in order to help get the speedway re-designed and formed for kart use, and the activity is proving very popular. Council expects to approve the lease shortly.



**Merry  
Christmas!**





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**"Meekatharra - A Golden Prospect"**



# YOUTH SERVICES CHRISTMAS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2016

	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December
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	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Closed For Christmas Day</b>	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Closed for boxing Day</b>	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Closed for Staff Break</b>	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Closed for Staff Break</b>	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Closed for Staff Break</b>
	Monday 2 <sup>ND</sup> January <b>Closed for Public Holiday</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
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# POLICE NEWS

WA Police will be working hard this festive season reassuring family members they travel safe this Christmas on our roads.

If you're taking a road trip to be with family or friends to celebrate the Christmas season, Meekatharra Police wish you a safe journey.

Take extra care and be patient while on our roads. There is not only additional holiday traffic, there are extra caravans, boats and trailers that will slow down your journey. Our message is:

- Slow down and drive to the conditions
- Pay attention all the time
- Don't drive while tired
- Take regular breaks
- Wear your seatbelt
- Don't drive after drinking or if you've taken drugs **remember** it's not just your life at risk.
- If you are drinking organise alternative travel arrangements (sober designated driver etc).

And remember that you could still be over the limit even if you've had a few hours' sleep. Picking up your car too early in the day could mean you're still affected by alcohol.

Too many families spend Christmas remembering loved ones lost at this time of year.

**lock it.  
hide it.  
keep it.**



If you're not paying attention, or you're driving while tired, affected by alcohol or drugs, or speeding; you may be involved in a serious crash.

Don't ruin your Christmas with a decision to drive when you shouldn't, or drive in a way that puts you, your family or others at risk.

Your most precious gift this Christmas is sitting beside you and behind you.  
Drive safe and merry Christmas.

Follow us & keep up to date on:





@MeekaPol



Mid West—Gascoyne District—  
WA Police





Once again the festive season is upon us with the holiday season just round the corner, so we thought that this would be the ideal time to remind you of some personal safety tips to ensure that you and your family have a safe and crime free festive season.

Remember!

"Fighting crime is everybody's business. We all have a role to play and together, through partnerships, we will be successful in making our communities safer and more secure".

Tips on how you can play your part

At home:

- Remember to lock your doors, even when you are in.
- Don't leave Christmas presents in full view.
- Check with your household Insurance to make sure you have the correct cover for extra items.
- If going out for the evening, give the impression the house is occupied by leaving lights and television/radio on. Shut the curtains.
- If going on holiday, make sure your wheelie bin is taken in, gates are locked and let someone you trust to check on your property while you are away.
- Inform neighbours and local police your house will be unoccupied during the Christmas break
- Report suspicious behaviour to police.
- From everyone at the Meekatharra Police Station we wish you all a safe "Merry Christmas".



# KIDS SPORT



## Kidsport online applications coming soon!

From the 14 November 2016 you can apply for your KidSport online, if you hold a valid Health Care Card / Pensioner Concession Card. For more details: [www.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport](http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport)



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community **wins**

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# SCHOOL FOR POOL PROGRAM

**All school age children are required to have been at School to be allowed to enter the pool.**

**They must be wearing the correct colour wrist band.**

## **NO BAND NO ENTRY**

**Attendance bands are issued by the School - See the School if you have any issues or require a wrist band**

**Any abuse or threats against the Pool Manager will be reported to the Police and the offender will be banned from the pool.**

**Attendance at School for 5 days a week entitles FREE access on Saturday & Sunday**

# Meekatharra District High School December's Birthdays

**Dylan Gentle**

14yrs

19th December 2016

**Gavin Green**

14yrs

12th December 2016

**Bella Quartermaine**

8yrs

5th December 2016

**Tristan Nettles**

13yrs

7th December 2016

**Kevin Kaythan Rodrigolage**

8yrs

15th December 2016

**Donaya Jones**

11yrs

10th December 2016

**Zaylee Wingo**

6yrs

10th December 2016

**Lorry Scott**

11yrs

15th December 2016

**Talfia Mongoo**

13yrs

17th December 2016

**Fran Quartermaine**

10yrs

21st December 2016

**Jorden Scott-Callow**

13yrs

22nd December 2016

**Zane Kloske**

9yrs

2nd December 2016

**Errol Martin**

13yrs

3rd December 2016

**Michael Bell**

10yrs

22nd December 2016

**Julius Robinson**

13yrs

27th December 2016





# END OF YEAR 2016

## AWARDS NIGHT

SHIRE HALL 4:45PM

Tuesday 13th December



# M.D.H.S



## MANY THANKS TO MEEKATHARRA SHIRE

MDHS recently supported four student teachers as they embarked upon their Teaching Practice unit of work. This professional commitment would not have been possible without the generous support of the Shire in providing accommodation for the student teachers – Many, many thanks for helping our School to co-operate with Murdoch University in this partnership.



### AUTHOR VISIT TO MDHS

Naomi Lake, author of "Harmony The Forgetful Hen & the Lost Eggs" visited MDHS this term. Naomi read her story to our students from Kindergarten to Year 4, then patiently answered questions about the craft of writing. Our students did Meekatharra proud by extending a very warm welcome and listening respectfully throughout the visit.





As part of our Back To Bush program we have arranged excursions to Peace Gorge, Meekatharra for students on Friday afternoons.

It has been planned that the High School students will lead the younger students in a set of bush experiences organised by the AIEO staff. It is hoped that the High School students will use this experience to develop leadership skills whilst sharing their knowledge of the bush. The activities for these excursion will include:

- Eating a pre prepared traditional meal
- Talks from local Elder people about growing up in the bush
- Searching for bush food
- Learning games our Elders used to play



## Back to Bush Committee



Back to Bush

# School Appreciation Program

- \*\*\*\*\*
- \* Any parent who comes along to school for a
- \* meeting, or to help in any way is provided with
- \* Meeka 'money'. You can use your 'money' to :
- \* purchase school uniforms (and we have an exciting new uniform being introduced next year)
  - \* have a voucher from either Farmer Jacks or Coles Express.
- \*\*\*\*\*



**FOODWORKS**

We value your support and this is our way of saying **thank you.**

## LUNCHTIME SPORTS AT MDHS

Students at MDHS have been enjoying a range of activities during their lunch hour.

Everyone has been interacting really well by sharing equipment and playing fairly.







Well done to the enthusiastic students and staff.





# TERM FOUR PLANNER



Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Pupil-free Day – No School	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Teach Learn Grow are back !!	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Mid-West Academy of Sport Day of SPORT for Years 5—12	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	School Council 7:30 am	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Open Classrooms – come and see all the learning that's happening at school 2:00pm	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Shooting Stars Awards Night	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Kindy Graduation at 10:30 am in Room 16	
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Year Awards Night – Shire Hall 4:45pm ALL WELCOME	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Parties	
<b>2017</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY</b> <b>BACK TO SCHOOL</b>	<b>2017</b>

# Entertaining and Educational Assemblies at MDHS

## Term 4



Bushfires Yr 5/6



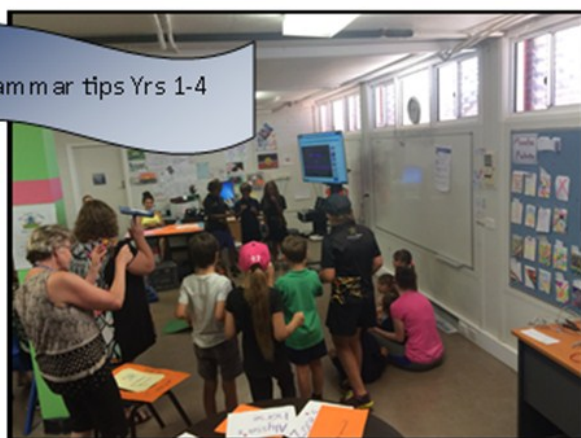
High School Science



We all meet together



Grammar tips Yrs 1-4



MDHS presents the final Assembly of 2016 on Wednesday 14th December at 12:35pm. All welcome.



# MDHS WELCOMES



MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER— Sports at the  
Oval 5:30—7:30 pm. Community BBQ.

TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER—DAY OF SPORT  
at School 8:30am—2:30pm

Lunch provided . Coaches Awards & Prizes

YEARS 5 TO 12

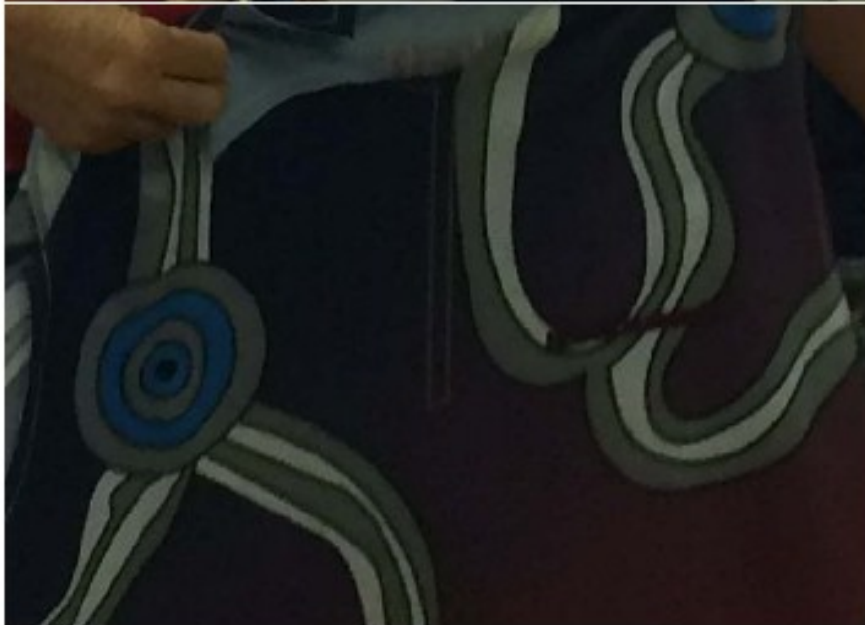
Basketball, Footy, Netball, Cricket  
and Talent Identification



# New School Uniform Design Launched!



In 2017 students at Meekatharra DHS will have a new school shirt. A school competition for the design was held with the winning design coming from Raymond Binsiar. The artwork is very powerful with a very important message, and the material more wearable in our climate. We can't wait to see the kids back next year wearing this amazing shirt.







# MEEKATHARRA HEALTH VISITS



## December 2016

**Dentist**  
**6<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016**  
*Call Hospital on 9981-0600 for  
appointment*

**Physiotherapist**  
**13<sup>th</sup> December 2016**  
*Call Hospital on 9981-0600 for  
appointment*

**Ultrasound**  
**5<sup>th</sup> December 2016**  
*Call GP Clinic on 9981-0604 for  
appointment*

**Diabetic Educator**  
**19<sup>th</sup> December 2016**  
*Call Hospital on 9981-0600 for  
appointment*

**Podiatrist**  
**13<sup>th</sup> December 2016**  
*Call GP Clinic on 9981-0604 for  
appointment*

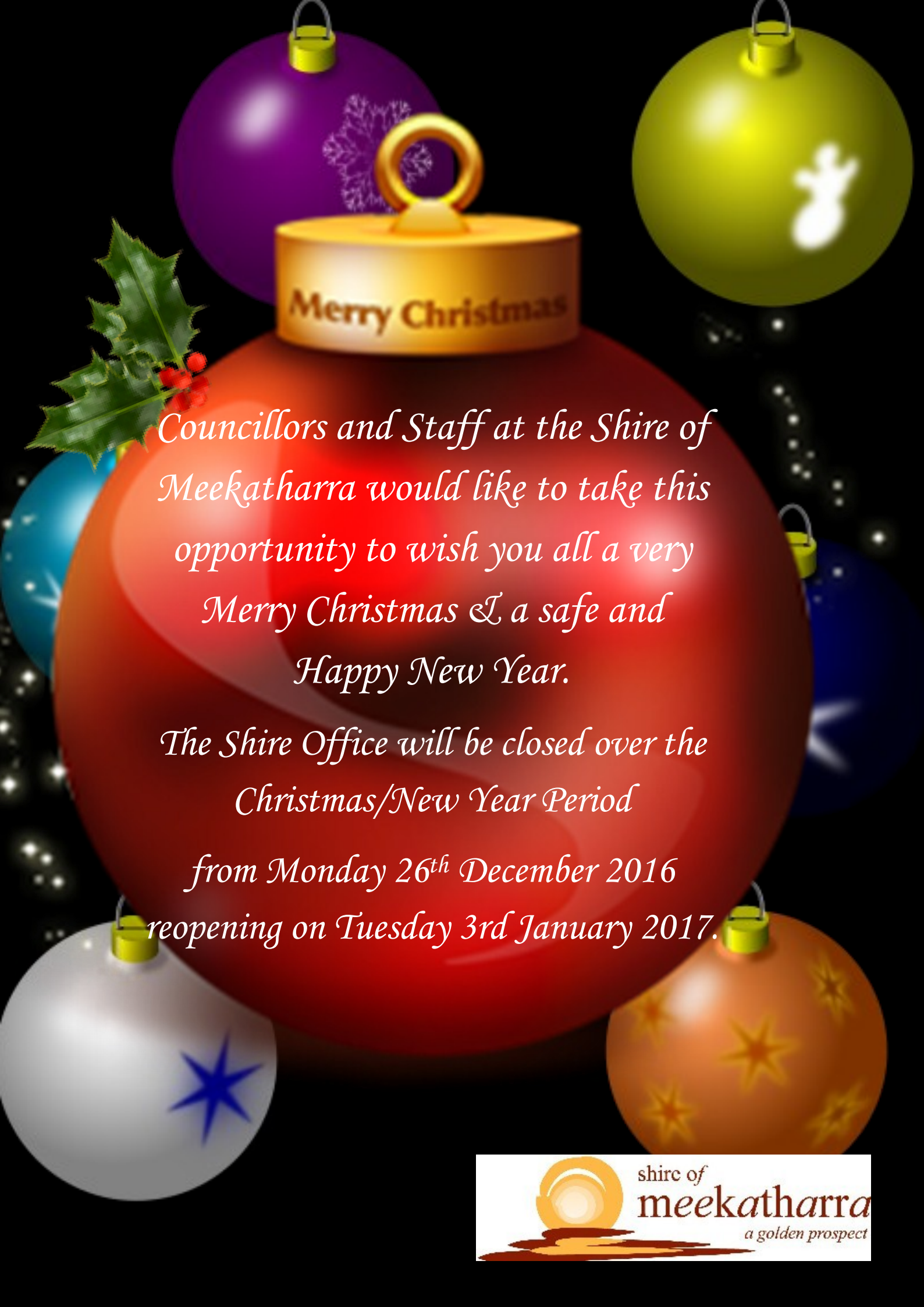
**Dietician**  
**19<sup>th</sup> December 2016**  
*Call Hospital on 9981-0600 for  
appointment*

**Paediatrician**  
**5<sup>th</sup> December 2016**  
*Call GP Clinic on 9981-0604 for  
appointment*

**Podiatrist**  
**13<sup>th</sup> December 2016**  
*Call GP Clinic on 9981-0604 for  
appointment*

**Australian Hearing**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016**  
*Call GP Clinic on 9981-0604 for  
appointment*

**Child Health Nurse**  
**5<sup>th</sup> December 2016**  
*Call GP Clinic on 9981-0604 for  
appointment*



*Councillors and Staff at the Shire of  
Meekatharra would like to take this  
opportunity to wish you all a very  
Merry Christmas & a safe and  
Happy New Year.*

*The Shire Office will be closed over the  
Christmas/New Year Period  
from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2016  
reopening on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017.*



# Road safety messages from Santa



**Rest if tired**

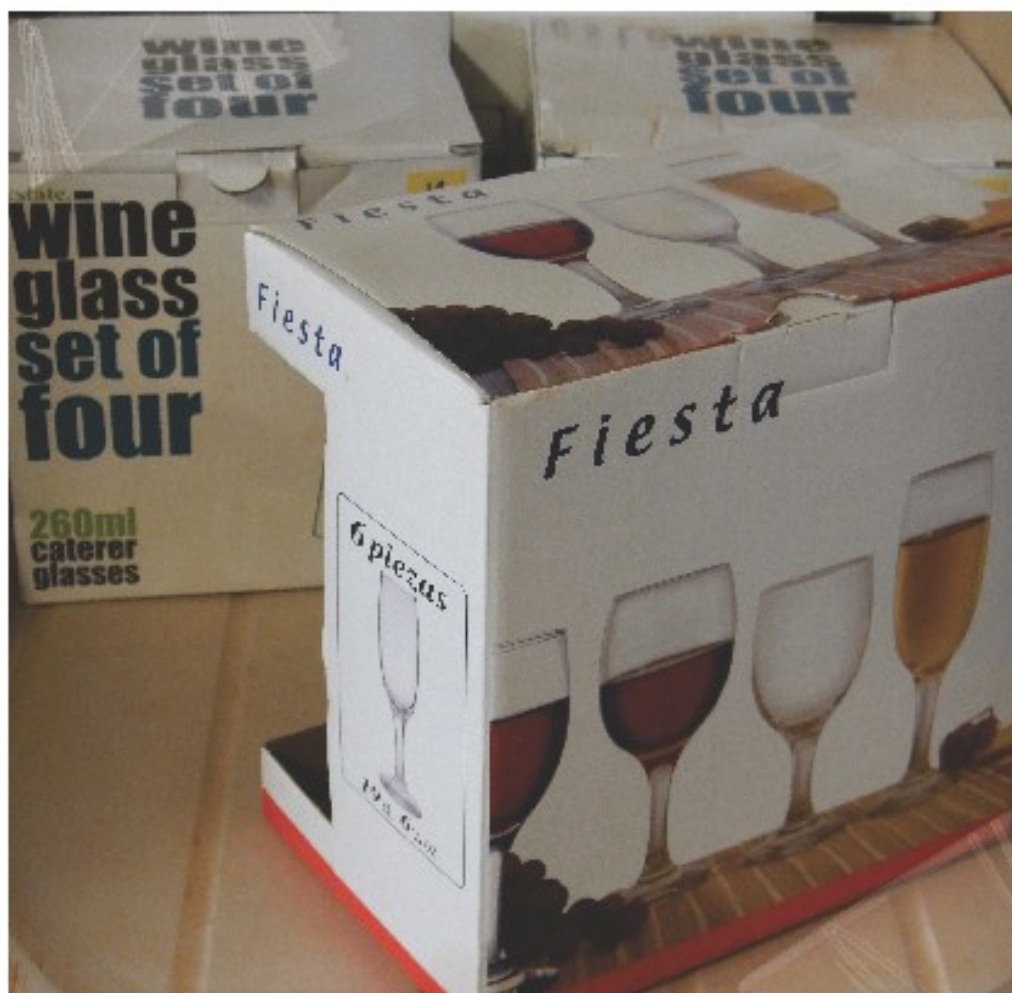


**Have a happy  
and  
safe Christmas**



# MEEKA GOES GREEN

## ★ FEATURED ITEM OF THE MONTH ★



## WINE GLASSES!

The Recycling Centre on Railway Street not only churns out many bales of cardboard, cans and plastic each week but also houses a "Repurposing Section" where lots of goodies are dropped off.

### **How does it work?**

Easy! Pop down Saturdays between 9-11am, have a browse and find something you like.

### **What's the cost?**

Just a donation - however much you think the item is worth.

or email us at [meekagoesgreen@gmail.com](mailto:meekagoesgreen@gmail.com)

Find us on  
**Facebook** / meekagoesgreen







*Meeka Goes Green*



# RECYCLING CENTRE

Railway Street, Meekatharra

## OPEN SATURDAYS

### 9-11 AM



CANS



PLASTICS



CARDBOARD



PAPER

# Vince CATANIA MLA

## NORTH WEST CENTRAL

*Merry  
Christmas*



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# Media Release

**Vincent Catania MLA**  
Member for North West Central

## Tireless work of regional volunteers celebrated

18<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Volunteers in North West Central will be recognised for their invaluable contributions, thanks to funding through the "Thank A Volunteer Day" grants program.

Vince Catania Member for North West Central today announced that Shire of Shark Bay and Meekatharra Community Resource would share in more than \$59,000 current funding program.

The Shire of Shark Bay is hosting a BBQ breakfast held at the Emergency Services Precinct on Durlacher Street. Volunteers are asked to register their attendance prior to the event to ensure that they receive a thank you gift and acknowledgement on the day."

"The Meekatharra Community Resource Centre is acknowledging the community volunteers with a 'Thanks a Mate BBQ' for all who consistently offer their time for the benefit of the community from the various organisations in the region,".

"I am delighted that the Government is funding events in North West Central which provides the opportunity to celebrate some of our unsung heroes," Vince said.

"West Australians have a great tradition of volunteering and its value to our State is estimated at about \$39 billion per year.

"On a local level, volunteers play a vital role in ensuring our communities remain vibrant and recognising their contributions is an essential part of **Thank a Volunteer Day**."

Vince said the Government was committed to supporting the volunteering sector in WA, with a total of \$1.33 million in funding in 2015-16.

Thank a Volunteer Day is celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 to coincide with International Volunteer Day.

For information on Volunteer Day please contact local Shire office.

For media enquiries please contact Vince Catania on (08) 99412 999 or email [northwest@mp.wa.gov.au](mailto:northwest@mp.wa.gov.au)

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# Calendar for Preparing Your Property

## ARE YOU BUSHFIRE READY?

[areyouready.wa.gov.au](http://areyouready.wa.gov.au)

## HOW PREPARED IS YOUR PROPERTY?

Don't wait until summer to start preparing your home and family for the bushfire season. There are many actions that can be taken throughout the year which will help prepare your property for bushfire. **Manage your property all year round – reduce your bushfire risk now!**

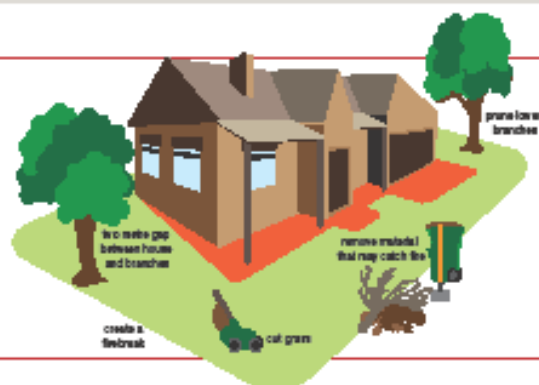
### THERE ARE PRECAUTIONS YOU CAN TAKE IMMEDIATELY THAT WILL HELP PROTECT YOU AND YOUR PROPERTY FROM BUSHFIRE:

- ☐ Prepare firebreaks in accordance with your local government fire break notice. Ensure driveway access is clear.
- ☐ Protect your house from ember attack by fitting wire screens and shutters.
- ☐ Block any gaps under the floor, roof, eaves, external vents, skylights, chimneys and wall cladding.
- ☐ Hazard reduction burning – for more information use the DFES Winter Burning Guide. For a copy of this guide contact DFES Environmental Protection Branch on 9395 9300.
- ☐ Have an emergency water supply that is independent of mains water supply.
- ☐ Discuss fire prevention and preparedness with your family and neighbours.

To create a 20 metre building protection zone there are various types of hazard reduction actions that you can do on your property. These include:

- ☐ Reducing the fuel levels around the house, by clearing long grass, raking leaves and twigs and pruning shrubs.
- ☐ Spraying grass and weeds with herbicide.
- ☐ Conducting a controlled burn on your property. Check with your local government authority about permits and restrictions for controlled burns.
- ☐ Moving flammable material such as wood piles away from your house.

In many situations hand and mechanical clearing is the best way to protect your property. These methods are easier to organise, and are considered safer, than hazard reduction burning.



### What is a building protection zone?

A building protection zone (BPZ) is an area extending for at least 20 metres around a building on all sides where there is little or nothing to burn. In suburban areas this may mean that your whole block will be part of your BPZ.

For more information visit [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au) or contact DFES Community Engagement 9395 9816



Government of Western Australia  
Department of Fire & Emergency Services



**PREPARE ACT SURVIVE**



# Calendar for Preparing Your Property

**Preparation is the key** to reducing your bushfire risk. Below is a list of actions that you and your family can take throughout the year to prepare for the bushfire season.

SEASON	ACTION
<b>Autumn &amp; Winter</b> (May – August)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prune trees to remove lower branches, check that power lines are clear and use a professional contractor to remove trees and branches around power lines.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reduce fuel levels around the house by clearing long grass, raking leaves and twigs, and prune flammable shrubs.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spray grass and weeds with herbicide.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ensure petrol and other flammable materials are stored away from your home.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make sure your personal and home protection equipment is in good working order.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Overhaul your emergency pump, if you have one.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Develop or review, your bushfire survival plan. Make sure everyone in the family knows what to do in a fire.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Move woodpiles and stacked timber away from the house.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Keep the grass short. On farms, keep grazing levels high.</li> </ul>
<b>Spring</b> (September – November)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prune the dead material from shrubs in the building protection zone.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Clean out gutters and remove debris from your roof.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Install firebreaks in accordance with your local fire break notice.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prepare your emergency kit, including your bushfire survival plan.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prepare to actively defend or leave for a safer place.</li> </ul>
<b>Early Summer</b> (December onwards)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Water lawns, trees and shrubs near buildings to keep them green.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recheck personal and home protection gear, screens, water supplies and gutters.</li> </ul>

For more information visit [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au) or contact **DFES Community Engagement** 9395 9816



Government of Western Australia  
Department of Fire & Emergency Services



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# Ken Baston MLC

State Member for Mining & Pastoral Region



## MEDIA RELEASE

11 November 2016

### **A Container Deposit Scheme for Western Australia**

I am excited to announce the Liberal-led State Government is committed to reducing littering and improving recycling rates in Western Australia.

To boost community efforts to help keep our parks, road verges, waterways and towns clean, the State Government will introduce a container deposit scheme by mid-2018.

On a local level this sort of initiative was introduced in Fitzroy Crossing. A sea of cans virtually disappeared overnight. Profits raised were injected back into the community by way of educational sports equipment donations.

#### **Fast Facts**

- Western Australia currently has more drink containers in our litter than any other State.
- Five of the top 12 littered items in WA are drink containers.
- South Australia's waste stream has only 2.2 per cent drink containers compared to 13.2 per cent in Western Australia.

#### **A New Plan**

Under the Liberal-led Government's Container Deposit Scheme, from mid-2018, consumers will be able to get a 10 cent refund on all eligible plastic, glass and aluminium containers between 150ml and three litres, including soft drink cans, small water bottles small flavoured milk containers, sports drinks bottles and spirit-based mixer cans.

The refund will be available from reverse vending machines at parks, beaches and other public spaces and collection depots across Western Australia.

The Liberal-led Government has listened to the community which has expressed a strong desire for a container deposit scheme to complement our growing recycling culture.

Many community groups, charities and sporting clubs will be able to benefit financially from the scheme by collecting discarded containers and cashing them in.

Depending on the rate of establishment of collection centres, some capital funding of collection infrastructure may be supported by the State Government.

#### ***Contact Ken:***

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## **A Strong Record**

The container deposit scheme will complement the Western Australian Waste Strategy: Creating the Right Environment and the Litter Prevention Strategy for Western Australia 2015-20.

The Government is committed to reducing waste and litter across all waste streams. The Liberal-led government has:

- increased the landfill levy to help divert the amount of waste being dumped at tips in the metropolitan area and encourage investment in alternative waste treatment options
- raised fines for littering
- introduced the offence of illegal dumping
- introduced the Better Bins Program to improve local government waste collection
- introduced incentives to make better use of construction and demolition waste

The Container Deposit Scheme will bring Western Australia into line with New South Wales, Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory which have announced an intention to implement a container deposit scheme. South Australia and the Northern Territory Governments already have a scheme in place.

-END-

For further information please contact Ken Baston on 08 9193 7044; or  
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# Meekatharra Library & Museum

*Mon - Fri*  
*8:00am - 4:30pm*



Come on in and check out what's new in our monthly box exchange!!

If there is a particular novel, author or film you are interested in, we can request these for you.

Library memberships can be obtained from the Shire Office - Quick, easy & free to join!

## Squash Courts



Keys & Tokens can be obtained from the Shire Offices.

Key bond applicable.

*(Equipment hire is not available.)*



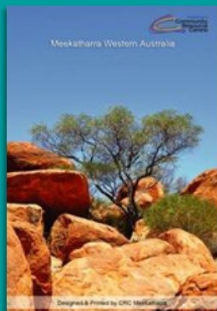
The Meekatharra Seventh-Day Adventist Church (McCleary St) invites you to join us in a weekly service for all ages from **10am Saturday** mornings.



**Services to benefit the local community and visiting individuals by supporting economic, business and social initiatives:**

- Internet Cafe & Wi-Fi
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- Photographic printing
- Local artwork gallery
- Personalised gifts and cards
- Support centre for local community groups

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### PERSONALISED CARDS

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

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Department of Regional Development



**55 Main Street Meekatharra WA 6642**

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## Department of Transport

Driver and Vehicle Services

### New licensing services provider in Meekatharra



The Department of Transport (DoT) is continuing to expand its Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) network to improve access to licensing services in the regions.

The new Meekathara Community Resource Centre (CRC) will assist customers with the following DVS services:

- ◆ Driver and vehicle licence renewal
- ◆ Driver licence applications
- ◆ Vehicle registrations
- ◆ Change of address
- ◆ Theory and hazard perception test
- ◆ WA photo card
- ◆ Temporary movement permit purchase
- ◆ Vehicle ownership transfer
- ◆ Buying optional vehicle licence plates
- ◆ Recreational vessel transfers and payments

The Meekathara CRC, at 66 Main Street, Meekathara will provide DoT services between 9am and 2pm from Monday to Friday, providing the community with convenient access to DoT services.

DoT also offers an extensive range of information and services online at [www.transport.wa.gov.au](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au) – including payments; licence and vehicle status enquiries; change of addresses; and checking demerit points.

**We will be operating as from the 12th December 2016**



# Meekatharra Corner Store

Corner of Main & High Streets, Meekatharra

**Ph: 9981 1151**



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Contact the Shire office on 08 9980 0600 or come on down to find out more.

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**Mt Augustus Station - Upper Gascoyne**

**9am Friday 9 December to  
4pm Saturday 10 December**



This two day exercise will be a combination of tabletop map analysis (please bring along images of your property to share your issues and learnings), as well as analysis of the host property's erosion sites, we will be looking for water thief's and finding collective solutions applicable to all land managers.

- All meals provided
- Accommodation available

Please RSVP to Kane Watson at Rangelands NRM  
on 0419 328 535 or [kanew@rangelandswa.com.au](mailto:kanew@rangelandswa.com.au)  
OR accomodation reservations Mt Augustus - Kathy - 08 9943 0527

*The Regional Landcare Facilitator Program is an initiative of the Australian Government.*

**Kane Watson**  
Regional Landcare Facilitator  
Rangelands NRM  
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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.



# Christ the King Catholic Church



**Liturgies for November  
and December**  
**Saturdays at 6.30 pm**



*Sat 19 Nov*

*Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass)*

*Sat 26 Nov*

*Celebration of the Word with Communion*

*Sat 24 Dec*

**CHRISTMAS EVE**



*Celebration  
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**Dec 17** 7pm Inside Out

8:30pm Point Break

**Dec 24** 7pm Big Hero 6

8:30pm Jason Bourne

**Dec 31** 7pm Frozen

8:30pm Maze Runner





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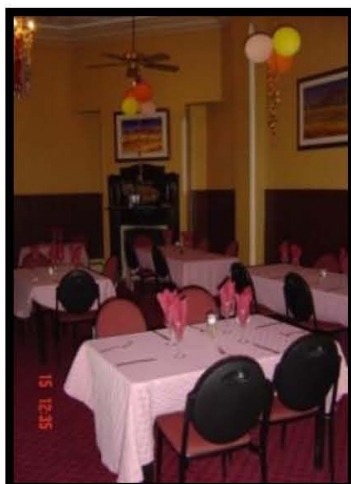
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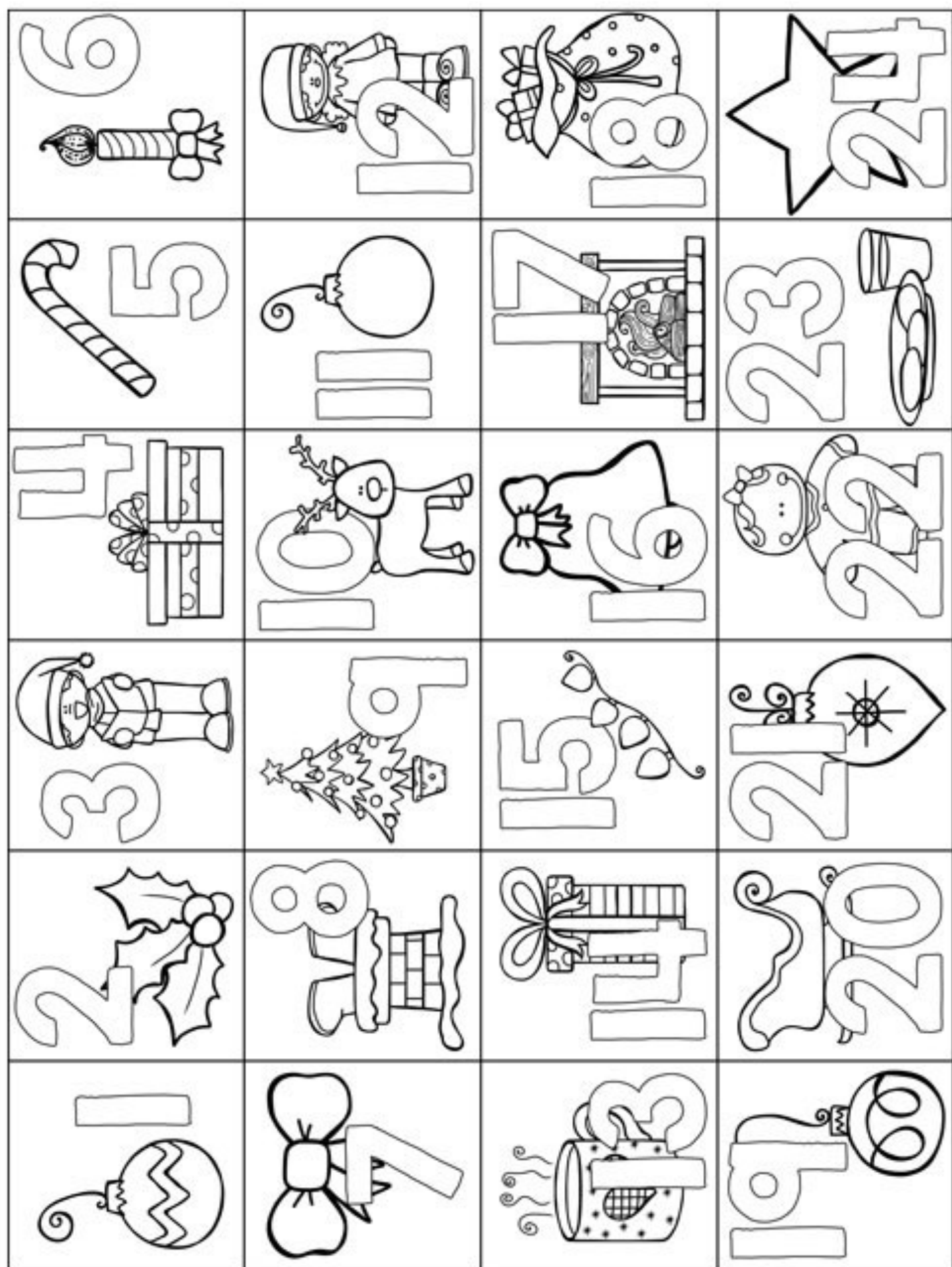
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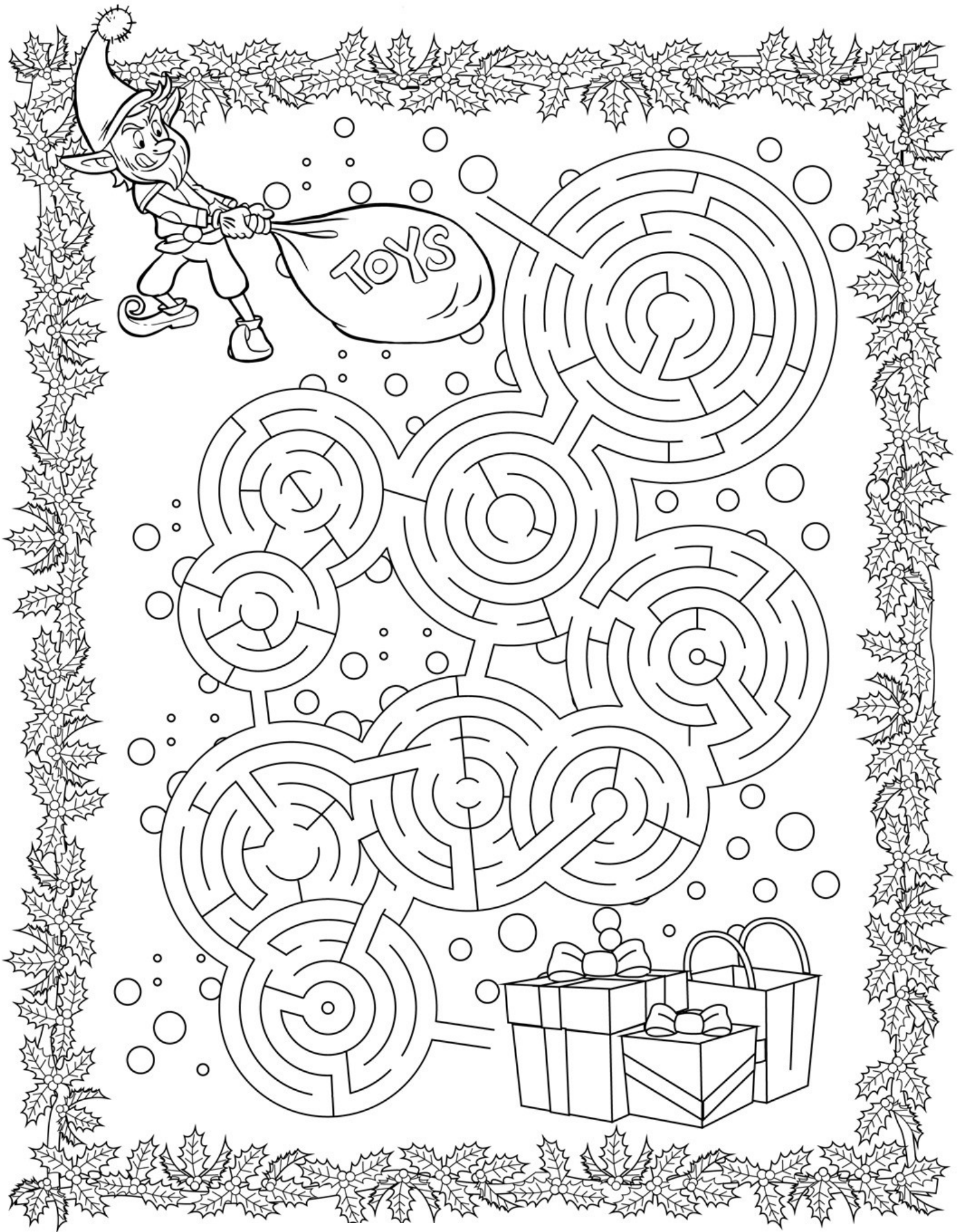
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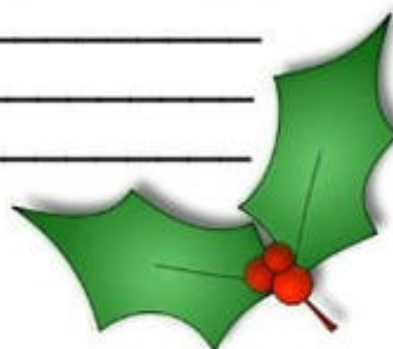


# Christmas Word Scramble



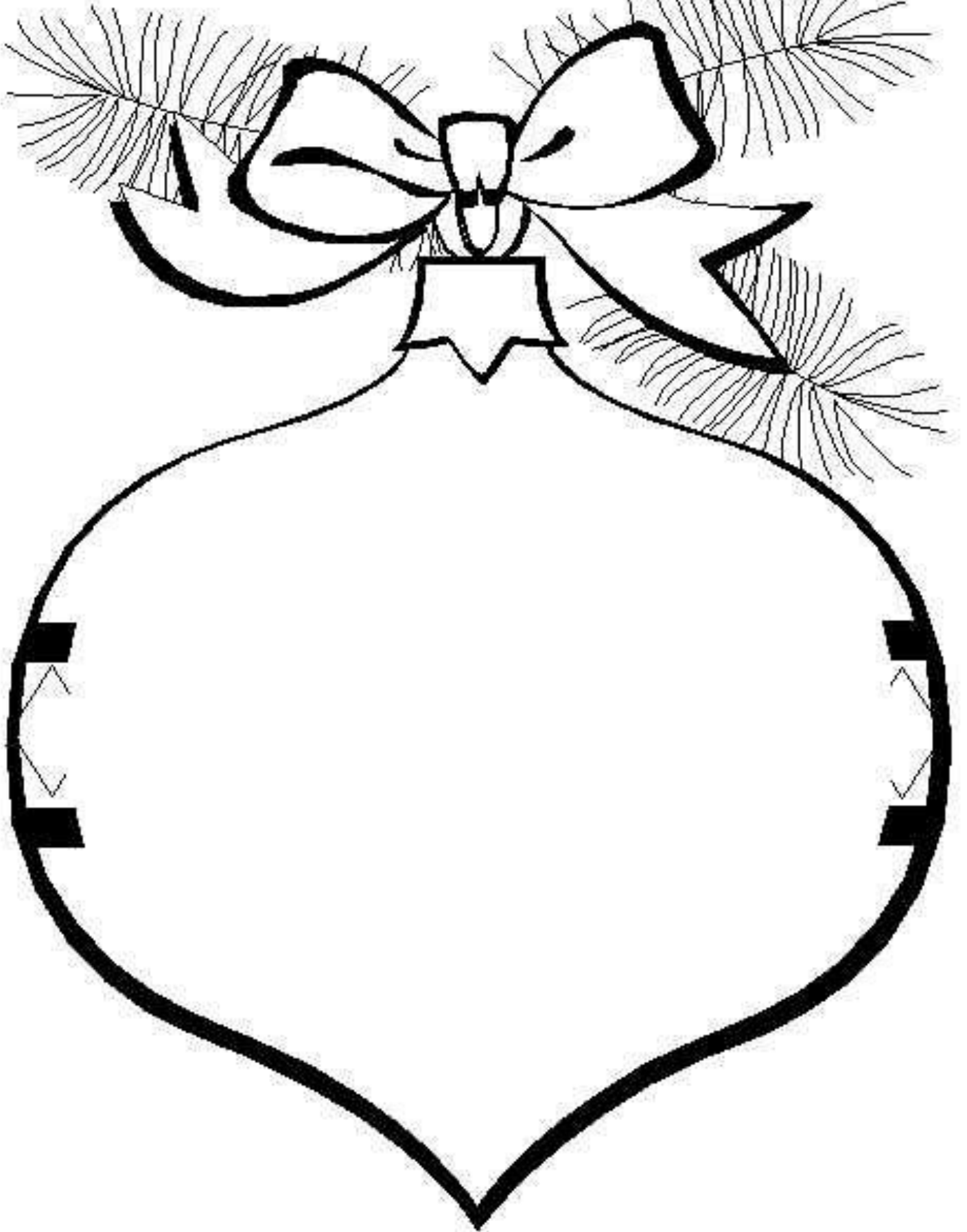
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# **Important Dates To Remember**

## **DECEMBER 2016**

Ordinary Council Meeting

16th December 2016

2:00pm, Shire Council Chambers

MDHS End of Year Awards

13th December 2016

4:45pm, Shire Hall

Christmas Carol Community Evening

10th December 2016

6:00pm, Picture Gardens

## **JANUARY 2017**

Ordinary Council Meeting

21st January 2017

9:30am, Shire Council Chambers

Australia Day - Public Holiday

26th January 2017

**CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF  
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**6th January 2017**