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Don't Forget!

Meekatharra Career Expo
16th & 17th November
Meekatharra Town Hall

Meeka Markets
25th November
Meekatharra Town Hall

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.....

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.

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Your Council News

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

The Man In Red Coming To Do His Lolly

If you're new to Meeka, take note: there's a very special Meeka tradition that happens on Christmas morning. What's red and white and all over town? Yes, it's Santa! He's an old mate of Meacho from the Commercial Hotel, and comes to Meeka every year to cruise the town in our historic Bedford fire engine, handing out lollies to kids of all ages.

Keep your ears alert for the sound of the vintage siren, and be ready to run out into the street in your best holiday pyjamas to collect your loot. You may recognise some of the elves, but Santa's identity is a tightly-guarded secret; all we know is that he suddenly appears out the back of the Commie on Christmas morning with a sack of lollies, ready to spread the joy despite the summer heat, then disappears back into the hotel just about the time Meacho's ready to sit down for a cold one. You won't see any reindeer though, they're in cold storage up north while Santa does his lolly run here in dusty Meeka town. Ho ho ho!



No Reserves About Having a Go

What brought the WA Police, Army Reserves, Central Regional TAFE and others to Meeka last month? The annual Meeka Career Expo, of course - bigger and better than last year and a solid hit with our local youth. Guest speaker Di Wilcox gave a talk on motivation, goal setting and how to learn to overcome setbacks. We had plenty of kids from both Meeka and Mt. Magnet come in for the two day event, which showcases not just a range of job and career paths but also provides some excellent practical resources for day to day living, learning and coping.

Make Smoking History provided information and resources on the all-important message about the hazards of smoking and making healthy choices, and Meeka FM was a popular stall, a great example of how a small local endeavour can open a big window on the world. Bush survival skills, ideas for the future, how to find career information and the amazing choices available were all part of the daily fare. Thank you to everyone who contributed and attended! If you have contacts or contribution ideas for the expo next year, you're welcome to get in touch with the shire.



Local kids from Meeka and Mt. Magnet had a great time with the ever-helpful Pilbara Regiment, trying out the army packs, vehicles and equipment - all part of the many resources on hand at the annual Career Expo at the shire hall.

Meeka Market's Merry Makers

The always-popular Meekatharra Markets were resurrected at long last and were well attended by stall holders and bargain-hunting locals. If you're new to Meeka, they're held out the back of the shire hall in the spacious undercover outdoor area - a great opportunity to meet, chat and enjoy some local wares. This latest market featured everything from handmade local jewellery and crocheted clothing to mangoes and more.

Meeka Goes Green also had a stall and raised a couple of hundred dollars for the award-winning recycling depot, thanks to Svenja's excellent sales efforts. Stall tables were free, so if you have things to sell get in touch with the shire about booking in for the next one after the holiday season.



Mental Health Initiative Coming To Town

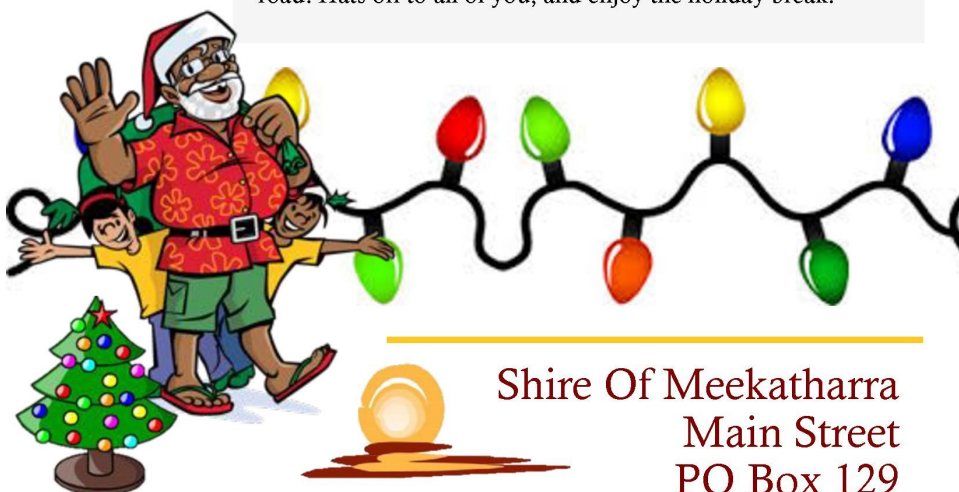
Council will be considering a partnering arrangement with WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) to provide a program at our Sports Complex that would aim to train twenty community members to a Certificate IV standard in Mental Health issues, with the goal of creating a community based support network. This is an excellent initiative, as Meekatharra has been identified as a "hotspot" for mental health issues.

The program is part of WAPHA's "Grow Local" strategy, providing consultation, training and more through needs-based services to communities. They cover most of the expenses, with the Shire, pending Council's final approval, contributing with certain donations of funds/services in relation to the premises and on site resources during training. The program is expected to start in February, and you are welcome to contact the shire for further information.

Bonza Bitumen Bung-On

Bitumenising of our town streets is steadily improving some of our rough spots and rain damage - the crews have been remarkably efficient. Local businesses have certainly appreciated their efforts in keeping road closures and access limitations to a minimum and being so quick. Big thanks also to the road crews who have been doing a superlative job on the West Road and shire tracks - our region suffered a lot of road damage this year with storms and floods, and it's no mean feat getting them back into shape. Crews often have to stay in camps out of town, and it's a long, dusty day bringing in the surfacing materials, laying them out and then packing them down, not to mention all the culvert and drainage work that's involved, or trying to avoid the very active wildlife as bungarras, kangaroos, emus and even camels wander on to the nice, smooth "snoozing patches" in the middle of the road. Hats off to all of you, and enjoy the holiday break.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone from us here at the shire! The offices will be closed from end of business on Friday the 22nd of December, and we'll be back on deck on Tuesday the 2nd of January. Best wishes to you all, and may your holiday break be safe and happy.



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).

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RESULTS OF ELECTION FOR

Shire of Meekatharra

Results	These are the results of the local government election held on 18 November 2017 for the election of Shire President and Deputy Shire President.
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Candidates	Result
<u>Shire President</u> One nomination was received for the office of Shire President in favour of Cr Norman Trenfield	Cr Norman Trenfield Elected unopposed
<u>Deputy Shire President</u> One nomination was received for the office of Deputy Shire President in favour of Cr Peter Clancy	Cr Peter Clancy Elected unopposed

Returning officer	Full name: Roy William McClymont	
	'	Date: 20 November 2017

Meekatharra Health Service Provider Dates



SERVICE	NEXT VISIT
AUSTRALIAN HEARING CLINIC	TBC
CHILD HEALTH NURSE	4, 11, & 12 DECEMBER
DIABETES EDUCATOR	TBC
DIETICIAN	TBC
DR. KATY TEMPLEMAN	11 & 12 DECEMBER
GRAMS DENTIST	12-21 DECEMBER
INTEGRATED CHRONIC	TBC
PAEDIATRICIAN	4 DECEMBER
PHYSIOTHERAPIST	12 DECEMBER
PODIATRIST	12 DECEMBER
RESPIRATORY TEAM	TBC
ULTRASOUND	18 DECEMBER

Serious Business: Councillors Are Sworn In



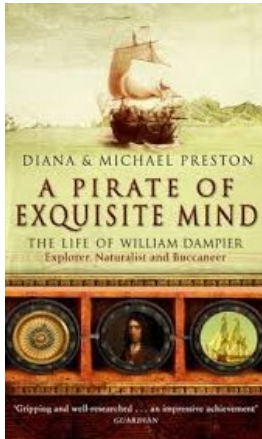
Formalities were exchanged at the historic Council Chambers this month, as our Shire Councillors were sworn in for another term of service to the community.

A congratulations to the Councillors who were re-elected, and a warm welcome to Matthew Hall, a pastoralist in the area who is serving his first term on the Meekatharra Shire Council.

Looking to get in touch with a Councillor? All contact information is on the Shire website:
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Culture Corner



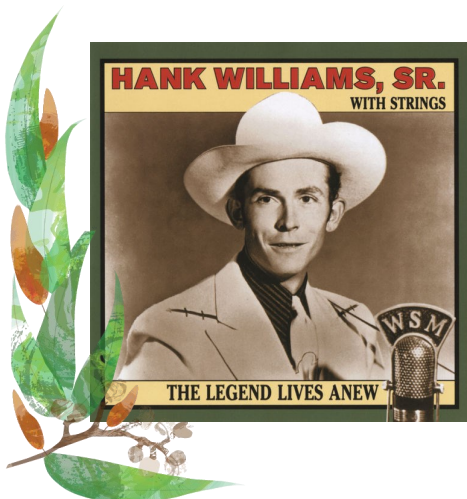
What we're reading: Did you know that the first Englishman to explore parts of our sunburnt country was not, in fact, James Cook, but a fellow by the name of William Dampier? A Pirate of Exquisite Mind by husband-wife team Diana & Michael Preston examines the life and times of this fascinating contradiction of a man: Hydrographer. Naturalist. Author. Pirate.



What we're watching: Good Behavior. A hit man and a con artist join forces. Throw a torrid relationship between the two into the mix, along with an intense custody battle and addiction problems, and what could go wrong? Fantastic soundtrack, and the editing is sliiick.



What we're cooking: Ceviche. This cold seafood dish is a hit in Latin America and the Caribbean. Perfect for those 40+ degree days we'll be getting shortly. Recipe on page 36 & 37.



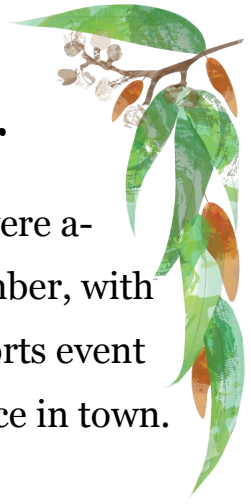
What we're listening to: Hank Williams. There's no denying that Hank captured the sound of an era, yet his compositions are eternal. It's easy to see how he is one of the most influential singer-songwriters of the 20th century. 'Your Cheatin' Heart' has a hook that would rival many of today's pop tunes.



Best Swishes:

Meeka Muster

Lay-ups and alley-oops were a-plenty on the 18th November, with the regional favourite sports event Meeka Muster taking place in town.

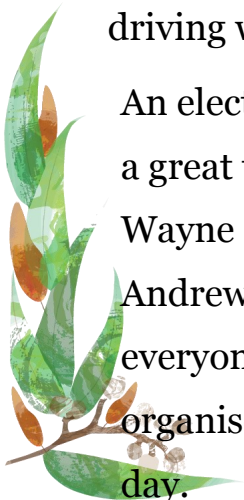


10 basketball teams (6 mens', 4 ladies') from as far away as Mingenew and Leonora competed for glory. A sausage sizzle was cooked up (because really, what's a great Aussie sporting tradition without a snagga in a bun?), and spectators cheered their teams on

on from the sidelines.

And the big winners? The Mingenew Bulldogs took home the crown in the men's league, while the Golden Girls from Leonora beat down the competition in the women's comp. I guess all that driving was the formula for success!

An electrifying atmosphere, and a great turn-out. Thanks to Wayne Roser, Rob Binsiar, Andrew and Andrea Binsiar, and everyone else who helped organise or helped out on the day.



“Just play. Have fun. Enjoy the game.” - Michael Jordan



A festive poster with a red background. It features green holly leaves and dark red berries in the corners. White and gold starburst ornaments are scattered throughout. The text 'Merry Christmas!' is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below it, a green rectangular box contains the text 'FROM THE TEAM AT THE SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA' in dark red, all-caps, sans-serif font. Further down, the text 'THE SHIRE OFFICE CLOSURES ON FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2017, AND WILL RE-OPEN ON MONDAY 2ND JANUARY 2018' is written in white, all-caps, sans-serif font. At the bottom, 'DRIVE SAFE, EAT LOTS, AND ENJOY' is written in white, all-caps, sans-serif font, with a small gold starburst ornament below it.

Merry Christmas!

FROM THE TEAM AT
THE SHIRE OF
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THE SHIRE OFFICE CLOSURES
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DRIVE SAFE, EAT LOTS, AND
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Need some last minute Christmas gifts or
Christmas decorations?

MEEKA GOES GREEN

HAVE PLENTY OF CHRISTMAS
DECORATIONS AND TREASURES TO BUY
AS GIFTS.

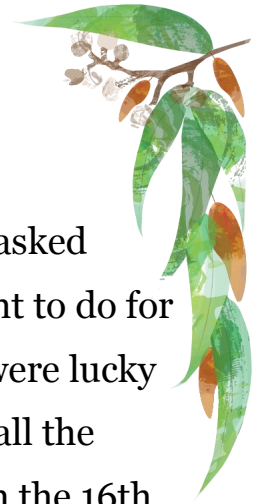


Pop down to the recycling depot on Railway Street on
Saturdays from 9-11am to check it out!

We wish you a safe, happy, and green Christmas.



Good Job: Career Expo



It's a question we've all asked ourselves: what do I want to do for a job? Meekatharrians were lucky enough to get a taste of all the possibilities out there on the 16th & 17th of November, when the 2nd Annual Meekatharra Career Expo was on.

Held at the town hall, businesses and training groups from the region set up stalls, and talked to

people about career and education options.

A very special guest speaker, Di Wilcox, spoke about the importance of dreaming big and being strong. Youth, Sport, and Recreation Officer Wayne Roser and Mental Health worker Rob Binsiar also spoke about their experience with work and life.

A big thanks to Wayne for organising the event, and to all the groups who attended.

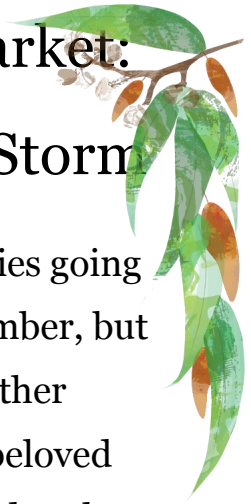


“It’s not what you achieve, it’s what you overcome.” - Carlton Fisk





To Market, To Market: Meeka Sells Up a Storm



There were no little piggies going to market on 25th November, but plenty of townsfolk. Another successful round of the beloved Meeka Markets were held at the town hall on the sunny Saturday morning. Everything from blingy jewellery, second-hand books and CDs (did someone say “Lobo’s Greatest Hits”?), delicious fresh fruit and veg, and crocheted

clothes and accessories were all up for grabs.

A big thanks to Adelle at the Community Resource Centre for organising the day.

If you’re interested in setting up a stall at the next markets, let us know! Email

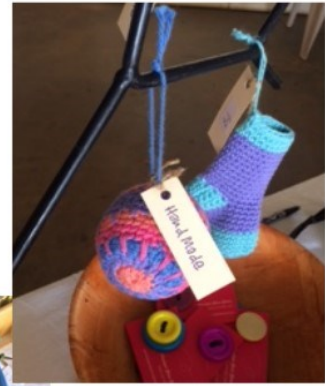
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See you at the next one!



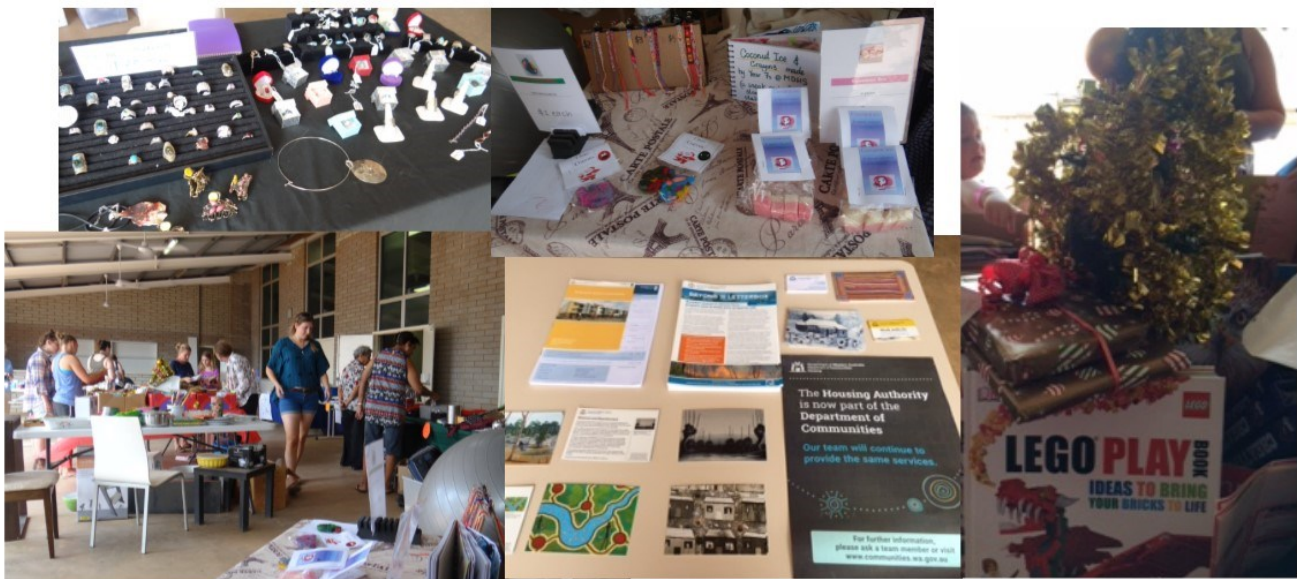
“You can’t buy happiness but you can buy local, and that’s kind of the same thing.” - Anon





**Thank you to all you buyers, sellers and educators who joined us for the
Meekatharra Community Markets on 25th November.**

We'll be holding them regularly, if you want them!

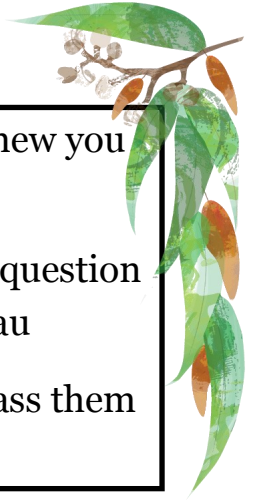


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Quirky Questions

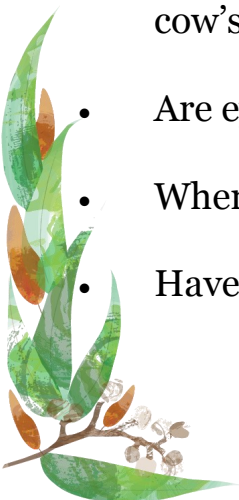


Here we ask (and, hopefully, answer) the questions you never knew you needed to know.

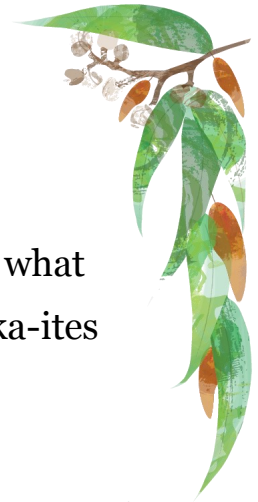
If you consider yourself a bit of a brainiac and can help answer a question featured, please email Emily on cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au

If you have a burning question you want answered, feel free to pass them on, too.

- If money doesn't grow on trees, why do banks have branches?
- Why is vanilla ice-cream white while vanilla extract is brown?
- Who decided to include the letter 's' in the word lisp? Why did they hate the world and everyone in it?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called 'rush hour'?
- Why isn't 'phonetic' spelled the way it sounds?
- Are ice-cream machines at fast food restaurants ever in operating order?
- Can insects get fat?
- How do movies and shows get access to newborn babies for delivery/birth scenes?
- What was going through the mind of the first person to ever drink cow's milk?
- Are eyebrows considered facial hair?
- When does it stop being 'partly cloudy' and start being 'partly sunny'?
- Have you ever imagined a world without hypothetical situations?



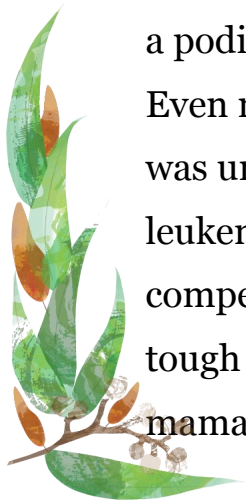
Horsin' Around: Janine, a National Champ



Isn't it amazing to learn what talents your fellow Meeka-ites possess?

Take Janine Mongoo. Our town's beloved daughter is a national champ in campdrafting. The uniquely Aussie sport involves a horse and rider working cattle. It involves a lot of skill and a lot of smarts - riders have to predict where the pesky cows are going to move next and act accordingly.

Janine competed in the Australian Bush Camp Rodeo Association (ABCRA) National Finals in 2014, 2015, and 2016. In '14 she placed in the top 11, in '15 the top 7, and last year made a podium finish in 4th place! Even more impressive, Janine was undergoing treatment for leukemia at the time of competing. Wow. Talk about a tough cookie (just like her mama Noleen).



Janine started riding at the wee age of 4. She's been around horses all her life, with her mum being a riding instructor in the past and her dad having worked on stations. She was just 11 when she competed in her first campdraft, which gave her time to blossom into the national champ she is.

And there's some perks to the job. Janine met the one and only Guy Sebastian at the Tamworth Country Music Festival, as it takes place at the same time as the ABCRA national championships every year.

Janine's focus is laser-sharp. When asked how she feels competing, she says it's an "adrenaline rush", and then "it's like it's all over really quickly". Janine's favourite event is steer un-decorating, which involves plucking a ribbon off a calf's back.

The campdrafting community seems to be a supportive one, too. When Janine's horse had colic and couldn't be used in the national comp in 2016, a fellow competitor lent Janine her best horse. What a gem.

Janine's identical twin (and let me tell you, they are IDENTICAL) sister has also attended the national finals. Janine says they "psych each other out" during competitions. Sisterly love, huh?

Janine has 3 horses out at the Meeka Race Club, and she's out there every day taking care of them. Apparently they eat a lot (but so do I, so I'm not one to judge).

Janine likes to go riding out bush, which she says "clears her mind". She also mentions the bond you develop with your horse. One of her horses, Jack, was very gentle with her. Janine says, "it was almost like he knew I was going through treatment.". They are very intuitive animals.

Janine would love to compete in the future - she just needs to juggle it with work!

Well done, Ms. Mongoo. You're making us proud on the national stage.



Honest Horoscopes: Christmas Edition



Aries (March 21-April 19):

What a surprise - you left your Christmas shopping to the last minute. Again. Now your relatives will be subjected to stale “gourmet” crackers that were bequeathed to you last year, and flagons of mediocre cask wine that may or may not be viable. Very generous.



Taurus (April 20-May 20):

You know what they say - temperance is a virtue. Keep that in mind before you pull the usual routine of dancing on tables with a bottle of moscato in hand at your work Chrissy ‘do.



Gemini (May 21-June 20):

On New Year’s Eve, you struggle between deciding whether to have a wild 3-day bender or a quiet night in with a couple of close mates. You fall asleep on the couch instead whilst watching re-runs of Seinfeld. Oh well. There’s always next year.



Cancer (June 21-July 22):

Christmas is supposed to be a happy time, Cancer. That Susan Boyle album you’re playing on loop at the family luncheon? Not so much. Switch it off.



Leo (July 23-August 22):

Hot tip: piling your plate higher than Mount Kosciuszko and going back for 3 helpings is a recipe for heartburn disaster. Keep some antacids handy.



Virgo (August 23-September 22):

Virgo, this is the one time of year you can let your guard down and let a bit of mess accumulate. Please. We beg you. A few scraps of paper left on



the floor in the aftermath of unwrapping presents is not cause to transform into a hyperactive Cinderella. Chill. Your family will thank you for it.

Libra (September 23-October 22):

Your air-con will break, your inflatable pool will burst, and you'll spend your Christmas a melting, grumbling mess. Enjoy!

Scorpio (October 23-November 21):

The mood at the annual family vacay to Bali will erupt like Mount Agung when your cousin's fiancé discovers she's been getting a bit too close with the driver on the trip, ifyaknowwhatImean. Best to head to the Bounty until it all blows over.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21):

Everyone will slightly disregard you, because your birthday was in the past month and "it's not all about" you. Fine then.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19):

You spent MONTHS carefully curating thoughtful presents to your loved ones, while the best they could do for you is a value pair of Bonds undies. Bet they're from an Aries.

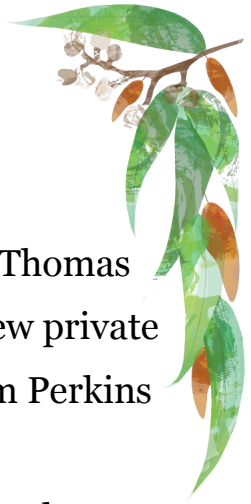
Aquarius (January 20-February 18):

You tell your family you can't make Christmas lunch because you're volunteering at an orphanage in Guam. In reality, you're holed up inside your 3x1 by yourself with a bottle of top-shelf scotch, a fillet mignon, and a box set of Fawlty Towers. And you're ecstatic about it. You cold-hearted soul.

Pisces (February 19-March 20):

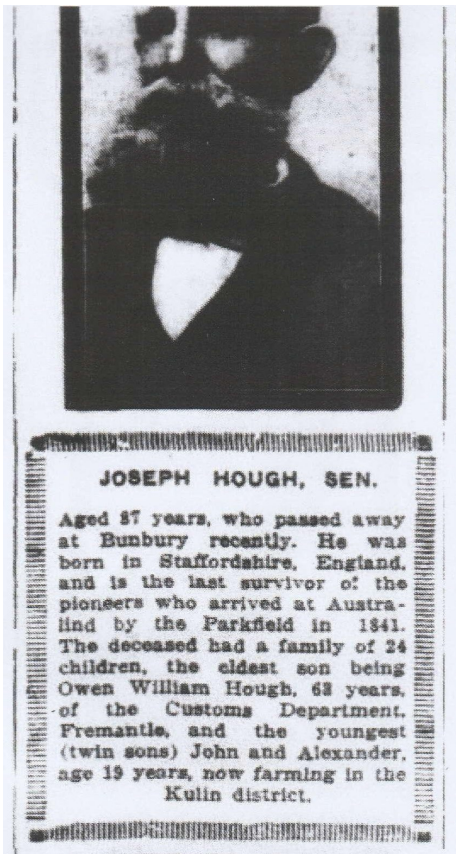
You know what, you're such a bore you should save everyone the grief and pull an Aquarius.

Meeka P.I.: Sam Goes Digging



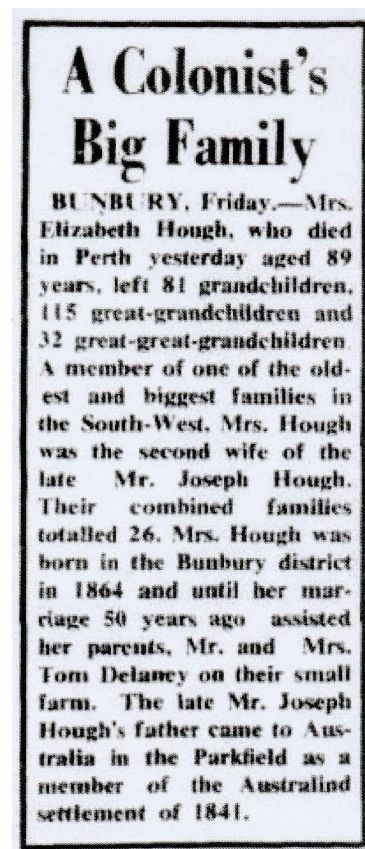
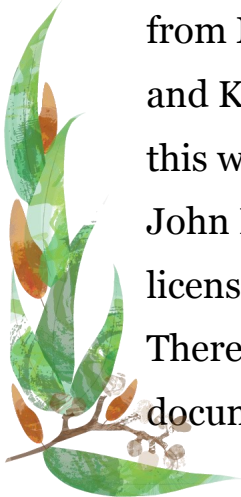
Hold onto your Akubra, Thomas Magnum - we've got a new private investigator in town. Sam Perkins (née Neilsen) is chasing information about her Meeka roots.

While learning about her dad's side of the family, the Houghs, Sam discovered a Meeka/Mount Magnet connection.



Obituary and photograph of Joseph Hough Senior. That is some beard.

Alpine Joseph Hough, who went by Joe, is Sam's 3 x great half uncle (stay with me here, folks). After Alpine's Dad, Joe Senior - who fathered 24 children, no less - died in 1926, Alpine's wife, Kitty, sent a letter of sympathy from Meeka. So we know Alpine and Kitty must have been up this way by 1926. Kitty's father, John Flynn, handed Alpine the license to the Commie in 1948. There's a newspaper article documenting this.



Obituary for Elizabeth Hough, Joseph Hough Senior's 2nd wife. Quite the progenitor!

Kitty (or Catherine) Hough was by all accounts a remarkable woman. She was Chair'man' of the Road Board from 1958-1960, a very impressive feat for a woman at the time. Now, some 60 years later, her descendant works in the building that features her name plaque. Crazy, huh? Kitty was also an active member of the good old Country Women's Association.

Another bit of incredible family trivia: David Hough (Alpine's half-brother) was one of 3 who started Hill 60 gold mine in Mount Magnet. That's some rich history there!

Strangely enough, Sam can't find any info on Kitty and Alpine's kids. Now, we know they must have had mini Kittys and mini Alpines, because there's an obituary notice for their granddaughter Catherine "Cassie" Lucas, who is buried out at the Meeka Cemetery. Interestingly, the obituary doesn't mention Cassie's parents by name, but it does mention Cassie's brother, George Lucas.

Slipping into her best deerstalker, Sam did some hunting around in the burial records. She discovered that there were no George Lucas' buried at Meeka Cemetery, which means that George Lucas must have moved on from Meeka from some point after Cassie's death.

The question is where did he go? Did he have any other siblings? And who the Hell were his parents?

Someone in town must know something about either George Lucas, his brothers/sisters, or his parents.

If you have some info for Sam, please get in touch! She'd love to uncover the secrets of her family history in our little town. Send her an email to samperkins2709@gmail.com



Kicking Goals: Stephen Michael Foundation Drops In



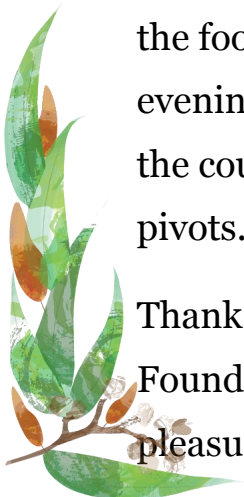
Have a friend who you won't see for a few weeks but when you do see them you pick up right where you left off? That's the relationship Meeka has with the very special Stephen Michael Foundation.

Set up by South Freo football great Stephen Michael, the group does a whole lot of good work around town.

A couple weeks ago, the phenomenal Therese flew up to speak to the girls and boys separately about personal space, and how to take care of yourself and your body.

Therese's son, who also flew up to see us, and a friend of his kicked the footy with the fellas in the evening, while the ladies took to the courts to work on our netball pivots.

Thank you, Stephen Michael Foundation. It's always a pleasure.



Gotta Cache 'Em All: Geocache Goldmine



Did you know that Meeka is home to a trove of geocaches? Here's the basic idea: boxes with trinkets inside are stowed away in a secret spot, and their location is logged using GPS. Fellow geocachers then try to find the box using the GPS coordinates. If they are successful in their hunt, they sign the logbook inside the cache, proving that they found it. It's like a treasure hunt using modern technology.

Maddy and Richard, both visiting our dusty plains from Perth, had to spend the night in town after getting a flat tyre in Wiluna (don't you love it?). Making the best out of a not-so-great situation, the two decided to go geocache exploring. In the words of Ms. Maddy herself, "Our very slight mishap was the chance to experience Peace Gorge last night, then be up early to visit the Stockyards, Battery and Tanks. All great caches! Congrats on adding to the experience for us geocachers!"

Thanks for the top feedback, Maddy and Richard! We're so glad you 21st century pirates enjoyed yourselves.

Dreaming of a Green Christmas:

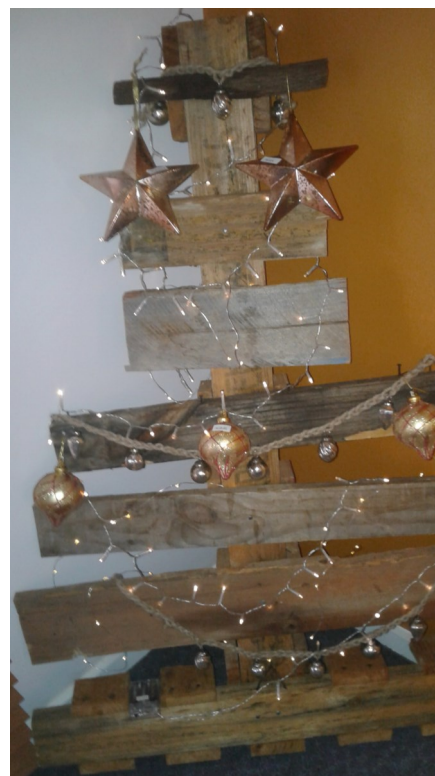
Meeka Goes Green AGM & Christmas 'Do



The Meeka Goes Green mob celebrated Christmas in style at Auski Inland Motel last weekend, tucking into delicious fare prepped by new-to-town French chef Julian (merci, Julian!). The catch-up was a chance to reflect on the year, and celebrate the achievements of our little recycling tour de force. Did you know Meeka Goes Green have:

- Donated over \$4,000 to the Perth Children's Hospital Foundation?
- Have recycled over 50,000 kilograms of cardboard?
- Have recycled close to a tonne of aluminium cans?
- Have an average of 6 volunteers rocking up every week to wade knee-deep in recyclables. That's because we're a fun bunch!

If you'd like to get involved, drop into the depot between 9am-11am on Saturdays. Merry Christmas!

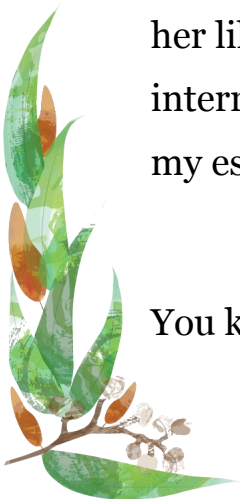


Short Order: Florlinda Measures Up



We have a new pint-sized addition to the Shire office: Florlinda Paddon. Florlinda, who we're lucky enough to have in the office doing some temp finance work, has a whole lot of personality packed into a tiny frame. Such a tiny frame, in fact, that our diminutive Deputy Chief Executive Officer Krys East towers over her like Andre the Giant. Florlinda wouldn't crack under interrogation to ascertain her exact vertical measurements, but my estimations based on Krys' height place her at about 4'8".

You know what they say - great things come in small packages.



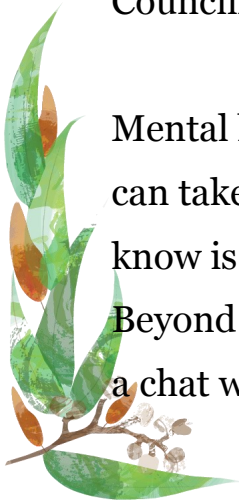
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Mental Health First Aid Training

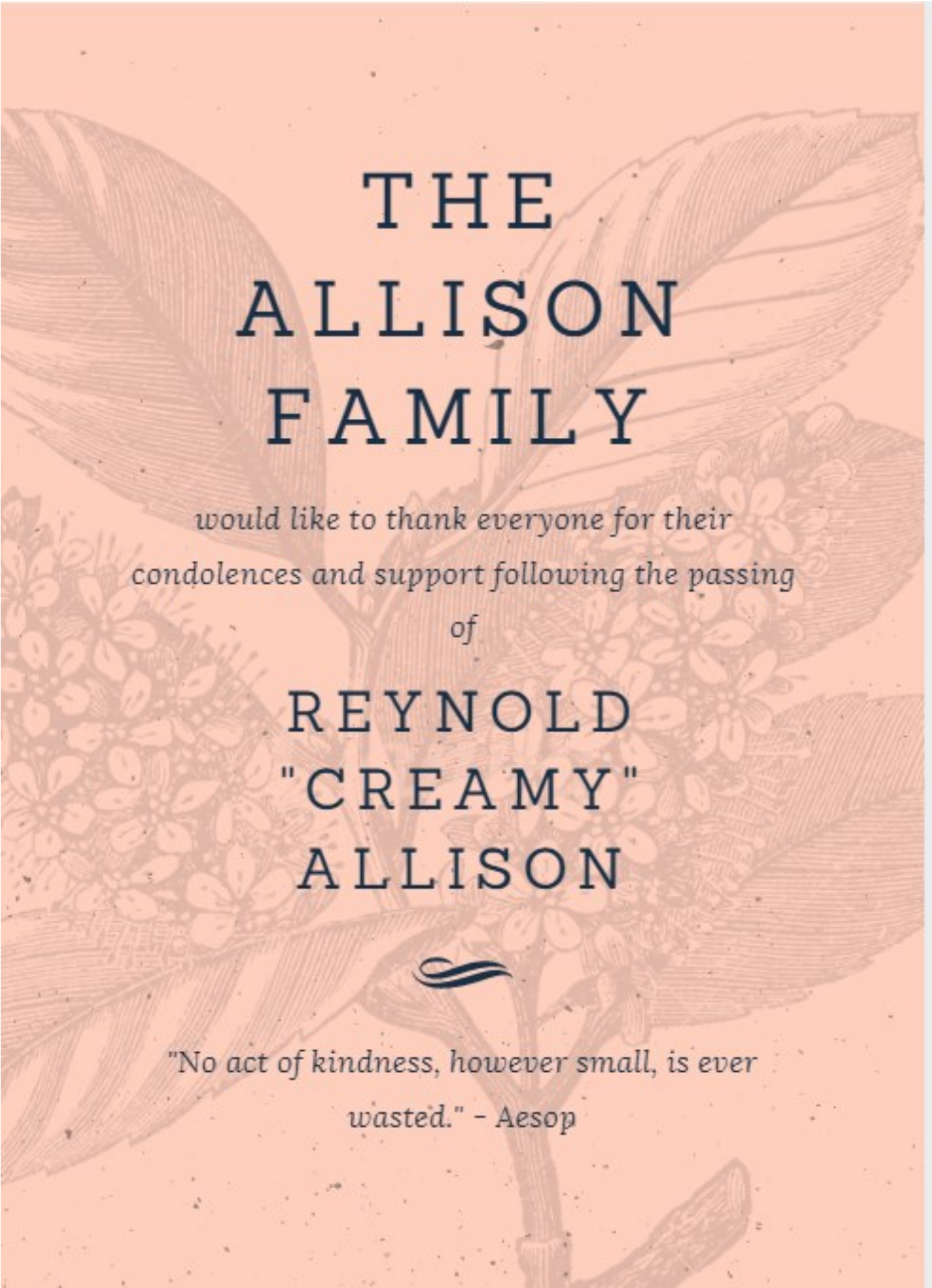


A big congratulations is in order! A handful of committed students have completed the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Mental Health First Aid Training course.

The course teaches skills for providing initial help to people experiencing depression, anxiety, psychosis, substance abuse issues, and more. What's extra special is that many of the graduates are from Meeka. This means that we have a whole heap of people in town who are now skilled in this area and who can help the community. Those participating were from the hospital, the school, Yulella, and Centrelink. A big thanks to Patty Councillor for running the training. You're a star.

Mental health issues are common in regional towns. Living in isolated areas can take its toll. It's nothing to be ashamed of at all. If you or someone you know is going through a tough time, there's plenty of places to get help. Call Beyond Blue any time day or night on 1300 22 4636 to have a yarn, or have a chat with your doctor.





THE ALLISON FAMILY

would like to thank everyone for their
condolences and support following the passing
of

REYNOLD
"CREAMY"
ALLISON



"No act of kindness, however small, is ever
wasted." - Aesop

Green Thumbs: Gardening Tips for the Summer Months

Melting under our Meeka summer sun? You're not the only one - spare a thought for the plants sweltering out under that belting heat.

So what can you do to help your little green friends survive the sweltering months? Here's a few handy tips:



- **Use two to three inches** of mulch to keep the soil moist and the soil temperature cooler.
- **Don't fertilize** in hot weather. Excess growth, lots of stems and leaves will outgrow the root system and create stress as the roots try to maintain the plant.

• **Water your lawn once a week.** Did you know short, shallow watering lead to short, shallow, needy (coincidentally, all words used to describe me) root systems? You're far better off giving your lawn one good soak a week rather than several short sprayings.

• **Water in the morning.** Watering later in the day is no good. In the midday heat much of the water is lost to evaporation; later in the day or at night, the leaves may not dry out before dark. Wet leaves at night are a major factor in developing fungal problems (Athlete's foot for flora, if you will).

• **Weed often.** Not only are weeds not going to win a beauty pageant any time soon, but they compete with your plants for water and soil nutrients. Rip 'em out.

• **Choose wisely.** If you can, opt for perennials, heat-resistant crops, or Aussie natives. Plants natural to Australia are hardy, and are built for our punishing summers.

•**Use shade cloths.** Just as we don't like to soak up UV rays on a 45 degree day, neither do plants. Think about grabbing a shade cloth to give them a break from the heat.

•**Use water catchments.** Know how when it rains in our summer months, it buckets down? Consider catching that water to use in the garden. It'll keep your water costs down, too. Waste not, want not, right?

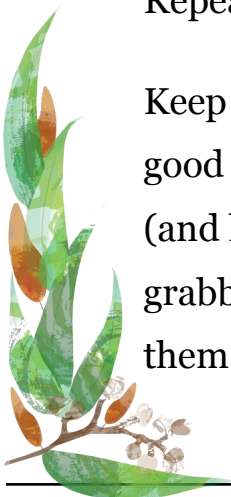
And what about watering plants if you're out of town and don't have a kindly neighbour to do it for you? Try this trick:

Prepare two-litre plastic bottles by making holes in their caps. Hold a small nail so that its tip is at the centre of a bottle cap. Tap the head of the nail with the hammer to drive the nail through the cap. Pull the nail out and repeat the process with your other bottles.

Fill each bottle with water. Screw on its punctured cap.

Water the soil thoroughly before inserting the bottles. Turn the bottle upside-down and push it into the soil beside the plant you wish to water. Make sure the bottle is stable enough that it won't tip over. Repeat the process with your other bottles. Voilà!

Keep in mind that this trade secret is probably only good if your trip is a few days. For longer stays away (and longer periods without watering), think about grabbing a sprinkler timer. Thrifty Hardware stocks them. Happy gardening, green thumbs!



Recipe of the Month: Ceviche



Note: If you don't handle raw fish correctly it can make you very sick. Please follow all food safety guidelines at <http://foodsafety.asn.au/seafood/>

Recipe from BBC Good Food.

Ingredients:

- 500g firm white fish fillets, such as haddock, halibut or pollack, skinned and thinly sliced
- Juice 8 limes (250ml/9fl oz), plus extra wedges to serve
- 1 red onion, sliced into rings
- Handful pitted green olives, finely chopped
- 2-3 green chillies, finely chopped
- 2-3 tomatoes, seeded and chopped into 2cm pieces
- Bunch of coriander, roughly chopped
- 2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- Good pinch caster sugar
- Tortilla chips, to serve





Method:

1. In a large glass bowl, combine the fish, lime juice and onion. The juice should completely cover the fish; if not, add a little more. Cover with cling film and place in the fridge for 1 hr 30 mins.

2. Remove the fish and onion from the lime juice (discard the juice) and place in a bowl. Add the olives, chilies, tomatoes, coriander and olive oil, stir gently, then season with a good pinch of salt and sugar. This can be made a couple of hours in advance and stored in the fridge. Serve with tortilla chips to scoop up the ceviche and enjoy with a glass of cold beer.



As they say in Latin America,
disfrutar!

Have a delectable delight you want to share with the world? Send your ripper recipes to cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au



Agony Aunt

Reader: Dear Agony Aunt,

The holidays are fast approaching, and I'm dreading spending time with the family. I know that's not in the spirit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, but I can't help it. What can I do to make the silly season more bearable?

Please help,

Desperate



AA: Oh, Desperate. Trust me, you are not alone in this sentiment. If the mere thought of Great-Aunt Mildred bombarding you with not-so-subtle digs about your perpetual singledom, or the inevitable trite conversation with your cousins that falls into a crumbling heap at around the 2 minute mark, doesn't conjure up a mild anxiety attack, I don't know what will.



If you don't have the wherewithal to jump on a plane bound to an exotic (read: far, far away from your in-laws) destination, and a sherry-induced stupor just isn't cutting it, here are some hot tips to help get you through.





1. Ask to say Grace before you tuck into Christmas lunch, then do so in the glorious name of R.L. Hubbard. Next, embark on a 40 minute rant about how the end of the world is nigh, and how only those who've seen the light will be released from the mortal flesh prison of their 'thetan'. Works a treat.
2. Spend the whole time convincing your relatives to join your pyramid scheme. In my experience, I find the Isagenix cult to be particularly off-putting.
3. Next time someone asks why you don't have kids, tell them the Gods won't accept them as a sacrifice anymore, and now you have to use livestock.

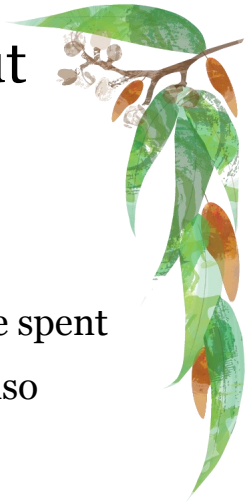
If all else fails, consider changing the locks (or your identity).

Hope this helps,

AA



Recycling Heroes: Kids Learn About Sustainability



The superstar pupils at Meekatharra District High School have spent this term learning all about sustainability. Miss Laura's class also explored important global issues, like poverty.

Students designed their own posters to encourage recycling, and the results are fantastic! Meeka Goes Green will use them for a marketing campaign that'll take the town, and we're sure the world, by storm.

Thanks again to the kids for their creative brilliance, and thanks to Miss Laura for teaching the next generation important lessons on how to care for the planet.





PLEASE NOTE

**THE RECYCLING
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23RD DECEMBER
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DECEMBER 2017**

WE'LL BE TOO BUSY EATING TO RECYCLE



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CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

All are welcome to celebrate
Christmas, the feast of Emmanuel,
God-with-us, in Christ the King
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Corner of High and Darlot Streets,
Meekatharra.

6:30pm. Followed by a cuppa.

Enquiries? Call Sr. Gerri Boylan on 9963 4179

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2018 MEEKA ROSTER

29 JAN - 9 FEB

23 APR - 11 MAY

18 JUN - 29 JUN

13 AUG - 24 AUG

8 OCT - 26 OCT

3 DEC - 13 DEC

CONTACT NUMBERS

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AGM 2017

Thursday 14th December

Meekatharra Community Resource Centre 5pm - 55 Main Street, Meekatharra

Meekatharra Community Resource Centre welcomes all members of the community to attend our Annual General Meeting to share our achievements and progress throughout the year.

The Meekatharra CRC strives to provide services and facilities that support and build on the capacity of the community. Our AGM is an opportunity to provide your feedback on our achievements and make suggestion for a successful next year. Individuals, groups and organisations are all invited to attend.

Please RSVP by Thursday 7th December (as we do provide some lovely refreshments).

welcome@meekatharracrc.com.au / 08 99 801 811

Sweet As:

Christmas Day Lolly Run!

Get excited, boys and girls - Santa Bails is busy prepping your lolly bags for the Christmas Day lolly run! Get on down to Main Street Christmas Morning to catch some sugary treats from the old fire truck. A very Merry Christmas to you all from our Shire Councillors and the team here at the Shire of Meeka.



HOUSEKEEPING

For those good folk wondering why we seemingly missed a month's edition by leaping from last month's "October" to this month's December: Rest assured, you're not in a time warp. I'm just incapable of keeping track of the months. My apologies; we're back on track with this month's December issue. In other news, if you're wondering what to get me for Christmas a calendar is clearly just the ticket.



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Christmas is upon us, ladies and gents, and while many of us look forward to yummy food and presents, others are not so lucky. Not every one has a family they can celebrate Christmas with, or can afford the things we're used to buying this time of year. Be good to one another. Be kind. If you're able to help someone out, please do so. Merry Christmas.



SQUASH



Keys & tokens can be obtained from the Shire Offices.

Only \$12.20 per hour.

Key bond applicable.

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9am - 11am

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3pm - 6pm - YOUTH CENTRE
WEDNESDAY 6TH - SAME AS TUESDAY



Meekatharra District High School

Savage Street Meekatharra WA 6642

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RESPECT FOR Community Others Oneself Learning

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

THIS TERM

How amazing that we are halfway through this term already! We have some great events coming up in the school for your child, and to make sure that they have every opportunity to succeed, I hope to see them here as many days as possible.

This week is the Careers Expo, organised by our fabulous local shire, and we are proud to be invited along. High School students will be attending on Thursday - please talk to your child if you haven't signed their note yet.

Shooting Stars bush trip will be happening next weekend, and as always student participation is dependent on attendance. If your child has been sick, please call up and talk to our attendance officer so that their absences are recorded as 'Reasonable'. More information will come out from our Shooting Stars coordinator in the next week.

The Stephen Michael Foundation will be coming into the school next week for some short clinic sessions for all our students. We welcome the participation of young people in our school, and we will send home more information when it is available.

GETTING ALONG TO SCHOOL

At some time or another, every child will feel like not going along to school. School can be challenging for our kids, for many reasons, including that they have a friend who is away, they are doing some work that they find hard, or that there are children in the school that they don't get along with. Please talk to us if you are finding yourself up against these challenges - you don't have to do it alone! We have support people in our school who can help your child to overcome feelings of anxiety about coming to school and our Deputy Principals can help to resolve conflicts with other children that may be getting in the way of your child wanting to come to school. We can help if you ask us, so please call if you are finding yourself in this situation.

LOOKING TO 2018

It is with great pride that I would like to congratulate Mr Tapper on a new job appointment for next year! Scott has been offered (and accepted) a position in the Wheatbelt region for 2018, and he is at his school this week learning more about his new position and the community he will be working in. Scott will let you know more on his return from his new school.

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.

Meekatharra Queens Wiluna Sleepover

Words by Lynley Jetta
photos by Amanda Dean



On Thursday the 2nd of November, the Shooting Stars girls of Meekatharra loaded the school bus once again to begin their road trip to Wiluna Remote Community School. Travelling 2 hours with our speakers blaring anything country from Slim Dusty, Dixie Chicks and Randy Travis's 'Im gunna love you forever' had our girls in high spirits.

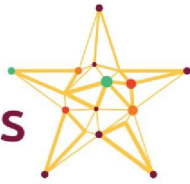
Our trip consisted of visiting our sisters in the Shooting Stars program in Wiluna 'the Martu Girls'. A netball skills development session and a game of netball was played with a cool down swim at the Wiluna Community Pool. New friends were gained and deadly new

skills were learnt. Awesome sports(wo)manship were on display by both teams. All girls who participated in the netball skills and game should be very proud of themselves. Very hot and dry conditions didn't stop our Shooting Stars girls from participating throughout the netball session, all girls continued to show enthusiasm and a new love for the game of netball.

With all the girls refreshed from an awesome swim, bedding arrangements were to be sorted with ten blow up mattress to be made. Boy, do we have awesome muscles as our manual pump was on its way and all mattresses were blown up in no time at all. Dinner time consisted of some yummy food and apple pie for dessert. Before we knew it the sun had set and it was time for nails and makeup with a movie to be shown. Voting had been sorted at dinner time for the movie of choice and all bodies were soon settled and drifting off to sleep.

The next morning breakfast, showers and packing the bus for the return home was on the agenda. Goodbyes and see you again to our new friends and sisters in Shooting Stars were done and off we went on our way back to Meekatharra. Congratulations to the seven students whose attendance and behaviour was worthy of the reward trip. We hope that more of our Meekatharra Queens can step up for the next camp in 2018!!





Shooting Stars would like to give a huge extended thank you to Wiluna Remote Community School for letting us use their classroom and facilities at the school. Also the lovely Miss Amanda Dean from Meekatharra District High School for coming on our trip and helping throughout the sleepover. To the faboulas Wiluna Shooting Stars Program Coordinator Sherrie Errington for your lovely hospitality and making us all feel welcome and at home. Thank you Miss Sherrie for the awesome new netball skills we have learnt from our camp of shadowing, leading and balance. To the awesome Shooting Stars Community Development Coordinator Rose Whitau who helped drive the girls across from Meekatharra, organising our awesome dinner and desserts and making sure the sleepover was awesome. Would like to thank the Wiluna Community Pool also who did a great job entertaining our girls for hours at the pool with their cool inflatable pool toys. Until Next time. Keep Shining On!.....



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

- Internet Cafe & Wi-Fi
- Hot Office & Video Conferencing facilities
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- Free Government Information Access Point
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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**



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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.



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TUES 6TH JUNE	————→	FRI 9TH JUNE
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Mission Australia provides a range of community services in the Midwest and Gascoyne regions of Western Australia.

Family and Domestic Violence Service
Monday to Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
0459 881 488 (24-hour phone service)

Public Tenancy Support Service
Monday to Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Remote School Attendance Strategy
Monday to Friday 8am-4pm

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
Monday to Friday 8am-4pm

Mental Health Support Service
Monday to Friday 8am-4pm

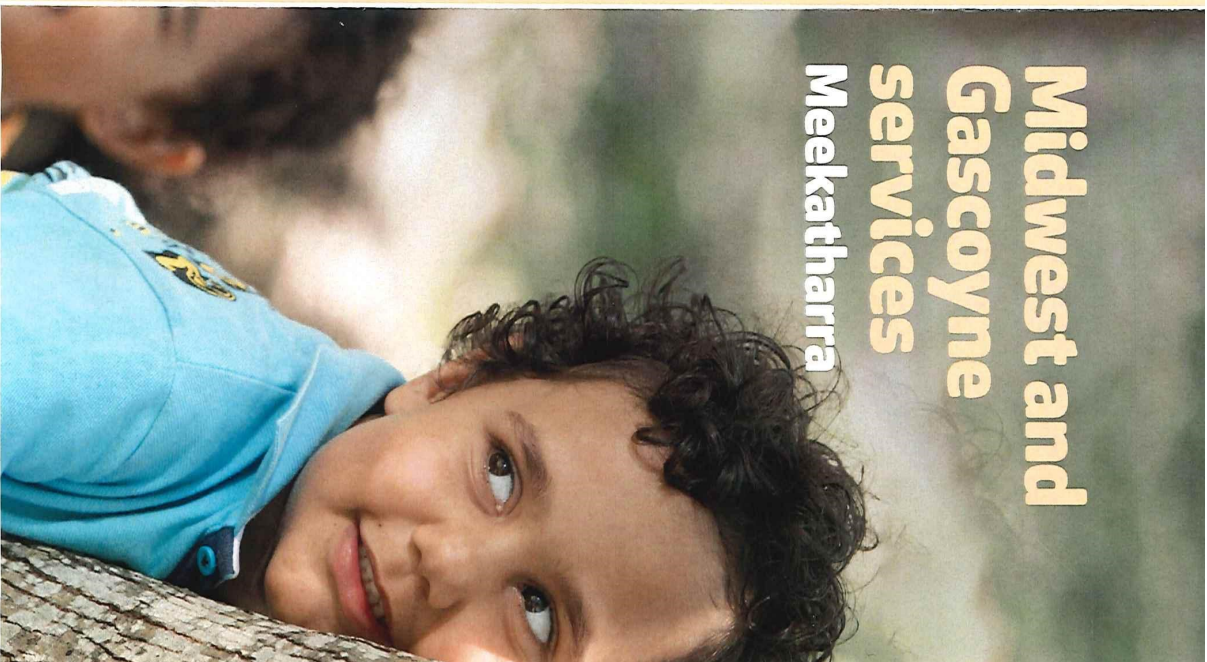
Emergency Relief
Tuesday 1pm-4pm
Phone for an appointment on the day

Contact us

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Meekatharra WA 6642
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Family and Domestic Violence Service

This service offers a community response to women and their children (if present) who are experiencing domestic violence or are concerned about their safety.

Support includes:

- Crisis accommodation
- Arranging transportation and alternative accommodation
- Essential emergency items such as food and clothing
- Links to counselling and other culturally appropriate services
- This service is funded by the Department of Communities.

Public Tenancy Support Service

This service supports people living in public housing who face difficulty maintaining their tenancy.

- Our team aims to support tenants to increase their ability to avoid reaching the point of eviction.
- This service is funded by the Department of Communities.

Remote School Attendance Strategy

This service works with families and community to increase school attendance in Meekatharra.

Our team acknowledges that school attendance is a 'whole of community' responsibility and has adopted a family focussed model to work specifically with parents, carers and other family members as well as Elders, the school, local residents, community organisations and government agencies.

Our aim is to identify and address the short and long term challenges that families encounter, which may impact on children and young people attending and staying at school.

This service is funded by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

This service supports grandparents living in Meekatharra, Cue and Mt. Magnet who are the sole or primary carers of their grandchildren.

This program aims to enhance the development of children by providing practical, financial, emotional and social supports to their grandparents.

This service is funded by the Department of Social Services.

Mental Health Support Services

This service provides information, support, advocacy, referral and counselling to Aboriginal people living in Meekatharra, Cue and Mt Magnet who experience and live with mental ill health.

Our team adopts a recovery-oriented model, placing significant emphasis on the choices and decisions of the individual. We aim to support people to make positive changes and reach their goals while continuing to participate fully in the community.

This service is funded by Western Australia Primary Health Alliance.

Emergency Relief

This service is offered to people experiencing significant financial distress, homelessness and other life challenges.

Immediate relief is available once every three months in the form of vouchers to assist with food and personal items, in addition to referrals to other services. Appointments to Emergency Relief are essential.

This service is funded by the Department of Social Services.



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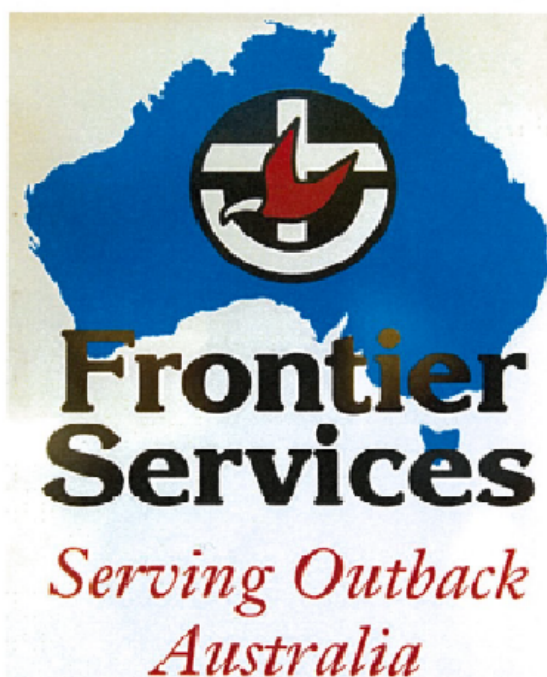
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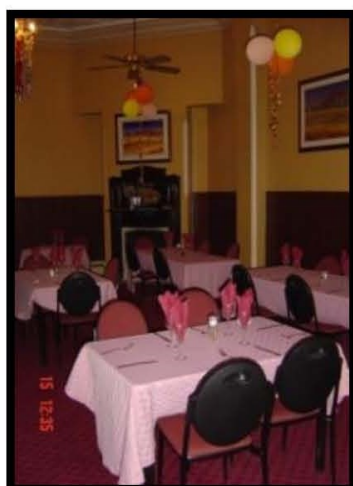
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Psalm 199: 105 - Your world is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

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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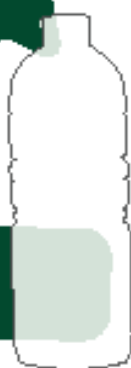
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Photographs or video of the offence taking place will assist the police with resolving the problem.



KID'S CORNER

Did you know...

- Some lipsticks contain fish scales. Ew!
- Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur
- Jupiter is so big you could fit all the other planets in the solar system in it
- A shark is the only known fish that can blink with both eyes

Q: What is a crocodile's favourite game?

A: SNAP!

Q: Why did the emu cross the road?

A: To prove he wasn't a chicken!

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!
BUT YOU CAN'T GET ALL 5.



How'd you go? Get
'em all?



Important Dates To Remember

November

Christmas Lolly Run,
Christmas Morning,
Main Street, Meeka

Remember:

Shire Office closed from Saturday 23rd December
2017, re-opens Tuesday 2nd January 2018

HAVE A SAFE AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF
THE MEEKATHARRA DUST IS 5PM ON:

22nd December 2017