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Thank you, Meekatharra Shire





Dust Noticeboard...



Calling for Submissions

If you have any articles with information, about events, or photos you have taken that you would like included in the Meekatharra Dust, please drop them into the Shire before

IMPORTANT DATES JANUARY 2015

COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 17 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CNR MAIN AND SAVAGE STREETS

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.

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Extraordinary Election
Shire of Meekatharra
Notice of Election



An in person extraordinary election will be held on Friday 16 January 2015 to fill one vacancy in the Office of Councillor, Meekatharra District, term ending October 2017.

Candidates:

Lauritsen Clarrie

Trenfield Eveanne

Wilton Tony

Hodder David Kenneth

Clare Peter

Polling Place: Meekatharra Shire Office, 81 Main Street, Meekatharra

Early Voting Place: Meekatharra Shire Office, 81 Main Street, Meekatharra

Voting:

Vote at the polling place on Election Day, Friday 16 January 2015,
between 8.00am and 6.00pm.

An early vote can be cast at the Polling Place during normal office hours; 8.00am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday. (excluding public holidays and the 29th, 30th and 31st December 2014 and the 2nd January 2015)

Early voting opens at 8.00am Wednesday 17 December 2014 and
closes at 4.00pm on Thursday 15 January 2015.

Absent votes can be cast at the offices of any other Local Government in Western Australia during normal office hours.

Absent voting opens at 8.00am Wednesday 17 December 2014 and
closes at 4.00pm on Monday 12 January 2015.

A postal vote can be obtained by application to the Returning Officer. Completed postal votes must be returned in the reply paid envelopes provided and received by the Returning Officer no later than 6.00pm on Election Day, Friday 16 January 2015.

Vote Count:

Ballot boxes will be opened and votes are to be counted at the Polling Place after the close of polling on Election Day, 6.00pm, Friday 16 January 2015. The vote count is open to the public.

For Further Information: Please contact the Returning Officer, Roy McClymont:

Telephone: 9980 0600

Fax: 9981 1505

Email: executive@meekashire.wa.gov.au



Meekatharra Extraordinary Election 16 January 2015

VOTE

Get involved and influence your community

You can vote in Council Elections if you are 18 or older and are enrolled.

Check if you are on the electoral roll

- Enquire at the Meeka Shire Office or
- Enquire at the WA Electoral Commission

You can vote at the Shire Office before election day. This is called an Early Vote.

An early vote can be cast at the Shire Office during normal office hours; 8.00am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday. (excluding public holidays and the 29th, 30th and 31st December 2014 and the 2nd January 2015)

Early voting opens at 8.00am Wednesday 17 December 2014 and closes at 4.00pm on Thursday 15 January 2015.

Or

**Vote at the Shire Office on Election Day,
Friday 16 January 2015,
between 8.00am and 6.00pm.**

Other voting options may also be available.

For more information contact Roy McClymont
Telephone: 9980 0600
Email: executive@meekashire.wa.gov.au

Your candidates for this election are:

- Clarrie Lauritsen
- Eveanne Trenfield
- Tony Wilton
- David Hodder
- Peter Clare



Your Council News

January 2015

by Anna Johnson on behalf of the Shire of Meekatharra

Alcohol Restrictions: How Things Stand

After plenty of meetings and consultation with various parties, including the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor, it looks like Meeka's alcohol restrictions will be generally staying the way they are for now.

There's only one change, which will be a restriction on the sale of fortified wines to one bottle per person per day.

In a letter to the Shire of Meekatharra from Peter Minchin, the Department's Director of Administrative Law, there will be "further consultation with the local community". Mr. Minchin will be visiting Meekatharra in the first half of 2015.

Rodeo Dropped From Festival

Due to the increasing cost and concerns raised by sponsorship bodies, as well as some sponsors' reluctance to support rodeos in general, the rodeo has been dropped from Meekatharra's 2015 Outback Festival.

Council have asked that a new event or events be found to replace the rodeo - suggestions and volunteers from the community would be welcome.



Billy the Bungarra - commissioned in 2012 by Gascoyne Murchison Tourism Inc. (GMTInc) and designed by Froling Enterprises as part of promoting the Gascoyne - Murchison region.

Some of his current promotional work includes the Outback Pathways and Bush Beds WA websites.

No major changes for Meeka for now

Cue, Sandstone, Mount Magnet and Yalgoo will have the same licencing conditions as Meekatharra, including no sales of "king browns" (the 750mm beer bottles), no sale of flasks or flagons bigger than 2 litres and restricted to a purchase of one per person per day, and the fortified wine restriction as mentioned above. These new conditions will come into effect from February 1st, 2015.

Mr. Minchin's letter also encourages local government, licencees and police to keep working together towards "local solutions" to community alcohol problems.

Meekatharra To Benefit From Development Strategies

Council has adopted the Regional Tourism strategy and resolved to sign the regional Memorandum of Understanding. The strategy includes a number of aims and projects for the wider region, as well as local projects for each of the Shires involved. Work on some of these strategies in Meekatharra has already started, including an audit of tourism signage, completion of the North and South Drive Trails, and adopting "Billy Bungarra" as a regional brand image.

The Economic Development Strategy was also formally adopted by Council. As noted in earlier editions of the Dust, this comprehensive document has been prepared after public and private consultations with the community, with the aim of increasing economic opportunities in our Shire. You can get a copy from the Shire offices and have a read of some of the exciting ideas proposed for our area.



Supporting Our Local Champions

The Council resolved to make a \$1000 donation to Mickaela and Janine Mongoo to assist them in attending the Australian Barrel Horse Association's national finals in Tamworth this January.

Both Janine and Mickaela continue to do Meeka proud, achieving placements in rodeo events across WA and Australia. Anyone wishing to help get the girls to the finals can get donation details from the community notice in this edition of the Dust.

Janine Mongoo shows her winning style - both Mongoo girls have achieved national rankings through their commitment and hard work. They also participate in charity rodeo events to help raise funds for various causes - the 17 year old twins are a real credit to our town.



New Pool Hours

Due to the lack of early-rising swimmers in Meeka, our pool management suggested a change in the pool's hours of operation.

Here are the new pool opening hours:

Mondays	11:00 am to	6:00 pm
Tuesdays	11:00 am to	6:00 pm
Wednesdays	11:00 am to	6:00 pm
Thursdays	11:00 am to	6:00 pm
Fridays	11:00 am to	8:00 pm
Saturdays	11:00 am to	6:00 pm
Sundays	11:00 am to	6:00 pm



2013/14 Annual Report Looking Good

As required by the Local Government Act, the 2013/2014 Annual Report was presented to and adopted by Council.

Copies are available on the Shire website or from the Shire offices in Main Street if you'd like to see what your Council has been up to this past financial year. The independent auditors report by Anderson Munro & Wyllie holds the shire in "very good regard".

The annual Electors meeting will be held at 9:00 am on Saturday 18th January 2015 in the Council Chambers - interested parties or anyone on the electoral roll can attend this presentation of the Annual Report and ask questions of Council. It's a good opportunity for all locals to find out what's happening, what's coming up and the nuts & bolts of what it takes to manage our regional area.



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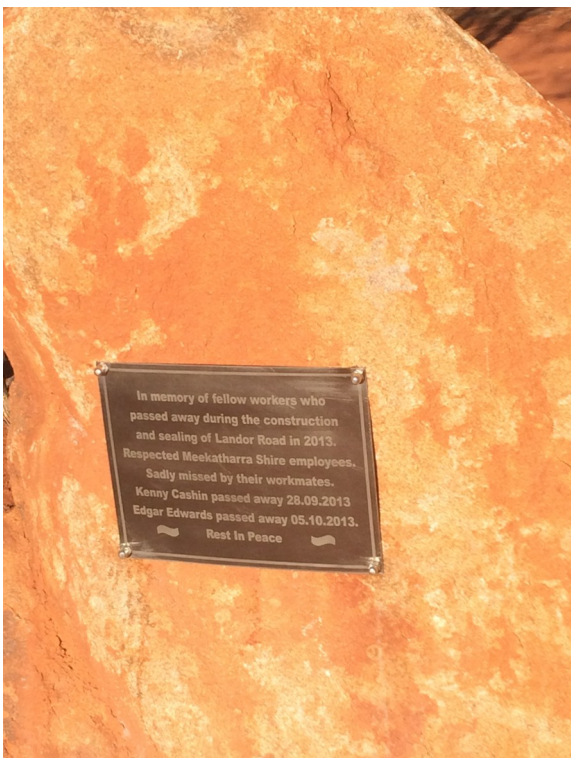
"Meekatharra - A Golden Prospect"

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.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

A memorial plaque was placed adjacent to the Landor road in memory of Edgar Edwards and Kenny Cashin.

These two men were valued members of the Shire Team and the Meekatharra community and will be missed but not forgotten.



SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA
CALL FOR QUOTES TO DEMOLISH DWELLING AND CLEAR
THE WHOLE OF THE LAND

Lots 647 and 648 Queen Road - Meekatharra

The Shire of Meekatharra calls for written quotes to demolish a house and clear the infrastructure and land at Lots 647 and 648 Queen Road in Meekatharra.

The winning quote will be required to hold or be under a current WorkSafe Restricted Asbestos Licence and be required to submit and obtain a Demolition Permit issued by the Shire.

The winning quote will be required to demolish the whole of the dwelling and any associated buildings located over the two allotments stated, remove all septic tanks and leach drains from the properties, remove the front fencing, and leave the allotments free of any rubbish or surplus material, leaving it clean and tidy as a vacant allotments.

Quotes for these works are required to be lodged either by post or email to Mr Geoff Carberry of the Shire of Meekatharra, PO Box 129, Meekatharra WA 6642 or Email Mr Carberry cdsm@meekashire.wa.gov.au by close of business 8th January 2015.

The onus is on the supplier to ensure their quote has been received by the Shire.



**RESIDENTS AND LANDHOLDERS ARE REMINDED THE
PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD IS FROM 15 DECEMBER 2014
to 31 MARCH 2015 INCLUSIVE.
PENALTIES APPLY FOR LIGHTING FIRES DURING THIS
PERIOD**

YOUTH SERVICES

CHRISTMAS GLOW PARTY 2014

A wonderful time was had by all families and children who attended the Christmas Glow Party. There was plenty of fun to be had, including face & body painting, the pool inflatable, entertainment by Youth Services dance group and Kids Zone, a visit from Santa, Christmas stocking giveaways, a free bbq, and of course loads of glow solution to throw around!!!!

The night would not have been such a success if not for the following people:

A big thank you to:

Matt Mildwaters & Trista, for all their hard work throughout the night
Katie Hartrick for organising the glow solution & T-shirts and making the photo booth frame, which looked amazing!

CRC staff for organising lolly bags & photos with Santa

Meacho - (AKA Santa) for coming to visit

Katie from Women On The Move, for taking photo's throughout the night
Mission staff for cooking the bbq & organising chocolate stocking giveaways

Bruce Gibson for being MC at such late notice, and doing a terrific job!

Sandy & Pete from Farmer Jacks for their generous door prize

Kids Zone & Youth Services staff, for assisting with the night.

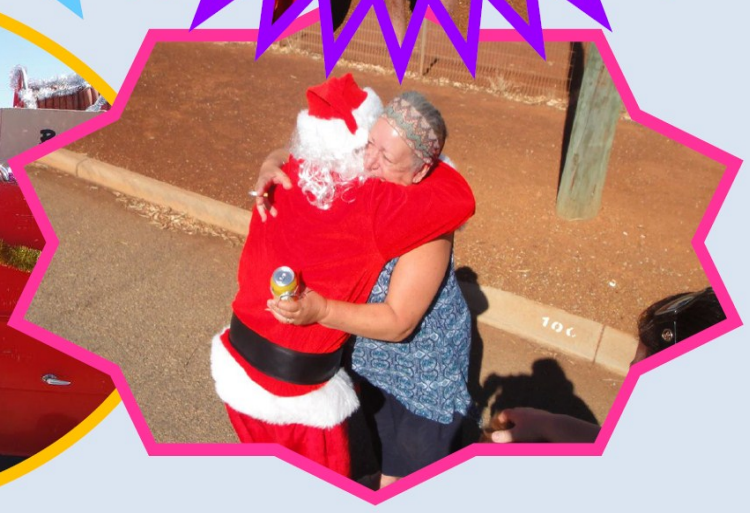
Over 150 people attended the event. Youth Services staff are now planning for the next Glow Party to be held early 2015. Hope to see you there!!!

By Belinda Hicks, Youth Officer



PICTURES TELL A THOUSAND WORDS

The traditional Santa run through the streets of Meekatharra and nearby station homesteads proved this year to be an exceptionally smooth ride with the 4 wheeler sleigh not missing a beat and an abundance of Elves on board to assist. Many thanks to all who participated & a special thank you to the great bearded one from the North Pole.





don't try this at home

A Long Time Ago, In A Shed Far, Far Away

by Anna Johnson



Don't ask Harvey about that old Chevy at Sherwood. Don't bother about Gary's '78 Kingswood either. And forget about that old jailbar Ford of Norm's. You can't have it. Many have tried. You'll have a go one day yourself. Maybe you already have. Do you lie awake at night, thinking about it? What about that Leyland out the back of wherever it was off the Pingandy track? Too far to get. Unless you can borrow Greg's truck. Except Dan's using it. Hope the bastard isn't after that 1940's Jeep carcass on the Wiluna road that whasisname's mate's mate told you about at the pub. Or was it a Bedford, on the Mt. Clere road? Never mind. It's not there. It doesn't exist, except in your mind. But the siren call of old broken cars calls you and calls you. Every time you come across some lovely rusting wreck in the bush you ask around and you find the old bloke who reckons he owns it and you hem and haw and ask him what he'd take for it.

"Yer can't ave it," he says. "I'm gunna do it up one day."

It could be every outback bloke's nickname. Gunna. The quad bikes, the dirt bikes, the cars, the gennies - "it's in good nick except for the starter motor and a few hoses, it'd just take a weekend to get er goin again." But it never takes just a weekend. It takes decades. It takes a lifetime. It never ends. You promise yourself you'll go see Adam about getting the compressor off that old Landy. Nathan's bound to have some spare aircon hose out at Sherwood. The missus rolls her eyes and orders parts on the internet. They sit in boxes next to the dog bed and the broken weed whacker and the bucket of bent tek screws you found at the tip and that three-legged table you're going to fix as soon as you get round to it. After a while there's a broken Honda genset motor sitting on top of the parts boxes and then some dieselly rags and the mice get into it and then it's too hot and you wander off to help Tony put the roof on his new shed, during which you come up with a grouse idea for a way to build a 12 volt airconditioner out of the fan kit from that out-of-rego Ford that Matt left behind, but while you're fossicking around for the bag of wiring connectors you swear you left on the work bench, Mark comes round and gives you a hand with the solenoid on the genny, and then you both go have a look at the tip for the KTM frame Richard thought he saw yesterday and crikey where's the day gone?

You could buy an old resto on Gumtree for the price of a paycheque or two. But it's not the same. You want the derelict beauty you found sleeping in the timeless ravaging outback, the thrill of poking about until you find some clue to the year model and you can't believe your eyes. It's got a straight 8! They stopped making those in the 1930's! This thing could be worth thousands! If you could get it out of the bush. If you could borrow a truck. If the station owner would let you have it. But you can't have it. Never mind that it's got an actual tree growing through the engine bay - he's gunna fix it up. Never mind how you'd explain it to the missus. At least it would be too big for her to chuck in the bin. Unless she had help. But you don't think like that. You just see the machine. You want it. But you can't have it. Because the other bloke is gunna . . . You laugh. You shake your head. He's full of it! But you'd do it up. For sure. Maybe next year. After you finish the Valiant. It only needs a new alternator and rewiring and the front end doing and a decent set of rims and it'll be good as - What? What's she carrying on about this time? "Get those filthy engine thingamajiggies off the coffee table! NOW! Yer tea's ready."

So you sit among the ragged semi-circle of blokes in the Commie beer garden on a Friday night

and listen to the tantalising rumours of sheds, stations and dimly-remembered treasures glimpsed last month, or last year, or back in the eighties, by a mate, or his mate, or a mate's dad's pop . . . an Ariel 250 side-valve . . . a Bedford flatbed chassis . . . a Puch -- or an early Lambretta? hanging from the ceiling . . . pretty sure it was a Valiant two-door . . . said he knew a bloke who knew where there's a Matchless, untouched . . . wouldn't sell it to me . . . looked like part of an Indian Chief V-twin . . . behind the old pump shed . . . some station past Mt. Augustus, can't remember the name of it now . . .

I sit at the ladies' table and watch Gary's eyes grow distant. I used to wonder what he loves about these old wrecks, all the flotsam and jetsam of Meeka's tough, hot past, things that have broken down, as sad as worn-out horses, caked with red dirt, their tales lost in the silent bush. But I see the way he looks when he talks about them, how all the blokes go quiet and dreamy as the stories drift away into the soft outback night, their inner vision carrying them along in the vehicles of yesteryear, all the broken, lonely machines that one day . . . one day . . . could rise again. Waiting for a bloke to come along.

So we find ourselves listening to some skin-cancered, faded-eyed old station bloke in his work-ragged lifelong Akubra, not too busy to spare some time for us, the odd couple in our battered Landcruiser wondering if it's OK to have a look around his tip. Because there's something personal about a bloke's tip, and it doesn't seem right to just go fossicking around without asking.

"That was me pop's first truck, we used ter picnic down ter the Granites, all the kids in the back. Drove Nan ter the hospital durin the floods with the poor baby that never got a name, buried out by the big gidgee if yer go have a look. Did the mail route. Did the musterin. Pop gave er ter dad an dad gave er ter me, drove it inter Meekatharra every Sat'day until I met the missus. Kids used it as a paddock basher til they moved off to the city. Old girl's bin sittin ere ever since."

So we gaze at the "old girl" amid the grass-grown, hard-baked soil, and I finally understand that the crumbling bodies lined up in the scrub aren't rubbish at all - they're a timeline in steel, as poignant as a photo album, each one a milestone in a bloke's life. The first one. The one he got off a mate. The one that hit the bullock. The truck. The ute. One for the young bloke to learn on. The bush basher. A dozen dead mustering bikes. From a time when a man and a car could understand each other, when it was hands on and you did it yourself and it worked and you got on with things.

Swearing and sweating. Bruised, cut knuckles. Exhaust burns. Oil and dirt. No RAC, no diagnostic tools, no computers, no mobile phone, no downloaded workshop manual, just the knowledge in your head and whatever tools you had ready to hand. All the bikes, cars, gennies and trucks, fixed over and over again, stripped down to essentials, making do with fencing wire, cloth-plugged tyres, home-made sealant - more intimate than anything experienced with a woman, your hands recalling every awkward bastard fuel line or exhaust clamp, the years and years of bush tracks like the back of your hand, full of places where you cracked a sump, holed a tyre, felt the diff go, snapped a leaf spring . . .

"They built em tough back then," he says. "Go anywhere. Probably start no worries if yer chucked a new battery in er."

"Would you be interested in selling it?" asks Gaz.

The old bloke looks off at the horizon with a frown.

I share a secret, sympathetic smile with Gary. We know what's coming next. Because an old truck is time spent with dad, with pop, with sons and brothers and mates; it's had a taste of you, and its oil and rust are in your blood. You'll never do it up, because that would be like wishing the dead back to life, and you know that when you drive the corrugated station tracks the ghosts of men and trucks follow behind you, generations of long-gone cattle dogs in the back, the laughter of your children fading in the bush, the voice of your missus calling high and thin from the back of the house, the rough touch of a dozen good dogs who broke your heart, but you can't put all that into words, it's too big, buried so deep and strong.

So the old bloke says what he needs to say to keep the hard-earned years where he can see them, burnt by the sun, rusting in the red dust wind, in the place they belong.

"Nah, yer can't ave it," he says. "I'm gunna do er up."

And so we shake his hand, and we walk away.



Community & Visitor Alert Meekatharra Area



Local domestic dogs have been killed by what appears to be strychnine or 1080-based poison in areas close to town. This includes the railway dam area on the southwest side of town, and the racecourse & stable grounds. Both areas are popular with dog walkers and other recreational users.

It is not known if the suspected dog poisonings are intentional. There may be a risk to those using bush or recreational areas where illegal baits or toxic animal/bird matter may be lying around.

If you suspect a toxic substance or poisoned animal, do not touch it or any saliva, poo or vomit and keep other animals and children away. It is helpful to triple-bag and freeze any samples you can safely obtain, and of course you should notify police so that others can be warned.

Do not assume that your dog has been poisoned, however. Snake bites, distemper, parvo, paralysis ticks and other dog illness can be easily misinterpreted as poisoning - phone a vet for advice.

It is common for dogs to ingest household substances such as rodent and cockroach baits or other things that will make them sick or even kill them. Dogs can die from small amounts of medicines or herbal remedies intended for humans. Only feed, medicate and wash your dog with products known to be dog-safe.

If you observe your dog eating a bait or you are confident that it has ingested poison, you can use salt water or a garden hose (gentle flow) to try and make your dog vomit. This is an extreme measure which can harm your dog if it is not done with great care, or if the poison is caustic or dangerously reactive to water.



Dog Poison Risk

Strychnine and 1080 poisoning symptoms are distinctive, and differ from those of a snake bite or other poisons.

They include vomiting, strong seizures, frantic behaviour, sensitivity to light, and breathing difficulty; a trademark strychnine symptom is severe arching of the neck and back.

Strychnine poisoning is relatively fast. 1080 is slower acting and you may have time to get to a vet or administer emergency treatment.

THE SALIVA, VOMIT AND POO OF A POISONED DOG CAN BE TOXIC TO HUMANS AND ANIMALS.

Bait is NOT legally laid near or within town or common areas. Baits are highly restricted and regulated. The Department of Agriculture and police have been notified of the problem.

Poison can be transferred by birds and other wildlife from legally laid baits many kilometres away, and this is a common cause of unintended poisoning.

Many countries have banned the use of 1080 and strychnine in animal control. These are long-lasting poisons which cause very painful death and are known to kill substantial numbers of domestic and indigenous animals.

Australia and New Zealand are among the few countries that still use these poisons, due to the challenging nature of their unique feral animal problems. There continues to be debate about finding workable alternatives to the use of poison in Australia.

If you have any useful information about the source of the suspected dog poisoning deaths, please contact police. It would put many minds at ease if the cause of the problem can be identified.



Support Our Local Champions

Janine & Mickaela Mongoo have qualified for the Australian Barrel Horse Association finals in Tamworth this year - a terrific achievement for the twin 17 year olds, who will also be participating in charity rodeo events to raise money for others while they're out east.

The girls need a bit of support from the Meeka community to help cover the costs of transporting themselves plus horses & gear. You can help with a donation to Janine Mongoo's Westpac account (BSB 736051, Account 656941) or into the donation tin at the Meekatharra food van.

It's great to see these two Meeka girls working so hard and aiming so high, and having the continued support of their home town means that their success is our success, carrying the name of Meekatharra to a national event with pride.

Let's all do what we can to keep Mickaela & Janine movin' on up!

- Anna Johnson

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ROADWORKS

Main Roads WA and the Shire of Meekatharra wish to advise road users that works to upgrade the Great Northern Highway - Connaughton St intersection will occur in January 2015 - February 2015.

Road users should be aware that traffic control will be on site during this period.

Road users can expect minimal delays.

Local traffic access will be maintained for road users wishing to access businesses on and around this location.

Road users are urged to slow down when approaching the area, obey all signs and signals and show courtesy to other road users.

For further information please contact the Shire's Works and Services Manager, John Dyer on 0409 115 586.



Our personal invitation to you...

Please join us for an exclusive tour of the Batavia Marina Apartments 5.30pm Thursday January 22nd or Thursday January 29th 2015.

Complimentary canapés, refreshments and sun setting over the harbour on offer.

To schedule your viewing please contact Jodi on 08 9964 6088 or email rsvp@eventnation.com.au
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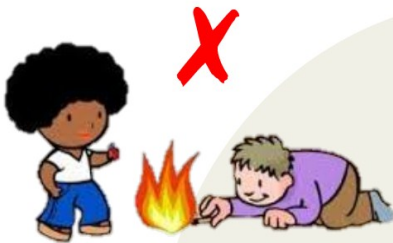
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Fire Season In Meeka

Meeka Fire & Rescue will be conducting burnoffs of high risk areas around town as weather conditions permit. Most of these burnoffs will take place in the evenings. Where possible we will let locals know in time to prepare for smoke in their area.



You are responsible

for your children's behaviour.

Most of Meeka's fires are started by children. Where are your kids?



What's your
fire plan?

Have you eliminated any fire risks
in and around your property?



Clear scrub and debris

away from all sides of your
fences and buildings - call the
fire brigade if you would
like us to conduct a
burnoff at your place.



Are your

smoke alarms
and fire extinguishers
in working order?

Before you burn off,
get a permit
by calling the shire



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let's keep our town safe

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L to R: Glenn, Helen P (Community Paramedic), Imogen, Kevin, Elaine, Sophia, Sonja, Svenja, Lyndal, Helen C, Peter.
Not Present: Mel, Lucky, Stef, Mitch, Janitha, Stephanie, Rachel, Maxine

On December 11th 2014 the Meeka Volunteer & Station Crew celebrated Christmas, & 2014, together at the Commercial Hotel. Lots of laughs, great food, great company...

**BIG thanks from all the volunteers to their partners & families,
& the Meeka Community, for their support in 2014.**

Congratulations to Peter Clare our new Chairperson & Sophia Rodert our new Vice Chairperson, Sonja Elliot continues as our Secretary, & welcome to Helen Clancy our new sub station administrator.

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The GP clinic will continue to operate from the same location from 6 October, when the Royal Flying Doctor Service stop providing this service.

The GP clinic at the ex- Community Health Centre building will continue to open Monday to Friday excluding public holidays.

The contact number for GP appointments is **9981 0604**.

Emergency care and inpatient services will continue at Meekatharra Hospital.

For more information about the changes, please contact:

Andrew Klein

District Operations Manager

WA Country Health Service Midwest

9956 2268 or 0417 980 835

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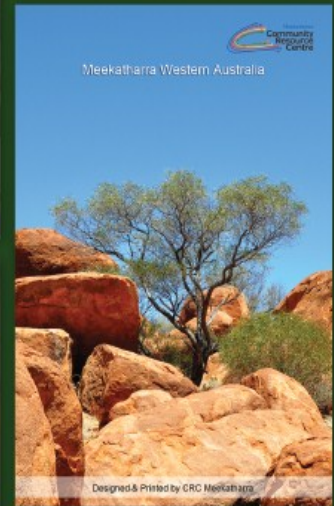
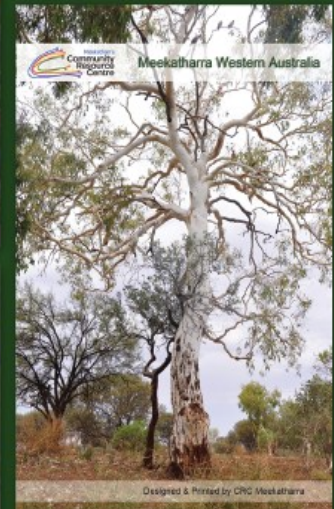
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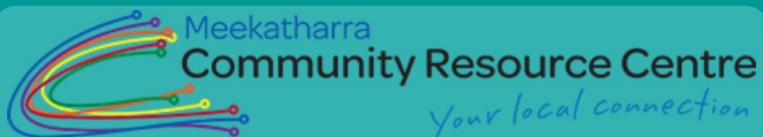


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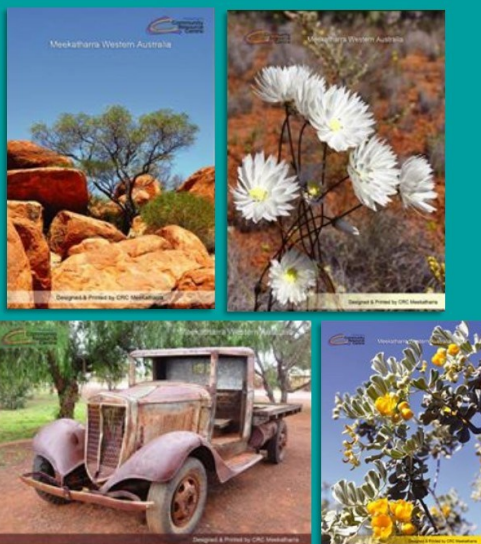
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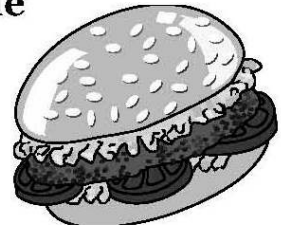
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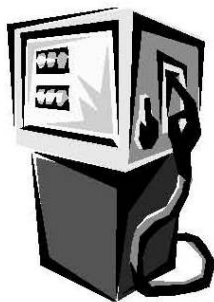
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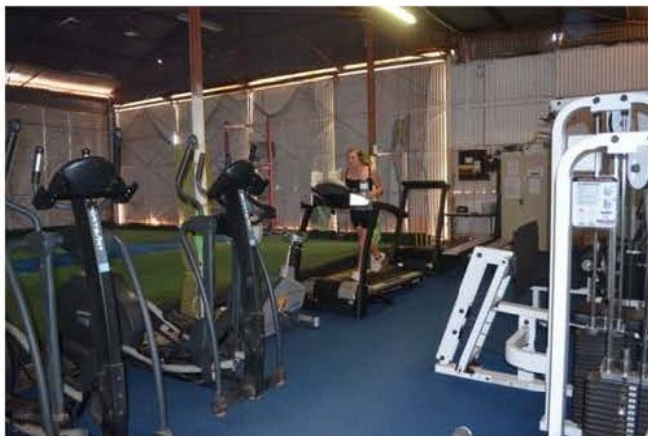
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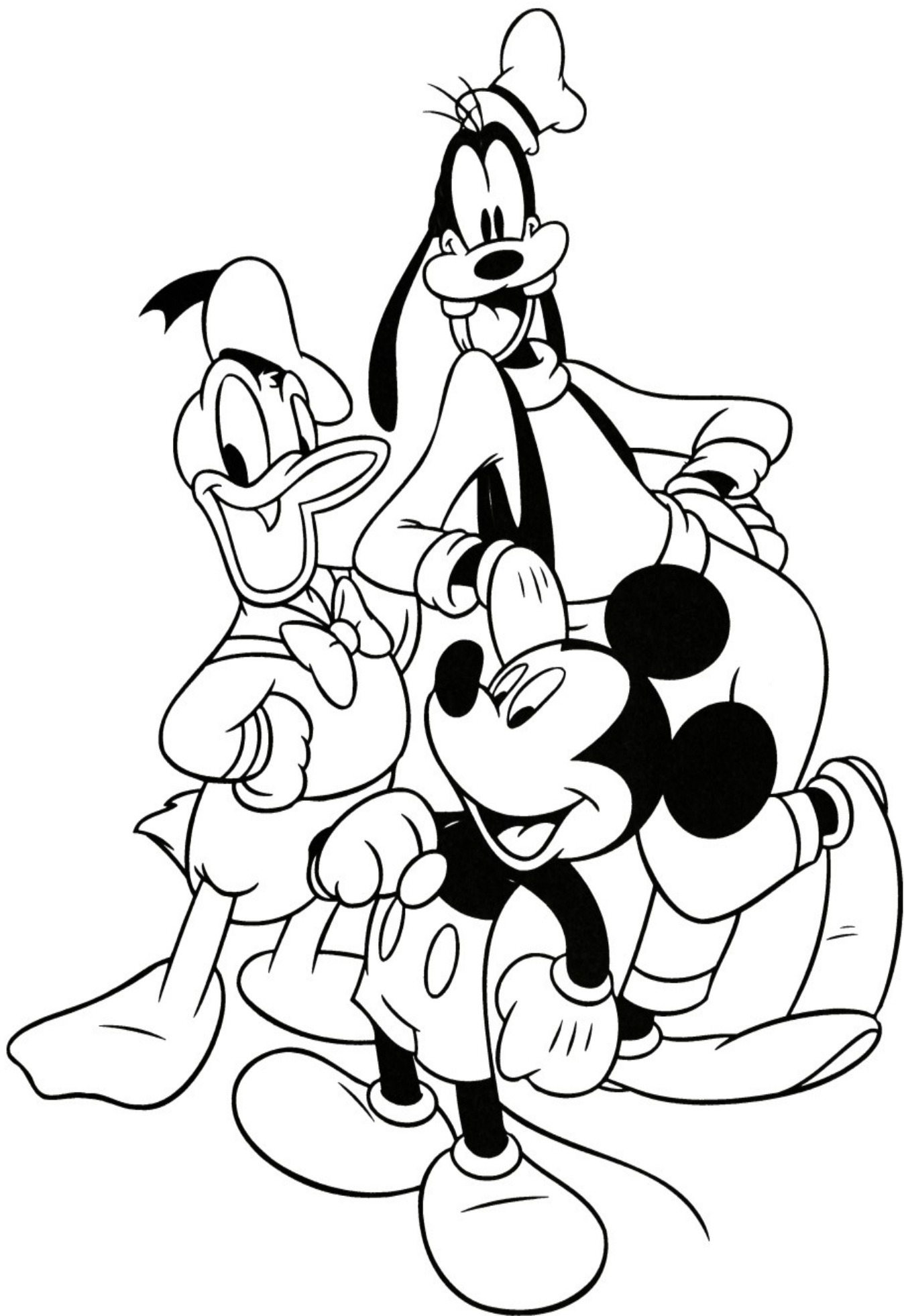
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