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Thank you, Meekatharra Shire

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# IMPORTANT DATES JUNE 2015

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**20 JUNE 2015**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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# Your Council News

*June 2015 • by Anna Johnson on behalf of the Shire of Meekatharra*

## Meeka's Facelift Taking Shape

### *Small changes part of the big picture as Shire enhances resident & visitor facilities*

Alert residents will have noticed the changes taking place as the Shire works towards the goals of the Revitalisation Plan. The new orange circular seats are holding up well, which means we should be seeing more of them around town, and the cleanup around the creek park area is well under way.

There's plenty more to come; improvements will appear in small steps, with the shire watching to see how each addition is treated and used before adding further components. For example, the planned exercise trail at the town oval will have a few pieces installed at a time, and if the new structures are treated well, more exercise stations will be put in.

The 2015/16 budget request for feedback saw suggestions such as a "Big Nugget" tourist attraction and some artistic welcome signage at each end of town. While the Big Nugget got a knockback for now (the Shire is following the budget and stages established in the Revitalisation Plan), the "welcome signage" suggestion will be included in the signage audit. Locals will be pleased to know that the next signage project will be cutouts and banners in Main Street, and local artists will have a chance to submit designs - Meeka has quite a few artists and craftspeople, and the Shire will be working to include local art as part of our visual appeal.

As reported earlier this year, the Revitalisation Plan includes many improvements that will benefit residents and make Meekatharra more attractive to tourists, business and visiting workers.

*Above: shire crews have done a great job preparing the creek park & head frame area ready for bitumenising and other planned improvements for our visitors. Below: you asked, shire delivered - the poor old Main Street bougainvilleas have been partially replaced with native plants more suited to our outback landscape and tourism appeal. Cutouts and banners are coming soon!*

*Left, top: western side of Main Street soon to have a shady, leafy footpath between the creek park and the swimming pool. Left, below: example of what might be found on the "exertrail" as shire gradually builds up exercise stations in the town oval area.*

*Further planned improvements to residential & business areas will benefit locals, tourists and visting workers as Meeka develops its regional tourism potential, building the town into a place to "stay, play and explore" our rich cultural and mining heritage.*

# Behind The Scenes : Your Shire At Work

You can learn a lot by sitting in on a monthly council meeting - Meekatharra Shire has a huge workload and you might be surprised to discover how much "unpaid overtime" our staff and councillors put in to the task of running our town and region.

The Shire of Meekatharra covers a huge regional area, encompassing a lot of roads and tracks that need constant upkeep, especially after seasonal weather events and floods. There's also the airport and other outlying service facilities which need detailed attention and monitoring, and public use areas such as the sports complex, streetscapes and various buildings.

Everything has to be planned and budgeted for, with consideration given to all the hows, whys and what-ifs - even for things that seem simple, whether it's repairing a track off the Ashburton Downs Road, installing a sign in Main Street or organising festival events. For each decision, there has to be paperwork and procedures - the Shire has to comply with certain legal requirements and accountability to its residents, ratepayers and external government bodies.

Sitting in on the May council meeting, which focused on budget matters as we head towards a new financial year, you would have seen the work that has to go in to every decision - how much to charge for hiring the shire's PA system, what the bond should be for using the gym, the pros and cons of electronic keys for public use building access, how much it costs to install signage in the main street, what grants the shire can source to provide funds for community activities and groups, how much staff time can be allocated to funding applications, checking on work tender applications and making sure everything complies with the myriad state laws and regulations - it's a long, detailed and tiring job. But someone has to do it, and that's what our elected representatives and our paid Shire staff do on behalf of our town and region.

While the process may seem frustratingly slow to locals who want to see all the various improvements to Meeka take shape, it's just the way the system works - patience is the key, and locals are urged to check the shire website and the Dust for updates on what's in the pipeline. In the meantime, there's always plenty that locals can do to see their hopes for Meeka materialise, such as helping with town cleanups, providing feedback about the facilities and improvements that have already been made, and pitching in with events such as the outback festival.

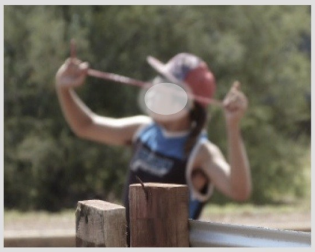
You're welcome to attend the monthly council meetings (dates and times are listed in The Dust) and have your say. You can also obtain a copy of the Council Minutes to find out about the many other projects, discussions and improvements that the Shire is undertaking on behalf of the Meeka community. All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

## Kids' Toy Puts Town In The Dark

*Costly Repairs A Drain On Resources*

It's not a prohibited weapon under WA law, but the all-too-familiar elastic "ging" or slingshot has cost the Shire - and, indirectly, ratepayers - over $60,000 this financial year.

Many town street lights, despite being protected by mesh, were smashed by the pestilential and deadly accurate homemade "toys". Also known as shanghais or slingshots, gings are popular with boys who persist in "ginging" everything in sight. Streetlights aren't the only target, and the damage bills for the Shire, local business and private residents is substantial.



*Just a toy? Local boy takes aim at a streelight in Main Street. In this instance, the offender was chased off by a local resident before too much damage was done to nearby properties. Youth vandalism poses a significant annual cost for Meekatharra.*

## New Gym Opening Soon

Meekatharra's new gym at the town oval and sports complex area will be opening soon. With the exercise trail and other town improvements in the pipeline, Meeka will definitely have quite a range of sporting venues and activities to offer locals and visiting workers.

The current gym at the indoor cricket centre, while getting on in years, is currently one of the most popular public use venues in Meekatharra. Gym membership can be organised at the shire offices in Main Street.

Planned improvements mean that the town oval and sports complex area are on track to become a great venue for workers, families and locals alike. The oval is the town's "off leash" area for dogs, so why not bring your four legged friend along on your next exercise outing and meet some new faces?

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***"Meekatharra - A Golden Prospect"***

# Meekatharra Bakery

## *History In The Baking*

featured business

*by Anna Johnson*

Follow your nose along Meeka's Main Street and you'll discover that the tantalising smell of freshly baked bread is coming from the historic Meekatharra bakery, tucked away next to the creek. Built in the early 1900's, it is now owned by locals Reece and Paulette Anderson, who took over in 2013. With Reece's sister Amanda joining the team on most nights, it's a genuine family business.

The tiny bakery is over 100 years old and the family have embraced its old-fashioned charms. "It's a goldmine of historic machinery," explained Paulette. "There's no automation, just home-baked flavour, a lot of love and hard work!" Last summer, as temperatures in Meeka hit fifty degrees, the old air con system finally gave up - but local mates came to the rescue with a donated air con unit and some hard yakka to get it installed. Paulette laughs - "Yes, it's hot and noisy but we love it!"

Most of the work is done by hand, kneading and shaping, and rolls are made with the wonderful old Fortuna roll divider. "It's probably collectable," said Reece. "But I think it does a better job than the modern machines - it just works."

The original walk-in oven and the huge old wooden paddles used for taking the loaves out are on view in the main work room. The couple even live in the turn-of-the-century baker's house, with its old pressed metal and eccentric floorboards - it's much-loved, living history.

Baking, slicing and bagging are done each night - and in a small town like Meeka, that's virtually as fresh as if it came out of your own oven. Local residents know they have to get to the shops early for their share of Reece and Paulette's popular bread rolls, fresh loaves and tasty cakes.

"We're always working on new things," says Reece. "We're currently trying out recipes for donuts and cinnamon scrolls, and when we're happy with our final version they'll be out on the shelves." Paulette still works as a clinical nurse at the town hospital, but shares the bakery workload with business partner and husband Reece, a former cook. Work starts at about seven each evening and often doesn't finish until five in the morning, when Reece loads up the panel van to do the deliveries around town.

Even a short visit to the bakery reveals the heartfelt dedication that this young couple have towards their business and each other - it's inspiring, and definitely translates into the quality of their products. As with many small businesses in the goldfields area, the tendency of mining companies to bring everything in from outside is a challenge. "We can supply bulk quantities, that's not a problem," explained Paulette. "It's just disappointing that there's not more direct support from outside industries in buying local - but we hope we'll be able to change that as people realise how much better and healthier local produce is." Having tried many of the Andersons' tasty treats fresh out of the oven, this reporter can attest to that! The Meekatharra Bakery's details can easily be found on the town's business map, which is free at most outlets in town - and you can buy their current products at the local supermarket if you want a taste test.

*"We're probably one of the last of the old-style bakeries - everything's made by hand. You can taste the difference when it's made with love and hard work!"*

Future plans? "We're hoping to set up a shopfront outlet as our business grows," says Paulette. "There's also the possibility of promoting the historic angle, with tours or displays of some of the old equipment." With Meekatharra working hard on its tourism appeal, the historic bakery and its tasty treats is a wonderful feature of the iconic gold mining town - but you'll need to be fast on your feet when the new cinnamon scrolls come out, they're wickedly delicious!

*"Bulk orders for bread, cakes or rolls are not a problem - people realise how much better and healthier local produce is."*

# Youth Crime - Frustrated Locals Look For Change

Topic of the month in Meeka seems to be the recent spate of petrol sniffing and chronic problems coming from a handful of kids who are both local and from out of town. Police are tearing their hair out, while locals are increasingly frustrated and angry with the situation.

Like many outback towns, Meeka has its share of a youth minority who steal and cause a lot of damage - the costs to locals, businesses and shire property is substantial. Cars all over town have had their fuel caps vandalised - even on diesel vehicles - and in the past year there have been several incidents of major damage, including shire vehicles having their windows smashed.

Police are busy every night working within the restrictions of the legal system to do what they can, responding to repeated calls from residents and businesses. Kids angry at being ejected from shops have damaged several shop workers' vehicles in retaliation, and throwing rocks at passing vehicles is a commonplace "game".

In a two week period last year, over twenty vehicles were broken into opposite the roadhouse, with kids boldly stealing mobile phones, tablets and other items. Fire extinguishers stolen from trucks number in the dozens, often found abandoned in the creek area - missing fire extinguishers mean that trucks can't enter mine sites, so the cost to these businesses can be significant.

A number of local women spend hours each night with torches, looking for stray kids and taking them to safe shelter for the night. Boredom is often labelled as the cause of youth problems, but Meeka offers a substantial range of activies on a daily basis for kids and youth. Many locals would like to see parents held accountable, and there is growing talk of bringing back the old "sunset curfew" system.

No one wants to see a solution that punishes kids for parental neglect, but as one local business operator said, "The problem is that the burden falls on the shoulders of the community and businesses who have to cop the damage and expenses, and not doing anything about it doesn't help the kids either."

With Meekatharra keen to boost its public image, residents and business owners hope that a solution can be found - a hope that is echoed around the country as Australia slowly acknowledges that a stronger approach needs to be taken in order to ensure good communities and positive youth futures.

# IN THE NEWS . . .

**Stories by Anna Johnson**

## Slinky Stowaway A Sandy Surprise

Stopping to fix a tyre while carting sand from the Yalgar River, Steve Hoare and Gary Hammer noticed a very large mulga snake slithering past the truck wheels a few feet away. "Where the hell did that come from?" they wondered. They followed the snake trail to the rear of the truck, where it stopped - as if the snake had appeared from nowhere. Mystified at first, it was Steve who noticed suspicious marks in the load of sand in the truck tray. "Crikey! Looks like we picked up a passenger!"

Sure enough, it seems they'd accidentally scooped up the snoozing serpent, which made its way to the water pooled in the truck tyre tracks."It just went past us, totally unconcerned, had a long leisurely drink, looked around a bit, had another drink and then slowly wandered off, probably looking for a new winter hidey hole," reported Gary.

Measuring at least four feet long and "thicker than a man's thumb", the sleepy snake posed no threat - but the boys hope it stays in bed this time!

## Plenty Going On In Meeka !

There will be some good stories coming up in future editions of the Dust - the Hodders and teams of locals have been doing an amazing job getting the old Picture Gardens ready, the Western Mulga mob at Buttah Windee community have set up a barramundi aquaponics project, the Yulella Garden Markets are becoming very popular with locals and tourists alike, and there is growing interest in our local artists, who are doing some beautiful work.

In addition, it looks like our shire is cracking the whip on the Revitalisation Plan - there are many improvements on their way that will make locals and visitors very happy. If you want to know details, pop in to the shire office.

The inaugural "Meekatharra Visitor Map" by Dingo is having a good response from visitors - the Western Mulga Gallery and the Market Gardens have already made sales to tourists using the map, and locals have helped distribute copies of the map to many outlets between Newman, Wiluna and Wubin.

All in all, it seems like there's plenty of fresh energy in Meeka and the Dust will keep you up to date on as much of it as possible!

If you have stories you'd like to share about what's happening in the Meeka community, post them on the Meekatharra News and History Hub facebook page and Anna can get in touch with you about writing them up. Old history or just five minutes ago - your comments, photos and stories would be a wonderful contribution.

**Expecting a blooming wild flower season**

After a slow start to the 2015 tourist season due to closed roads caused by post cyclone rains, tourists are starting to trickle in to visit the beautiful Mt Augustus National Park and the "World's biggest rock."

The countryside is unusually green and a few early wild flowers are already blossoming. Good autumn rains followed by relatively mild sunny weather should mean an array of Mulla Mulla, Fox Glove, Everlasting, Native Daisy, Mt Augustus Meharry and Mt Augustus Foxglove (both unique to this area) plus many more species.

National Park Volunteers are based at the Mt Augustus Tourist Park from April to October and are happy to provide visitors with information on the wild flowers as well as walks, great views, where the aboriginal etchings are and where the most recent reptile sightings have been.

Children who climb to the Summit (accompanied by an adult) are presented a personalised certificate commemorating their achievement. The youngest child to attain one last year was 7 years of age and the oldest person to conquer the Mount was in his early 80's.

If you haven't seen the spectacular big rock in your "back yard yet" or if it has been a while since the last time, this year would be a great time to do so.

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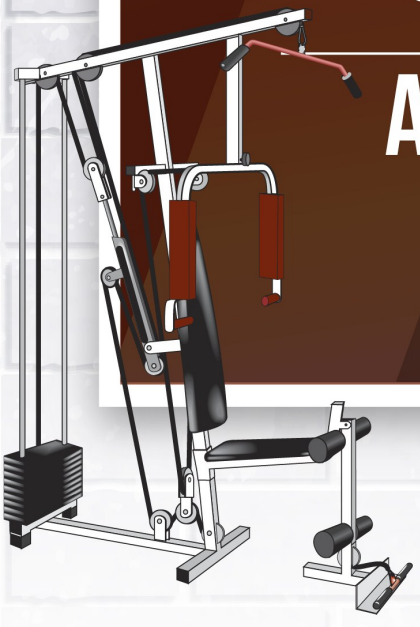

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# Footy with Karalundi

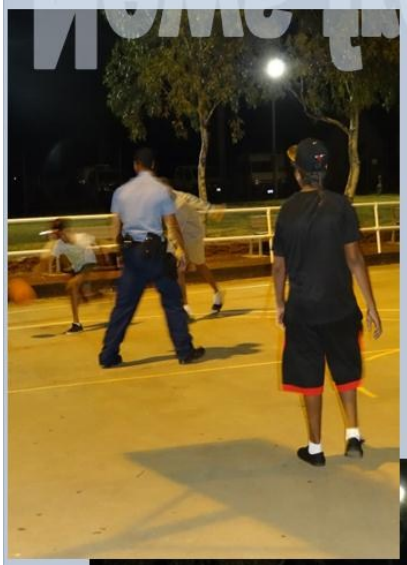
17/05/15

A big thank you to Karalundi kids and staff for coming over to Meeka for a game of Footy and Paul , Andrew,Bob,Tristan,Katie, Meeka Police for the support.

- Bithun (Meekatharra Youth Services)

# News from the Youth Centre

Thank you to the Meeka Police for coming to the Youth Centre Friday night to shoot some rounds of basketball & play pool. We had a great time!



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Metals X are ramping up and actively looking to fill a number of key roles including a Site Clerk for our operations. Reporting to the HR Coordinator this role will be responsible for providing administrative support to a variety of departments including HR, Safety and Production. Based out of Meekatharra on a 5 days on 2 days off full time permanent roster.

**Key responsibilities:**

Data entry of timesheet information into fortnightly spreadsheet for Admin and OHSE;

Coordinate distribution of external and internal mail for the site;

Undertake HR administration activities as requested i.e. booking of medicals;

Data entry for Village spreadsheet;

Maintaining of Central Filing system;

Updating of Safety Notice boards across site (ensure currency of information on board);

General day to day administration and reception duties.

**Skills, Qualifications & Experience:**

TAFE Administration Certificate or Diploma (ideal);

Min 3 years administration experience;

Intermediate level of Computer literacy;

Excellent communication ability to all levels of staff and visitors – Essential;

Current driver's licence.

This is an exciting project for experienced and dedicated people who want to be a part of a start up project and work with a wide range of experience in our growing technical and operational teams. Metals X is committed to working with the local communities and welcome applications from Meekatharra, Cue and surrounding areas for this role. All applications will be reviewed, and successful applicants will be required to complete a pre-employment medical, drug and alcohol screen as well as a police clearance.

Please direct your CV and covering letter, with the position of interest in the subject line via email to:
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Metals X are ramping up and actively looking to fill a number of key roles. We have options for positions to be residential Meekatharra on a variety of rosters. Our fleet consists of: EX1200 Hitachi Diggers, A40E Volvo Dump Trucks, 980K Cat Loaders, D10T Cat Dozers, 14H Graders, A40 Water carts as well as other ancillary fleet and light vehicles. The initial ramp up will consist of key technical & professional personnel as well as Open Pit Operations with the view to recruiting fixed plant teams shortly after.

**Some of our active positions include:**

**Support Services**
Emergency Response Officers
Site Clerk (5:2 residential Meekatharra)
Mine Accountant

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don't try this at home

by Anna Johnson

## *Handy RV Tips*

I know many people dream of hitting the road and seeing Australia, and as it's tourist season here in Meeka I thought I would pass on a few handy tips that you won't find on the grey nomad websites - I lived on the road in my old bus for a year or so and I learned a lot, so here are the bits I can still piece together after all the drinking and irresponsible behaviour (I was only 48 at the time).

First of all, don't dibble dabble around with some idea that you'll rent your place out while you "go travelling". Why add to your stress? Just sell everything you own and leave a note for the kids where they can find it when they come home from school to discover complete strangers renovating the kitchen, then hit the road. Forget about all the planning and anxiety that you encounter on the internet road-travel sites - they can be very useful, but trust me, you are not going to be attacked by sinister, drooling stalkers at isolated campsites or eaten alive by ravening snakes/dingos/bungarras in the ladies toilet. The only hazard I encountered was myself ("Let's get out those three whole bottles of tequila that I hid behind the Engel!") and some peculiar religious people at Hamelin Pool, but their god punished them by making their caravan break down and I was able to escape before I lost the thin veneer of polite behaviour I was struggling to maintain. Also there was the roo shooter, but that's a whole other story and horrifically unsuitable for a family newsletter.

Anyhow, you don't need the 7,358 items of Essential Equipment that some of the more zealous travelling websites like to recommend. The reason for this is that no matter where you go, there will be some retired bloke with way too much gear who will be ecstatically excited about the opportunity to use his trailer-load of equipment and, as a bonus, tell you off for Not Being Adequately Prepared as he sternly sets about fixing your vehicle while you relax and have a nice cuppa with the missus, who will be relieved to have a break from hearing about the fuel consumption charts and the most recent adjustments to the 12 volt wiring reverbolator thingamebob.

Despite all the tempting gadgets available at the satanically expensive caravan shops, the items I found most useful were books, a record player, a pair of dog hair clippers, several buckets, a cat, a two-week supply of clean underwear, a couple of spare mugs, and not owning a house. The books and dog clipper were better than money for bartering in goods and services, Smokey kept the mice at bay on the rare occasions when he was fully awake (he's roughly 193 years old in cat years), and the spare mugs were handy for cups of tea for the curious passersby who wanted to visit my four-legged travel companions & check out my rig. "Is this your cubby house?" small children would ask, awestruck, before disappearing into the depths of the bus for hours, dressing Honey up in the snorkelling gear and dismantling the portable TV. "You can get Foxtel in Chinese now. Can me and my brother live here with your dog?"

So, now that you're not prepared, where will you go? I strongly advise not having a plan - buy a cheap old bus that can be easily repaired with gaffer tape and bits of wood by any passing farmer, then wander off down secondary roads, dirt tracks & goat paths as they take your fancy - you'll be amazed at the rewarding adventures you'll have when your old rig breaks down in the middle of nowhere. Some of the best times I had on the road was when things went wrong. I was entirely at the mercy of whoever passed by, and it was great - I had to camp out in front of the mechanic's garage in Norseman for a week waiting for new tyres, and it was heaps more fun than staying in the caravan park at Esperance because I got to meet everyone in town as they came to see the bus, got offered native honey from the local beekeeper and helped catch the town's stray chihuahua in a scene reminiscent of something from The Benny Hill Show. This totally beat sitting around a jam-packed caravan park listening to my neighbours listing the pros and cons of every single shower block they used between Adelaide and Kalgoorlie and how Fred tried to save money by using nail clippers on his hair which is why they ended up at the nursing post in Emu Flat for a week.

Due to television, the biggest fear my friends and family had about my solo road life was serial killers - don't worry, they're not out there. They're at your house. Or next door. Statistics show you are

more likely to be killed by someone who loves you, so obviously the best safety precaution is to leave your loved ones at home - after all, you can easily find new ones at most roadhouses, if you're not too fussy. But do take the dog - dogs don't argue about which turnoff to take, they're an excellent source of heat and, if you ocky-strap their front paws to the steering wheel, they can share the driving on the Nullarbor while you have a snooze and catch up with a few Star Trek episodes in the back.

On that note, keep in mind that driving across the Nullarbor is compulsory and heavy fines apply to any road travellers who fail to do so; make sure you take lots and lots of money and some spare internal organs or small orphaned child-workers that you can trade to pay the $23.75 per litre fuel prices and towing fee when your vehicle breaks down and you discover it will take 47 days for a new fuel pump to arrive. If you're quick you can usually snap up a tradeable spare child or two from the back of the roadhouses where their stress-maddened parents have abandoned them at the 900 kilometre mark. An important safety precaution on the Nullarbor is not to travel with someone you know, because trust me, you will be ready to stab each other's eyes out with the plastic camping forks before you're even halfway across - remember, the word "Nullarbor" is Olde Latin for "Oh God Will This Never End Why Didn't You Buy More Cigarettes In Ceduna Like I Told You To".

What about the daily comforts - where will you shower, or blow dry your hair? Don't worry about it - as science tells us, you get used to your own body stench after three days and after that it's just a simple matter of standing downwind in close social situations. I know of one retired gentleman who solved the shower problem by simply using baby wipes. "Ain't had a shower in two years an I still smell clean and fresh! Yer might want to think about them disposable paper panties, yerself." (I'm not making this up). Personally, I opted to have a small shower, chemical toilet and proper underwear in my bus, which also features one-way tinted windows, making it possible to enjoy a leisurely shower in the Bunnings car park in Adelaide - one of the many handy highlights of mobile home living that is inexplicably never mentioned in tourism brochures, but is a unique and satisfying travel experience.

The escalating costs of caravan parks can easily be avoided by pulling up wherever you want to stay for the night, and rapidly consuming a lot of alcohol, so that if, for some bizarre reason, some official person ventures hundreds of kilometres into the outback to check on the thousands of informal overnight stops and attempt to "move you on", you can justifiably explain that you are too faarrghhn durrrgghh ha ha ha whoo! With the rates that caravan parks charge these days, it would take several bottles of spirits a night before the cost of drink-camping became a budget problem, so it's a good way of saving money while eradicating any annoying brain cells telling you it may not be such a good idea and why not get another bottle out from behind the Engel?

Another worry is security - how to protect your mobile dwelling when you're not in it? My own security system was rather lacking due to the age and condition of the bus, so I used to leave a hastily-scribbled note on the back of a used pie bag that read "SNAKE LOOSE IN BUS, HAVE GONE TO GET RANGER!!" I never had any problems, proving that this is an effective technique.

There are thousands of Australians living on the road either permanently or part-time; more and more people are escaping the mortgage trap and living the free-range life. I met nurses, teachers, carpenters, artists, retirees, terminally ill people, families, old ladies, young jack-of-all-trades blokes living in tents with their dogs, mad motorcyclists with only a swag and one spare set of clothes to their name, Vietnam vets, psychologists, farmers, you name it - all living out of caravans, buses, tiny vans, utes and lord knows what else, working and travelling where and when they wanted. And whether they were in a fancy-pants million-dollar caravan or sleeping on a swag, everyone I met was *happy*. Except for that cranky old geezer in his DIY bus at the Minilya roadhouse, but I think he had Issues, if you know what I mean.

Everyone helped each other out, and shared without thinking about it. If you looked like you needed a hand, you'd suddenly find a bunch of camping neighbours stepping in to help, everyone sharing a laugh and lending their gear. Someone else would wander by and give you some of their freshly picked wild tomatoes; I gave a travelling farmer a haircut with the dog clippers in exchange for inflating my hilariously cheap rubber boat, then swapped boat rides for fresh calamari from the elderly couple at the next camp. The dog and the cat loved the road life, and we made friends at every stop, sometimes travelling in "tagalong" for a few days, then drifting apart to other adventures.

Living on the road rejuvenated me; all the cynicism and fears that creep into us through the madness of television and city life slowly disappeared, replaced by a wonder at how many good people there are in the world, and how easy it is to just live, and be happy.

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| | *Catholic Church 6.30 pm* |
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**WA Country Health Service Midwest will ensure GP services continue for the Meekatharra community.**

**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:
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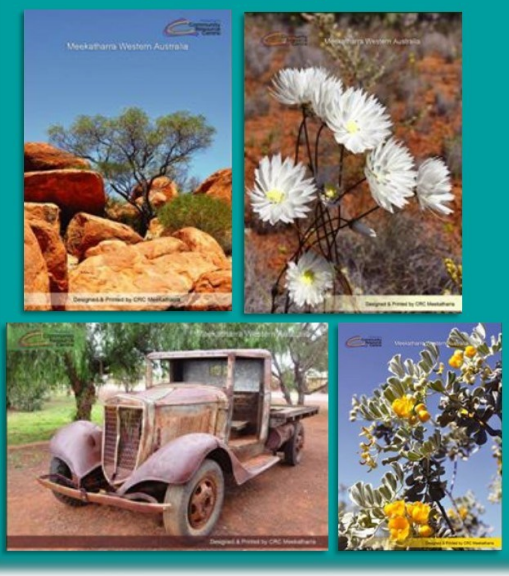

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## CRC Committee Meeting

**Tuesday 9th June, 5pm at the CRC**

As valued community members, we would like to invite you to the Meekatharra CRC Committee Meeting.

The Committee meetings are an opportunity for you to hear reports about the activities that the CRC has been involved in. It is also an opportunity for you to have your say and express community development ideas that the CRC can consider as part of the business plan.

Please confirm your attendance either by phone:

0899801811 or at meekatharra@crc.net.au

**All new members and volunteers are welcome.**

## Meekatharra's Biggest Morning Tea!

On the 28th of May we held the Biggest Morning Tea to help raise money for the Cancer Council! The money we raised goes towards Cancer research, prevention programs and support services. We had a lot of very happy customers! Thank you to everyone who attended and made donations! Special thanks to Energise Café, Meekatharra Accommodation Centre, Pauliina Kortesuo. We made in excess $280!

## Meeka Markets

Our Markets have been very successful so far this year. Thanks to everyone who attends them! The markets happen once at the start of each month, Our next markets will be held on **Saturday the 6th of June!**

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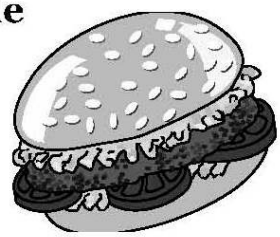

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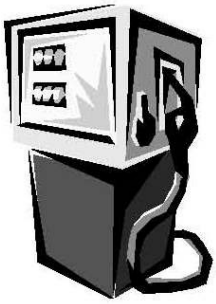

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| Meekatharra | 21 Apr– 7 May |
| Mt Magnet | 19 May - 29 May |
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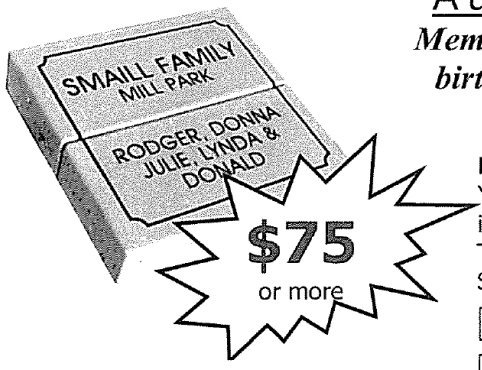


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**The Meekatharra Festival Committee needs your support!**

To the Editor of the Meekatharra Dust,

I just wanted to share a big thank you to Belinda Hicks' lovely acknowledgement of everyone who was involved in the setting up of Kidzone. I feel though that it should be added that Belinda was the most important person involved in the process.

Without Belinda's hard work and dedication to the future of our youth in this community many children would be lacking a vital part of after school activities to keep themselves occupied and stimulated.

We are so grateful to have your experience Belinda. I hope you know how wonderful you are for the kids in Meekatharra and also how lucky the Shire is to have you as a leader in this area. Meekatharra certainly faces some major issues that need a forward thinking, motivated person to tackle them at a ground level. Without qualified and talented people offering stability and progressiveness to our youth we can't expect our town to follow suit and be successful.

Please keep up the good work and know that we appreciated you and your work ethics.

Anita Seery

Mum and former colleague

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Dear Editor of the Dust,

Please publish my thanks to the Shire of Meekatharra for finally getting onto the dog problem in the town. For the first time I was able to take my dog and my child for a walk without the fear of them being mauled by the dogs that have been dominating these streets for the last few years.

Lets celebrate this positive step in making Meekatharra a safer place to be.

Many thanks,

Anita

# Important Dates

# June 2015

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**20 JUNE 2015**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**CNR MAIN AND SAVAGE STREETS**

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEXT MEEKATHARRA DUST EDITION:

27 JUNE 2015