



# Meekatharra Dust

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# Dust Noticeboard...

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

### Calling for Submissions

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

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

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

*PO Box 129, Meekatharra WA 6642*

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

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the Shire Office &  
subscribe in person.





## Note from Council

All items to be presented at Council Meetings need to be submitted to Shire Staff two weeks prior to Council Meeting dates. All items received after this time will be held for further consideration.

*We are looking for more local content, if you have a story to tell or would like to inform the community about whats happening in your organisation please forward the information to the Shire. Why not put something in for the "Creative Corner"*

*Until next month.....*

## Don't Forget!

*Ordinary Council Meeting  
20th May 2017  
9:30am, Council Chambers*

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

*Ray Ryder & Band  
Free concert  
12th May 2017*



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

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

*Thank-You*

*Meekatharra Shire*



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# Your Council News

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

## Rates, Rules and Red Tape Wrangles -

A challenging aspect of shire office life is dealing with the myriad tasks associated with financial management and ensuring that the town and overall shire can keep running smoothly. It's complicated, and many of us would probably find it both boring and mind-boggling - but it has to be done.

That's why we have people with the specialist skills and training to plan for what's needed, deal with the unexpected, and comply with the inevitable red tape that comes with government standards compliance, bookkeeping and tax procedures, and of course being able to let the community know how and where the funds are allocated each year. You probably feel like a cuppa and a bit of a lie-down just reading about it, so spare a thought for our shire team who stay on top of it on our behalf!

Current budget news includes that the rate in the dollar has been set by the Council and will be open to comment from the public until 5pm Wednesday May 24th. Come into the shire office during business hours to have a look at the hows and whys of rate setting if you'd like to know how the differences between mining and pastoral land rates, how minimum rates for blocks of land are set and many other aspects of how property values, rate revenue requirements and infrastructure costs affect the rates set for the various types of property held in the Shire.

On a disappointing note, the Department of Transport (DoT) vehicle licence concession currently offered to many local government authorities will be discontinued from July 1, 2017. For Meekatharra, this will put an added financial burden of over \$100,000 on the shire coffers. With our large remote area, Meekatharra has quite a fleet of vehicles to maintain in order to provide services throughout the shire, ranging from heavy work vehicles, the shire bus, trailers, cars and so on.

Unlike everyday people, the shire has to account very precisely for everything, and when these unexpected expenses occur, they can't just hope for a win on the pokies or rummage around under the car seat for spare coins - the annual budget is a pretty serious document, and all unusual or unexpected expenditure has to be discussed, analysed and approved in the correct manner.

Part of this process of course is community awareness and providing the opportunity for people to view and comment on various stages & elements of the budget process at appropriate times. If you'd like to know more about how rates are set or any other aspect of how the shire budget works, feel free to drop into the shire offices or to contact them via the details on the second page of the monthly council news.

## Shire Sums Add Up



*Why do I have to pay rates on my vacant lot? How come mining pays a different rate than pastoralists? What is the rate in the dollar? These are some of the questions typically asked about shire budgets and rates, and it's a complex topic.*

*The short layperson's answer? Every year the council decides on "the rate in the dollar", which is basically a number established for the purpose of completing payable rates calculations - basically, the percentage rate which will be applied when making property rate calculations.*

*The rate-in-the-dollar is multiplied by the relevant land valuation, and then the various annual fees (such as bin collection service fee, emergency services levy and so on) are added.*



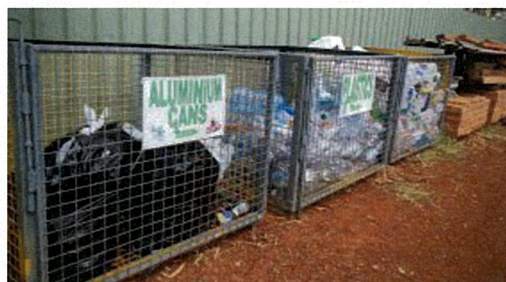
*An important part of setting rates calculations is working out how much revenue the shire will need for its anticipated costs. That's why the budget is crucial - it needs to be an accurate-as-possible document so that rates can cover what is needed to run the many resources & services that the community requires.*

*Rates vary because properties are assessed differently, according to factors such as whether they are urban or rural, "improved" or "unimproved", commercial or residential, and so forth. You can easily obtain this information from the shire if you want to better understand what goes into your rates calculations and how your rates contribute to the community.*



# Now Hear This

Meeka FM 98.3 radio is set to benefit from a \$3000 donation from the shire. The contribution will help with operational costs for the popular volunteer-run local station. Some refurbishments of the shire-owned station building are also in the pipeline. Locals and visitors are welcome to contact Meeka FM on 9981 1358 if they are interested in submitting content or getting involved.



## Recycling Is Renewable

A further 3 year lease for Meeka Goes Green was approved. The award-winning volunteer enterprise uses the compound located at the southern end of Railway Street (just north of Haveluck), and is open on Saturday mornings from 9am to 11am. People are welcome to drop off recyclables, usable cast-off items and to join in as volunteers. They also offer a re-purposing service where you can drop off or take useful items - you might be surprised at what you find.

## Sign of Approval

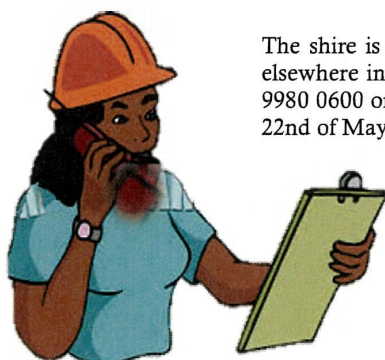
New signage for the caravan park was approved - something for everyone to look forward to at the rather industrial-looking south end of town. Unlike many caravan parks in WA, which are often the property of their respective town or shire, the Meeka caravan park is privately owned.



## "Ta!" From Teeth, Tea & Tyres

Local and visiting tyres can thank Royalties For Regions and Roads To Recovery funding for the sealing of another 7 kilometres of the Meeka - Landor road. Every kilometre of bitumen reduces the rattle of the tea mugs in the caravan and those of us who are dentally challenged look forward to the day when we'll be able to keep our false fangs in place all the way to Carnarvon.

## Work It Out



The shire is currently advertising for a Works & Services Manager - details on the position are elsewhere in this newsletter or you can contact Kadi King for an application package by calling 9980 0600 or emailing her on [admin@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin@meekashire.wa.gov.au). Applications close on Monday the 22nd of May at 4:00 pm.



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).

Shire Of Meekatharra  
Main Street  
PO Box 129  
Meekatharra WA 6642  
Phone : 08 9980 0600  
[www.meekashire.wa.gov.au](http://www.meekashire.wa.gov.au)

*"Meekatharra - A Golden Prospect"*



# ANZAC 2017

ANZAC Day 2017 saw what has been described as the largest attendance for many years attend the Dawn Service at Paddy's Flats under cloudy skies.

Wreaths were laid by members of various group from the community along with others laid on behalf of fallen family members.



Photos of the attendees and memorial by Roy McClymont



# ANZAC 2017



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Works & Services Manager

**Package to \$170,000**

**Fancy a rewarding new job and lifestyle!**

**Generous benefits include free housing and all utilities, executive vehicle with private use, 5 weeks annual leave, 19 day month, up to 14.5% superannuation and relocation allowance.**

**This is a senior position with the Shire of Meekatharra with responsibility for civil works, parks and contract services. However if you have recent supervisory/foreman experience you are encouraged to apply.**

**You are not required to address the selection criteria, however, a detailed resume must be provided. Applications close on Monday 22 May 2017 at 4.00 pm.**

**Please contact Kadi King for an application package  
Telephone 9980 0600 Email: [admin@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin@meekashire.wa.gov.au)**



# AIRPORT EMERGENCY

Tuesday 20th April started off like any normal Tuesday at the Meekatharra Airport. The Cobham BAE 146 landed with the transfer of passengers taking place normally. A Skippers Dash8 diverted from Leinster due to fog and low cloud as was a Metro liner. After about an hour the Dash 8 was refuelled and headed for its planned destination. Ten minutes after departure the pilot reported an engine failure advising he did not require emergency response but would return to Meekatharra.

As the aircraft overflew Meekatharra airport the pilot advised he would need to burn off some fuel as the aircraft was too heavy to land. emergency response was then requested. The airport emergency plan was then enacted with the Police and Shire being advised of the situation. Fire and Rescue and St Johns Ambulance were requested to attend. Police were on site as the plane reported it was about to land. The volunteer fire and rescue crews were arriving as the plane, thanks to pilot training and skill, successfully landed with the St Johns volunteers arriving soon after. All 54 people on board were uninjured. Alternate aircraft were arranged later in the day to take the mining crew on to Leinster and the flight crew back to Perth.

The aircraft remained at Meekatharra until repairs were completed on Friday.




During the debrief of the incident the Police, being the responsible agency, thanked the volunteer services for their quick and professional turnout.

Photo - Repairs underway.





## Term 2 2017 YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>After School</b>  	2:30-5:30pm <u>Drop In Centre</u> Ages 12-18  KIDZONE 2:30-5:00pm Ages 6-11  3:00-5:00pm <u>Sports/Oval</u>	2:30-5:00pm <u>Drop In Centre</u> Ages 12-18  KIDZONE 2:30-5:30pm Ages 6-11  3:00-5:00pm <u>Sports/Oval</u>	2:30-5:30pm <u>Music</u> Ages 12-18  KIDZONE 2:30-5:30pm Ages 6-11  3:00-5:00pm <u>Sports/Oval</u>	2:30-5:00pm <u>Drop In Centre</u> Ages 10-18  3:00-5:00pm <u>Sports/Oval</u>	2:30-5:00pm <u>Drop In Centre</u> Ages 12-18  KIDZONE 2:30-5:00pm Ages 6-11  3:00-5:00pm <u>Sports/Oval</u>	9.30/10.30am <u>Junior Football</u> & <u>Net Set Go</u>	
<b>A/noon Evening</b>  	6:00pm-8:00pm <u>GIRLS GROUP</u> Ages 12-18  6:00-8:00pm <u>Boys Sport @ Oval</u> Ages 12-18	6:00pm-8:00pm <u>BOYS GROUP</u> Ages 12-18  6:00-8:00pm <u>Girls Sport @ Oval</u> Ages 12-18	6:00-8:00pm <u>ART</u> Ages 12-18  6:00-8:00pm <u>Sport @ Oval</u> All ages	Drop In Centre Closed  6:00-8:00pm <u>Basketball</u> All ages	6:00-8:00pm <u>Drop In</u> Cooking Program Ages 12-18  <u>Sport @ youth</u> <u>Centre</u>	5.30pm <u>Football/Oval</u>	

Phone: Grandier (Youth Centre) 0438 993 013 Wayne (Sports) 0419 965 507 Noleen (Kidzone) 0467 882 355



# 2017 GYMKHANA SNEAK PEAK

Full story to come next issue.





# Meekatharra Library & Museum

Open during office hours Monday to Friday 8.00am - 4.30pm

Located in the Shire office

Check out our excellent selection of books, sound recordings and DVDs

If there is a particular item you seek, please request at reception

To join up as a library member, please see staff at reception



Bring the kids to enjoy our kiddies corner

Take time out to simply relax, read or reflect on history in the Museum



Corner Main and Savage streets Meekatharra

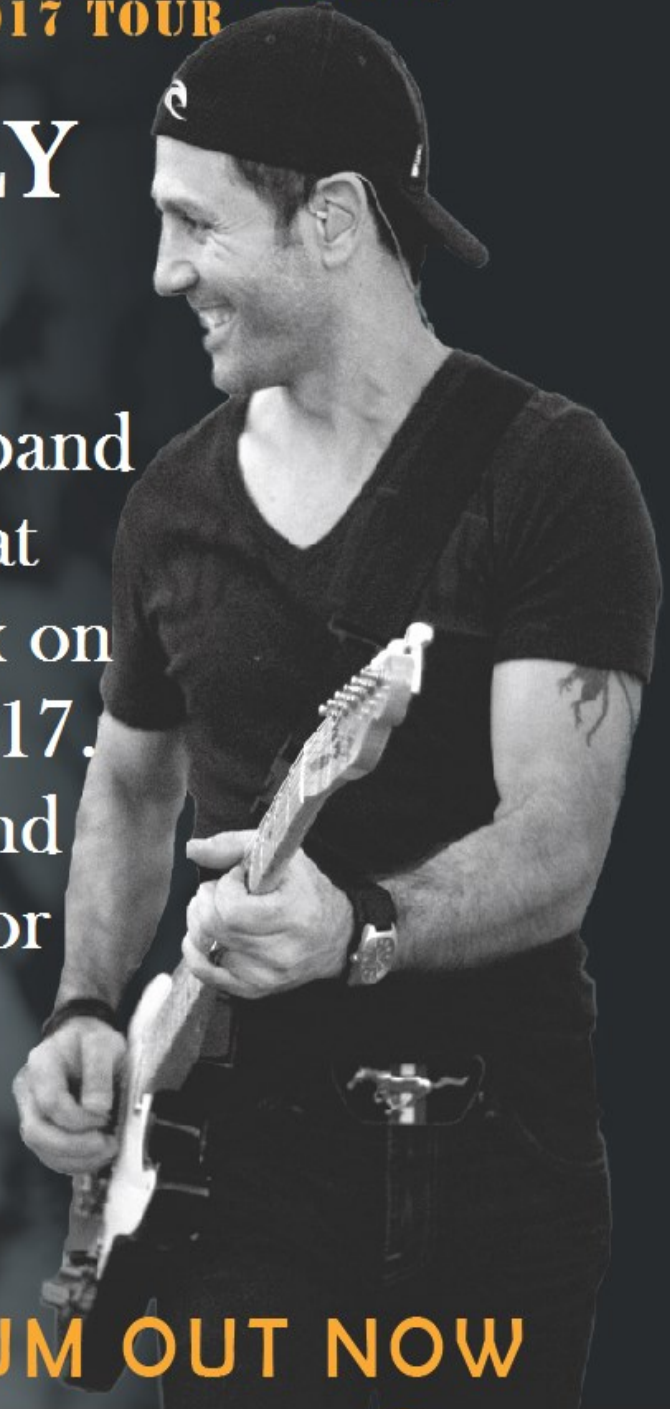


# RAY RYDER

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2016-2017 TOUR

## FREE FAMILY CONCERT

Ray Ryder and his band  
will be performing at  
the Sports Complex on  
Friday 12th May 2017.  
Bring your chairs and  
rugs and be ready for  
a 7.30pm start.



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Department of Regional Development



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Join John Colwill and Garry Heady from the BG Team

**A Quality  
Beyond  
Gardens  
Event**

## Regional Roadshow GardenWise Seminar

**Sunday 21st May  
10am - 12noon**

**Meeka Goes Green Centre**  
South end of Railway Street, (Next to Depot)  
**Meekatharra**

### Ideal for all gardeners

- Understanding and improving your local soil
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# CREATIVE CORNER



SUN RISE AT MEEKATHARRA AIRPORT - PHOTO BY MAL TRENFIELD

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

**Why not be the next contributor!**



# We are coming

**17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Paddys Flats**

**\*Newman vet clinic will be doing the usual Meekatharra and Cue trip**

**\*Covering de sexing, vaccination, micro chipping, consultations, bloods and overall check-ups.**

**Please contact the clinic to book your appointment on 9175 1309**

Dr Emma  
and  
Nurse Hollie



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





# Meekatharra District High School

Savage Street Meekatharra WA 6642

Tel (08) 9981 1092 Fax (08) 9981 1422

Newsletter 26.04.17



Meekatharra District High School will facilitate the development of positive and respectful relationships among students, staff, family and community

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very much looking forward to a great Term 2 of learning. The staff have made good use of the School Development Day on Monday and are well prepared and ready to make sure that on every day, every child has a well tailored program that supports them meet their individualised learning goals.

### Every child matters, Every day counts

We had some great attendance stories from Term 1 with 52 children reaching their attendance goal and receiving a reward – 20 of these children improved their attendance by more than 20% from 2016 – that's an amazing achievement.



We want to continue to support you and your child to attend school regularly. The bus runs are continuing – let the front office know if you want to add your child to the pick-up list. The breakfast program is offered every morning from the canteen and this is proving very convenient and popular. Mission Australia staff are also available to support families with regards to student attendance.

### Reading More and More—Read All About It !!

We want our children to have every opportunity to read more often – the more we practice something the better we get! If your child is in primary school, we strongly encourage the home reader book to be read each night and it can be changed every day! Our library is full of great books and we encourage children to borrow. The month of May is National Family Reading Month and we would love you to join-in with this and read to your child often. Also we have a Scholastic Book Club fair starting on 22 May and this is a wonderful opportunity to purchase a book. More information coming soon!

### Learning and celebrating

Thank you to everyone who came along to the end of your Celebration of Learning afternoon at the end of term 1 – a great turn out. The children loved showing you some of their learning and sharing the fun that they have at school. Every week on Wednesday at 2:10pm we hold a school assembly where a class gets to show case something they have been learning and we present certificates. You are most welcome to come along and we hope to see you soon.

We are very much looking forward to having your child back at school this term. If there is anything we can help you with please let us know.

Kind regards  
Julie McLaren

## May is Family Reading Month

Students will bring home a Reading Log for you to complete at home. Just take the time to read together and complete the log.

Return your log to School to enter the competition. **You could win \$100 worth of books :)**



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



# The Meekatharra News

3-3-2017

## Meekatharra Teachers find Meteor

when it was night

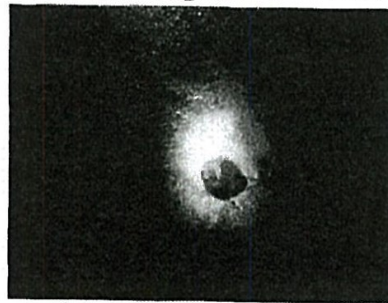
Two teachers was out bush they were called miss Lilly and mr Crawford. It was 6pm when a Meteor flying down to earth. The two teachers were at bush because they were filming for miss Lilly mum.

Mr Crawford was excited and stated "Far out!" And Miss Lilly commented saying "I hope it's not aliens".

Then saw fire, steam and hot smoke. Mr Crawford commented that it was hot and it made him sweat. Miss Lilly was frightened because a grasshopper jumped on her. The two teachers cooled it down with water and picked it up with two rocks. They took the meteorite to

The Meteorite was on fire in the Crater.

Show year 5 and 6 at MDHS Miss Lisa (the science teacher) tested the rock and she found it wasn't magnetic.



Meteorite cooling down.

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Another opportunity to be involved at at MDHS

**YouthCARE**

**We are seeking expressions of interest for positions in chaplaincy in 2017**

This is for the Mid West Region of Western Australia

If you have a calling to support students, staff and other members of a school community through providing pastoral care and exceptional administration skills, we would love to hear from you.

YouthCARE is looking for a chaplain at Meekatharra District High School (2 days per week)

YouthCARE chaplains focus on providing a supportive environment for children and young people, irrespective of their faith or cultural backgrounds. We are here to listen and provide support to the school community. Our care covers the health, social and overall emotional well being of the students we assist.

If you think you've got what it takes and you are interested in becoming a YouthCARE chaplain, please apply now at <http://www.youthcare.org.au/recruitment>

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# TERM TWO 2017

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	April 24 SDD	25	26 First day of term	27	28
2	May 1 <b>May is</b>	2 <b>Family</b>	3 <b>Reading</b>	4 <b>Month</b>	5 9:30-12:30 KindiLink
3	8 9:30-12:30 KindiLink	9	10	11	12 9:30-12:30 KindiLink

2/1/17

## TRIPLE SUN

There was a fun fair billions of people read this paper  
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Two teachers were driving out bush and one of the teachers was making a video for her mum.

On Wednesday 3rd March near the golf club Mr William Crawford and Mrs Miss Billie Crawford were in the bushland.

Mrs L. Crawford comment: "I hope is not a lens!" Mr Crawford was sitting there waiting to see it at close.

If you see a meteorite you can call the police.

This is a meteorite curved in yellow and orange flames.

This is a meteorite cooling down.

# BOOK FAYRE

# COMING TO M.D.H.S SOON





# Speaking up about Disability



**Sussex Street**  
Community Law Services Inc.

Free information session organised by Individual Disability Advocacy Service (IDAS)

**5th May 2017**

**Geraldton PCYC (105 Pass Street, Wonthella)**

**Session 1: 9:30am -11:30am.**

Self-Advocacy and the NDIS - **Speaking up and achieving our goals.** For people and families with disabilities.

**Session 2: 1:00pm – 4:00pm.**

Finding out about the NDIS - **Supporting people to speak up.** For Service Providers and interested community members.

Please join Michele Hardesty-Munday, WA Disability Discrimination Unit solicitor from Sussex Street Community Law Service and guest presenter Samantha Connor, Disability Advocate and NDIS participant and learn about the new disability scheme in WA, your rights as a person with a disability and where to go and what to do if things go wrong.

For inquires and RSVP contact Linda Moore on 0447 253 516 or [l.moore@sscls.asn.au](mailto:l.moore@sscls.asn.au)

## **NEW KINDILINK SESSIONS**

**MONDAY & FRIDAY**

**9:30-12:30**

**CALL SCHOOL IF YOU'D LIKE  
A BUS PICK-UP :) 9981 1092**





# Vince CATANIA MLA

## NORTHWEST CENTRAL

As your local Member of Parliament, it is my job to assist you with any concerns or issues you may have with regard to State or Federal Government Departments, their policies or procedures.

If you would like to speak with me while I'm in town please contact my Carnarvon electorate office.

### Mobile Electorate Office

**Meekatharra**

**5th May**

**Ph:** 08 9941 2999


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# Help us to stop **NUISANCE MOTORBIKES**

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

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

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







# Farmer Jack's

## MEEKATHARRA

# FOODWORKS

Supermarket



### Opening Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri	8am—6pm
Thursday	8am—7pm
Saturday	8am—5pm

Farmer Jack's Foodworks Meekatharra has an extensive range of fresh foods including deli items, quality meat, fresh produce, bakery items, groceries as well as a Liquor Store..



### FARMER JACK'S ELECTRICAL

(inside Thrifty Link Meekatharra)  
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Small Appliances.



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**Farmer Jack's Foodworks Meekatharra**  
**22 Main Street, Meekatharra 08 99811088**





# What if you called and NOBODY CAME?

In country towns St John Ambulance is a volunteer service.

There are a range of ways to participate in the ambulance service

– a support volunteer or as a volunteer ambulance officer;

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



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



For more information, contact the  
Meekatharra Sub Centre

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

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





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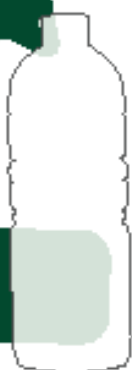
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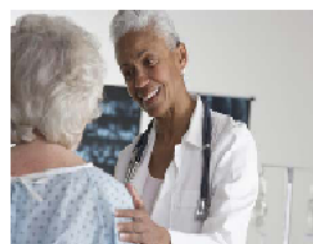
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By sharing your story on Patient Opinion, you can tell us what is important to you, and we can show how we are listening and making improvements based on your feedback.

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



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<b>MON 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY</b>	<b>————→</b>	<b>FRI 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>
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<b>MON 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY</b>	<b>————→</b>	<b>FRI 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>
<b>TUES 1<sup>ST</sup> AUG</b>	<b>————→</b>	<b>FRI 4<sup>TH</sup> AUG</b>
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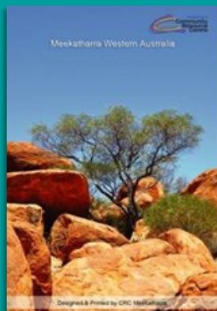
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# NEWS



We have now received our Tourism WA Green Tick as an Accredited Tourism Business which means that we've met specific criteria with great customer service and the highest standards of business practice.



The Meekatharra Community Resource Centre will be holding the Biggest Morning Tea event on Friday 12th May 2017 from 10am. Please come along and support this fantastic cause, last years total was \$500 we are aiming for \$600 this year.

The CRC Committee welcome you to attend our Committee Meetings to share your bright ideas! The aim of the CRC is to build capacity in Meekatharra and the surrounding Community through the delivery of information and communication technology services, Department of Transport, community development and training programs and government information. The CRC is Community owned and managed, and we use our Committee Meetings to discuss new ideas to reach new groups with new & improved services. Whether you are an individual, organisation, or business in the community, we would like you to join our team and share your fresh ideas.



Government of Western Australia  
Department of Transport

The Meekatharra Community Resource Centre now has the Dept. of Transport where you can do all your licencing . Car and drivers licence needs as well as learners permit anything you need to ask about as about licencing please come and see the Ladies at the CRC Main Street Meekatharra  
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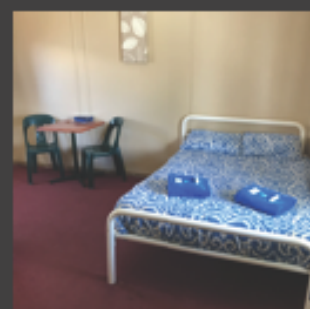


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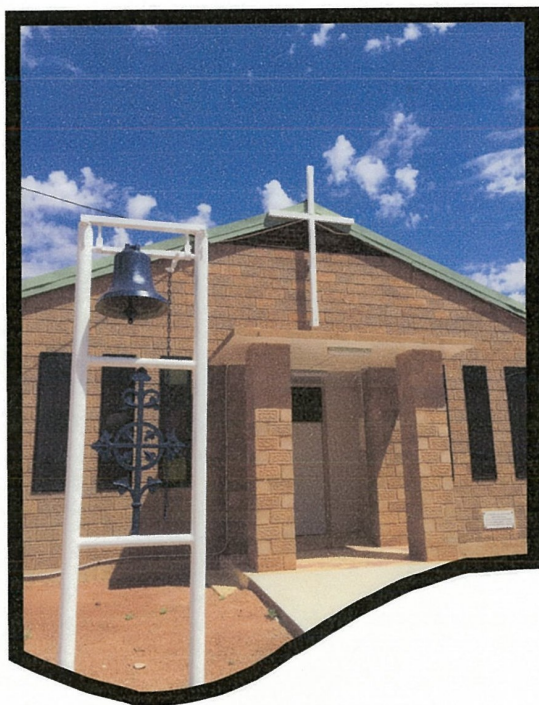
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<b><i>Easter Sunday</i></b>	<b><i>Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass)</i></b>	<b><i>9.00 am</i></b>
<b>Sat 13 May</b>	<b><i>Celebration of the Word with Communion</i></b>	
<b>Sat 27 May</b>	<b><i>Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass)</i></b>	
<b>Sat 17 Jun</b>	<b><i>Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass)</i></b>	
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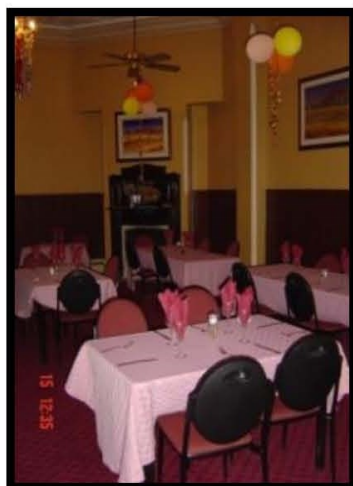
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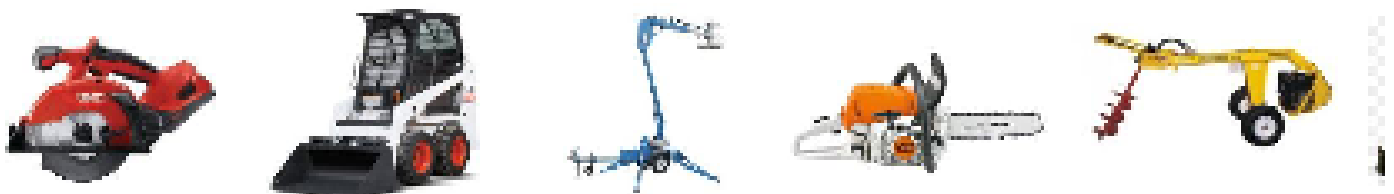
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## Blues for the Bush Update

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Important Dates To Remember

## MAY 2017

### Ordinary Council Meeting

20th May 2017  
9:30am, Shire Council Chambers

### Biggest Morning Tea

Friday 12th May 2017  
At the CRC

### Ray Ryder Band

Friday 12th May 2017  
free concert 7.30pm at the sports complex

### Newman Vet Visit

17, 18th May 2017  
At Paddy's Flat

### Garden Seminar

21st May 2017  
At Meeka Goes Green

## JUNE 2017

### Ordinary Council Meeting

17th June 2017  
9:30am, Shire Council Chambers

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF  
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**30th May 2017**