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Note from Council

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To All Our Readers,

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make the Festival a success. Without these people the festival would not happen

Enjoy! Until next month...

Don't Forget!

*Ordinary Council Meeting
17th September 2016
9.30am, Council Chambers*

*Meeka Outback Festival
23rd - 25th September 2016
Town Oval*

*Annual Meeka Races
24th September 2016
Meekatharra Race Course*



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

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

Festival Parades Savings

The 2016 Outback Festival came in under budget thanks to various cost-saving measures. There was an increase in sponsorship levels, much appreciated by the shire on behalf of the community.

As always the festivities kicked off with the annual Friday night fireworks from the Lookout, another spectacular show lasting 18 minutes and good value, coming in at under \$10,000. The Monster Ball people provided free rides all weekend. The 10 different amusements cost just \$19,000 to the festival budget. Even local adults had a go, and everyone enjoyed the improved venue experience under the new oval lights. The Fire & Rescue brigade were on hand for the fireworks, St John Ambulance volunteers provided support and a team of hard working volunteers assisted shire staff throughout the weekend.

Lunar Circus was back for another entertaining 2 hour show plus workshops and displays; the cost for their contribution was \$30,000 and good value for kids and adults alike as everyone discovered their inner clown or acrobat.

This year saw the float parade being held at the oval due to the shire's estimated cost of closing Main Street being prohibitive (up to \$20,000). The school worked hard on their floats and it was greatly enjoyed, although the parade nearly didn't go ahead due to lack of registered entries.

The shire is aware that not everyone was pleased with some aspects of the food vendor service, and this will be a focus of improvement for next year's festival.

Radio Mama and local stallholders added to the fun, and Saturday featured the famous annual Meekatharra Races. The race club shared the costs of the DJ, band and security. The rodeo, no longer being held, had a price tag of over \$55,000 and was considered to have a number of problematic issues as well as "not being family friendly". The shire's cost saving and logistics efficiencies are a solid savings compared to some other regional events which can cost their shires hundreds of thousands of dollars or more.

A new event at the races was the Truck Pull, which saw plenty of participants and was a great interval entertainment.

Holding the festival at the oval was seen as more practical and logistically easier than the past tradition of closing off the areas in the middle of town. Locals are welcome to write in with comments or suggestions to the festival committee for next year's festival, and volunteers are of course always welcome - as well as crucial! A big thanks to all involved.





Meeka Museum Makeover

The wonderful shire museum has been given a new coat of paint and will be open again on Monday the 10th of October. If you're new to Meeka, you have to go and spend an hour or so there - you'll be amazed by the old horse-drawn hearse, and there are terrific news collections where you might even recognise a face or two! It's very well set up and stocked for such a small museum, and really gives you a view into Meeka's boom-bust past as well as the characters who've come and gone over the years. Take time to have a look at the footy teams of yesteryear among the wall photos - and remember that they didn't play on nice soft grass, but plain old Meeka dirt and gravel. They made 'em tough back in those days. And that was just the blokes - being a woman in "the olden days" was no picnic either! A visit to the museum will certainly make you appreciate your air conditioning and ice cold drinks.

Pet Rego Time

Dog and cat rego renewals are due again on October 31st. The shire is sending out reminders, and anyone who hasn't registered their pet is urged to do so. It's not expensive, and it means that if your four-legged buddy gets lost, there's a much better chance of them being returned home safe and sound. It's so important for pets to be desexed, microchipped and registered, so please contact the shire if you need help in achieving this. Breeding dogs without a licence is illegal in WA, and too many Meeka dogs meet a terrible, painful death due to inappropriate pregnancies. Be a good mate to your mate and ask for assistance - it's the happiest option for you, your pet, and the rest of the community.



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).

Fire Folly No Fun

While teachers get a breather, the rest of the community is perhaps not quite as excited about school holidays, with the usual increase in youth vandalism. One of the latest costly escapades is the damage to the walk trail near the tourist bay - a malicious fire apparently set in association with stolen fire extinguishers found at the scene, apparently emptied before the fire was lit. These incidents just add to the burden of cost, time and volunteer services to the shire and to the community.

It is worth mentioning that in this instance, there was a steady northbound wind which could easily have taken a fire along the creek towards the aged care hostel and other creek-side buildings and residences. The shire and hospital grounds people do a great deal of work to minimise the fuel load along the creek, but when parents let their children roam and commit these acts, it is the community which can face potentially devastating consequences, not to mention how easy it is for children to suffer horrific injuries as a result of "playing with fire". Arson - the malicious lighting of fires - is taken very seriously by the shire and our emergency responders, and offenders can find themselves in very hot water if caught.

On a more positive note, the shire will be upgrading our tourist trail bridges in coming months. Visitors and new arrivals can obtain maps of our excellent heritage and history walks. When it's not on fire, the trail that follows our creek has many points of interest and natural features to enjoy.

Planning Scheme #4 Starts Its Red Tape Rounds

Submissions and recommendations for local planning scheme No. 4 have been forwarded to the Department of Planning for final approval. You can view the planning scheme maps via the shire website or at the offices. Local planning schemes basically set out the way land is used and developed. They classify areas for land use (ie, public, commercial, residential and so on) and include information about the coordination of infrastructure and other aspects of development within the shire area.

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"Meekatharra - A Golden Prospect"



NAIDOC AWARD



PRESENTATIONS

Junior of the Year Female	Brittany Hoare - presented by Mission Australia
Junior of the Year Male	Brady Binsiar - presented by Doray Minerals
Elder of the Year	Adeline Gilla - Presented by Doray Minerals
Senior of the Year	Robert Binsiar and Michael Walley -Presented by Metals X
Youth of the Year	Kadisen King - Presented by Mission Australia
Non indigenous Female	Jo Burgemeister - Presented by the
Non indigenous Male	Ron Bell -Shire of Meekatharra
Dedicated Service to the Community	Robert Binsiar - Presented by WA Police



More Festival Follies













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Golf Club

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Dot Lauritsen
Honorary Life Member



President Clarrie congratulates
Peter (Jenky) Jenkins
Life Member

Local Legends Honoured

The Meekatharra Golf Club honoured two of its outstanding contributors during the recent awards presentation night at the popular Annual Meekatharra Open Golf Tournament. Golfers from all over the region and beyond applauded the hard work and dedication of two of the clubs legends.

Club President, Clarrie Lauritsen presented Peter Jenkins with his life membership certificate. Clarrie spoke in high praise of Jenky's dedication and commitment to the club over many years. "Jenky has held a number of positions in the club and always puts in a huge effort regardless of what role he is in at the time" said Clarrie.

"Jenky is our current Club Captain and has also taken on the role of Green Keeper and everyone will no doubt agree that our course is in excellent condition under Jenky's care" added Clarrie. Jenky accepted the award in his usual humble way, becoming quite emotional as the significance of the honour crept up on him.

Club Vice Captain, Peter Clare presented Dot Lauritsen with her Honorary Life Membership Certificate. Peter spoke in glowing terms of Dot's work behind the scenes and in running the kitchen and catering at the clubs open events over many years. "Dot does a top job of organising the food for our open events and under Dot's management, Meeka has become well known as one of the best clubs in the region for service and hospitality." said Peter Clare.

Everyone present joined in congratulating two of the Golf Club's great contributors!

Meekatharra wins Tidy Towns!

midwesttimes.com.au
Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Meeka Goes Green nets tidy award

■ Jon Solmundson

The town of Meekatharra has ranked as one of WA's tidiest towns, thanks to a comprehensive recycling program run by local volunteers.

Meekatharra won the litter prevention and waste management category of the annual Tidy Towns competition, with the Meeka Goes Green group taking top marks for its weekly recycling efforts.

Meeka Goes Green member Svenja Clare, who helped establish the project, said for the last year

the group had been opening its shed every Saturday morning to allow locals to bring in their recyclables.

"We crush it into bales and take it all down to Perth; a group called Ruggies Recycling organises free back-loads for us," she said.

"Fifty per cent of the revenue goes back into the project, and 50 per cent goes into the (Princess Margaret) Children's Hospital Foundation.

"Over the whole project, we've managed to raise \$2000 for charity, while keeping almost 70 tonnes of material out of landfill, so I'd say

we're all pretty happy with the result."

Ms Clare said they had support from the Shire, the WA Waste Authority, and local businesses — with the supermarket contributing cardboard they had already crushed themselves, and the pubs and taverns contributing huge amounts of cans and cardboard.

Ms Clare said she got accustomed to recycling in Germany, and was surprised to find it was not an option in Meekatharra, but this success was proof to other regional towns in WA that they could start recycling too.



Ex-Meekatharrians Katie and Paul proudly receiving the award on behalf of MGG

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MADE THIS HAPPEN!



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♥ Welcome to
Kindergarten

Media Release

Vincent Catania MLA
Member for North West Central

Meekatharra outback festival a great success

28th September 2016

Member for North West Central Vince Catania attended the Meekatharra Outback Festival and race meeting held over the long weekend, declaring the event a great success.

The Meekatharra races combine with the Meekatharra Outback festival for a weekend of family focused events including float parades, fireworks, race meet, fashions of the field, circus, and petting farm and culminating in a ball to celebrate all of the events.

"Festivals like this showcase our wonderful region. There is nothing like a country festival and it was great seeing the community come together to participate and enjoy the many events held over the weekend," said Vince.



"Congratulations to the many people who have worked tirelessly to make this event happen."

"Without the efforts of all the volunteers, sponsors, organisers and the members of the community festivals such as these just do not happen," Vince added.

"I look forward to what the festival will bring in 2017."

Pictures: Community members and visitors participating in events over the weekend.

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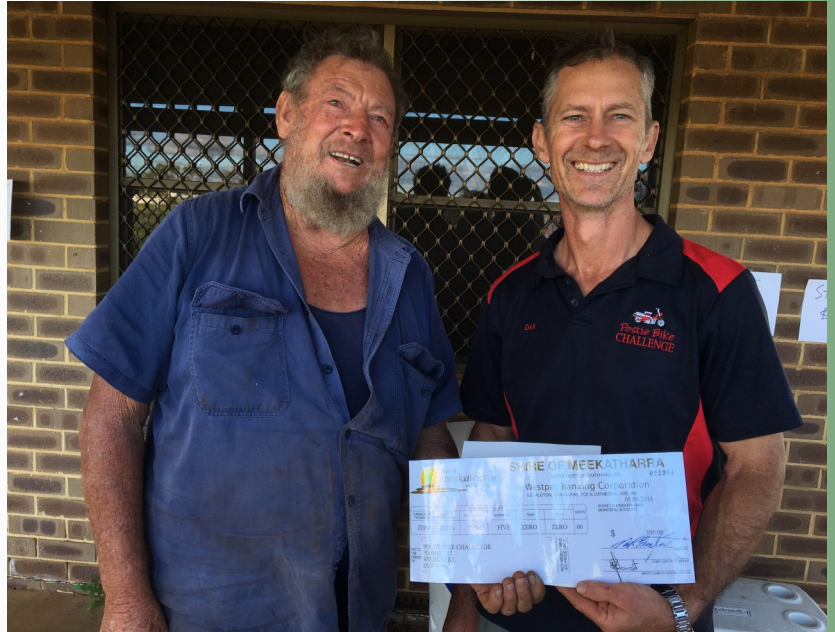
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POSTIE BIKE CHALLENGE 2016

On Wednesday 7th September 2016, 32 Postie Bike's and their riders spent the night camping at the Meekatharra Oval. The Postie Bike Challenge is a 9-day adventure from Perth to Broome, with riders averaging 300km's per day on their Honda 110cc 'Postie Bike'.

The Shire of Meekatharra generously supported the Postie Bike Challenge 2016 and their stay by donating the hire of the Rec ground and its facilities. Shire President Norm Trenfield also presented Event Coordinator Dan Gridley with a cheque for \$500 towards this worthwhile event. We wish them all a safe and onward journey up to their final destination; Broome.





Federal ICPA Conference

It was wonderful to see the Meekatharra Shire Logo flash up on the screen as one of the sponsors of the recent Federal Conference of ICPA Aust Inc. Thank you to the Shire for supporting this organisation, the only one across Australia that lobbies on behalf of *all* rural, regional and remote families for equity of access to education.

ICPA stands for Isolated Children's Parents' Association and many people mistakenly believe it is only relevant to those living on outback properties or are schooled by Distance Education/School of the Air.

In fact the word 'isolated' in their title means 'isolated from education' at all levels. So if you live in a rural town and you don't have access to early childhood education then ICPA works for you. If you live in a large regional centre but it doesn't have a University campus or the campus doesn't offer the courses your child wants ICPA is lobbying for you.

All aspects of education are covered including curriculum, early childhood, tertiary, training (apprenticeships/traineeships), distance education, allowances (for example Youth Allowance, Assistance for Isolated Children), communication, boarding schools/hostels, rural schools/school travel, specific education needs are covered by ICPA.

Recently ICPA had a victory in Canberra when changes to the Youth Allowance were legislated, making it easier for many rural students to access the allowance. ICPA had lobbied on this issue over many years.

The organisation is entirely voluntary run and has been around for over 40 years. Meekatharra Air Branch was the first branch established in WA and is still in existence today. Meetings are now held via a computer platform rather than via the HF radio of the past.

ICPA membership numbers, along with its many passionate voluntary State/Federal councilors, is its strength. If you have raising children outside of the metropolitan area then you should really join ICPA. Of course all supporters of rural education are also welcome to join.

If you would like to join ICPA or even open a branch in your area go to the website for more information www.icpa.com.au

I am the current President of the Meekatharra Air Branch and would be happy to answer any questions. You can contact me at kmkpublishing@gmail.com or phone 9981 2969

Raelene Hall



Meeka Goes Green



RECYCLING CENTRE

Railway Street, Meekatharra

OPEN SATURDAYS

9-11 AM



Media Release

Vincent Catania MLA
Member for North West Central

ReachTEL polling shows support for Nationals plan

20th September 2016

The Nationals WA proposal to ensure the State's largest iron ore exporters Rio Tinto and BHP Billiton pay their fair share is gaining support, according to a ReachTEL poll published by *The West Australian* today.

Member for North West Central Vince Catania said the poll, which surveyed more than 1,700 voters, outlined firm support for the policy.

"Support is growing for our plan to return the State Budget to surplus and strengthen WA's economic development by ensuring the big resource companies pay their fair share," Vince said.

"More than 45 per cent of voters agree with our proposal, which will increase the 25c per tonne Special Lease Rental charge set in the 1960s to \$5 per tonne."

The ReachTEL poll shows 45.4 per cent of voters support the proposal, 31.5 per cent are opposed, and 23.1 per cent are undecided.

Vince said the ReachTEL polling reflected what they were hearing on the ground.

"We are receiving extremely positive feedback from everyday West Australians," he said.

"Families, small businesses and pensioners feel like they are already paying their fair share, and it's time for the big mining companies to do the same."

The polling also shows The Nationals plan has support among voters of all political persuasions, including Labor voters.

"More than 48 per cent of Labor voters support our proposal, yet Labor leader Mark McGowan continues to rule it out," Vince said.

"Despite the fact the 25c per tonne Special Lease Rental hasn't been increased or reviewed for 50 years, and despite the fact that BHP and Rio Tinto can afford the increase – Labor seems to believe the status quo is fair and should remain unchanged."

Vince called on Mark McGowan to come clean about their solution to the State's economic predicament, caused by record low GST returns to WA.

"I look forward to hearing which fees and charges WA Labor intends to increase, and which regional programs will be cut under Labor's plan for the State's future," Vince said.

The ReachTEL poll also shows strong support from males (52.1 per cent); and young voters aged 18 to 34 (50.9 per cent).

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Media Release

Vincent Catania MLA
Member for North West Central

Searching for WA's heritage heroes

21 September 2016

The State Government's prestigious Western Australian Heritage Awards 2017 is now open for nominations.

"Many volunteers, professionals and organisations in North West Central work tirelessly in preserving local heritage and history,"

"This is a wonderful opportunity to recognise their passion, commitment and contribution to build WA's heritage scene into the vibrant, innovative and highly professional sector it is today," Vince said.

There are eight categories in the WA Heritage Awards covering volunteers and community groups, local governments, interpretation, heritage tourism and conservation and adaptive reuse of State Registered places.

The awards also showcase WA heritage projects on an international stage with outstanding conservation projects being shortlisted for the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation.

In 2014 the 1910-constructed Cape Inscription Lighthouse Keepers' Quarters in Shark Bay, received honorary mention under UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation.

"I encourage all of you to get behind their communities and nominate a worthy candidate or project for 2017 Heritage awards," added Vince.



Pictures: Cape Inscription Lighthouse Keepers Quarters

For more information, visit <http://stateheritage.wa.gov.au/awards>.
Nominations close at 4pm, Friday, November 25, 2016.

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We are being carbon screwed

Notes from the Perth Outback Carbon Conference

I recently attended the Outback Carbon Farming Conference held in Perth on 17 August 2016. The sub-title for the conference was 'Unlocking the potential of carbon sequestration in WA's rangelands'.

While there was a broad consensus that carbon farming will not be a 'silver bullet' for rangeland issues, the big take away message from the conference was that carbon sequestration in our rangelands is very possible, most of the science and technical work has been done, and it holds great potential for all pastoral lease holders.

The hold-up is 100% Government. There is no policy or action from Government and this has resulted in the WA rangelands being excluded from a potential \$2.55 Billion in carbon sequestration funding from the Federal Government. Unlike WA, pastoralists in QLD and NSW have done very well out of this funding.

The first half of the day comprised of presentations from various lawyers and the CEO of the Carbon Market Institute, which is Australia's carbon market industry body. The legal representation underlined the lack of political and policy leadership from Government as their presentations made it clear that carbon farming and sequestration could be happening now, under our current laws, on pastoral leases. The industry body presentation highlighted that the market is huge and will only grow, along with the value of carbon.

After lunch the focus was on how carbon is sequestered, the research that has been done in the WA rangelands, and how technology and techniques for the measurement of carbon is progressing.

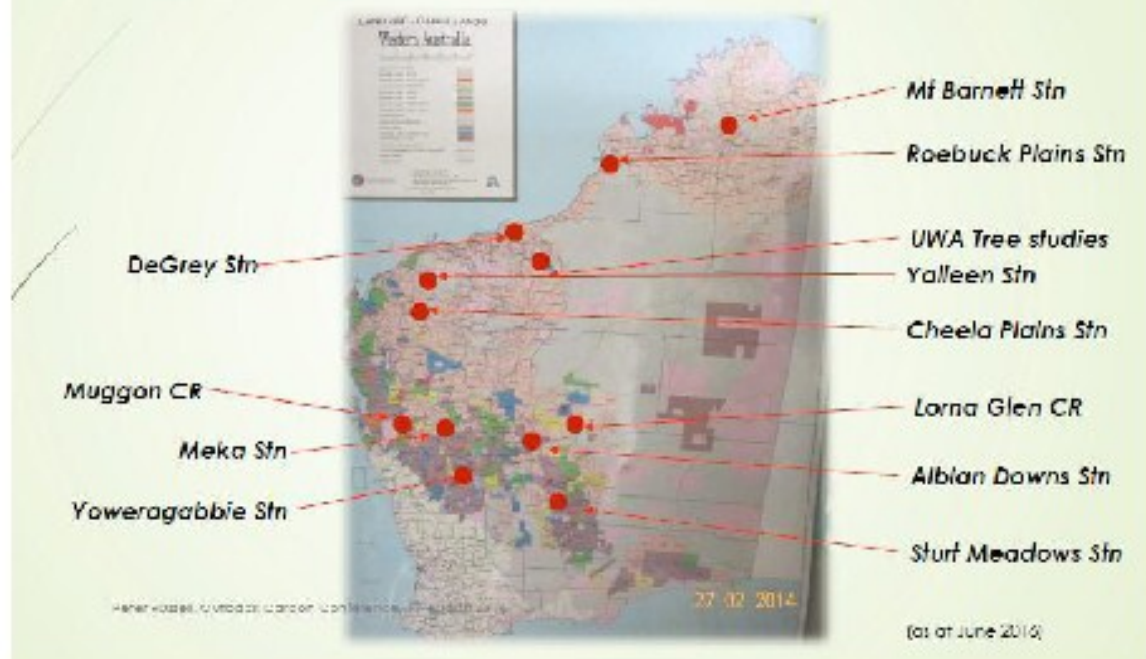
Lucky for us, Dr Peter Russell, who has done a lot of the science of carbon sequestration in WA, reported that the Gascoyne and Murchison hold very good potential for carbon sequestration. At a minimum, most of us can double the carbon held in our landscapes and a conservative figure for carbon sequestration across the WA rangelands is 5 Gigatonnes (Giga is 9 zeros). Times that by \$10 and that's how much it is worth under the current Federal Government system. But \$10 should be the bottom of the market. Kent Broad, the CEO of Carbon Neutral, reported that he is selling carbon for as much as \$22/tonne.

You can find information on the conference here: http://www.outbackcarbon.org/on_the_day
The site includes a summary of the conference, slides and video of the presentations and some reports relating to carbon farming in the rangelands.

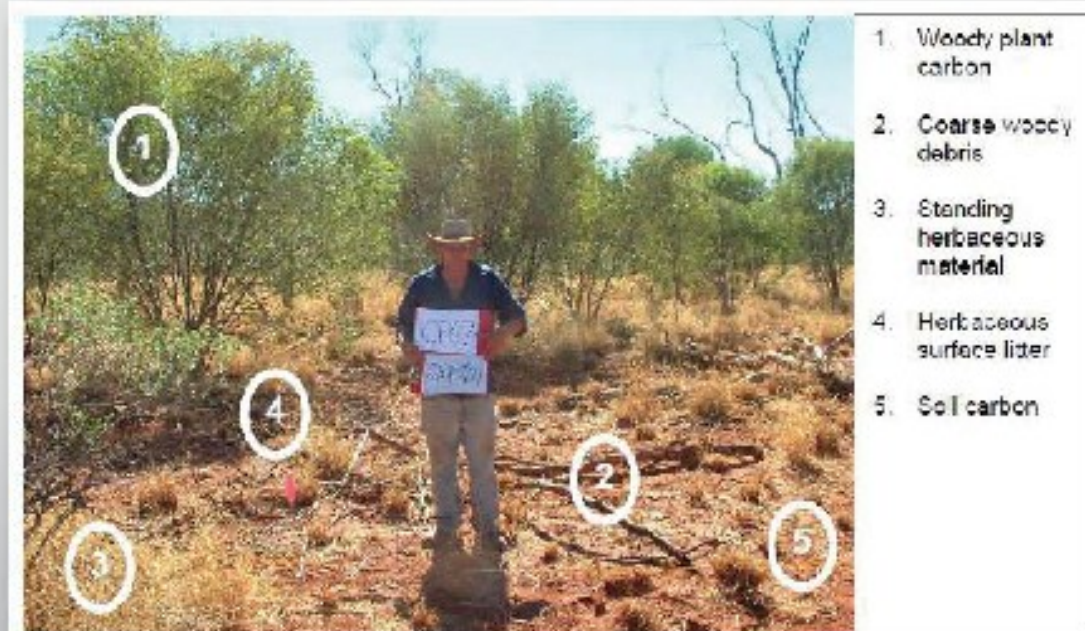
In summary, there is a very good potential for income on pastoral leases from carbon farming. Additional benefits will include improving our rangeland condition, providing employment and strengthening rangeland communities. The question now is; 'What is Government going to do about carbon sequestration in the rangelands?'

Jason Hastie
Chairperson
Upper Gascoyne LCDC
Pingandy Station

Carbon studies in WA rangelands



What we know - where is the carbon?



Meekatharra Library & Museum

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



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

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

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

Squash Courts



Keys & Tokens can be obtained from the Shire Offices.

Key bond applicable.

(Equipment hire is not available.)



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

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

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In country towns St John Ambulance is a volunteer service.

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

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A Community is only as strong as its people.

For more information, contact the

Meekatharra Sub Centre

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



VOLUNTEERING FOR ST JOHN AMBULANCE

<http://www.stjohnchangealives.com.au/volunteer-ambulance-officer.html>

St John volunteers play a vital role in communities throughout Western Australia.

When you become a Volunteer Ambulance Officer, you are taking a step toward becoming one of our most precious community resources, helping to ensure that country communities of WA have access to high quality ambulance services and pre-hospital care.

Volunteers help change lives in many different ways. If becoming an ambulance officer is not for you, there are roles to suit all types of people including; administration duties, vehicle and building maintenance, public relations, fundraising, recruitment, social coordinators or committee members.



General Requirements

It's easy to join! To be successful you will need to <https://vip.stjohnambulance.com.au/> You will be required to submit details for an up-to-date police clearance and complete a medical questionnaire.

Benefits

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St John provides training at its sub centres for all volunteers and training is conducted to a level at which the volunteer will feel comfortable, confident and ready for the road.

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St John volunteers can also undertake other training courses, including volunteer skills weekends, a Volunteer Ambulance Officer driving course, a skills knowledge and ongoing Continuing Education Programs (CEP).

Fitness Requirements

Although there are no fitness requirements, a completed medical questionnaire is required as part of our volunteer recruitment process.

Talk to us

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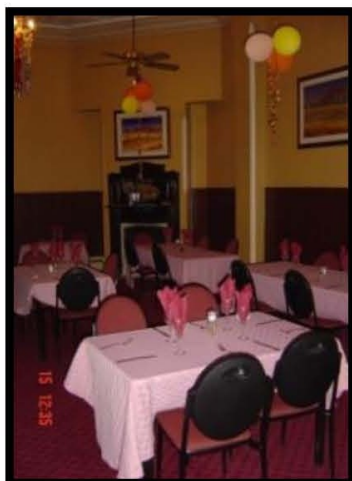
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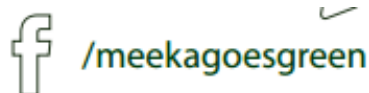


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<i>Sat 20 Aug</i>	<i>Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass)</i>
<i>Sat 10 Sep</i>	<i>Celebration of the Word with Communion</i>
<i>Sat 17 Sep</i>	<i>Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass)</i>
<i>Sat 08 Oct</i>	<i>Celebration of the Word with Communion</i>
<i>Sat 15 Oct</i>	<i>Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass)</i>

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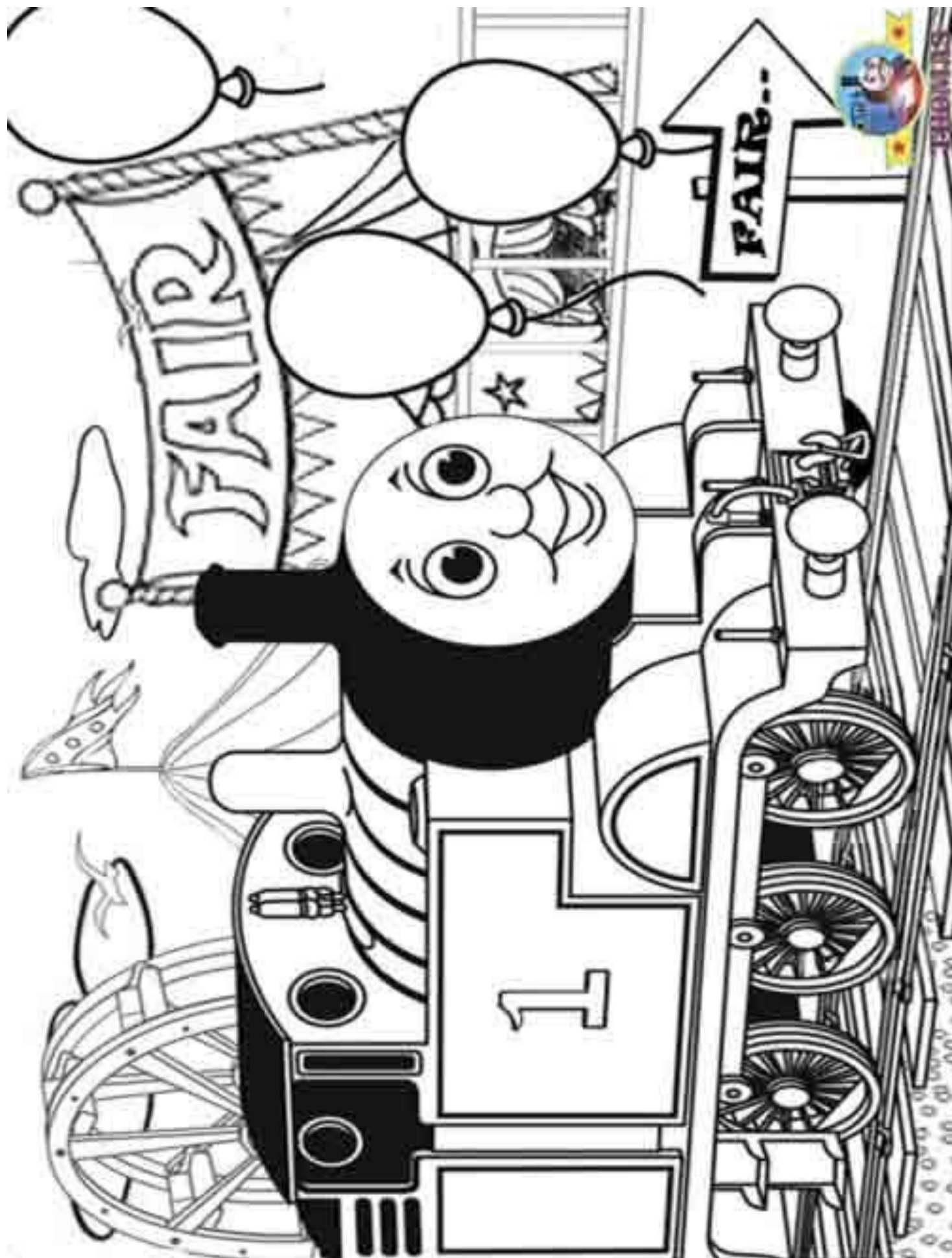
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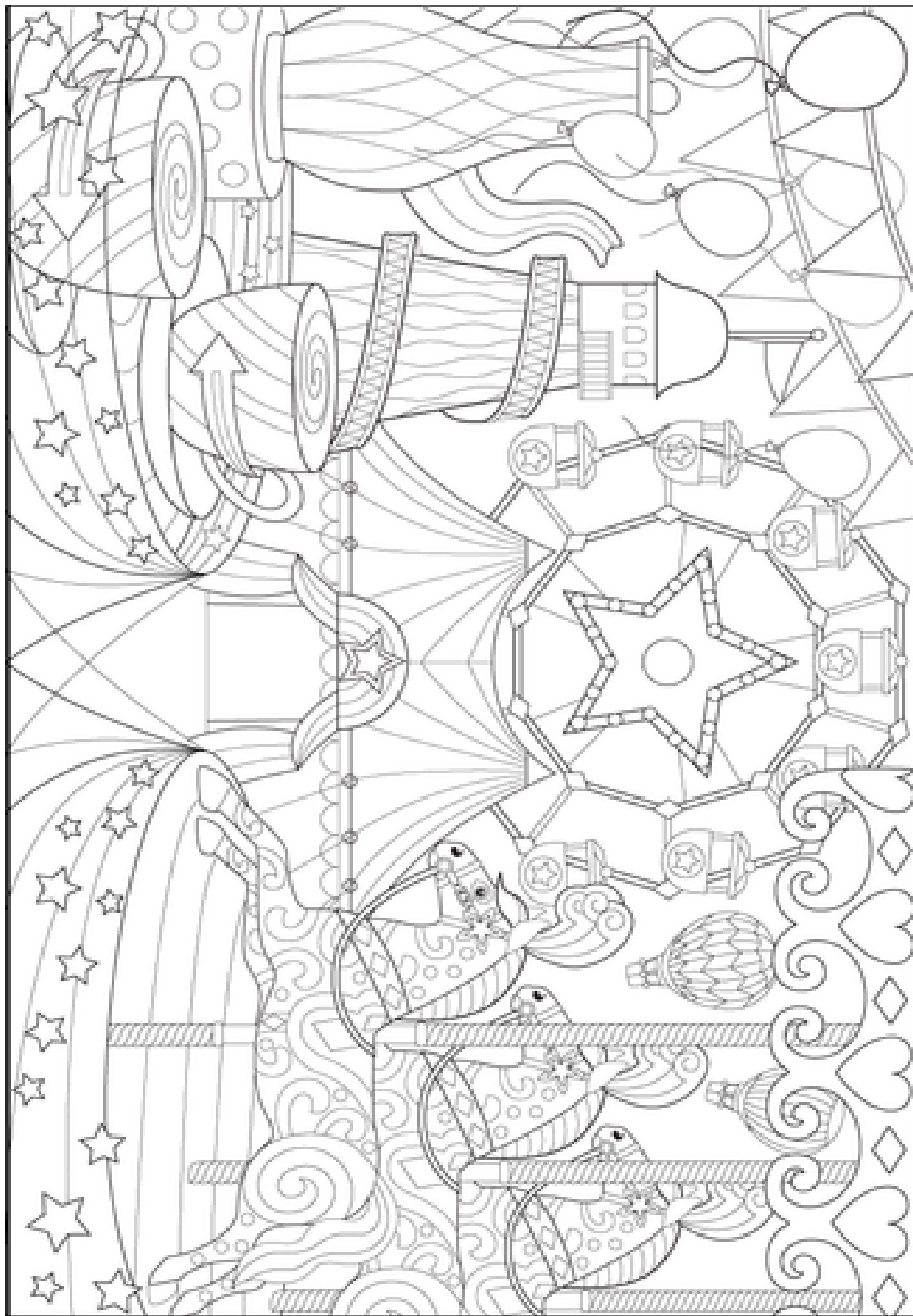
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**CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF
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31st October 2016