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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.

Don't Forget!

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

Meeka Markets
25th November
Meekatharra Town Hall

No news is bad news for the Dust.

We need your news, has your organisation had a staff change or a change in the way you operate ? Why not use the Dust to tell every-body.

Until next month….

A FRIENDLY REMINDER ABOUT DOG CONTROL

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

Thank-You,
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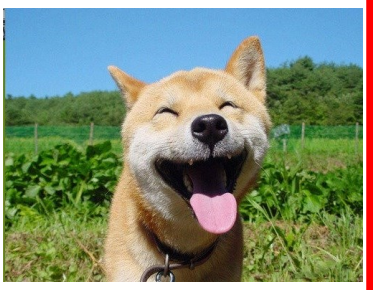

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Housekeeping:

For those good folk wondering why we seemingly missed a month's edition by leaping from last month's October to this month's December: Rest assured, you're not in a time warp. I'm just incapable of keeping track of the months.

Your Council News

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

Red Tape Tamers

As part of the usual "crossing the t's and dotting the i's", our last council meeting's business chores included approving Yulella's lease of the Red Sandbox childcare centre in Hill Street. The lease is for another year, with an option to go to two years, pending approval by the Minister for Lands. All that red tape is just for the grown-ups, though - there's lots on offer for the kids and if you want to get involved, just contact Yulella.

The Andy Well Mining P/L lease on the accommodation village in town has also been approved for another 5 years. As many locals may be aware, the camp is going into "caretaker" mode while the company gets further projects in our region underway. Locals will be interested to hear that the shire, in conjunction with Doray, will be looking at creating easier access to the unused funds (currently $38,000) of the Doray Community Trust fund, so if you have a community initiative in mind, get in touch with the shire to see if you might be eligible. In future the annual fund will be just $15,000 (reduced from $25,000). The fund is mainly for community groups & projects.

Further decisions at the latest council meeting included: approval of World Fuel Service's airport lease extension for another 6 months, some minor amendments to the Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027, and agreeing on a changeover price of $110,500 for replacing the shire's poor tired-out 16 tonne pad foot roller. What's a pad foot roller, you ask? If you've been down the Landor road lately, it's that thing that looks a bit like a bulldozer crossed with a big knobbly back massager. It's used to crush and compact the road surface - and our roller's certainly done more than its fair share of work on the Landor road with our fabulous road crew.

Last but not least, the auditors have been for their usual visit, peering over shoulders and checking the many financial details that go into running our town - Your Council News will keep you posted.

careers expo

Last year's Careers Expo was big hit so Meekatharra is doing it again on the 16th and 17th of November at the Shire Hall. It's all thanks to Meekatharra Youth Services - if you'd like to book a stall or find out more, give Wayne a call on 0419 965 507.

The inaugural launch of the expo in 2016 featured representatives and excellent displays from the armed forces, Royal Flying Doctor, St John Ambulance, Made In Meeka, Doray Minerals and more, with plenty of local kids and youths enjoying the eye-opening opportunities on show.

It's a chance for our remote area young folks to explore the real life pathways into regional services and employment, and to see what the world beyond our horizon has to offer, whether it's a trade or profession, creative arts, media, medical services, taking on leadership roles and more - make sure you come and see what's on offer this year.

Meeka Visitor Appeal On The Rise

There aren't any official stats as yet, but locals reckon our shire has had a bumper tourist season this year. Our hard working shire office front desk staff, the CRC and local businesses have all commented on the increase in visitors. The best news is that we seem to have many more people staying longer in town, with Peace Gorge being a "top pick" for attractions and camping. Many visitors report having a connection with Meeka and/or the region, through relatives, work or other means. Staff and businesses at the "visitor coalface" are saying that there is a big interest in family history, followed by general goldfields history and indigenous culture. International tourists seem to be the lowest of our visitor figures (the state tourism minister wants to promote more international tourism for WA), but we're hot on the top 10 spots for prospectors and a growing number of interstate visitors.

Locals report that our top favourable comments are "a very pretty little town", "wonderful people", "more than we expected", and of course Meekatharra was informally judged "best public toilets" in the West Australian travel section. Areas for improvement? "A lot of security fencing, town looks like a fortress", "more information about the town", "it would be nice to have a sit-down bakery", "better signage" and "more visual appeal in the main street" are among the more frequent comments locals are hearing.

Hands down winner? The people of Meeka and how helpful, friendly and welcoming we are - whether it's a break down, an accident or just needing parts or tyres, it seems we're the most helpful people around, going above and beyond the call of duty to make sure our visitors get help and enjoy their time here.

On The Road Again

The shire road crew and contractors have been doing "a first class job" on our roads this year - we're halfway through a big bitumen reseal program, our "largest ever". The budget of $1,087,000 includes resealing work on Landor Road, the airport road and various town streets. The project is being funded entirely through the federal "Roads to Recovery" Program, and is being done in conjunction with the continued sealing program on the road to Landor. We've added another 8 kilometres of bitumen at a cost of $1.7 million, and we're now in our third and last year of a three-year, $5 million program. Crunching the numbers: the funding breakdown is $3 million from Royalties for Regions, $1 million from Roads To Recovery, and $1 million from the shire.

This means the sealing and resealing this financial year is worth $2.8 million, the shire's largest single road program ever. The folks doing the hard yards for us are our own local construction crew, a bitumen contractor from Perth, and regional contractors such as MTF out on the western shire boundary area. The MTF crew are currently working on the old Yalgoo to Peak Hill road - our oldest track! The crew reckons it's bungarra central out there. So it's a big thanks from the shire and the community to our road crews and Works and Services Manager Doug Davey, who's keeping an eagle eye on all aspects of the project. Give them a wave as you drive by!

Above: MTF road crew at the shire boundary end of the Landor Road, doing their bit. Right: mangled tyres are becoming a thing of the past as shire crews and contractors pummel our infamous West Road into shape for all users - many more bitumen sections are being added, making the journey west safer and much less bone-rattling.

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).

Council Election Results

Our historic wooden ballot box got a good fill-up during our most recent Shire election. The results have been distributed throughout town, but if you missed out, here they are:

Matthew Hall 60
Pete Clancy 54
Dave Hodder 50
Mark Smith 40
Kevin Walley 21

Matthew Hall, Pete Clancy and Dave Hodder are now in for a four year term. Your elected councillors are here on behalf of the community, so feel free to get in touch with any or all of them in regard to issues important to you in the shire of Meekatharra.

Em's Eager For Festival Feedback

New Community Development Officer Emily would love to hear from locals with ideas, spare time or feedback in regard to our annual Outback Festival. You can fill out a simple "tick the box" form (they're at Farmer Jacks, the Post Office and other local outlets, including the Shire Office) to have your say about our most recent festival and make any suggestions for the future. Festivals can be a great way to encourage visitors, investment and trade to remote areas like ours, so it's worth a few minutes to fill out the survey, and feel free of course to pop in and see Emily during business hours, if she hasn't already paid you a visit - if she does, welcome her in and pop the kettle on; she likes her coffee "black as a moonless night"!

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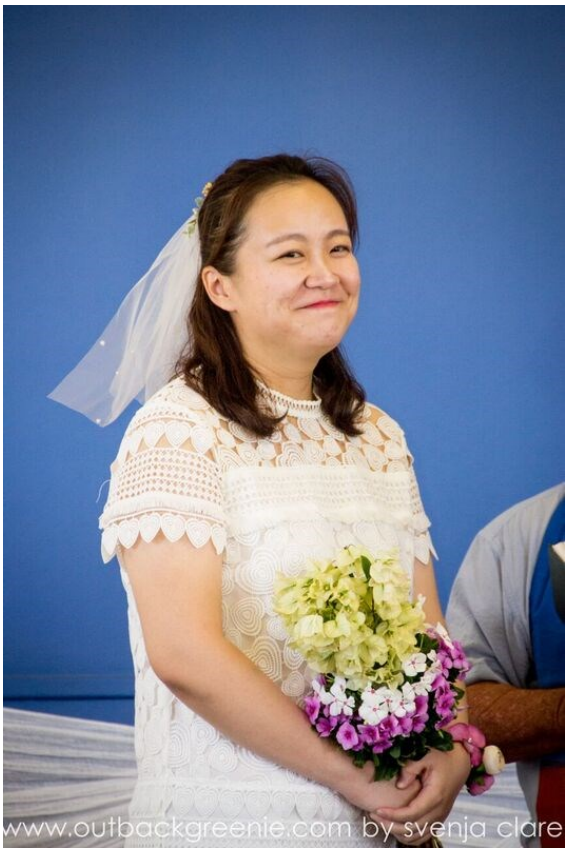
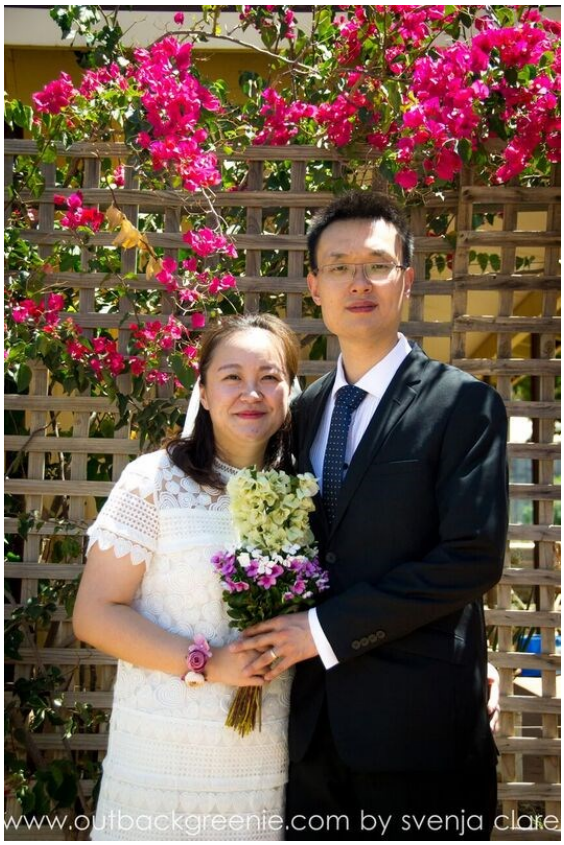


Bonnie & Johnny Get Hitched!

Meekatharra was host to an unusual spectacle last month. Well, unusual by our standards, any way. For the first time in a looong time, we had a wedding take place in town! The nuptials, exchanged between the charming couple Johnny & Bonnie, took place at the Uniting Church on the 22nd of October.

The delightful ceremony was officiated by none other than our own Reverend Mitch Fialkowski. Both hailing from China, Johnny is a nurse at the Meekatharra Hospital, and the bonny Bonnie is a media designer. We wish you both a life of wedded bliss!
Photographs taken by the incomparable Svenja Clare. For booking enquiries, visit outbackgreenie.com



"The best time to love with your whole heart is always now, in this moment, because no breath beyond the current is promised." - Fawn Weaver

Ross Bows Out

After more than 20 years as a Councillor for the Shire of Meekatharra, Ross Howden is taking a well-deserved break from public governance.

A salt-of-the-Earth kind of guy and an all-round “good bloke”, Ross has been an active member of the Meekatharra Race Club, and the Meekatharra Speedway Club.

It seems long-term commitment is in Ross’ DNA - the man himself was involved with the Murchison Region Vermin Council for over a decade from 1999 to 2010.

Thanks for all your hard work, Ross. You will be missed.

Culture Corner

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

What we're watching: Mindhunter (and when I say 'watch' I mean binge-watch). This gritty, compelling series follows the FBI in the '70s as they establish a Serial Crime Unit to delve into the psychology behind what makes criminals commit the most abhorrent acts.

What we're cooking: Lamb hearts. Don't laugh; offal is choc-full of rich vitamins and minerals (including niacin, iron phosphorous, and zinc), and is dirt-cheap. Recipe on pages 12 & 13 for the daring.

What we're listening to: Other than the bangin' Mindhunter soundtrack, cinematic chill-out. Perfect for those times you need to relax or focus. Think film scores by Dustin O'Halloran, Thomas Newman, and Danny Elfman. Auditory bliss.

Honest Horoscopes

♈ **Aries (March 21-April 19):**

You will start a baseless argument with a complete stranger over something completely trivial. Hold your tongue, you hothead. Your impulsivity is unbecoming.

♉ **Taurus (April 20-May 20):**

Your pigheadedness is eclipsed only by your laziness. You would be more inclined to quarrel like an Aries if only you could get yourself off the couch. There's a life beyond Netflix, you know.

♊ **Gemini (May 21-June 20):**

Ever heard of a calendar? An alarm clock? You should use them. You might actually be on time for an appointment for once. Your two-faced duplicity might bite you in the butt - keep an eye on it especially when Saturn is ascendant and the waning moon is full and My Kitchen Rule's is on TV.

♋ **Cancer (June 21-July 22):**

If we were able to catch the tears you cried and use them as a viable water source there would never be another drought in the world. Ever again. At least you're consistent; your hypersensitivity and capriciousness will perpetually be the bane of all your colleagues and/or family members, as per usual.

♌ **Leo (July 23-August 22):**

With Mercury in retrograde, you will continue to think the entire planet revolves around you. Towards the end of the month, however, with Neptune in a masculine epicycle, you will still continue to think the entire planet revolves around you. News flash: it doesn't.

♍ **Virgo (August 23-September 22):**

When you're not busy being overly fastidious about organising inconsequential stuff you're busy being self-righteous. Feel free to take some time off to develop a personality instead. Also, Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners is casting for a new season. You should give them a call.

♎ **Libra (September 23-October 22):**

Those engaging in conversation with you will wonder if you're a few slices short of a loaf. They're right. Come on back down to reality, Libra; it's nice here.

♏ **Scorpio (October 23-November 21):**

You fancy yourself as a lothario. The entire populace of the pub on Friday night think you're a menace. Keep your hands and your futile attempts of seduction to yourself.

♐ **Sagittarius (November 22-December 21):**

People everywhere will continue to adore you and you will find immense and immeasurable success in both your personal and professional life. To quote Mary Poppins, you're "practically perfect in every way".

♑ **Capricorn (December 22-January 19):**

When was the last time you felt an emotion of any description? You're like a psychopath without any of the interesting criminal tendencies. A saltine cracker has more pizazz than you.

♒ **Aquarius (January 20-February 18):**

You're as cold and detached as a gentrified suburban housing estate on a night with sub-zero temperatures. At least your brain is in good nick (granted it doesn't have to deal with a modicum of creativity). You're like a bipedal calculator.

♓ **Pisces (February 19-March 20):**

Oh, Pisces, you sensitive, sensitive soul. Stop listening to your depressing 'Melancholic Cello' playlist on Spotify and get a grip. There's also a 99% chance that you're an actual fish. My guess is a Hake: delicate and bland.

By Emily Bailey (certainly not a Sagittarian).

Recipe of the Month

Lamb Hearts: from Tesco.com

Ingredients:

4 x lamb hearts, tubes removed

Cooking string

8 rashers of bacon (or more, because bacon)

12.5g butter

2 tbsp parsley, finely chopped

For the stuffing:

12.5g butter

1 small onion, peeled and finely chopped

1 small clove garlic

50g mushrooms, finely diced

60g sausage meat

1 tbsp fresh parsley, finely chopped

Salt

Freshly ground pepper

1 egg, beaten

For the sauce:

25g butter

1 tbsp plain flour

175ml lamb or beef stock

1 x 250g canned tomatoes

75ml red wine

Method:

Preheat the oven to 180C.
Make the stuffing by melting the butter (12.5g) in a sauté pan, add the onion and cook over a medium heat for 2-3 minutes, add the mushrooms and continue to cook for 2 minutes. Allow this mixture to cool.
Mix the cooled onion and mushroom mixture with the sausage meat, parsley, seasoning and egg and mix well. Make the sauce by heating the butter in the sauté pan, add the flour and cook for 1-2 minutes.

Add the stock, canned tomatoes and wine, bring to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer for 4-5 minutes.
Spoon the stuffing into the prepared hearts. Wrap the hearts with 2 rashers of bacon and secure with string.

Heat the butter (12.5g) in the pan and brown the hearts on both sides and transfer to an oven proof dish. Pour the sauce over the hearts and cook in the preheated oven for about two hours or until just tender.
Remove the string, slice and return to the sauce, stir through the chopped parsley and serve.

Bon appétit!

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

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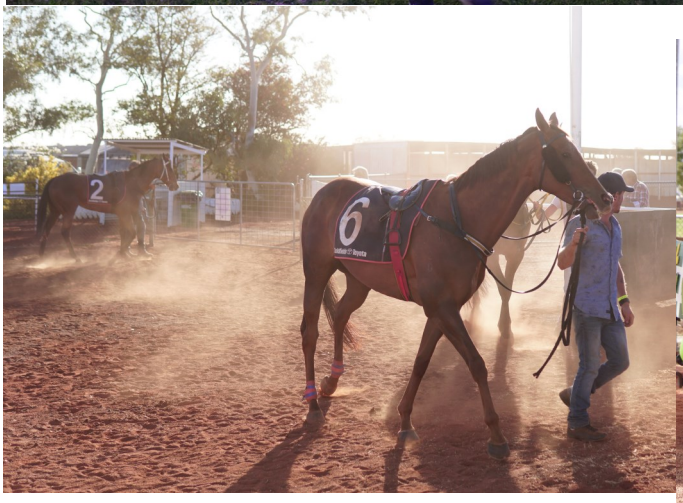
Meekatharra Outback Festival



2017 Meekatharra Outback Festival Feedback

Here's your opportunity to have a say about the 2017 Meekatharra Outback Festival.

The festival is for the community, so feedback is important to help us make the weekend more enjoyable for you - our townsfolk.

Let us know what you like and what you don't like so we can improve it. Speak now, or forever hold your peace!

Try and be as detailed as you can - the more information we get, the better.

If you want to discuss anything festival-related at greater length, feel free to send an email to Emily at cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au, or give her a buzz on 9980 0600.

COMMUNITY SURVEY: MEEKATHARRA OUTBACK FESTIVAL 2017

Entertainment

Entertainment: Street Parade

Very Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Didn't See It
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Entertainment: Colour Run

Very Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Didn't See It
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Entertainment: Fireworks

Very Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Didn't See It
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Entertainment: Circus

Very Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Didn't See It
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Entertainment: Races

Very Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Didn't See It
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Entertainment: Truck Pull

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Entertainment: Outback Ball

Very Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Didn't See It
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Entertainment: Band (The Midnight Rambler)

Very Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Didn't See It
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Entertainment: DJ Gary

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How could the entertainment be improved?

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Food

Food: Vendors

Very Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Didn't See It
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How could the food be improved?

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Kids' Activities

Kids' Amusements (Go-Kart Track, Ferris Wheel, Bumper Boats, Bouncy Castle, Bouncy Slide, Laughing Clowns)

☐ Very Dissatisfied ☐ Somewhat Dissatisfied ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat Satisfied ☐ Very Satisfied ☐ Didn't See It

Inflatable Rides (Bubble Soccer, Ninja Obstacle Course, Mechanical Bull)

☐ Very Dissatisfied ☐ Somewhat Dissatisfied ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat Satisfied ☐ Very Satisfied ☐ Didn't See It

Cost of Rides (Where Applicable)

☐ Very Dissatisfied ☐ Somewhat Dissatisfied ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat Satisfied ☐ Very Satisfied ☐ Didn't See It

Show Bags

☐ Very Dissatisfied ☐ Somewhat Dissatisfied ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat Satisfied ☐ Very Satisfied ☐ Didn't See It

How could kids' activities be improved?

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"With teamwork, any little contribution you make yields greater output when it meets the contribution of others." – Israelmore Ayivor

Marketing

Marketing: Advertising

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2017 Outback Festival T-Shirts

☐ Very Dissatisfied ☐ Somewhat Dissatisfied ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat Satisfied ☐ Very Satisfied ☐ Didn't See It

Additional feedback for any part of the Outback Festival

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Please cut out and return to the Shire, or email to Emily at cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

GET FIT, BOX IT!

Fancy yourself a secret Muhammad Ali? Or just looking to work up a sweat doing something different than slogging it out on the treadmill?

Join Meeka's very own boxing group today!

Get that heart rate up, get that aggression out, and get sweatin'.

Call Cathy on 0428 957 922 for more information.

LENDING A HAND

Linda Warwick would like to thank Gregory and his nan for stopping outside of Yalgoo to help change a blown tyre. Thanks a million, you two!

You never know when you're going to have to lean on someone in this outback town, folks. Keep being good to each other.

SQUASH

Keys & tokens can be obtained from the Shire Offices.

Only $12.20 per hour.

Key bond applicable.

(Equipment hire is not available).

Wheelie Clever: East Coast Architects Take Us For a Spin

Over the past couple weeks, Meeka has been home to two bright (and stamina-filled!) souls: Owen and Bobbie. Both architecture students at the University of Newcastle in New South Wales, the pair are on a year-long research adventure, cycling (yes, you read that correctly - cycling) across Australia's *Grand Section* along the 25th latitude of our sunburnt country, from Fraser Island off the east coast to Dorre Island off our western state. All up, around 7000 kilometres worth. That's a whole lot of pedalling.

The purpose of the trip is to better understand the relationship of place and habitation in Australia. The savvy duo were quick to point out the dynamic connection between buildings and their environment, including how the mineralisation in the water here has caused bricks to erode.

The focus of the inquisitive minds in our town was on temporary vs. permanent buildings of Meeka, reflecting change and development over the course of history. Buildings from the turn of the 20th century such as the Commercial Hotel were contrasted with dongas and relocatable buildings of mining camps, along with side tents and the ever-popular Energise Café van. The building materials used in each and their respective pros and cons were documented.

The duo pinned up their presentation on the side of Energise Café van on Friday 20th October over lunch, chatting to those passing by about their work and analysis in town. As they usually would in architecture presentations at university, their work consisted of hand drawing and scale models of local buildings. The cardboard models allowed the audience to understand the different scales of Meekatharra inhabitations in comparison to each other, especially the model open-cut mine!

The pair further presented their work to an inquisitive year 5 class at our school, where the kids thoroughly enjoyed the drawings and models of buildings, inundating the Architecture students with loads of questions!

A select few (including yours truly) were fortunate enough to witness the world premiere of Owen & Bobbie's presentation documenting their travels, which will be presented at an architectural conference next year. The gorgeous, temperate spring evening at the picture gardens was the perfect backdrop for a short film seeped in the heat of the desert.

Owen & Bobbie's analysis and documentation on Meekatharra will feature in their blog over the coming weeks at www.thegrandsection.com. For the hashtag-inclined, follow them on Instagram at @thegrandsection.

Mega Mental Health Week

October 8th to October 14th saw Meeka get into full swing for Mental Health Week. Jam-packed with activities run in conjunction with Mission Australia, Meekatharra Hospital and other groups, the event shone a light on mental illness, dispelled the stigma surrounding it, and provided support for those experiencing mental illness in its many and varied forms. On Monday 9th October, a morning tea was held at Darrigan House, complete with a drumming and yarning circle for those attending to share their stories.

Friday 13th (certainly not a bad omen here) saw Meeka witness to a very special treat - a BBQ and musical performance by Deadly Award-nominated country artist Theona Councillor down at Kangaroo Creek.

If you or someone you know is experiencing mental illness, you are not alone. There are plenty of resources to help. Call Lifeline any time, day or night, on 13 11 14, or talk to your doctor.

That's Fly: The Royal Australian Air Force Drops In

It's a bird! It's a plane! Yes, it's a plane - an Alenia Aermacchi C-27J Spartan, to be exact.

This very special beast, which belongs to the 35 Squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), touched down in Meekatharra last month for a re-fuel.

One of only 10 of its type planned for the RAAF (3 of which are yet to be delivered) this impressive aircraft is able to take off and land in incredibly short distances, making it ideal to support ground forces troops.

The aircraft had been carrying out exercises at Shark Bay, and was en route to Eucla to carry out a further exercise to land on one of the designated emergency landing sites on the highway. Whenever these landing sites are used the police close off the highway to enable the aircraft to land. It's all a very sophisticated affair. The Royal Flying Doctor Service also took advantage of the closure to carry out some valuable training.

A very special treat for the aeronautically-minded.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Mental Health First Aid Training

By the end of this month we'll have over a dozen qualified Aboriginal Mental Health First Aiders in our midst. The course, offered by the Australian Medical Association, was carefully and thoughtfully constructed over a period of 18 months, during which period Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders from all over the country were consulted. Our very own Patty Councillor from Mission Australia was one of these consultants. This consultation process is imperative to ensure the training is "culturalised" in the context of and perspective from our Indigenous Australians, whom the training aims to assist.

Day one of the training took place on 17th October. After another day of training in November (14 hours all together), participants will be awarded a Certificate in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Mental Health First Aid, which is valid for 3 years.

The participants all live and work in Meeka, which means this vital resource will be readily available to the community. A diverse spread of participant ages (15 years old to 63 years old) will mean that more of the community can be reached.

The dynamic, flexible nature of the training was an important aspect to its success. Only chairs - no tables - were used for seating, which automatically created a sense of breaking down barriers. Participants were encouraged to share and tell their stories, and did so by yarning over PowerPoint slides and other more conventional forms of training. By making the learning space culturally safe, respect was fostered between the participants. Trust and gratitude followed shortly after.

Patty Councillor, facilitator of the training, talks about “lightbulb moments” - those instances when you can see understanding happen in the eyes of those learning. Patty’s approach is all about accessibility, and believes that all of us have the ability to channel our personal experiences into training and development. “It’s about bringing out what you know, and reinforcing your knowledge”, she says. Patty hopes to get a network of graduates happening to consolidate learning and maximise the difference made to the community. Watch this space.

Meeka Markets & Career Expo

The much-anticipated, world-famous Meeka Markets are back! Hosted in the Town Hall on Saturday 25th November from 9AM to 11AM, a variety of stalls will be peddling their goods. Get down and grab some fresh, yummy local produce and wares. Those interested in setting up a stall should call Eveanne and Adelle at the Community Resource Centre on (08) 9980 1811.

The Town Hall will be seeing some action this month. The 2nd Annual Meekatharra Career Exposition will take place the historic building on the 16th and 17th of November. Details on the very next page. If you're interested in setting up a stall, give Wayne a call on 0419 965 507.

careers expo

YOU ARE INVITED

TO

THE 2ND ANNUAL

MEEKATHARRA CAREERS EXPOSITION

16TH NOVEMBER: 12PM - 5PM

17TH NOVEMBER: 10AM - 4PM

MEEKATHARRA TOWN HALL

CALL WAYNE TO BOOK A DISPLAY STALL ON

0419 965 507

LEARN, TEACH, GROW

Meekatharra Youth Services
Youth Centre | Sport & Recreation | Kidzone

Quirky Questions

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

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

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

"If you capture/kill a scout ant, will the colony send another one to look for it? Will the other ants sense where the ant was captured/killed and deem that area 'dangerous'? Or will they keep sending scout ants and hope one of them will come back with food news?"

"Where do hamsters live in the wild (as in, not in pet stores)?"

"Do you think you've ever consumed milk taken from the same cow more than once?"

"What's the difference between a grasshopper, cricket and a locust?"

"How the HELL do I stop onions from making me cry when I cut them?"

"Why do weather forecasts state a 'feels like ____ degrees' option that sometimes doesn't correlate with the actual temperature? Doesn't the weather always feel exactly like the weather actually is? Is this something to do with humidity or what?"

"If gyms charged membership for every day you DIDN'T go, do you think you'd work out more?"

"If you clean a vacuum cleaner does that make YOU the vacuum cleaner?"

Welcome, Andrew!

A very warm welcome to our new Youth Officer, Andrew Binsiar. That's Andrew Binsiar Jr. to avoid confusion with the other esteemed Andrew Binsiar in town. Andrew has been in Meeka his entire life, and completed all his schooling in town. His previous roles include managing a bus that runs from Meeka to Hope Downs (a mine site north of Newman), and as an Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer at Meekatharra District High School. Having worked with the kids extensively at school, Andrew is a natural fit for the role of Youth Officer. The kids and parents alike have a lot of respect for him, and we're very lucky to have Andrew Jr. on board. Welcome to the team!

Meekatharra District High School

Savage Street Meekatharra WA 6642

Newsletter 1 Term 4 18.10.2017

RESPECT FOR Community Others Oneself Learning

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Welcome Back for Term 4

It's great to be back in Meekatharra for another term! I have spent the holidays out sailing around Rottnest and Garden Island, so it's a big change for me coming back to the rangelands. I'm excited about the events and activities planned for Term 4 at school, including our swimming carnival, clubs on Friday afternoons and our End of Year activities for students.

I am also heartened to see so many new students moving back to town and enrolling to come to school. We welcome all Meekatharra students into our school, and our purpose here is to promote quality learning so we can keep getting stronger and smarter!

Enrolment at Meekatharra District High School

At our school, we enrol students in different categories:

- Students who live locally, and will be here for more than a month, are enrolled as regular attending students. If your child is new to town, please come in and see us for an enrolment form and to meet our school staff. They will even be given a school shirt on their first enrolment at our school!
- Students who have attended our school this year, and are returning, can come in to talk with our attendance officer about re-enrolling at school. The process is very simple.
- Students who are regularly enrolled at another state school can attend with us for up to a month on a 'Section 24' arrangement. This means that we will support and teach your child, while they maintain their enrolment at their home school. Please come in and see our Attendance Officer if you think this is the right arrangement for you.

ALL students enrolling must complete paperwork and will start at our school the following day. Teachers are informed about a new student starting and they use the time after school , or across the weekend, to prepare materials and learning experiences for your child. For this reason, students cannot start the same day that paperwork is completed.

Illnesses at school

This term, students and staff alike have been struck down with a few viruses and this has made it really hard for us to keep continuity going in classes. When staff are unwell, we will put plans in place to ensure that quality learning continues. If your child is sick, please let them have the time that they need at home to get better – you know your child best! If your child HAS been sick in any week, please inform the school – **If your child has been sick, and you have notified us during the week, they are still eligible for their WEEKEND pool band on Friday!**

Kind regards,
Emma Cooke
Principal.

Parents are welcome to send their children to school from **8am** onwards.
Unfortunately we don't have duty of care for students who arrive earlier than this. If you would like us to pick your child(ren) up on the bus in the morning, please call the school office on **9981-1092** the day before.

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

TERM FOUR 2017					
WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	30 KindiLink 9:30-12:30 SHOOTING STARS Yrs 7-12 7.45-8.30am	31 SHOOTING STARS yrs 4-6 1.10-1.40pm	1 NOVEMBER ASSEMBLY SHOOTING STARS Yrs 7-12 7.45-8.30am	2 SHOOTING STARS Wiluna Primary School Sleep-over Aspire UWA Workshops	3 KindiLink 9:30-12:30 SHOOTING STARS Wiluna Primary School Sleep-over CLUBS
5	6 KindiLink 9:30-12:30 SHOOTING STARS Yrs 7-12 7.45-8.30am	7 SHOOTING STARS yrs 4-6 1.10-1.40pm Values Program	8 SHOOTING STARS Yrs 7-12 7.45-8.30am	9 SHOOTING STARS yrs 4-6 1.10-1.40pm	10 KindiLink 9:30-12:30 CLUBS
6	13 KindiLink SHOOTING STARS Yrs 7-12 7.45-8.30am Redi-4-Life	14 SHOOTING STARS yrs 4-6 1.10-1.40pm Redi-4-Life	15 SHOOTING STARS Yrs 7-12 7.45-8.30am	16 SHOOTING STARS yrs 4-6 1.10-1.40pm Careers EXPO	17 KindiLink Careers EXPO CLUBS

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Taking Kindy Enrolments for next year!

If your child is turning **4years old by 30 June 2018**, they are able to attend Kindy at Meekatharra DHS.

Kindy kids attend Tuesday-Thursday each week.

Please see office staff for enrolment forms or call 99811092

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Remember Shooting Stars Wiluna Primary School Sleep-over Thursday-Friday end of this week!

What's On: November 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30 Football @ Oval 6PM-8PM Ages 12+	31 Girl's Sport @ Oval 6PM-8PM Ages 12+	1 Volleyball @ Oval 6PM-8PM All Ages Welcome	2 BB @ Sports Complex 6PM-8PM All Ages Welcome	3 Indoor Cricket 6PM – 8PM Ages 10+	4 Meeka Goes Green 9am – 11am Every Saturday	5 Uniting Church Service 9:30AM
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Call Emily, Community Development Officer at the Shire of Meekatharra, for any queries.

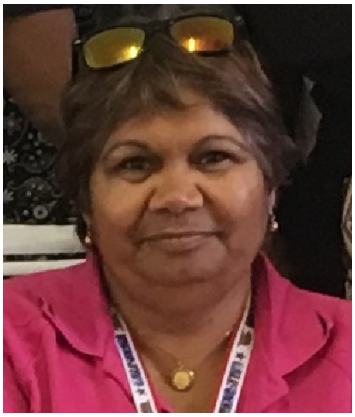
Meekatharra Health Service Provider Dates

SERVICE	NEXT VISIT
AUSTRALIAN HEARING CLINIC	TBC
CHILD HEALTH NURSE	13TH, 14TH, 20TH, 27TH, 28TH NOVEMBER
DIABETES EDUCATOR	TBC
DIETICIAN	28TH NOVEMBER
DR. KATY TEMPLEMAN	13TH & 14TH NOVEMBER
GRAMS DENTIST	TBC
INTEGRATED CHRONIC DISEASE CARE	TBC
PAEDIATRICIAN	TBC
PHYSIOTHERAPIST	14TH NOVEMBER
PODIATRIST	14TH NOVEMBER
RESPIRATORY TEAM	10TH NOVEMBER
ULTRASOUND	20TH NOVEMBER

Meeka Mates

Our dusty town has no shortage of colourful personalities. People with stories, people with secret talents, people who bring verve to our community.

Every month, we interview a local personality, and find out a little bit more about one of our very own.



If ever there was a champion of our community, it's **Patty Councillor**.

A proud Yamaji Naaguja Nyarlu woman from our dusty Midwest region, Patty has extensive experience with mental health in both a personal and a professional capacity. This has led to her gaining a Bachelor of Health Science (Mental Health) at Charles Sturt University in 2013.

Patty is one of those special people whose wisdom is built from a combination of on the ground practical experience and policy development. In 2015, Patty was voted onto the Board of Directors of Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA). She can, and does, communicate well with a range of people, and has that rare ability to make you feel safe, and that your voice is being heard. Patty considers herself a "bridge between cultures" between Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal people. This has been shown through her work on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health First Aid training. Patty is a community-minded matriarch, has been generous with her time and her knowledge to not just me but countless others coming into Meekatharra and surrounding areas. Patty can best explain what she does in her own words: "it's about engaging and empowering the community".

Thanks for all that you do, Patty. We're very lucky to have you.

Aboriginal Family Law Services

OUR LEGAL SERVICE IS VISITING YOUR REGION

6th – 9th NOVEMBER 2017

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- **FAMILY LAW - CHILD RECOVERY ORDER & PARENTING ARRANGEMENTS**
- **ASSIST GRANDPARENTS WITH FAMILY LAW ADVISE**
- **VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER APPLICATIONS**
- **CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION APPLICATIONS**
- **COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION**
- **FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (FDV) EARLY INVENTION PROGRAMS**

IF YOU HAVE A MATTER WE CAN ASSIST WITH PLEASE CALL OUR GERALDTON OFFICE TO ARRANGE A TIME TO MEET

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FREECALL 1800- 469 - 246

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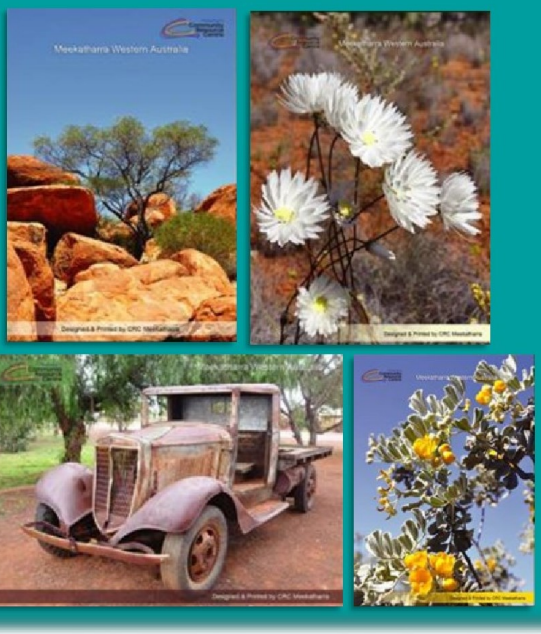

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- With Sympathy
- Get Well Soon
- Wedding
- Engagement
- Birthday
- New Baby
- Good Luck
- Thank You

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You must only fly during the day and keep your RPA **within visual line-of-sight.**

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If you are in controlled airspace, which covers most Australian cities, you must **not fly higher than 120 metres.**

You must keep your RPA at least **30 metres away from other people.**

You must **not fly over populous areas** where—if your drone was to fail—it could hit someone. This could include beaches, parks, or sport ovals where there is a game in progress.

You should **not fly within 5.5km of an airfield**

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Remember, you must not **operate your RPA in a way that creates a hazard** to another aircraft, person or property.

Respect personal privacy
Don't record or photograph people without their consent —this may breach state laws.

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2017 SCHEDULED VISIT'S

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E: aehswa@gmail.com

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MON 6TH FEB	→	FRI 10TH FEB
MON 6TH MARCH	→	FRI 10TH MARCH
MON 3RD APRIL	→	FRI 7TH APRIL
MON 1ST MAY	→	FRI 5TH MAY
TUES 6TH JUNE	→	FRI 9TH JUNE
MON 3RD JULY	→	FRI 7TH JULY
TUES 1ST AUG	→	FRI 4TH AUG
SEPT – NO VISIT	→	SEPT – NO VISIT
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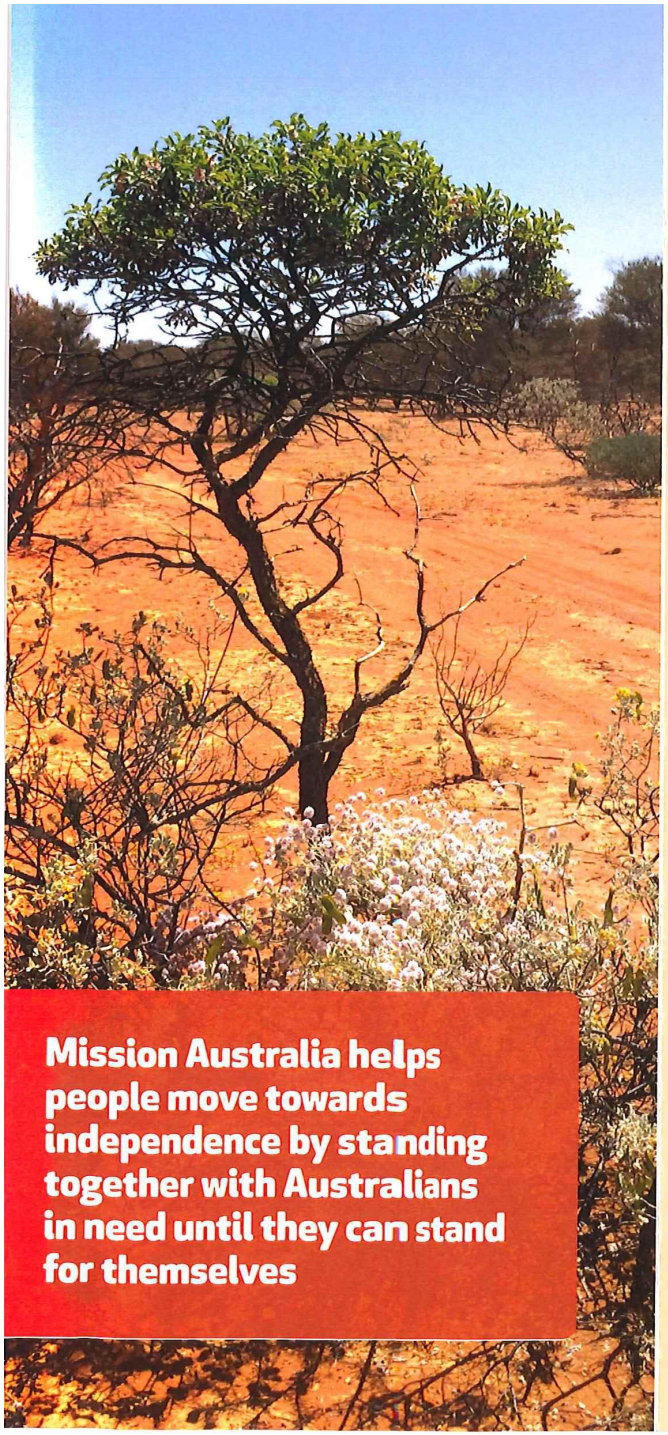

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Mission Australia provides a range of community services in the Midwest and Gascoyne regions of Western Australia.

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

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

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

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
Monday to Friday 8am-4pm

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

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

Contact us

Mission Australia Meekatharra
97 Main St/PO Box 59
Meekatharra WA 6642
08 9956 5100

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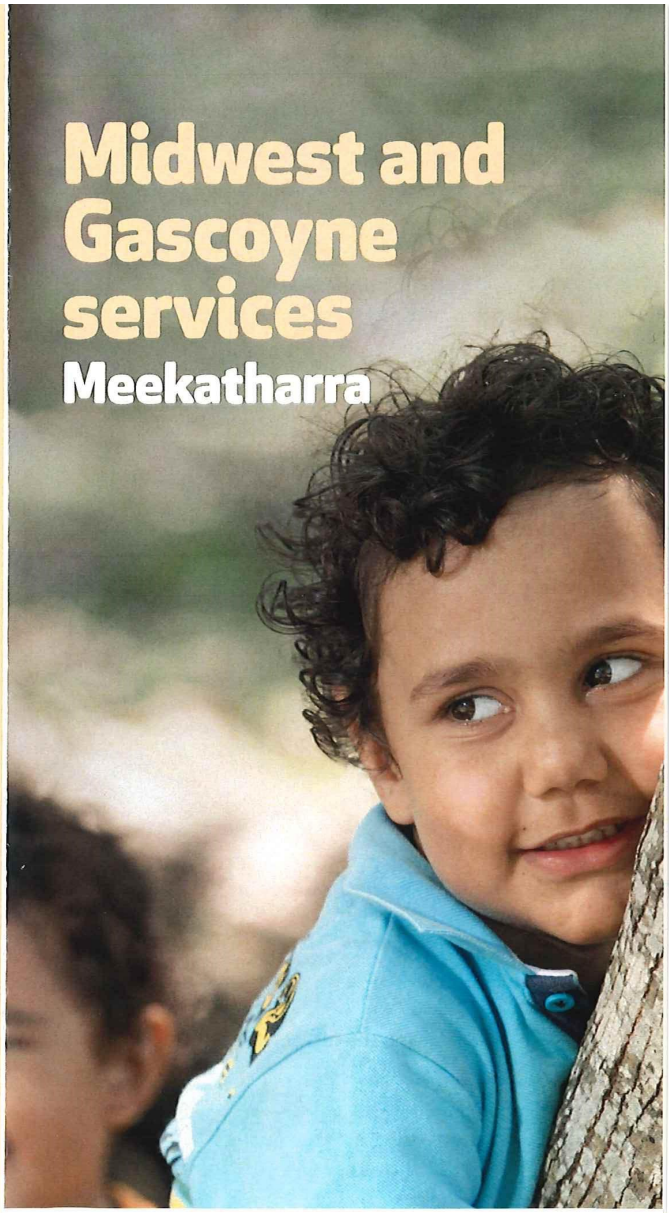
Midwest and Gascoyne services

Meekatharra



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Family and Domestic Violence Service

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

Support includes:

Crisis accommodation

Arranging transportation and alternative accommodation

Essential emergency items such as food and clothing

Links to counselling and other culturally appropriate services

This service is funded by the Department of Communities.

Public Tenancy Support Service

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

Our team aims to support tenants to increase their ability to avoid reaching the point of eviction.

This service is funded by the Department of Communities.

Remote School Attendance Strategy

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

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

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

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

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

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

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

This service is funded by the Department of Social Services.

Mental Health Support Services

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

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

This service is funded by Western Australia Primary Health Alliance.

Emergency Relief

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

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

This service is funded by the Department of Social Services.

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For more information, contact the

Meekatharra Sub Centre

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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(Uniting Church)

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Contact:
Rev Mitch Fialkowski
9981 1053
0419 547 175

Christ the King Catholic Church

Liturgies
November and December
Saturdays at 6.30 pm

Sat 18 Nov	***Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass)***
Sat 09 Dec	***Celebration of the Word with Communion***

CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TO BE MADE LATER

ALL WELCOME

The Catholic Church is located on the corner of Darlot and High Streets.
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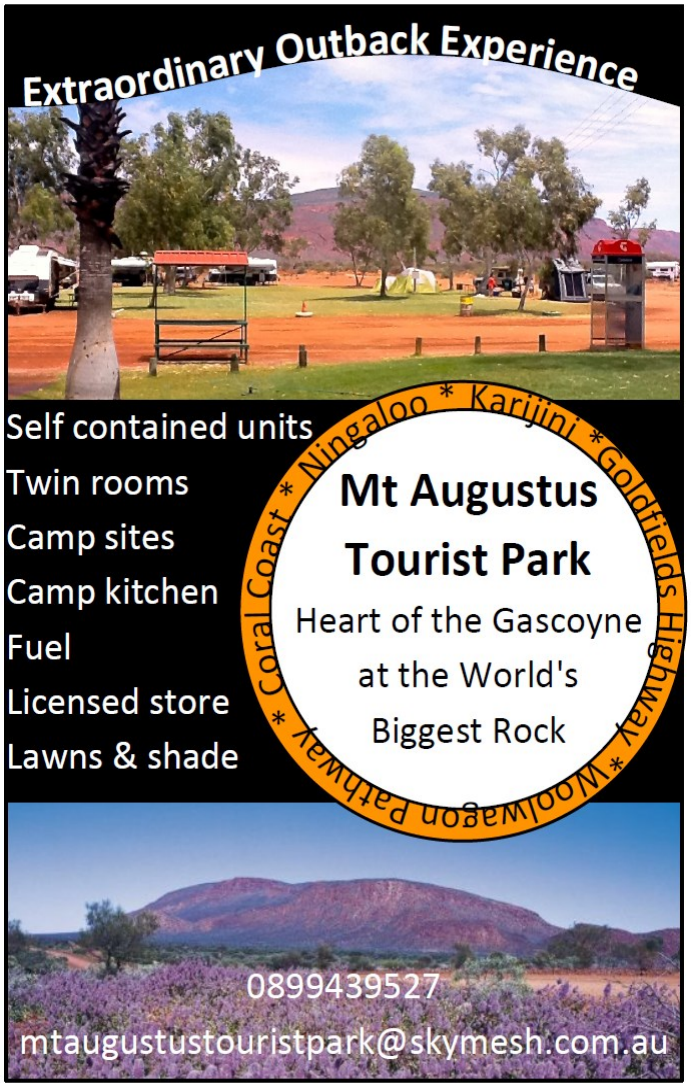
Psalm 199: 105 - Your world is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS

Are you interested in joining the Sandstone Knitting Group . Come to sandstone on a Friday from 10 am to 2 pm or if anyone was interested in knitting for our local people , We knit squares and strips to make blankets , beanies , baby clothes and fingerless gloves for Mt Magnet School , Meekatharra Hospital and Wiluna Health Centre

If they want more information contact Donna 99635801



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Q: What kind of button can you not undo?

A: A belly button!

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CAN YOU WORK OUT WHICH STAR GETS THE TASTY TREAT?

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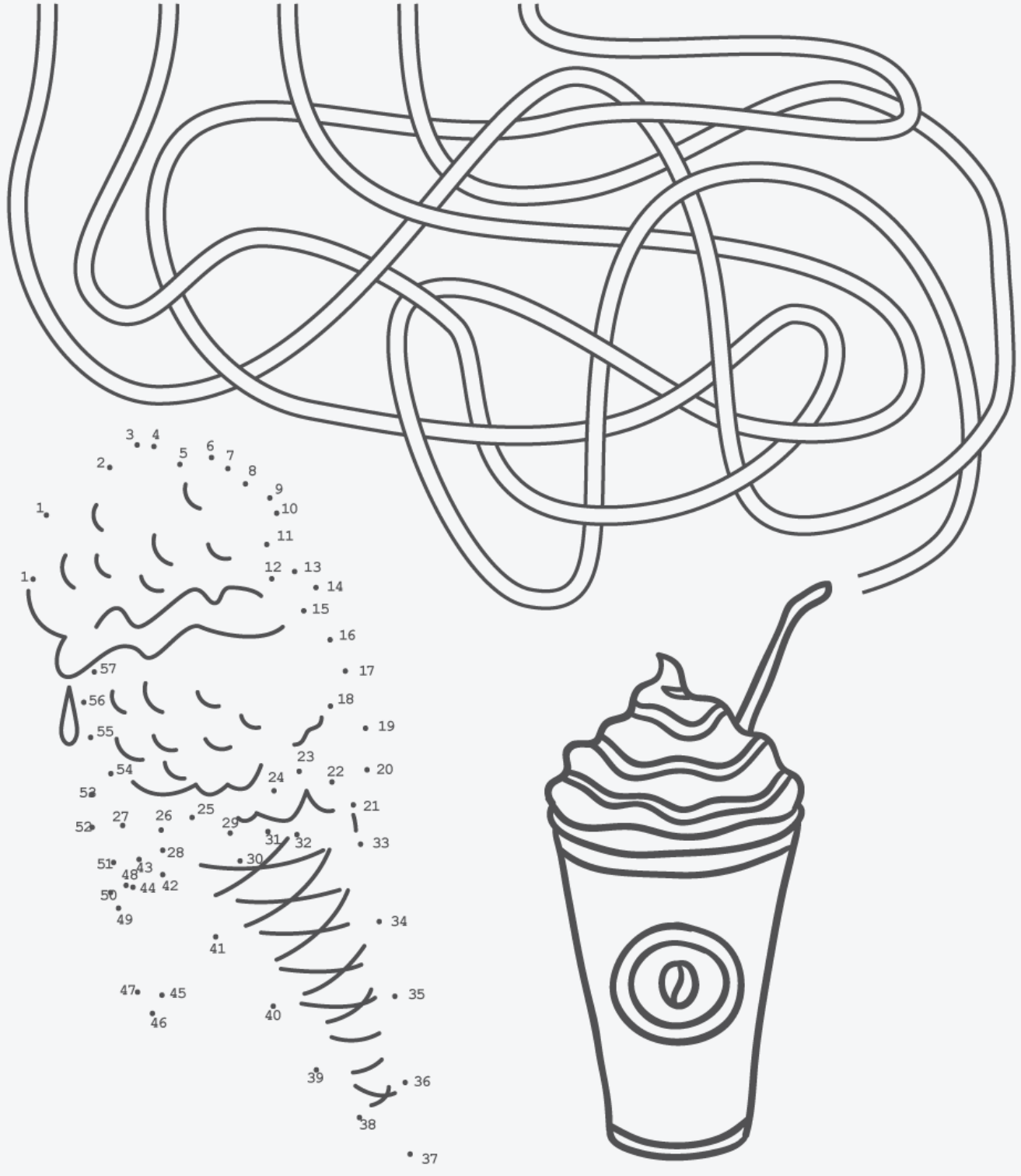

Important Dates To Remember

November

Meekatharra Career Expo

16th & 17th November

Meekatharra Town Hall

Details Inside

Ordinary Council Meeting

18th November

Council Chambers

9:30AM, Shire of Meekatharra

Meeka Markets

25th November

Meekatharra Town Hall

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

24th November 2017