



# Meekatharra Dust

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## YALGOO FOOTY CARNIVAL



2020 NAIDOC WEEK

## Community Footy Game

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13TH, 2020 | 6:00PM-8:00 PM | OVAL  
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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:

***cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au***

### **Council Dates**

Dates for Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Meekatharra for 2020 are -

Meeting Date	Last Date for Items
18 January	3rd
15 February	31st
21 March	6th
18 April	3rd
16 May	1st
27 June	5th
18 July	3rd
15 August	31st
19 September	4th
17 October	2nd
21 November	6th
18 December	27th

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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.

The Shire of Meekatharra provide the Town Oval as the only off-lease exercise area in town—at all other locations your dog must, according to law, be collared and restrained.

To allow your dog to be unrestrained in public is an offence in the Dog Act 1976.

Being responsible for a dog that attacks a person causing injury is also an offence which attracts a significant penalty of up to \$10,000.

Please be a responsible pet owner—keep your dog restrained when exercising them to avoid both injury to bystanders, and significant penalties, and please pick up any droppings left behind. Nobody wants to step in that!!

The Shire of Meekatharra support the neutering and desexing of pets to reduce the number of strays, and provide sponsorship to the Murdoch Veterinary Clinic to attend Meekatharra to provide this service at no cost to health care card holders. Additionally, the Shire fund regular visiting vet service—Newman Veterinary Clinic—to the value of \$5,000 to neuter the pets of health care card holders at no cost to the owner.

Local residents can access this service by attending the Shire Office to present your Health Care Card and prove registration. You will be issued with a voucher for the appropriate service at the visiting clinic.

*Further info, contact Tralee at the Shire—99800609*



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If you notice any issues with street lights, faults or damage  
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## Note from the Editor

Wow, didn't October go by quickly, I barely blinked and now its November!

In this edition of the Meekatharra Dust we have photos from the community breakfast held by Mission Australia, the Youth Centre, the Djuki Mala performance, the youth movie night, Mama D's hairdresser and the Stephen Michael Foundation carnival. Of course, we have the amazing articles from the usual talented writers including the CRC, Sally Dighton, the Meeka Pharmacy, Mission Australia, Meeka Goes Green and Meekatharra District High School.

November is the official postponed NAIDOC week for 2020. There area few events around town, including the community footy game on the 13th of November at the oval. The Shire will be working with Yulella, Mission Australia, Stephen Michael Foundation and Youth Focus to provide a fun, safe community event for everyone to enjoy.

*The Editor*

*'Live life to the fullest, and focus on the positive' - Matt Cameron*



## \*\*\*OPPORTUNITY\*\*\*

The Shire of Meekatharra are calling for  
Registrations of Interest from any person  
or business to trade from the new Lloyds  
Building

There are two retail/office options - 34 and 27 square meters  
respectively, available January 2020

For more details, or to register your interest  
Contact Tralee Cable at the Shire on 99800600



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# Your Council News

November 2020 • by Anna Johnson on behalf of the Shire of Meekatharra

## Llove Me Tender...

Tenders are open for the café, gallery space, hairdressing salon and shops at Lloyd's Plaza in the heart of town. The Meekatharra Community Resource Centre and the Shire are working on finalising the CRC's contract, with the move expected to take place in January when everyone is back from the holiday period. As the town's visitor centre and community hub, the CRC's presence is bound to generate plenty of energy and interest. The positive response at the Meekafest grand opening is a good indicator that Lloyd's Plaza will be a popular destination for Meekatharra's locals and visitors alike.

If you haven't seen the new-look Lloyd's, where have you been? Check out Svenja Clare's photos on the Shire's website, and if you'd like to enquire about available commercial space, just pop in to the Shire office. With free WIFI, a spacious, cool indoor public area and a stylish blend of historic and modern features, Lloyd's Plaza offers solid opportunities in our busy town.

## Website is Wow!

Have you had a squizz at the Shire's website recently? You'll find the new look and layout very user friendly, including a handy text magnifier command at the top of the page for those who prefer large print.

Scroll through the home page and you'll see tabs and links for the latest news, public notices and more. An important new feature are the Facebook and Instagram feeds, making the website a one-stop shop for coming events, useful resources and some wonderful community photos.

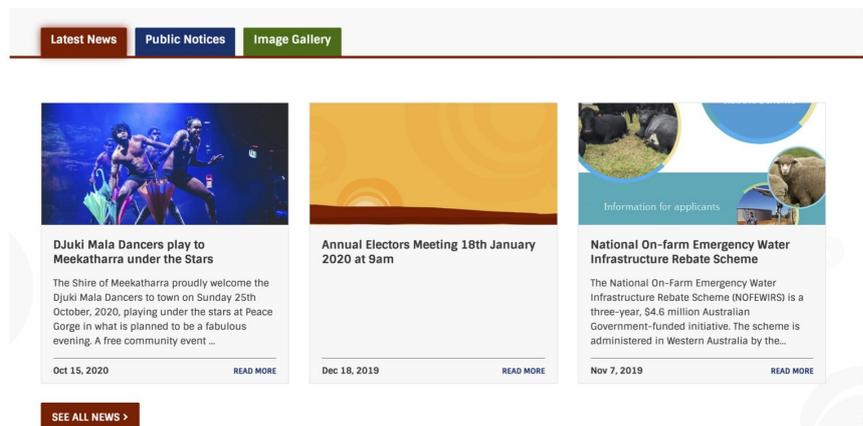
A great feature is that you can set up a "user account" in order to receive notifications of new or changed items, which is very handy. You can access forms, information and guidelines on a number of topics, plus news and minutes from the Council meetings, and the Photo Gallery of course. The Shire welcomes feedback and invites all locals to sign up and stay in the loop.

The Council News has adopted the sleek new sun and blue logo design on the next page – we're sure you'll like the easy new website interface too.

## POWERING ON

Alert locals may have noticed that the Old Power Station has also seen some activity. The contaminated soil was excavated last year, and contractors have been on site working on the remediation process. This is normal procedure when dealing with former plants such as this, ensuring that any lingering oils or other contaminants are removed prior to any further actions.

The Old Power Station holds a special place in the hearts of long-time locals, many of whom recall the historic solar array that "seemed to follow you one way to school, then the other way home with the sun", as one resident described it. Meekatharra remains a solar innovator, with the large new solar array out by the generator station on the Landor Road, and the Meekatharra Solar Consortium joining the grid. Now, if only there was a way to harness the power of the bush fly...



*Above - a screenshot teaser. The Shire's new website has adjustable sizing for big-print readers, with a stylish and very user-friendly layout that's easy to navigate.*

*The new website is aimed at providing clear and useful information within local government guidelines, and certainly offers a rich resource for visitors, new arrivals and long-term locals alike.*

# Kids Fired Up

Meeka kids have been kept very busy by the Youth Services crew, with highlights including the Country Week Basketball tournament in Perth and the Multisport barbecue at the Meekafest fireworks. The kids did us proud with some excellent cheering at the fireworks display, and they're now looking forward to defending our inaugural Murchison Football League title in Yalgoo.

The enthusiasm and effort of our youth is a credit to all the families, Shire staff and volunteers who keep the ball rolling, providing an amazing range of activities and opportunities for our remote area youngsters. Well done to all!



*Thank you to Instagrammer bubba\_91, who shared this beautiful image of Meeka kids celebrating our breathtaking sunset skies. Is there anything better than growing up in the outback?*

## MAKING THE GRADE

As our spectacularly busy visitor season begins to wind down and the caravans wend their way south, our tireless road crews can breathe a sigh of relief as they continue with the endless task of outback road maintenance and repair.

Northampton Grader Hire have been working on the Weelaranna West Road, the Jiglaong Community Road and a number of very well-used roads and tracks close to town. The roads to Peace Gorge, the Cemetery and the Stockyards are blissfully free (well, almost) of corrugations, a welcome change for those who enjoy a drive out to some of our nearby rambling spots. Take a fly net!

If you're keen to know what else our road crews are up to, there's a great summary in each edition of the Minutes (you can access them via the new-look website). We've had plenty of compliments about our roads, particularly the Meeka to Mt. Augustus sections. Visitors who are new to the outback are often anxious about "going off the bitumen", and it's good to know that our crews are doing such a great job of making the journey both as safe and comfortable as possible.

## Keep Those Elbows Bumping

The Shire would like to remind everyone that it's still important to keep up with COVID-19 awareness and precautions. Western Australia has been extremely fortunate and proactive, but the risk remains worldwide.

If you need information about COVID-19 precautions and current regulations, feel free to get in touch with the Shire. There are useful resources available via the internet, such as free training for employers and employees in up-to-date workplace practises. As our GP clinic keeps reminding us, it's essential to report any cold or flu-like symptoms.

You can be tested at the Meekatharra Hospital, and there are plenty of locals on call if you need to isolate. Many of our local businesses are happy to help you with phone orders and deliveries. Stay safe!

### 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)

*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).*

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# Meekatharra Pharmacy

72 Main Street, Meekatharra WA 6642



## IT'S HEATING UP

As the weather starts getting warmer, Meekatharra pharmacy is here to help with those pesky ailments that might start popping up over the next few months.

### PRICKLY HEAT

Also known as heat rash, is an itchy, inflamed rash that can appear during hot weather. It commonly occurs in skin folds and on skin where clothing rubs.

It can be managed by keeping cool and with the use of simple creams and powders from your chemist.

### NEW GIFTWARE AND HOME DÉCOR

We have new exciting products at the pharmacy from cosmetics to home decoration products!

If you are after anything to brighten up your home or even yourself, come in and have a look!



*Prickly Heat Powder.*



*Rehydration salts*

### DEHYDRATION

Hot weather, excessive sweating and low fluid consumption can lead to you becoming dehydrated. Make sure you're drinking plenty of fluids if working outdoors or in the heat this summer.

Common signs that you are dehydrated include dark coloured urine, lethargy, sunken eyes, dry skin and feeling thirsty.

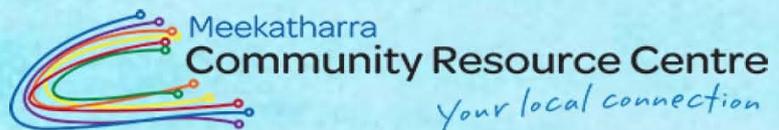
If you need help staying hydrated, come into store and have a chat to our pharmacists that can provide suitable rehydration solutions.

Come into store today and meet us for any health issues, new décor for your home and novelty products!

We are open Monday - Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday 9am - 1pm. (P) 089980 1798

Meekatharra pharmacy offers professional advice and a range of products and services including webster packing, Medschecks, Diabetes supplies, Sick certificates, Blood pressure checks, first aid supplies, anti-smoking, vitamins, a range of beauty products, perfumes, gifts and much more at great prices

# CRC News



## Free Online Access

The CRC's new computers are on their way and we'll be ready to help you with free online access to a range of government services. There are free courses for food handling and all kinds of simple qualifications that can help you with work and life - come on in and find out what's on offer.

## AJP Day Is Here Again

The AJP mob are back in town on November 3rd from 9am at the Shire Hall to help you with all your ID requirements. The Department of Transport will also be on site. Book in early for driving tests.

## Treats and Temptations

Our Meeka Markets are gearing up for the silly season - there will be a few sneak previews at this month's markets on November 14th, and at December's markets you'll be able to get your photo taken with Santa and shop til you drop with the many treats that will be on offer.

## Christmas Cheer is Here

The CRC has got all sorts of great Meeka-themed gifts in stock, featuring the NEW HAT BADGES and fridge magnets, wine and beer glasses, the lovely Shire tea towels, artists' cards and fabrics and all kinds of art and craft supplies.



## November 2020

By Anna Johnson



Second Saturday Each Month  
This Month: November 14th  
From 9:30 am  
In Meekatharra's Main Street  
In front of the Commercial Hotel

VISITOR CENTRE ART & GIFTS  
COMMUNITY RESOURCES  
DEPT TRANSPORT

- ✓ Souvenirs, Cards & Gifts
- ✓ Maps, Brochures & Local Info
- ✓ WIFI and Computer Use
- ✓ Driver & Vehicle Services
- ✓ Passport Photos
- ✓ Printing, Copying, Laminating

Do you need somewhere to study online? We can help - drop in any time.



Meekatharra Community Resource and Visitor Centre  
Lot 55 Main Street  
Meekatharra WA 6642  
08 9980 1811  
welcome@meekatharracrc.com.au



Department of Transport

**REFRIGERATION & AIR CONDITIONING MEEKATHARRA**

43 MAIN STREET

PH: 9980 1212

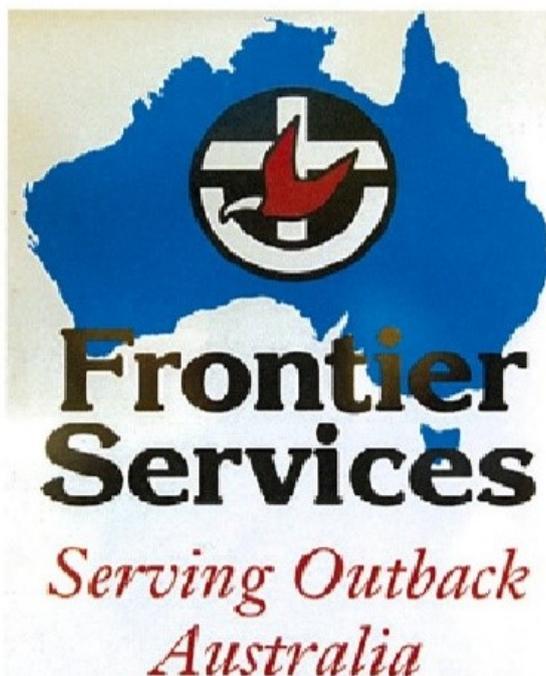
*GET YOUR COOLING SYSTEMS WORKING THEIR BEST BEFORE THE HOT WEATHER*

IMPROVE PERFORMANCE AND REDUCE ELECTRICITY COSTS BY CARRYING OUT PRE SUMMER MAINTENANCE – FOR ADVICE OR TO BOOK A SERVICE,  
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REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND NEW INSTALLATIONS for  
DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL AND MINING.**

*ALL AREAS – KUMARINA, WILUNA, CUE, MAGNET, SANDSTONE and SURROUNDS*

## **Meekatharra Community Church (Uniting Church)**



**Services held 9.30am  
every 2nd & 4th  
Sunday of the Month**

**Contact:  
Rev Mitch Fialkowski  
9981 1053  
0419 547 175**

# WORKSHOPS

**UPCYCLING - REUSING - CRAFT -  
HOMESTEADING - "MAKING DO"**  
(turning ordinary things into awesome things)

**@ RECYCLING CENTRE RAILWAY STREET  
FIRST **SATURDAY** OF EACH MONTH **11 AM****

All Welcome!

Gold Coin Donation Entry

New Date &  
Time: Now  
Saturdays!



## MEEKATHARRA CHRIST THE KING

CORNER OF DARLOT & HIGH  
STREETS

**LITURGY TIMES  
NOVEMBER 2020**

**MASS**

SATURDAY 14TH OF  
NOVEMBER AT 6:30PM

**CELEBRATION OF THE  
WORD WITH  
COMMUNION**

SATURDAY 7TH OF  
NOVEMBER AT 6:30PM

RECONCILIATION TIMES BY  
REQUEST BEFORE OR AFTER  
MASS

CONTACT CATHY JONES ON  
08 9963 4176



**For if a kangaroo jumps out  
on John's drive home.**

Every beat of this ordinary life is an extraordinary thing.  
And we need your help to protect it.

St John urgently needs volunteers.

If you'd like to help the people of Meekatharra, visit  
[stjohnchangelives.com.au](http://stjohnchangelives.com.au). Or, give Meekatharra Sub Centre a call  
on 9980 1467, or email [sjameekatharra@westnet.com.au](mailto:sjameekatharra@westnet.com.au).



Life goes on.  
Volunteer with St John.



# NAME PAVERS

Be apart of this fundraising activity for the Meektharra Outback Festival Committee

## NAME PAVERS ARE:

A unique and lasting record of your support;

A creation of memories and milestones;

A celebration of a wedding, new baby, birthday or anniversary;

A tribute to someone special or a precious memorial to a loved one.



**\$75**

or more



**\$45**

or more

Your donation entitles you to have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your valued support. The paver will be permanently installed on the footpath outside the Shire Administration Building proudly showing your donation. To place your order please come into the Shire Office.



Vincent Catania MLA  
Member for North West Central

## MEEKATHARRA PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH

### We're here to help you

It's important to share any concerns, issues or ideas you may have to allow us to work together to find solutions as we all travel through difficult times

#### CONTACT US & STAY in TOUCH



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Telephone - 99412 999



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Regular updates will be available via facebook & email

**Let's Stay Safe, Stay Well  
& Keep our Distance...**



**THE NATIONALS** for Regional WA



## Indigenous APPRENTICESHIPS PROGRAM 2021

APPLY FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP WITH A GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND SET YOURSELF UP FOR A GREAT CAREER IN THE AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE.

- It's full-time work with a competitive salary, great benefits and on-the-job training.
- The apprenticeship runs for 12 months.
- You get to complete a nationally recognised certificate or diploma.
- There are jobs in capital cities and most regional areas across Australia.
- You'll be supported by an Indigenous mentor.

Apply to make a difference in the lives of everyday Australians.

You don't need a degree or any work experience to apply.

*What will your story be?*

Applications open on 12 October and close 20 November 2020.  
To apply or for more info, visit [servicesaustralia.gov.au/IAP](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au/IAP)



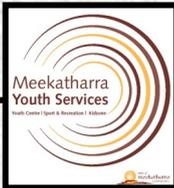
Wednesday's  
6pm at the  
Sports  
Complex

# ADULTS BASKETBALL



**meekatharra**  
*a golden prospect*

# YOUTH SERVICES



The Youth Services Team were flat out for the month of October with lots of activities for the young people of Meekatharra. They started off the month with school holidays, Stephen Michael Foundation footy carnival in Yalgoo and a visit from Fair Game. The pool opened which lead to many fun afternoons. They ended the month with movie nights, visits from the Karalundi students and staff and a Halloween party. They have been non-stop, but loving every single minute of their jobs working with the incredible young people in town.

The Kids Zone participants have been enjoying their time doing arts, crafts, cooking and playing with all the wonderful toys at the centre. While the Youth Centre young people have been playing water polo, volley-

ball, basketball, footy and of course using the music room.

October held a few birthdays for the young people in town, which meant birthday cakes and celebrating the special days as a team. Margie made cakes, and as we all know, they would have tasted incredible and looked like they were done by professionals. The youth team are all about bringing people together, so they have started regular meet ups with the Karalundi students to build relationships and play sports.

November is of course just as fun for the team! They have many exciting events coming up and are looking forward to providing a variety of activities for the young people in town.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tatiana and Nickaylia!!

# STEPHEN MICHAEL FOUNDATION YALGOO CARNIVAL





# FAST FASHION



seem logical at the surface but once you look deeper there is a much larger hidden cost which is causing issues globally.

All products use materials. Those materials need to be produced or grown. According to WWF it takes 2,700 litres of water to grow the cotton for a single t-shirt. So whether we buy just one shirt or four shirts (for the same price, woohoo bargain!), it makes a huge difference to the amount of resources used. Whether it's the water used to grow the cotton, the energy used to power the production, the transport used to ship it from A to B,

the often poorly paid labour in third world country sweatshops, the toxic dyes and chemicals that poison many rivers, the tonnes and tonnes and tonnes of clothing that end up in landfill every minute – it makes a big difference whether we buy one or four shirts. Add to that the booming population (7.8 billion people now vs only 3.7 billion in 1970) and that's a lot of people wanting a lot of clothes.

"But buying stuff is great for the economy! My shopping habit is powering the country!" Agree – the economy is important. But perhaps we can spend our dollars on quality rather than quantity. Make things last. There's a concept called the "triple bottom line" which looks not just at the financial bottom line but also the social and the environmental side of things. Ultimately you can't focus just on one side and ignore the other two sides as it's not going to be sustainable in the long run. And we still want there to be a functioning economy in twenty years time, don't we?

So what can we do?

Here are a few solutions:



Buy quality over quantity: we can resist the impulse buy, think about what we need (rather than want). If we don't just buy heaps of cheap junk but spend our money on fewer but better items it brings more joy in the long run.

Find a brand that produces good quality clothing, pays fair wages, is open about its supply chains, supports low impact manufacturing. Search the internet for "ethical clothing" and you'll find heaps of brands. (Be mindful of greenwashing, look deeper.)

Rock your style – don't give a damn about the latest weekly fashion trend (blink and you miss it anyway). Find what you're comfortable in, what looks and feels great on your own body and then flaunt it, baby. Beauty and attractiveness comes from within. If you're comfortable and it feels good then who cares?

Find new combinations for your existing clothes – got a simple dress or boring shirt? Just adding a scarf, jacket or bit of bling can make it look like a whole new outfit.

Remember the good old days when the shops had a summer/spring selection and an autumn/winter selection? With the globe being more and more globalised, materials and products flying around the world at the speed of jets, and consumers, fashion idols and companies communicating instantly via the internet, this bi-annual cycle has changed to companies churning out 52 micro-seasons a year. That's a new fashion trend every week! So to stay fashionable you couldn't even get around to doing your weekly laundry before your new garment is already old-school. To clear stock and make sure consumers keep buying new stuff, some companies produce with inbuilt obsolescence and even burn or shred perfectly good stock. Basically, the milk in our



fridges has a longer shelf-life than some of the clothes produced nowadays. Madness.

Like with so many things, Meeka is a bit removed from the fast spinning world out there. We can't pop down to all these shops every day and even if we feverishly tried to keep up to date via online shopping, we'd always lag a couple of weeks behind thanks to parcels seemingly going via Timbuktu. But of course we do head to the big smoke every now and again and some of us hit the shops like we've been starved.

So what's the deal with this so called "fast fashion"?

It's basically quantity over quality. Companies are churning out massive numbers and tons of cheap clothing, cutting as many corners as possible, thereby making it very affordable for everyone. It seems great at the surface – why pay \$80 for a pair of jeans when you can get one for \$15? Who cares if it only lasts a few weeks before it starts to fray, just chuck it out



and we'll just buy another three pairs and we still would have saved money!

Right?

That might



**THE QUICK UNPICK**

THE PODCAST ABOUT AUSTRALIAN FASHION BRANDS MANUFACTURING LOCALLY AND ETHICALLY.

*In collaboration with Ethical Clothing Australia & Britt's List*

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Learn how to mend your clothes (or bribe a more talented friend with money or cake) – just because it's missing a button or has a hole doesn't mean that it's destined for landfill. Youtube "how to fix ...." and get stitching.

Support companies that look at the whole life cycle of clothes. Perhaps even invest into companies that do research on fabric recycling. There are some exciting developments out there – it's a massive problem globally which means it's a massive opportunity too.

**SECOND HAND** Secondhand Shops / Charities / Op-Shops – donate your excess clothes and buy from here too. This is especially good if you want to be money savvy; there are so many affordable great finds!

Vote with your dollar – leave the fast fashion behind and support the companies that are doing good. Companies go where the market is. If enough of us choose ethically produced quality over cheap quantity then that consumer demand will be met.

Upcycling – our favourite here at Meeka Goes Green – turning "rubbish" into other useful items. Turn an old t-shirt into a tote, braid a basket out of jeans, weave a bath mat out of towels. There are so many possibilities! Jump online and search for "upcycling [enter your item here]". If you're not that crafty you can still use that lonely sock to dust down the ceiling fans.

If the clothes are that old that they can't be donated or upcycled anymore then use them as rags around

the house, use bits of fabrics for craft projects, or compost them (as long as they're natural fibres such as cotton, silk or wool).

Go naked! Who needs clothes anyway! (Just kidding, please don't go streaking down the Main Street.)

Got a favourite ethical clothing brand? Have you done something clever with old clothes? You can leave a post on Facebook/meekagoesgreen, send us an email at meekagoesgreen@gmail.com or pop into the Recycling Centre on Railway Street Saturdays 9-11am. Also, come to our monthly Upcycling Workshops. They're awesome. First Saturday of each month at 11am.

Images from:

<https://www.livesmallbmore.blog/why-i-shop-second-hand/>

<https://thenewdaily.com.au/finance/consumer/2020/04/10/fast-fashion-environment/>

<https://brands2life.com/our-work/corporate/quality-quantity/>

<https://ethicalclothingaustralia.org.au/>

<https://www.bwss.org/fastfashion/>



**DONATE THE CASH THAT'S IN YOUR CONTAINERS TO MEEKA GOES GREEN**

We'll get 10 cents for each one.  
With your help, we can make a change.

Bring your eligible containers to:  
**Meeka Goes Green Recycling Centre on Railway Street**  
Saturdays 9-11am and 24/7 drop off point

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# STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY

## Celebrating Mental Health Week - Live - Learn - Work - Play

Those of you who joined us at Peace Gorge for a big community breakfast on Wednesday October 14, are absolute legends. Those of you that walked are bigger legends! It was 30 degrees at 10am so well done! A big shout out and thanks to Yulella for providing manpower, cooks and the food van and a very big thanks to those who cooked in said food van; it got very hot! Thanks to the Shire, Midwest Mental Health, Youth Focus, Youth Services, Meekatharra District High School and Mission Australia who all contributed to making this a great morning! The Midwest Times did a write up of the morning and included this beautiful picture of Curtley Gilla-Mow (just in case you missed it here it is!)

It was great to see our community get together for breakfast and all the kids have such a great time.



This event is proudly supported by



The community breakfast was sponsored by Lotterywest and the West Australian Association for Mental Health







On September 10, the mental health services in town and the Shire of Meekatharra got together for R U OK? Day and cooked up some treats for the community to enjoy. As well as some tasty treats, there was plenty of information available on how to help someone when they might not be feeling the best. There is an important message behind asking someone if they are ok. It is more than just asking a question - it is how we help our friends, family, community and even strangers with their answers. This year R U OK? focused on what to say after you have asked the question. You don't need to be a mental health professional to help - listening with compassion, sitting with someone, giving someone a lift to the GP clinic... these are all things that we can do to help someone when they are NOT ok. If your gut is telling you someone is not ok, ask them the question. Offer support and encouragement. It can literally be a lifesaver. For more information about R U OK? have a look at this website <https://www.ruok.org.au>



**1. Ask**



**2. Listen**



**3. Encourage**



**4. Check in**

who can you speak to after hours if things are getting to you??

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free counselling  
1300 224 636 (24/7)  
[www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)

Lifeline  
In a crisis situation  
13 11 14 (24/7)  
[www.lifelinewa.org.au](http://www.lifelinewa.org.au)

# MAMA D'S HAIR CARE



By now I'm sure you have seen all the beautiful hair around town. We have been extremely lucky to have Mama D's Hair Care visit Meeka for the second time. Nikie has been a hairdresser for many years and has previously worked in Leonora. She has the natural gift of creating beautiful hair for everyone who sits in her chair. She takes the time and puts a lot of thought into each client, doing what is right for them and their hair needs.

end salon, without the huge costs.

Nikie will be back in December, keep a look out on her Facebook page (Mama D Hair Care) for the next lot of appointments. Make sure you book in early to avoid missing out on the experience of getting your hair done by the funniest, most talented hairdresser.

Since Mama D's was so well received we are seeking expressions of interest for a beautician to visit Meekatharra. The beautician does waxing, facials, manicure, pedicures, massages, tans, eyebrow/eyelash tinting and much more. If you are interested please fill out this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3RF93YC> or visit the Meekatharra Dust Facebook page to get the link.

Mama D's Hair Care has done array of colours from purple to blonde, creating unique looks to make the client feel special. Don't we all just love the feeling of someone saying 'WOW, you look nice' having a hair transformation? Sitting in her chair is like going on a holiday, you always leave feeling refreshed and having laughed so hard. Nikie creates a relaxed, happy environment by being the best person to talk to about literally anything! Mama D's Hair Care had the honour of being the first business to use the new Lloyd's Plaza on Main Street. She made the salon her own by adding in her decorations and products that make it feel like an expensive high-





## GARDENS WITH SAL, THE GARDEN GAL

long as we have a bit of shelter for them to hide under during the height of the heat, lots of nutrient-rich soil/organics, consistent watering to their roots, and plenty of mulch at their base.

Tomatoes are part of the Solanum family, along with potatoes, chillies, and capsicums. They all share the same familiar flowers (even the bush tomatoes), pest threats, and enjoy growing with similar companions.

I like to grow them from seed in a damp, rich seed raising mix which is so easy to make at home. My favourite recipe is by the Milkwood team.

Grab a bucket and mix together:

- \* 2 parts finely sieved compost
- \* 1 part worm castings – the by-product of a worm farm, if not use 1 part compost
- \* 2 parts coir fibre (coconut fibre) – or any moisture-holding material
- \* 1 part coarse sand

G'day gorgeous Meeka,

A very welcome and overdue hello to you all. It's been a while since I've been in town but man it feels good to be back!

Phew - the summer weather sure didn't waste time finding its way to us, with hot long days, stunning summer sunsets and swarms of flying insects too.

On a friendly note these flying insects are actually friends for our garden! They are called hoverflies and are a beneficial insect, visiting flowers in our bushland and garden collecting nectar. They lay their larvae on our plants and once they hatch will feast on pests like aphids, thrips, and caterpillars. They are more than welcome in my garden, as long as they don't keep turning up in their millions. Please be careful what sprays you use to avoid harming them during this time.

Our EON school garden is cranking thanks to Pam and Geoff Mongoo (a huge heartfelt thank you as always). With their consistent green thumbs in our garden we have a tomato crop like nothing I've seen before. I can already smell the sauces and chutneys bubbling away.

When I think of summer, I think of summer veggies: tomatoes, capsicums, chillies, zucchini, and juicy watermelons under a tree.

Tomatoes can grow so very well out here in our summer, as



*A thriving banana hut made by the wonderful Geoff and Pam Mongoo*



Charli with some of our tomato harvest

You can then put the mix in your seed raising trays and plant seeds ¼ inch deep. I like to apply a thin layer of river sand on the top too. Keep in a shaded area and ensure soil is kept damp and does not dry out. Your seeds should start to shoot within 10-14 days. Once they have around four leaves you can replant them into bigger pots and allow them to grow to around 20cm high.

This should give you enough time to prepare the final resting place for your tomatoes! Remember tomatoes don't need a lot of space to grow - they can grow up things, over things, and around them. You could grow them in a pot on your veranda, an old trellis on your stairs, in an old bathtub or under a tree.

Tomatoes do well planted with their companions (plants that benefit each other when grown together). Marigolds prevent nematodes, chives ward off

hungry pests, and then parsley, basil, chillies and capsicums. You could quite literally have a whole salad growing in the same sunny spot!

I have recently started my own garden on my block near Greenough. As it's close to the ocean, I've been collecting seaweed and using it as a builder for the soil, but also as a mulch. There are millions of small white snails there and apparently the seaweed - when it crisps up - is undesirable for the snails to slither over. I will keep you updated on this strange experiment!

Well Meeka, thanks for reading and I look forward to sharing some more memories with you all before the end of this crazy year. If anything, 2020 has brought us all together and given us an appreciation for the small things in life that matter most: family, health, and connecting with the things we love.

Take care of yourselves and each other, happy summer gardening.

Sally – the EON Gardening Gal

*\*EON Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that delivers a food and nutrition-focused healthy lifestyle and disease prevention program. We build edible gardens in remote schools and communities for a secure supply of fresh food and partner with them to deliver a hands-on practical gardening, nutrition, education, cooking, and hygiene program. Read more about us at [www.eon.org.au](http://www.eon.org.au)*



Making colourful signs with our Meeka kids



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**If you suffer from Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease or Respiratory  
Disease and would like to make changes to improve your health,  
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**Next Visit: 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Meeka

# Markets

Second Saturday Each Month  
9:30 to 1:00 pm starting July 11th  
In Meekatharra's Main Street  
in front of the Commercial Hotel

**FREE FOR ALL  
STALL HOLDERS**  
Bring your own table  
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2020 DATES:

Sat 11 July  
Sat 8 August  
Sat 12 September  
Sat 10 October  
Sat 14 November  
Sat 12 December

Please **BOOK AHEAD** with Anna at the CRC on 08 9980 1811 to reserve a space, otherwise it's pot luck on the day (yes, you can just turn up). Please contact Anna at the CRC if you have any questions or want to purchase your own folding market table. Otherwise email us: [welcome@meekatharracrc.com.au](mailto:welcome@meekatharracrc.com.au)

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You must comply with food handling and any other trading requirements that apply to your produce or service. BYO COVID hygiene items.

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# YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT AT THE PICTURE GARDENS



WA Police and Youth Justice held a successful night at the movies, with the movie Sonic the Hedgehog on Friday 23 October 2020. It was a great smoke free and drug free event that highlighted the importance of young people staying engaged and participating in activities rather than turning to not-so-healthy alternatives. Thanks to sponsors, Meekatharra Coles Express, Westgold Meekatharra Operations and the Shire of Meekatharra.





# DJUKI MALA TOUR



The Djuki Mala dancers came to Meeka on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October as part of their WA tour. They have been travelling around WA since the beginning of October performing their show mixed with traditional and contemporary dance. We were very lucky to get these talented dancers in town. The turnout from the community was exciting to see with over 400 people attending the event. It was a great way for people to come together and enjoy a night under the stars watching an entertaining and educational performance from the dancers, who have travelled internationally to perform their sentimental act. The evening was a huge success, there were so many smiling faces before, during and after the show. The four performers trained hard for the show and have been performing since 2007. The dances originated from the Yolngu people in North East Arnhem Land and have been performed all over the world. Djuki Mala became a success when Frank Djirrimbilwuy uploaded a video to YouTube in 2007 which showed a dance mixed with traditional and comedic elements. The intensity of the show proves the discipline required to perform the act for the various audiences. The show follows the story of how Djuki Mala started, the people who were involved, the aim of the dance team and how the lives of those involved have changed.

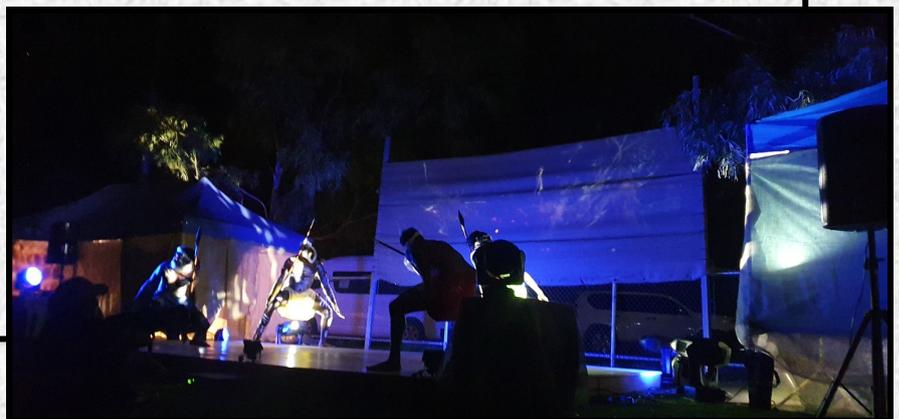
The Yulella team put on food for everyone that attended, we were lucky enough to get top quality food made with love. The team worked hard the days leading up to the event to make

sure people were fed well and extremely happy, which indeed they were. The team really showed the community spirit by using their skills to add so much to the event.

To get ready for the event we were lucky enough to have people around who were happy to help and provided the skills needed to get everything up and running. Andrew and Lachlan from the Youth Centre made sure the stage, sound and scaffolding were all set up, using their teamwork skills to get everything done. Brendan helped build the 'best built stage I've



seen' for the event, he worked with our team so well to get it done with a great deal of professionalism. Geoff and Michelle came down to help set up the morning of the event and happily completed all sorts of various tasks. The Works Crew provided so much knowledge and practical support on the day which just made life easier. Massive thank you to all who helped out!!





# AKI TOLA

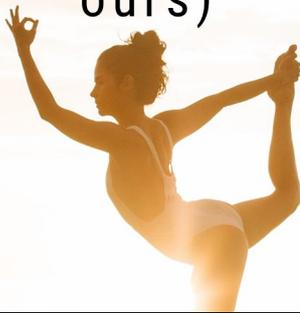


# YOGA

Free Yoga sessions  
at the town hall  
Monday at 6pm.

All welcome.

Bring your own mat  
(or borrow one of  
ours)



## DOG DISEASE ALERT



**Ehrlichiosis, a disease spread by the brown dog tick, has been confirmed in dogs in northern WA.**

**Before you move a dog out of the Kimberley and Pilbara, you should:**

- ✓ Email the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development at [animalbiosecurity@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:animalbiosecurity@dpird.wa.gov.au)
- ✓ Ensure your dog is healthy.
- ✓ Treat your dog for ticks in the 7 days before the movement and maintain a record of the treatment for 6 months.
- ✓ Call 1800 675 888 if your dog becomes ill after moving out of northern WA.

**Help keep your dog healthy and stop the spread of ehrlichiosis.  
Control ticks on your dogs and call a vet if you see disease signs.**

More information  
[agric.wa.gov.au/ehrichiosis](http://agric.wa.gov.au/ehrichiosis)  
[agric.wa.gov.au/dogmovements](http://agric.wa.gov.au/dogmovements)

Contact  
Movement conditions: 9368 3929



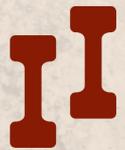
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## Gym Memberships

Start your mid year resolution by joining the Shire gym. The gym has all the equipment (plus more) that you will need to achieve your fitness goals. Come into the Shire Office to sign up today!

Monthly Membership \$32  
Monthly Concession Membership \$16  
Yearly Membership \$350  
Yearly Concession Membership \$175  
Swipe Card Bond \$30



Concession fee only applicable on sighting of valid Health Care Card by Shire Staff

Access restricted to adults 18 years or older

Please adhere to the following when using the facility:

- Stay 1.5m away from others
- Not go to the gym if you are feeling unwell
- Use the hand sanitiser provided on arrival and as needed throughout
- Make sure you sign in on arrival and sign out on departure
- Use the disinfectant provided to wipe down equipment before and after use

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Containers for Change is coming to Meekatharra and **Yulella Aboriginal Corporation** and the **ABC Foundation Ltd** is bringing it here from **Saturday October 3!**

A new state-wide container deposit scheme, Containers for Change lets you cash in eligible containers for 10-cents each.

Your local refund point in Meekatharra is: **18 Marmont Street, Meekatharra.**

Open: **Wednesdays 1.00pm-5.00pm & Saturdays 8.00am-12.00pm.** (From Sat Oct 3)

You will be able to cash in up to 800 containers and receive up to \$80 cash-in-hand during these times. You can also have the money deposited straight into your bank account by signing up for a Scheme ID at [www.containersforchange.com.au](http://www.containersforchange.com.au).

Anything more than \$80 will be deposited directly into your bank account via your Scheme ID, so make sure you sign up for one today!

Most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard drink containers between 150ml and 3L are eligible for a refund.

There are some drink containers that are not eligible for a refund. Generally, excluded containers are those that are less than 150ml and greater than 3L. Containers excluded include:

- Any plain milk containers
- Any glass containers which have contained wine or pure spirits
- Containers 1L or larger which have contained flavoured milk, pure fruit or vegetable juice
- All cordial or syrup containers
- Registered health tonics.

Any containers that are presented as either broken glass or damaged/cut containers will NOT be eligible for a refund. Light crushing of cans, plastics and liquid paperboard is acceptable.

Please remember when coming down to exchange your containers:

- Make sure they are CLEAN and cleared of any contamination. Contamination includes: sand, cigarette butts, sharps and lemon/lime, plus much more.
- Sort and count your containers before into their types (glass, aluminium, plastic etc) as this will assist us in processing your containers quicker.
- Be nice – we are just starting out, so please be patient if we are a bit slow in the first days.

If you would like to bag up your containers for us to count and process later so you don't have to wait, just make sure to mark your bag clearly with your Scheme ID, Full Name and Contact Number. Alternatively, put your details on paper inside a sealed plastic sleeve and pop that in your bag.

To find out more about Containers for Change in Meekatharra contact Leanne Sharrock from Yulella Aboriginal Corporation via email at [admin@yulella.org.au](mailto:admin@yulella.org.au) or on 08 9980 1339.



# DOGS

Its been a pretty jam-packed month full of excitement and events. Makes it easy for the rest of us to forget about the very sad things that happened. I'm here to remind us all about responsible pet ownership in amongst it.

We lost two dogs in town last month because they weren't kept restrained at home. One lovely blue staffy - Bobo, and a beautiful tan one. Both were hit by trucks right outside my office window. Not a nice thing to see when you are diligently working away. Also not a nice thing for our works department to deal with, or indeed mostly, for the families who dearly loved the pets.

It was really clear how loved Bobo was, when he was put in the pound one day for wandering on the main street. We were inundated with offers to rehome him, and to pay his pound fees to stop him from being euthanised. He was even microchipped and registered at the same time.

Unfortunately, less than a week after he was released, he was back on the main street, chasing pats from tourists, and dodging traffic. Not so successfully in the end.

Lately there have been an increase in complaints about dogs roaming in town. This causes all sorts of problems, as the pet



that loves you may not love another person in town, or their pet either, and this has led to a few dog fights which are very frightening for people and other dogs.

We all have the right to walk the street without fear of being attacked or bitten by a dog, and when someone is so frightened of being attacked by a dog they come to the Shire to complain, they are usually quite upset. This increases the risk of very emotional conversations that damage relationships and cause further division in the community.

There is a law called the Dog Act (1976) which says that your dog

- ◆ must be kept inside a yard
- ◆ must be registered
- ◆ must be microchipped.

There are new laws making it illegal to breed dogs at home without a license to do so, they attract quite hefty fines.

It is a very ugly time for everyone when the Dog Act has to be enforced. It usually means someone from the Shire has to knock on your door and issue a fine, or take your dog. Its not an action we take lightly, but these recent incidents have shown us exactly why we need to follow the law.

Please, for everyone's sake, keep your fence well repaired to keep your dog from roaming, come to the Shire office to register them, and microchip them. If you have too many dogs at your place, we can also assist – finding homes if necessary.

The Shire of Meekatharra run a very generous desexing program that provides free neutering by the visiting vet Dr Rick Fenny for pets of health care card holders – to access this you only need to come to the Shire office to get the voucher – bring your health care card with you, and Dr Fenny will make an appointment for the surgery when he is next in town.

**pets and vets**

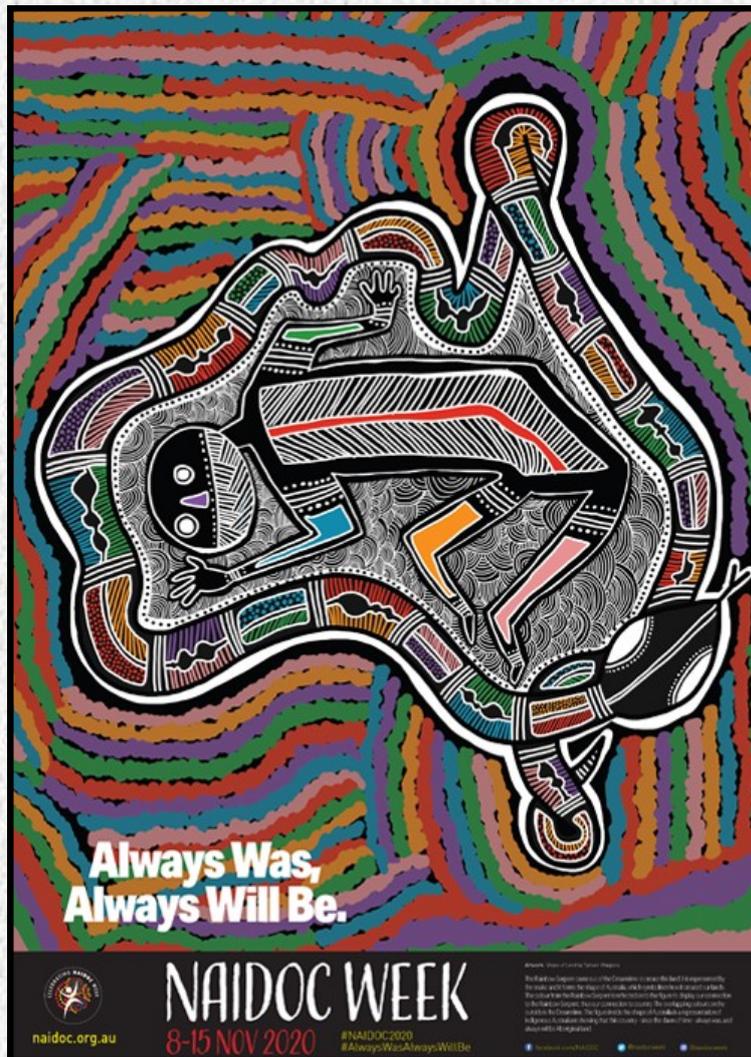
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# HALLOWEEN AT COLES EXPRESS





On the 18th of September the Murchison GeoRegion had their official launch in Mt Magnet. The GeoRegion is made up of 21 sites across the seven Murchison Shires (Cue, Meekatharra, Mount Magnet, Murchison, Sandstone, Wiluna and Yalgoo). The opening was a chance to show off the significant sites across this region and promote the area as the next big

to encourage a deeper understanding of, and connection with, the land. Abiotic (non-living) elements include the climate and landforms, as well as the geological formations and processes that created what you've come to see. Biotic (living) elements include the site's biodiversity (its animals and plants) and how the site's unique abiotic features have created a place for them to thrive. Cultural (human) elements emerge out of a site's abiotic and biotic features (what drew people here) and describe how people have engaged with the natural environment over time." (murchisongeoregion.com)

All around the world there are many GeoRegions and GeoParks that tourists flock to, they embrace the culture and natural significance of the regions learning more and more about the local environment as they travel. That is the hope with our local GeoRegion, we want people to come and understand what we all love about living in this region. We want others to see our beautiful landscapes and bring more tourism into this area. As the promote of this project continues

we hope to see more tourism growth.

There are four Meekatharra sites included in the GeoRegion

- \* Peace Gorge
- \* Mt Yagahong
- \* Barlangi Rock
- \* Jack Hills (restricted access)



tourist destination. The day was well attended by many keen locals and VIP's who wanted to get the first taste of what it meant for the Murchison to become a GeoRegion.

"The Murchison GeoRegion is Australia's first major GeoTourism development. It highlights the abiotic, biotic and cultural features of significant sites in the region





The Murchison GeoRegion App is now available, the app has all the information you need to make the most of the Murchison region. The app provides maps, information about the sites, tips to best plan your trip, local information about the towns and a log area to record your experiences at each site. To download the app visit the App Store or Google Play and search 'Murchison

GeoRegion'. If apps aren't your thing pop into

the Shire Office or CRC to collect your copy of the Trail Guidebook. The guidebook is a 34 page booklet which lists all the sites and information you will find on the app, including pictures of the area to show a small portion of the picturesque natural environment the region shows.



# VET SERVICE

## Meekatharra

DR RICK FENNY

Will be passing through on

Friday + Saturday

27+28 Nov 2020

FOR APPOINTMENTS

PHONE

0408 936 061

Email: [rick@rickfennygroup.com](mailto:rick@rickfennygroup.com)



## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HIGH SPEED FIXED WIRELESS INTERNET



Recent changes to the availability of wholesale ADSL services to third party providers has meant new internet connections within the Shire of Meekatharra are likely to be a satellite service.

Third party provider Node1 have indicated they may be able to offer high speed NBN quality fixed wireless service to the community with speeds of up to 150/75 Mbps.

The service plans can be researched at this link

<https://nodeone.com.au/home-internet-plans/>

Should the service prove viable, Node1 will subsidise connection to each household by \$200 in the initial project setup phase. Connections after this phase may be at a higher rate. When researching options, residents should be aware that searching for their own address will return no results as the service is not yet connected.

Please fill out the contact form at the link below to indicate your interest.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FixedWirelessEOI>



# FIRST AID FACT SHEET

## DRSABCD - Action Plan Adult and child

**D** **DANGER**  
Ensure the area is safe for yourself, others and the casualty

**R** **RESPONSE**  
Check for response—ask name—squeeze shoulders

<b>No response</b> → Send for help	<b>Response</b> → Make comfortable, monitor response and check for injuries
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**S** **SEND**  
Call Triple Zero (000) for an ambulance or ask another person to make the call.  
Send for a Defibrillator if available.

**A** **AIRWAY**  
Open mouth – check for foreign material

<p><b>No foreign material</b></p> <p>→ Leave casualty in the position which they have been found. Open airway by tilting head with chin lift (adult) and slight head tilt and chin lift (child).</p>	<p><b>Foreign material in mouth</b></p> <p>→ Place casualty in recovery position with mouth slightly downward.</p> <p>→ Clear foreign material from airway with fingers.</p> <p>→ Once foreign material is removed, open the airway with a head tilt and chin lift (adult) and slight head tilt and chin lift (child).</p>
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**B** **BREATHING**  
Check for breathing—Look and feel for chest movement, listen for air escaping from mouth and nose (an occasional gasp is not adequate for normal breathing)

<p><b>Not breathing normally and no response</b></p> <p>→ Place on back and commence CPR.</p>	<p><b>Normal breathing</b></p> <p>→ Place in recovery position, monitor breathing and responsiveness.</p>
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**C** **CPR**  
Start CPR **30 compressions, 2 breaths**

- Place the heel of hand on the lower half of the breastbone in centre of the chest with other hand on top of first.
- Press down 1/3 of depth of chest and release, giving 30 compressions.
- Open the casualty's airway (head tilt and chin lift)
- Pinch the soft part of the nose to seal and place your mouth over the casualty's mouth.
- Blow steadily into mouth for up to 1 second, watch for chest to rise and fall.
- Give 2 breaths.Repeat 30:2
- Aim for approximately 100-120 compressions per minute.
- Continue CPR (30:2) until ambulance arrives or casualty recovers.

**D** **DEFIBRILLATION**  
Apply defibrillator as soon as possible (if available) and follow voice prompts



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# Hon Robin Scott MLC

## Member for Mining and Pastoral Region



*I am the VOICE for YOUR thoughts!*

For those of you that don't know me I am Hon Robin Scott MLC. I was sworn in on 22 May 2017 as a Member of the Legislative Council of Western Australia, representing Mining and Pastoral Region for Pauline Hanson's One Nation.

I would like to start by saying for the past thirty years I have been interested in politics, and just like you I have been forced to vote at every election for the best of a bad bunch. Being a father of two and grandfather of six it motivated me to maximize my contribution as a parliamentarian. I'm here for the people of my electorate not the people of the house. I am here help repair our political system, defend our Australian way of life and maximize opportunities for fellow West Australians. The major parties have condoned the deterioration of our manufacturing industries and are slowly strangling our mining, agriculture and pastoral industries. We have every natural resource the world wants and we still can't eliminate poverty in Australia, due to poor management by politicians."

### ✓ Achievements

- ✓ **Blocked - The State Government's proposal to raise the gold royalty** - In 2017 I was Successful with the Disallowance Motion which defeated the Government's attempt to increase the Gold Royalty by 50%. Which I think is an absolutely fantastic win. I am determined to protect and promote mining and lead the defence against water charges for prospectors and small miners.
- ✓ **Granted - License for an MRI Machine in Kalgoorlie-Boulder** - Alongside Senator Georgiou we secured the Medicare license for the MRI machine in June 2018 after leading a strong advocacy campaign alongside WA One Nation. Although our town is still waiting for the MRI Machine i reassure you that I will continue to ask the question and update my electorate as to when we can expect it to be operating.
- ✓ **Granted - Funding for Palliative Care** - I accomplished a desired result with obtaining a multi-million-dollar funding injection for Palliative care in regional WA. I was disappointed to hear that the government had again let our people down with in the health department and knew that people deserved to die with dignity.
- ✓ **Blocked Removal of Education components with School of the air** - I won the fight with members of the cross bench when the state government proposed that they wanted to remove critical education components with School.

### My To Do List

- Advocating the PHON plan to subsidise apprenticeships by 75% in the first year, 50% in the second year and 25% in the third year.
- **Investigate unfair Native Title Claims**
- **Create Suitable accommodation in regional towns for remote community visitors.**
- Continue to follow up on the current status of the MRI machine for the Kalgoorlie Health Campus.
- **Begin the construction on the Kimberly Water Pipelines.**
- **Bring Royalties for Regions back to Regional WA.**
- **Continue to push for the Wiluna to Meekatharra road to be sealed.**

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### **Your rights when a business goes bust**

While many Western Australian businesses have re-opened and returned to 'business as usual', there are fears some will not survive the financial impact of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

When a business closes its doors, consumers often call Consumer Protection with concerns about money paid for goods or services that are yet to be received, or unspent gift vouchers or credit notes.

How consumers and creditors are affected when a business goes bust depends on the circumstances of each case.

If the business is a company, it becomes insolvent and can be put into voluntary administration where steps are taken to save it. Should that fail, the next step is often liquidation where the company's affairs are wound up in an orderly way and assets distributed to secured creditors.

When it comes to sole traders, the rules are different – because the business is tied to the individual owner's income, the individual would declare personal bankruptcy.

If there is money left after paying secured creditors such as employees and loan providers, you as a consumer are an unsecured creditor who may have the option of either claiming your products or trying to get your money back.

To claim your products, you must have paid in full (or pay the liquidator the balance) and have a receipt or some other proof of purchase.

Should you want a refund and paid by credit card, contact your card provider and request a chargeback as soon as possible because time-limits apply. If you didn't use a credit card or are unable to claim the product, you can register with the administrator or liquidator as an unsecured creditor.

With a number of businesses facing financial difficulty during these uncertain times, Consumer Protection advises consumers to reconsider the purchase of gift-cards.

To find out who the administrator or liquidator is, contact the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) - [insolvency notices](#) on ASIC's website. You can also find out through newspapers or on the company's website.

For further information, contact Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54 or [consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au) or see our [Insolvency](#) page.

# Ham & Potato Salad



Feeds 10 people

	Potato	10 (2kg)
	Capsicum	1
	Ham	500g
	Egg (Hard Boiled)	4
	Mayonnaise (Cup)	1
	Seeded Mustard (Tablespoon)	2



**Good Tucker**



**Long Life!**





1



This recipe uses hard boiled eggs. Prepare the eggs using the recipe found in the Kukumbat gudwan daga cookbook. Allow eggs to cool. Remove shells and cut up into small pieces.

2



Boil the potatoes until they are soft. Cool under running water and then cut into bite size pieces.

3



Dice the ham and capsicum and gather all ingredients.

4



Put all ingredients into a bowl with the potatoes and eggs.

5



Add mayonnaise and mustard.

6



Combine all ingredients together and serve.



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## BLAST FROM THE PAST

# MEEKATHARRA DUST

ISSUE NO. 126

November/December, 2000

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This month's edition sends out Christmas cheer to all, remembers Remembrance Day, and says farewell to a number of people. We also have a story on a wedding, a holiday and a couple of words about someone's 40th birthday.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY AND DEDICATION OF THE WAR MEMORIAL

The 11th of November is known as Remembrance Day. It recognises those people we lost in the past wars, and what they did for us for freedom. Meekatharra took the opportunity to hold a service and Dedication of the War Memorial. The marchers left



the fire station and travelled down the main road. The marchers consisted of local residents, CWA representatives and a large representation of people from the Veterans Legion of Australia. Prayer was said for the blessing of the War Memorial, and a minute of silence took place. A story was recalled by Guy Bell as he remembered a mate he had lost in the war. He still managed to slip in a cheeky line or two.

Left: The Meekatharra War Memorial.

Right: One of the diggers that came to Meekatharra for the ceremony.



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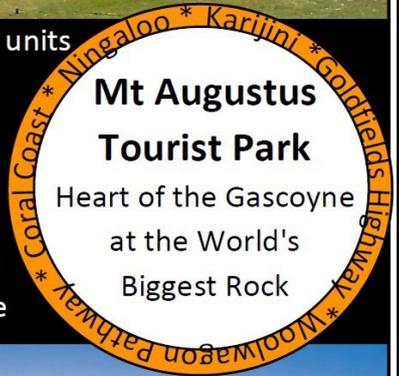
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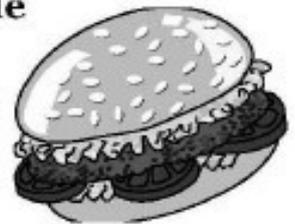
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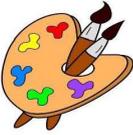
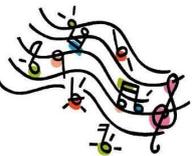
**Bottled water deliveries**



**Tyre Repairs**

**Driveway Service**



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3pm – 5pm</b> 	<b>Drop in @ Youth Centre</b>  <b>Arts and craft @ Kids Zone</b> 	<b>Water polo @ the Swimming Pool</b> 	<b>Music @ Youth Centre</b> <b>Cooking or games @ Kids Zone</b> 	<b>Water Volleyball @ the Swimming Pool</b> 	<b>Drop in @ Youth Centre</b> <b>Arts and craft @ Kids Zone</b> 
<b>6pm – 8pm</b> 	<b>12 and over 3 on 3 basketball @ the Youth Centre</b> 	<b>Football @ the oval</b> 	<b>Volleyball @ Oval</b> 	<b>Basketball @ the oval</b> 	<b>Movie night @ the Youth Centre</b> 

## TERM 4 YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM



### Human Skeleton

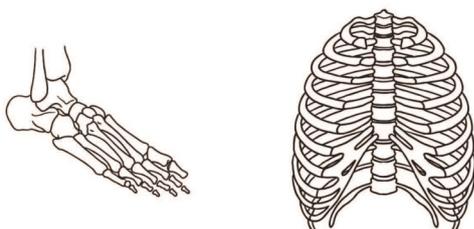
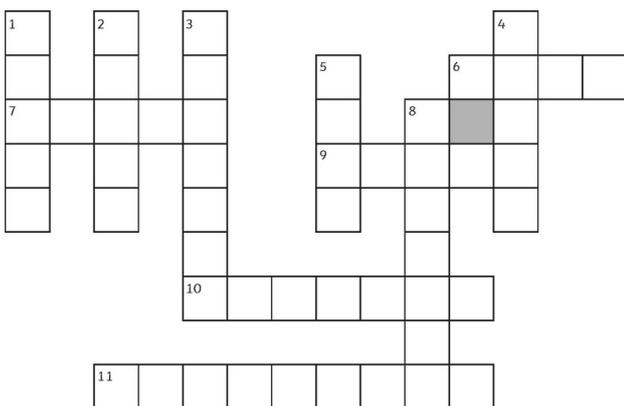
An Amazing Fact a Day

#### Amazing Fact

One-quarter of your bones are in your feet!

#### Challenge

Learn about the different bones in the human skeleton by completing the crossword clues.



### Sudoku 6 x 6 Puzzles

Each row and column contains all the digits 1 to 6.

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4	3		6	1	
6	1		4	2	

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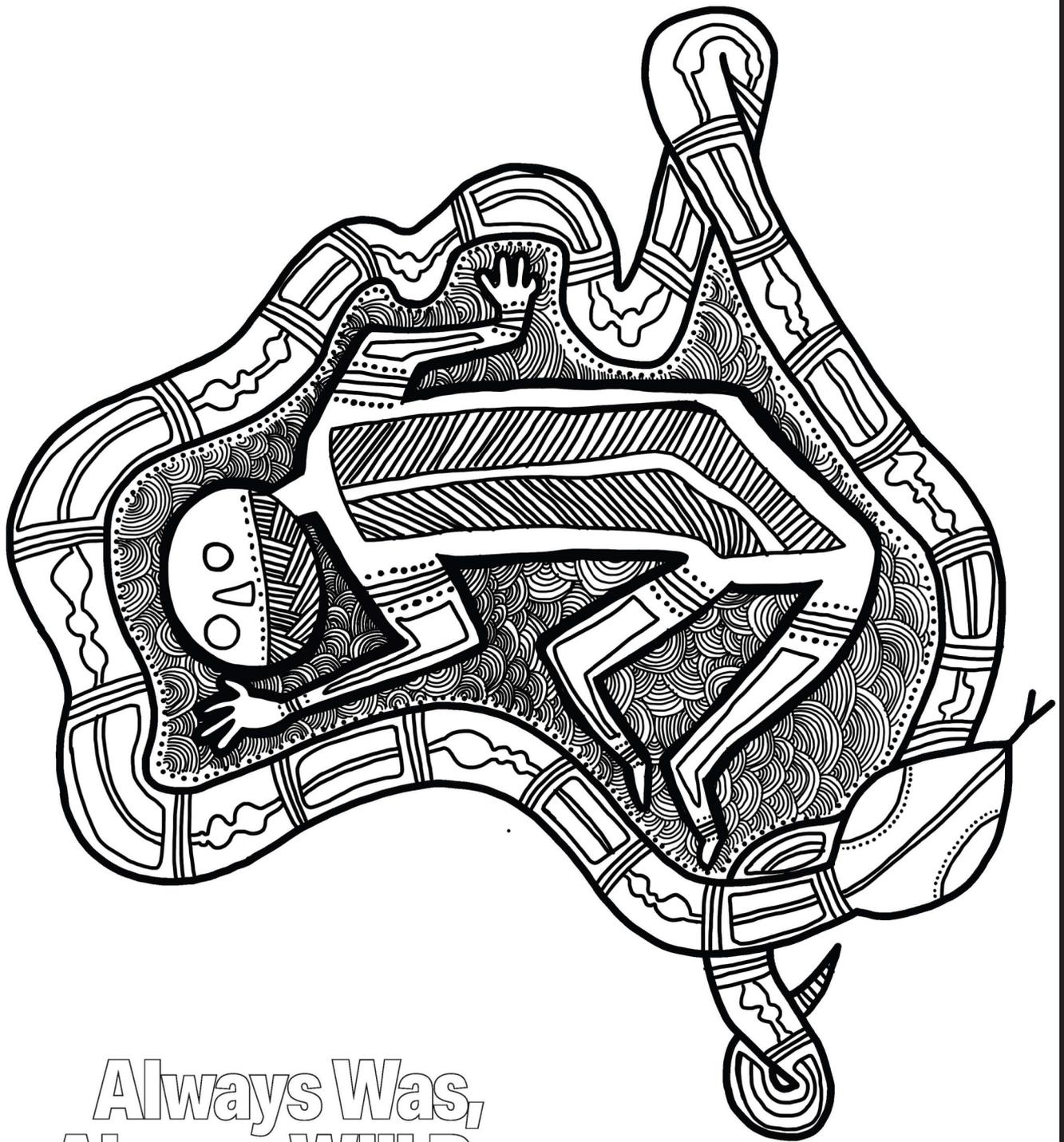
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NAIDOC WEEK

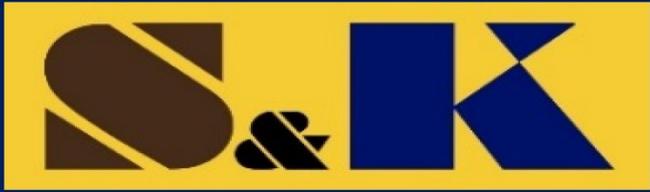
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#AlwaysWasAlwaysWillBe

Artwork: Shape of Land by Tyrone Waigana

The Rainbow Serpent came out of the Dreamtime to create this land. It is represented by the snake and it forms the shape of Australia, which symbolises how it created our lands. The colour from the Rainbow Serpent is reflected on to the figure to display our connection to the Rainbow Serpent, thus our connection to country. The overlapping colours on the outside is the Dreamtime. The figure inside the shape of Australia is a representation of Indigenous Australians showing that this country - since the dawn of time - always was, and always will be Aboriginal land.

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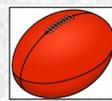
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# IMPORTANT DATES

## November 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
26	27	28 Adult Basketball 6pm	29	30	31	1
2 Yoga 6pm Mama D's Hair- dresser @ Lloyd's 	3	4 Adult Basketball 6pm	5	6	7 Meeka Goes Green 9am-11am Upcycling Workshop 11am 	8 NAIDOC Week  <b>Always Was, Always Will Be.</b> 5-12 JULY 2020
9 Yoga 6pm	10	11 Adult Basketball 6pm Remembrance Day	12	13 Community Footy Game 6pm 	14 Meeka Goes Green 9am-11am Markets 9:30am 	15
16 Yoga 6pm	17 ICDC Visit	18 Adult Basketball 6pm 	19	20	21 Meeka Goes Green 9am-11am Ordinary Council Meeting	22
23 Yoga 6pm	24	25 Adult Basketball 6pm	26	27 Dr Rick Fenny Vet in Town	28 Meeka Goes Green 9am-11am Dr Rick Fenny Vet in Town	29
30 Yoga 6pm 	1	2 Adult Basketball 6pm	3	4	5	6