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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
11 December	27th

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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.

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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Note from the Editor

August was a busy, busy month in Meekatharra. We had the Shooting Stars Carnival, an intense footy game with the Laverton team, the school sports carnival, some incredibly talented local people recorded a song, the WA Governor The Honourable Kim Beazley AC visited, the RFDS new upgraded facilities opened and I am sure many more exciting things happened. This month things will only get busier with country week, school holidays, mural painting at the youth center and of course THE 2020 MEEKATHARRA OUTBACK FESTIVAL!

The Festival planning is getting more exciting as the weekend draws near. Make sure you save the date in your calendar and bring your friends and family down. Tickets for the Art Exhibition and Ball are now on sale from the Shire office, there are limited amounts to sell due to Covid restrictions so get in quick. The food will be incredible, brought to you by Tasty J's from Cue and the music will be just as amazing featuring The Cam Ellis Band. This band have been playing in the Goldfields for a while and are very excited to head up our way. The Art Exhibition will be mind blowing with many pieces by or just at from local Artists and a few from out of town.

Hope everyone enjoys the start of Spring, stay safe and I will see you all at the festival!

The Editor



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

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

Llookin' at Lloyds! Opening Day Approaches

Save the date: Saturday September 26th, 4:00 pm is the scheduled opening time for the swish new "Lloyd's Plaza", and you'll also want to purchase your tickets in advance for the Art Exhibition, which starts at 7:30 pm that same evening.

It will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our amazingly artistic community, and to have a look at the business opportunities on offer. The central mall area has some very modern, unique seating with indoor trees – it will certainly be a welcome venue when the heat of summer cranks up.

The hairdressing shop and café spaces are available, with the Meekatharra CRC & Visitor Centre slated to move in next to the gallery space. The Lloyds Plaza certainly offers plenty of scope for local business and community and the Shire continues to welcome expressions of interest.

The business spaces are complemented by a large, well-appointed conference room with video wall screen, a charming outdoor area, public toilets and of course plenty of street parking. It's been a long time coming, but the transformation from the olden-day variety store to sleek new outback business hub is a welcome addition to the improvements that have been taking place all over Meekatharra.



The shape of things to come – the interior of Lloyd's, with the planter-box seats in which trees will soon be planted. On the right are the café and conference room, with the gallery, CRC and museum spaces on the left. The Shire welcomes enquiries from businesses interested in taking up premises at the newly refurbished Lloyd's Plaza in the heart of town.



Djilba Has Sprung

Whether you've been out mustering like most of our station folks, having a go with a mate's metal detector or just enjoying life on the road, the warming weather of Djilba, or "first spring" as it's called in our aboriginal calendar, is being welcomed by all. This is one of the nicest times of year out here, and Meekatharra is enjoying a bumper visitor season as West Aussies rediscover their big, beautiful backyard.

The Shire is pleased to see that visitors to stunning Peace Gorge are being very respectful – we are glad that others have an opportunity to experience the beauty of our local bush and glittering night skies which are part of our everyday local life, and thank the traditional owners for sharing this culturally significant site.

There are many flowering plants in bloom at the moment – our Rangelands country doesn't present the carpets of everlasting that one finds further south, but when you take yourself out for a quiet bush walk you'll quickly discover many tiny floral jewels at ground level, and the surprising variety of mulga and other flowering bush plants.

As usual at this time of year, the Shire would like to remind visitors and locals alike that the warmer weather does bring the fauna to life as well, so it's wise to be cautious in the garden and out bush. Don't go poking around in leaf litter or dead branches, and wear sensible (enclosed) shoes when you go walking. It's a good time of year to be alert – keep the camera handy, as you never know when you'll encounter a genuine Aussie critter, even close to town. Sadly, one of those critters is the good old bush fly, which is also welcoming the spring weather – don't forget to add "fly net" to your shopping list when you get to town!

Visitors and new arrivals to Meeka will find a wealth of brochures, local information and travelling tips at the Shire Office in Main Street, and next door at the Visitor Centre. You can also pick up local maps at most of our shopping outlets in Main Street. We have plenty of services on offer – just ask. We're here to help!

From the Minutes...

The Monthly Minutes from August once again give readers an insight into the nuts and bolts of Council life and the many responsibilities involved in servicing the community.

Top of the list in the good news department is the execution of the the Building Better Regions Project Round Four Grant Agreement, with \$6.5 million allocated to the ongoing Landor Road upgrade. The continued bitumisation and grading is good news not only for locals but also our solid stream of visitors, from whom we hear the question "What's the road like to Mount Augustus" more times a day than we can count! Our regional camels enjoy the road improvements too – apparently there's nothing nicer than a snooze on a newly-graded patch of outback track on an early sun-kissed morning.

Following the Tender for Supervisor of Contractors, a new Supervisor of Contractors has been appointed, with the Shire thanking Norm Trenfield for his services over the past eight years. The tender was awarded to Brat Endeavours Pty Ltd (Trevor Renk).

Various matters are in the pipeline, as evidenced by last month's meetings attended by CEO Roy McClymont and Shire President Harvey Nichols. Our two vanadium mining companies, Technology Metals Australia Ltd. and Australian Vanadium Ltd., had representatives in town to talk with the Shire and community stakeholders. Julie Armstrong, the Senior Policy Officer for the Minister of Health, also provided an update in relation to the Meekatharra Hospital, letting the Shire know that the Business Case for the hospital is still with the Treasury for assessment. This has been a hot topic for locals in the region and the Shire will keep the community up to date on its progress.

As earlier editions of the Minutes attest, Shire and Council representatives meet with a wide range of government and other representatives, such as the Police, in order to support the concerns and priorities of the community. If you have issues you want raised, it's essential to convey these in writing to the Shire. Locals are of course welcome to have topics included at the monthly Council Meetings by enquiring well in advance.

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).

A Bloomin' Bloke

Our long-suffering outdoor maintenance man and lawn guru, Rigby, has proven once again that he's got the green thumb. The Main Street flowers are flourishing under his care and will be looking terrific in time for the Outback Festival on September 26th and 27th.

While it may look to the uninitiated like a carefree life of whipper-snipping and ride-on mowing, Rigby's career with the Shire has had its less glorious moments, including unexpected wildlife encounters and unpleasant debris discoveries, but the bane of his existence are the odiferous oblongs occasionally offered up by polluting pooches whose power-walking parents (purposely?) pass by the publicly pungent pong-bombs.

So, in the spirit of spring flowers and the upcoming Festival, the Shire once again reminds dog walkers to pick up after their fur babies, not just for the sake of others, but also for poor Rigby, whose beard knows only too well the indignity of what happens when a powerful rotating gardening tool shreds its way through a ripe deposit in the long grass...



Roaming Dog Concerns

Those with concerns about dog safety issues will be relieved to know that the Shire takes this seriously and that our Ranger attended to a number of reported issues last month. The Shire would like to remind everyone that it can only act when a formal complaint is registered; those are the rules, as each complaint has to be properly investigated. You can fill out a form at the Shire Office or ask for one to be emailed to you. They are easy to fill out.



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COPS CORNER WITH KEITH FAY



Hello to everyone. I am currently relieving as the Officer in Charge of Meekatharra Police Station, whilst Senior Sergeant Mitch Howard takes a well-earned break.

Meekatharra Police would like to reinforce the message to 'Dob in a Drug Dealer' and report any suspicious activity as soon as possible. Your report can be made by either attending in person or contacting Meekatharra Police Station on 9981 1007. Alternatively, you can contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, where your call will remain anonymous. Illegal drugs are a scourge to our community and cause significant harm to both users and their families. Any information forthcoming (however insignificant you think it might be) will be collated and acted upon.

Meekatharra Police implemented Liquor Restrictions during a recent funeral held in Cue, in consultation with Cue Police. These restrictions were imposed to increase community safety and reduce community harm, as a direct result of previous incidents occurring in Cue, involving civil unrest and poor behaviour.

Our Youth Policing Officers (YPO's) have been busy engaging with our local kids and have attended various events within the community, including school sports carnivals and other related activities. August has seen a decrease in both youth-related offending and unaccompanied youth walking the streets at night. Our YPO's will continue their efforts to engage with our local youth, which is resulting in a number of positive outcomes for our community.

I would like to further extend the previous offer from Senior Sergeant Howard to members of the community to come in and see our new CCTV camera installation for themselves, when our COVID-19 situation eases.

Until next month, look after yourself and your family, take care and stay safe.

Meekatharra Police and other local Emergency Services workers have had a busy couple of weeks, with a number of serious and fatal traffic crashes occurring within the Meekatharra Sub-District. All of these crashes involved either driver fatigue, inattention and/or persons failing to drive to the prevailing conditions. The aftermath for the families and friends of the victims involved is nothing short of tragic and in all recent cases, Police firmly believe these incidents could have been avoided.

Meekatharra Police would like to take this opportunity remind all road users to exercise caution and to take care on our roads. There has been a recent increase in the amount of traffic flow through Meekatharra via the Great Northern Highway, specifically from travellers towing caravans and camper trailers. Road users also need to be mindful of the regular movement of road trains and heavy transport/mining equipment through Meekatharra. We ask all of you to be patient, plan your journey, allow for any unexpected delays and consider your fellow road users. If you are feeling tired, pull over and rest or swap drivers. Don't drink and drive and keep your vehicle in a roadworthy condition.

Meekatharra Police are now equipped with Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology, following a recent installation to one of our vehicles. This particular vehicle is capable of detecting suspended/unauthorised drivers, stolen vehicles/vehicles with expired vehicle registrations and will also alert Police in relation to existing warnings for vehicles and associated person(s), all whilst Police are out and about/driving around conducting regular patrols and inquiries. This particular vehicle will be active around town and on the highway and is another useful tool Police can use to keep our roads and community safe.



Meekatharra WA
2020

Outback Festival

Sept 26 & 27

Sideshow Alley

Rides, Food & Fun for All Ages

Helicopter Rides

from \$60 per person

Art Exhibition Sat 26th

\$25 per person

includes food & entertainment

cocktails \$ available

TICKETS ON SALE FROM AUG 24th

The Outback Ball Sunday 27th

\$30 per person

Masquerade Theme

includes food & live band

alcohol \$ available

TICKETS ON SALE FROM AUG 24th

plus

- Ice Skating
- Camel Rides
- Petting Zoo
- Fireworks
- Outdoor Movies



Local Art at the Lloyd's Building!

Contact:

Shire of Meekatharra

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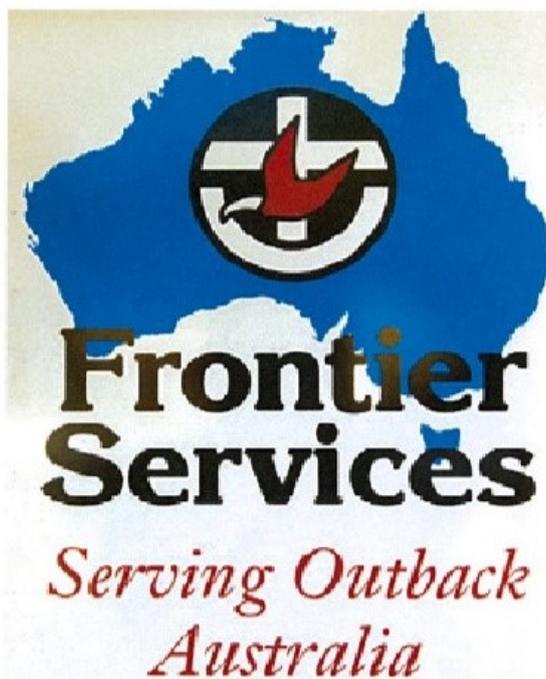
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Meekatharra Community Church (Uniting Church)



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

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

Meeka CRC On the Move

Big changes are coming our way as the CRC and the Shire discuss the proposed move to the Lloyd's building and what our role will be. Secret Squirrel says "Shh!" but we can say that some great community ideas are on the table. AVL Community Liaison Samantha McGahan is our latest addition to the Committee and we are looking forward to her input. New members Dr. Indi and Wayne Dark have some intriguing ideas to propose, and Colin Jones has a great idea for a Dreamtime Story and Aboriginal Astronomy night at the Lookout - we'll keep you posted.

A Fond Farewell

The CRC would like to thank Peter Clare and Svenja Clare for their many years of service on the Meekatharra CRC Committee. The daring duo are focussing on new personal projects, including Svenja's fantastic new photography website. We wish them all the best and offer our profuse thanks for all their hard work. Your humour, patience and many skills will be greatly missed!

Business Workshop

A fantastic free workshop is being held at the CRC on Friday 11th September, 10am to 1230pm, for anyone interested in small business. RSM will be leading the workshop, which will cover a few basics but also give attendees an introduction into the many great (free) services that RSM can provide regional entrepreneurs. Let Anna know if you would like to attend.

More to See In Meeka

The new geotourism booklet is racing off the shelves at the CRC and the Shire - it's free and has some fascinating information about sites in our general region, many of which are an easy day trip from Meeka. We are having a record-breaking tourist season, and Meeka is proving very popular as folks explore the inland tourism offerings, including our very own Peace Gorge. Each day brings more visitors praising how nice our town is and making plans to spend more time here. The CRC is working on some ideas for day trip maps, and is open to your suggestions for tourism and visitor enjoyment.

Upcoming Community Plans

After various discussions with locals, the CRC has two projects in the pipeline. One is a family history preservation project that would enable locals to scan and store their family photos and slides on USB, and the other is a community busy bee and picnic at the Cemetery for Clean Up Australia Day (held in March each year). We will keep you posted as these develop, and welcome any suggestions you may have. See you at the markets!



Department of Transport

September 2020

By Anna Johnson

Meeka

Markets

Second Saturday Each Month
This Month: September 12
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
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- ✓ WIFI and Computer Use
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- ✓ Passport Photos
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GARDENS WITH SAL, THE GARDEN GAL

G'day to the glorious Midwest,

May the sun be warming you all at this beautiful time of year! The flowers are starting to bloom throughout the region, I'm yet to spot many close to Meeka but fingers crossed they show their heads soon. Rainfall for our little region was minimal this season, but in the words of Dorothea Mackellar "I love a sunburnt country, a land of sweeping plains, of ragged mountain ranges, of droughts and flooding rains". There is a lot to love in our beautiful home here in the Midwest. Spring is popping its welcome face around the corner.



Pumpkin!

The veggies in our EON garden have been pumping out these past months. Carrots, cauliflower, peas, silver beet, bok choy, coriander, parsley and dill. Our program at school has been running really nicely. We collect, we cook, we enjoy! Our pumpkin patch has been pumping too (see what I did there), looking forward to a plentiful harvest soon.

Trees! They say the best time to plant a tree was yesterday, and I couldn't agree more. There is nothing more humbling than an ancient tree. Have you checked out the ones in Cattle Pool at Burringurrah? Tall, wide, towering trees that have been there before any of us and will outlast us too. Many moments have been shared below their canopy and you can feel the importance they hold in that beautiful space.

Growing trees help nature to heal. They send out long tap roots in search for water and surface roots to intake nutrients. They aid in desalination, droughts, offer homes for roosting birds and nooks for creatures to live within their root system. They help to shade us in summer, provide comfort when the winds blow their leaves and, if they produce fruit, feed and nurture us.



Desert Kurrajong



Myself at home planting a Moreton Bay Fig tree

In Meekatharra we can struggle to grow tall trees. They long hot summers often test the durability of trees, hence why our landscape is mostly small mulga shrubs that can withstand the elements. Ever noticed why Mulga (acacia trees) have very fine, needle like leaves? They are designed like this so that in the height of summer the leaves point directly up, keeping the sun only touching their tips and precious moisture where needed, in the roots. One striking tree around our region is the Desert Kurrajong (*Brachychiton gregorii*). You can spot them a mile away with their vibrant green canopy and emu feet shaped leaves. I've been told they are in indicator plant. When the emus are nesting these trees will flower, indicating it's time to collect emu eggs for tucker. I hope to have this confirmed by one of you fine folk one day.

To create a home for trees in our town is tricky but not impossible. If you can create a happy home for them from the beginning you're moving in the right direction. Location is everything, you want to pick the right tree for the right place. For example, thirsty trees like mango, figs, any type of ficus and most eucalyptus are better off away from septic and home plumbing systems. They tend to search for water and if planted too close will one day cause havoc on your home. They do however grow well when in the right spot.

Smaller and less invasive trees will do well in a shaded southern spot at your home.

And now for a lesson on Tree Planting!

Tree planting 101

- * Dig a hole twice the size of the root system, be sure to keep well-watered, before during and after planting. Make sure to "tickle" the root system of your new tree, this will encourage their roots to grow further faster.
- * Organics!! Install plenty of compost and manure at their roots and their surrounds at the time of planting. I also like to add organic dynamic lifter below and

around their trunk, this will provide fast nutrients when they need them most, at their beginning growth stages.

Water! Water in well for the first day, and the next. For a week or two keep the tree well-watered, only weaning off when they tree looks happy. It's fairly easy to see if a tree is stressed early on, their leaves will wilt, they will lean and appear vigourless. Plenty of water and kind words of encouragement will go a long way.

We will be planting plenty of citrus crops in the coming month in our garden. We are hoping to work with the seasons while the soil is cool. I hope to share some fruit and healthy recipes with you all soon!

In the meantime, take care and I hope to chat gardening with you soon.

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*



Oh to be a child again, the fascination that a garden can bring!

2020 Meekatharra Outback Festival Schedule

Saturday 26th Sept

Sideshow Alley : 2pm to 6pm
Next to the Picture Gardens

Rides, Camels, Games & Food Vans
Magic, Face Painting, Big Bubbles
Glitter Tattoos, Show Bags
Market Stalls, Hot Donuts & Treats
10th Light Horse Photo Display
Carey Right Track Foundation -
Sports Fun for Kids

Helicopter Rides
from \$60 per person
across creek from Sideshow Alley

Lloyd's Official Opening : 4:30 pm
In Main Street opposite Centrelink

Lloyd's Art Exhibition 7:30 - 9:30pm
In Main Street opposite Centrelink

\$25 per person
includes food & entertainment
drinks available for purchase
TICKETS ON SALE FROM AUG 24th



save the date!

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IN THE HEART OF MEEKATHARRA WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PLENTY OF PARKING
EVERYWHERE



Sunday 27th Sept

Sideshow Alley : 10am to 4pm
Next to the Picture Gardens

Petting Zoo, Rides, Camels
Games, Magic and Food Vans
Face Painting, Big Bubbles
Glitter Tattoos, Show Bags
Market Stalls, Hot Donuts & Treats
10th Light Horse Photo Display
Carey Right Track Foundation -
Sports Fun for Kids

Ice Skating 10am to 4pm
at the Indoor Cricket Centre
in High Street, behind the BP

Helicopter Rides
from \$60 per person
across creek from Sideshow Alley

Masquerade Ball 7pm
Fireworks 7:30 pm

at the Sports Centre Basketball Courts
\$30 per person (fireworks are free)
includes food & entertainment
drinks available for purchase
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LITURGY TIMES SEPTEMBER 2020

MASS

SATURDAY 19TH OF SEPTEMBER AT 6:30PM

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION

SATURDAY 26TH OF SEPTEMBER AT 6:30PM

RECONCILIATION TIMES BY REQUEST BEFORE OR AFTER MASS

CONTACT CATHY JONES ON 08 9963 4176





The Youth Team have had a very busy month this August with many exciting projects and visitors coming to Meekatharra. One of the highlights of the month was a special trip from the Laverton School to come play footy. The footy team joined the Shooting Stars Laverton

loved having more young people at their program.

The team have been working hard with Youth Focus, WAM and Meeka Locals to write, record and produce original songs. Everyone involved had worked to get the songs ready for the upcoming



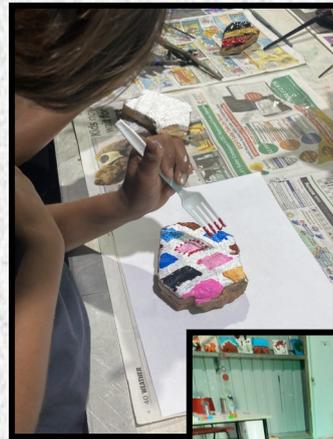
team on their trip to Meekatharra to play in the carnival. The community really got behind this event, with the Meekatharra vs Laverton foot game being a hit. It was amazing to see the sportsmanship Meekatharra showed during the game. Everyone played well and most importantly had a blast! Having

visitors made for a fun and exciting few days for everyone in town and the Youth Team

Mid-West Album WAM is putting together. The songs will show the talent, determination and imagination of those involved in each stage of the process. The WAM album will be out next year and we are all very excited to hear the music. The songs were recorded in the Youth Centres music room, putting good use to the equipment. We are all amazed by the passion and excitement, and of course incredible talent, everyone has put into this project. Hopefully this will only be the start of the music coming out of this recording room for the upcoming album.



YOUTH CENTRE



The young people have been involved in art and craft projects, including making playdough and painting. Through their creativity the kids made food with playdough (don't worry none was eaten) and threw a 'birthday' party for Margie (see the purple cake with the candles). Other 'foods' that were made were; gingerbread men, spaghetti and meatball, cup-cakes and pancakes. The young people also spent time painting rocks, decorating them very careful to get just the right design. They used many techniques to get the exact look they wanted and I must say the rocks, rocks. Good job!

Meekatharra to train hard at basketball and footy. The Youth Team, along with Youth Focus and the Stephen Michael Foundation, have been teaching the young people new drills and helping them work together. They have all been training hard and showing dedication to the sports. All staff involved see great potential in the young people and can't wait to how well they do at Country Week!

Country Week at the end of September has inspired the young people of



DOGS, DOGS, DOGS



One of the best things about living remotely is our much closer connection with nature. We have better access and seem more in tune with our environment - the weather, those amazing sunsets and sunrises we have been particularly blessed with lately, native animals and our gorgeous wildflowers, not to mention the wonderful rock formations and geography that is iced with a fondant of bright red dirt and decorated with mulgas and coglas.

I live here with two dogs, who are my best mates – Pepper and Sheba. We have terrific adventures together, and often walk at Peace Gorge in the late afternoon. We – all three of us – love the outing and the exercise and the brisk evening air.

There are not a lot of places locally where we can do this, because we coexist with a group of people who make their living off the land, and for whom dogs can be a major pest. We do all know of the damage wild dogs have caused to the pastoral industry, and the resulting loss of valuable employment opportunities for many of those who love to work in that world. In a lot of places, its just not safe for our pets to wander in the bush, not to mention against the law.

It would be great to go for those walks in town in the afternoon, to chat to our neighbours, maybe meet other people we wouldn't normally see during the course of our day.

For community to feel safe doing that, there needs to be a shift in community consciousness around keeping our pets contained and restrained. The Dog Act (1976) makes it clear that dogs may not be in a public place unless they are controlled by a person capable of controlling that dog and tethered by a chain, cord or leash, or unless they are in an authorised off leash area. In Meekatharra, the Oval is classed as the off leash area.

This law is in place to ensure people feel safe to walk and exercise freely in their neighbourhood, and enjoy that exercise with their dog. Unleashed, stray dogs do pose a risk to the safety of people and other dogs. It makes good sense to keep pets contained within our yards, for financial and safety reasons.

The Shire of Meekatharra will be working with other agencies in town to see how we can collaborate to help people to keep their dogs contained, maybe have their fences repaired if needed, so watch this space for more information. If you would like to be part of this valuable community project that will make us all feel just a bit safer when walking around town, please contact either Amy or Tralee at the Shire.

In the meantime, we can all play our part in keeping our pets, and our community safer. Keep your pets contained in your yard, make sure they are registered and microchipped. Help to stop the extra unwanted dogs in town by having your pet desexed – if you are a Health Care Card holder you can have this done for free by Dr Rick Fenny through the Shire sponsored neutering program. Come into the Shire Office for your neutering voucher when Rick is next in town

Happy walkies

DOG WASTE BAGS AT THE OVAL

The Shire has recently put a waste bag dispenser at the oval for dog owners to use to clean up after their pets. The bags are on the back of the toilet block at the entrance of the complex. Please make sure that you clean up after your pets waste each time you visit the community oval. It is everyone's responsibility to keep the communities facilities clean for everyone to use. Thank you for being responsible dog owners.



Casual Staff Wanted

The Shire of Meekatharra are seeking people to work at the upcoming Outback Festival on the 26th and 27th of September 2020.

The tasks may include but are not limited to:

- Supervising rides
- Set up/pack up activities
- Decorate Ball and Art Exhibition

If you are interested please contact Amy at cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au

Must be able to work 25th-28th of September



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ESPERANCE CIVIC CENTRE	FRI 16 OCT	SAT 14 NOV	NGURIN CENTRE & ROEBOURNE CULTURAL COMPLEX
GOLDFIELDS ART CENTRE, KALGOORLIE	SAT 17 OCT	FRI 20 NOV	BROOME CIVIC CENTRE

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Meekatharra Pharmacy

72 Main Street, Meekatharra WA 6642



Cold is finally over!

We are loving warm and beautiful weather here in Meekatharra! We have identified some common health issues that have been happening quite a lot in Meekatharra these days.

RINGWORM

Ringworm is a common fungal infection of the skin. It is usually a scaly and itchy circular rash. It is a common condition that can be treated by over the counter anti-fungal medication from your pharmacy.

The best ways to avoid ringworm is to identify if others around you or pets have the symptoms and treating those infected. Also keep your skin clean!



Eye drops / Lip balm / Cold sore treatment

DRY EYES

Dry air in Meekatharra can easily lead to dry eye symptoms. The eyes will feel uncomfortable, become red and inflamed.

It can be managed by using lubricating eye drops that you can get from the pharmacy!

COLDSORES

Cold sores are a common viral infection and they usually occur on and around the lips. Dry lips and stress are common factors that trigger cold sores. Also the sun can be a trigger factor as well!

If you need help with treatment and prevention of cold sores, come down to the pharmacy and have a chat to the pharmacist for the most appropriate option.

Come into store today and meet our FABULOUS pharmacist Su who is here to help.

Opening hours

Monday - Friday 9am-5pm

Saturday 9am - 1pm

(P) 08 9980 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



either at MGG or around town where you can drop off your containers and donate your refunds to a worthwhile cause (such as us :))

Why isn't the MGG Recycling Centre an official refund point?

We were indeed interested in becoming a refund point but because we're only open for 2 hours a week on a Saturday morning that wouldn't work well for the town. We're still going to be involved but more as a donation point and in supporting the community to get as many beverage containers off to recycling as possible.

CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

You may or may not have heard about this already but we are very excited:

WA's Container Deposit Scheme will start on 1 October! 2020! This year! As in next month! Finally! Eeeek!

What does this mean? This means that you get 10 cents for each eligible beverage container you return to a refund point. It's an opportunity for some serious pocket money and will greatly help to reduce litter and increase recycling rates in Western Australia.

Some of the final touches are still being nussed out but here's what we know already to some questions we imagined you might ask:

Which containers are eligible for the refund?

Beverage containers that are most commonly seen as litter = most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard containers between 150ml and 3l. So that's your soft drink and beer cans, glass stubbies, flavoured milk containers, water bottles, small juice bottles/containers etc.

Anything smaller than 150ml or larger than 3l as well as wine bottles, plain milk bottles, pure spirit bottles, cordials etc are not eligible. The thinking behind that is that these are generally consumed at home, not on the road, and therefore don't normally end up as litter. This may be reviewed in future.



Why are you so excited about this? Isn't this going to compete with the existing Recycling Centre?

We are super excited because this scheme ties in very well with our objectives: to initiate and run environmentally sustainable projects in Meeka and to keep recyclable materials out of landfill. We've done very well over the last five years in keeping stuff out of landfill and will continue to recycle other things such as steel food tins, milk bottles, larger plastic water bottles, cardboard etc but are grateful that the government is taking the state-wide recycling effort to the next level. It'll achieve more than we with our limited number of volunteers ever could dream to achieve.

Furthermore it frees our MGG volunteers up to spend more time with other exciting initiatives such as our awesome monthly Upcycling Workshops (have you been yet? They're great!) Who knows, we might even bring the annual clean-up days or gardening competition back?

How can the community benefit from this?

Apart from reduced litter and reduced landfill this is also a great fundraising opportunity for community groups, sports clubs, the school or not-for-profit organisations. To register as a donation point your group/organisation can get a Scheme ID on the Containers for Change website and set up a cage or refund point where people can drop off their containers. Your organisation can then deliver the collected containers to Yulella and get the refund \$\$\$. Your group can also sign up to be a virtual donation point where no physical container handling has to be done

by your group but instead you get a Scheme ID and people simply nominate your group to be the recipient of their refund amounts. How good is that!



Where in town can we drop them off?

Yulella is the official Refund Point. Keep your eyes peeled for more information regarding where and when and how to drop them off. You will likely also see some donation points

Who funds this? Where does the money come from?

It's a product stewardship scheme in which the product manufacturers share responsibility for the sustainable management of their products. In this way suppliers take responsibility for helping to improve recycling rates and reduce the environmental impact of empty beverage containers. It will be up to the suppliers to decide whether to pass the cost on to their customers but the government will be monitoring beverage costs to make sure that increases, if any, are in line with the scheme costs.

Where can I get more information?

You can jump online to www.containersforchange.com.au or www.warrri.com.au or www.dwer.wa.gov.au/cds for more details. You can also follow 4ChangeWA on social media to be kept up to date.

Containers for Change are also running free information sessions in the cities or online.

Keen to help out at the Recycling Centre? Want to know more about the Container Deposit Scheme? Just wanna have a chin wag about the environment? 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.

Pictures from:

<https://www.smallbusiness.wa.gov.au/blog/preparing-was-new-container-deposit-scheme>

<https://ownyourimpact.com.au/news/how-was-container-deposit-scheme-will-work>

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The Shire of Meekatharra is providing an unique opportunity for you to sell your artwork

Event held at the Lloyd's Building on the 26th of September 2020

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Community Breakfast

Please join Meekatharra Mental Health Services in celebrating Mental Health Week on Wednesday 14th Oct 2020 at 0830 at Peace Gorge

for a community breakfast.

You can join in the walk to breakfast by meeting up at the information bay at 0830 and walk with community, friends and family to Peace Gorge
Transport will be available

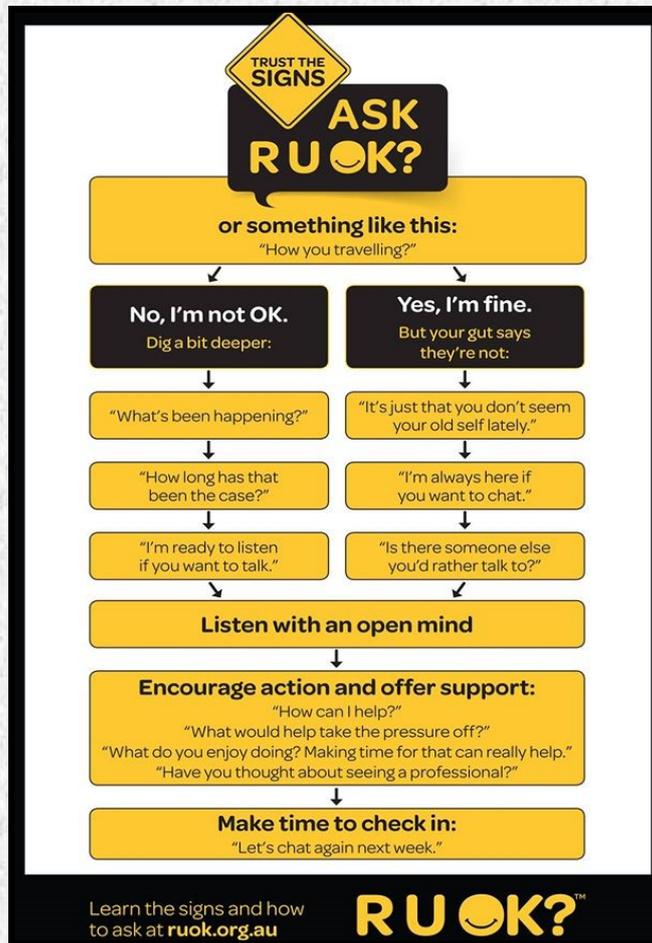
Come and celebrate our community, share in a good feed, get some fresh air and enjoy good company

Bacon, Eggs, Sausages, Fruit, Cereal
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Games and Races

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so please bring a camp
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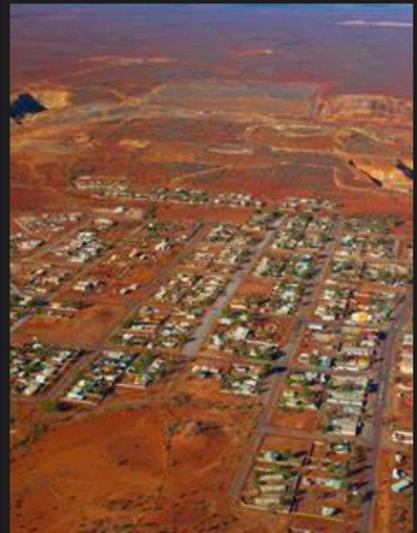
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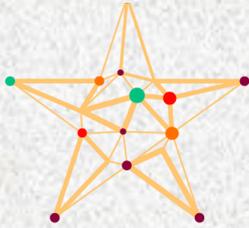


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SHOOTING STARS CARNIVAL

ShootingStars

The Meeka Ngarlus have been titled 2020 Meekatharra Shooting Stars Cup Champions after winning the two-day tournament on home soil last week.

Shooting Stars participants from Leonora, Laverton and Mullewa travelled to Meekatharra to compete in the Shooting Stars Meeka Cup netball tournament. While five Narrogin secondary Shooting Stars participants were also on hand to provide support and guidance across the competition, putting their leadership skills learnt in the program into practice.

After unpacking the buses, a little rest and setting up sleeping areas, it was time for all sites to play so 'get to know you' games. This was followed by a BBQ dinner and a movie, however after a long day of travel most girls and staff were asleep early.

On game day players were up early eager for the day ahead. After a healthy breakfast the morning session saw the girls taking part in drills and skills run by Program Coordinators and the Narrogin young leaders' team. During the competition each team played four games followed by finals. Meekatharra Ngarlus met Leonora Lightning in the grand final with the Ngarlus taking the honours. There was so much raw talent on display from all sites, it was wonderful to watch.

Other award winners were High School Most Valuable Player Ronita from Mullewa and Primary school Most Valuable Player Margie from Leonora. The Sportsmanship award went to Kylieshia from Meekatharra and the Shooting stars award to Crystal from Laverton. The very special Leadership award

winner was Cherokee from Narrogin

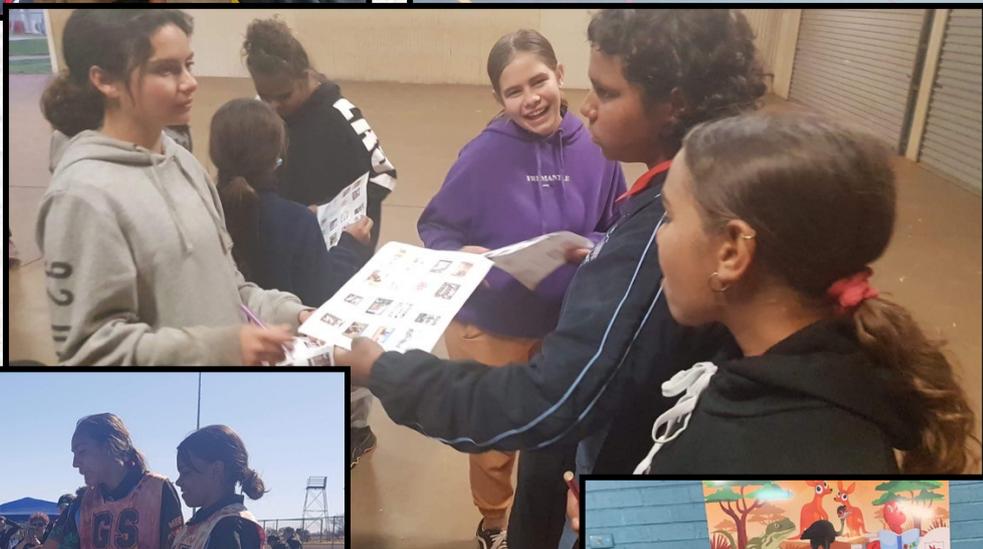
Shooting Stars Executive Officer, Fran Haintz said the competition is a highlight of the Shooting Stars calendar.

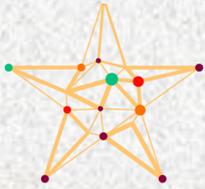
"The Meeka Cup is a great opportunity to bring some of our sites together in a fun and encouraging environment," said Haintz.

"It was also a great opportunity for our Narrogin site leaders to develop their leadership skills and be role models for our younger participants coming through the pathway. On their return to Narrogin these leaders will be nominating for Student Council, true Shooting Stars!"

Shooting Stars would like to acknowledge Meekatharra District High School for welcoming and accommodating all our participants, this support made it the event possible. Shooting Stars corporate supporters, the Gold Industry Group and Sandfire Resources ongoing commitment to the program is significant, practically demonstrating their support for our Aboriginal leaders' girls is truly inspiring.







Shooting Stars



MEEKA EMERGENCY SERVICES

There's an EMERGENCY and you need an Ambulance or the Fire Brigade! Do you know who provides these vital services in the Shire of Meekatharra?

VOLUNTEERS!! These are residents of our town that give of their own time freely to ensure there is a capacity to respond to emergencies and assist anyone in a time of need. The Volunteers undertake regular training that gives them skills and knowledge to attend to emergencies of a Medical Nature, Structural Fire, Road Crash Rescue, Hazardous Materials and Bush/Scrub Fires.

Emergencies can occur at any time of the day and night and our Volunteer Ambulance Officers & Volunteer Fire Fighters can and have attended emergencies between Mount Magnet to the south, Sandstone to the South East, Landor/Mt Augustus to the North West, Wiluna to the East and Newman to the North.

The St John Ambulance Meekatharra Sub Centre and The Meekatharra Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service currently have a small number of local residents in each group and at times due to members being out of town an emergency service may not be available due to the low number of volunteers in town.

Are you interested in learning new skills, meeting new people and helping to provide critical emergency response in our community? You would be welcomed at either emergency service or both if you find you have some spare time.

Contact Details:

St John Ambulance Meekatharra Sub Centre
Hill St, Meekatharra
Meetings/Training
Every Second Wednesday
6:00pm to 8:00pm
E: sjameekatharra@westnet.com.au
M: 0408 136 376

Meekatharra Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service

Hill St, Meekatharra

Meetings/Training

Tuesday

6:00pm to 8:00pm

E: meekatharravfrs@bigpond.com

M: 0400172415



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.

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WA GOVERNOR OFFICIALLY OPENS UPGRADED FACILITIES AT RFDS MEEKATHARRA BASE



WA Governor The Honourable Kim Beazley AC joined the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) on a routine training flight to the Midwest where he officially opened upgraded facilities at the RFDS Meekatharra base.

The Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of WA and WA Country Health Service Deputy Board Chair Wendy Newman joined the Royal Flying Doctor Service Western Operations Board Chair Sam Walsh AO on a routine training flight to the Midwest this week where he officially opened upgraded facilities at the RFDS Meekatharra base.

The patron of RFDS Western Operations, Governor Beazley met with frontline crews, toured the base, the Meekatharra Hospital as well as attended the official event.

The opening of the upgraded Patient Transfer Area was also attended by WA Country Health Service Chief Executive Jeff Moffet and representatives from the local community.

RFDS WO Chief Executive Officer Rebecca Tomkinson said the WA Country Health Service had been critical to the successful completion of the project.

"The upgrade has provided more comfortable facilities for waiting patients, improved storage for medical supplies and better lighting for night operations," Ms Tomkinson said.

"The funding from the WA Country Health Service has made the project possible."

WACHS Chief Executive Jeff Moffet said working in partnership with RFDS was an important part of ensuring quality health care services in the bush.

"Collectively, our organisations deliver health services to some of the most remote communities across the state and we work together, and with other agencies to make it happen," Mr Moffet said.

The RFDS Meekatharra base was established 75 years ago in



1945. Crews stationed at the base respond to healthcare emergencies, provide safe transfer of patients between hospitals and deliver regular primary healthcare clinics (eg GP, nurse and dental clinics) to communities in the region.

The strategic location of Meekatharra in the centre of WA means locally-based RFDS crews respond to incidents across the state.

Meekatharra crews transported 875 patients in the last financial year, from as far afield as the Great Southern and the Kimberley.

In the same period, 282 patients travelled through Meekatharra and a total of 1,545 patients were retrieved from across the Midwest region.

The RFDS currently flies approximately 27 patients to safety each day from across WA. In the last financial year, a record 9,012 patients were transferred by the aeromedical charity.





Above and below: Governor opening new RFDS facility



Above: Inside the new patient transfer facility



Above, left and below: Governor visiting new the Lloyd's Plaza for morning tea



MDHS SPORTS CARNIVAL

games to engage the whole school kept everyone excited and competitive. An Obstacle Course, Wheel Relay, Egg and Spoon Relay, Tunnel Ball, Leader Ball and 3 Legged Relay were some of the events. Of course the Relays and Grand Relay held us all in suspense as to who would win.

Congratulations to all the Championship winners and the Runner ups. Congratulations to Marlu, the overall winners on the day!!

Watch out for the upcoming Cross Country on Friday 11th September at 9:30am to conclude our Carnival. Then our interschool team will be selected to represent our school in Mt Magnet on 18th September.

A huge thank you to everyone for a wonderful Athletics Carnival at Meekatharra District High.

The 3 phase carnival kicked off with "Jumps & Throws" with students taking part in Vortex Throw, Discus, Shot put, Long Jump and Standing Jump.

Friday was an all day "Track and Team Game" carnival with students excelling at sprints and long distance running. Team





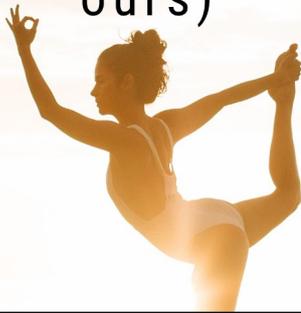


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Free Yoga sessions
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We are open again!
Every Saturday from 9-11am
On Railway Street
(next to Haveluck Close. Opposite the Yulella Gardens)

- Drop off your:
- ✓ cardboard
 - ✓ aluminium cans
 - ✓ tin cans
 - ✓ milk bottles (HDPE / Type 2)
 - ✓ water & soft drink bottles (PET / Type 1)
 - ✗ we don't take glass unfortunately 🙁

We also have a small second-hand shop.
Have a browse or donate your goods.

We're entirely volunteer run.
New volunteers are very welcome! 😊
It's easy to join up. Come and see us or get in touch below:

/meekagoesgreen

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Mince with Vegetables and Pasta



Feeds 10 people

	Beef Mince (kg)	1
	Chopped Tomatoes (800g)	1
	Onion	2
	Frozen Mixed Vegetables (2kg)	1

	Beef Stock Powder (Tablespoon/ Cubes)	2
	Garlic (Tablespoon)	1
	Pasta (500g)	1
	Vegetable Oil (Tablespoon)	2



Good Tucker



Long Life!





1



Gather all ingredients.

4



Add pasta.

2



Heat oil in a pot. Add mince and onion and fry until brown.

5



Add enough water to cover ingredients and bring to the boil.

3



Add tinned tomatoes, vegetables, beef stock, garlic and stir.

6



Turn heat down low and simmer for 30 - 40 minutes or until meat is cooked. Serve.



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Ask R U OK?
 How are you travelling?
 You don't seem yourself lately – want to talk about it?

Listen with an open mind
 I'm here to listen if you want to talk more.
 Have you been feeling this way for a while?

Encourage action
 Have you thought about speaking to your doctor or a health professional about this?
 What do you think is a first step that would help you through this?

Check in
 Just wanted to check in and see how you're doing?
 Have things improved or changed since we last spoke?

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 10 September 2020

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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
- ✓ 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/ehrlichiosis
agric.wa.gov.au/dogmovements

Contact
 Movement conditions: 9368 3929

Shire of Meekatharra
 Major Land Transaction

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Shire has renovated the building historically known as Lloyds Outback Centre at 64 Main Street Meekatharra.

Spaces have been created for the local Community Resource Centre (CRC), a museum, art gallery, conference room, café, hairdressing salon and two retail/office spaces.

The Shire intends to enter into a management agreement with the CRC and to publicly invite tenders for the lease of the commercial spaces.

Further information and a business plan for the project may be obtained from Tralee Cable, Tel 9980 0600, Email cdsm@meekashire.wa.gov.au

Submissions close at 2pm, 13 October 2020.

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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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Shire of Meekatharra

(Meekatharra Festival Committee Fundraiser)

Name Pavers.

YOUR NAME WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY



INDIVIDUAL PAVER

Your donation of **\$45** or more entitles YOU to have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your valued support. The paver will be permanently installed in the footpath outside Shire Council Administration Office

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Simply fill out this form and return with full payment by cheque or cash to:

SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA
PO BOX 129, MEEKATHARRA WA 6642.

Contact Name:

Address:

Phone:

Individual paver Double paver

Please photocopy and pass on to business associates and friends.
The Meekatharra Festival Committee needs your support!



CHALK PAINTING WORKSHOP

During the August Meeka Goes Green Upcycling Workshop Margie taught those involved how to decorate old jars or tins using chalk paint to create something personal and beautiful while reusing old things around the house.

Chalk painting can make any item look new or maybe vintage if you rough it up a bit. Look at the incredible things below that were made. Thanks to the volunteers who made this happen! Can't wait for the next upcycling workshop.



WORKSHOPS

**UPCYCLING – REUSING – CRAFT –
HOMESTEADING – "MAKING DO"**

(turning ordinary things into awesome things)

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Email: Danni.Bloomfield@dmirs.wa.gov.au

Should you buy-now, pay-later?

The way we shop may have changed forever following the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

Life in lockdown meant cash transactions plummeted in favour of a number of contactless payment methods, including buy-now, pay-later schemes.

Often described as the 'modern-day lay-by', buy-now, pay-later arrangements allow you to receive goods and then pay off the amount in instalments further down the track. Unlike lay-by, the item is available to you straight away.

At the height of the pandemic, prominent buy-now, pay later business Afterpay picked-up 1 million new users and recorded its best ever quarter to June with \$2 billion spent on buying goods and services. While Afterpay is the most dominant force in the market, its rivals include a growing number of similar platforms such as zipPay, BrightePay, Payright and Openpay.

Even though you can buy-now, pay-later – is it a good idea? The key advice is to check the terms and conditions before you sign up to any scheme. They are often promoted as "interest-free" but late fees, account-keeping fees or payment processing fees may apply.

For example, while you may make a purchase for \$100, one late payment could cost you up to a further \$17 plus any potential bank fee for a payment default.

A review by the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) in 2018 found that one in six buy-now, pay-later users had become overdrawn, delayed bill payments or borrowed additional money. Most consumers reported that the option allowed them to buy more expensive items and generally spend more than they normally would.

Check out www.moneysmart.gov.au for tips on staying in control when you use a buy-now, pay-later service, including:

- Plan ahead to ensure the repayments fit into your budget and other financial commitments.
- Link your buy-now-pay-later account to your debit card instead of your credit card – that way you are using your own money and will avoid extra debts or interest.
- Don't overcommit – stick to a limit and only have one buy-now, pay-later at a time.
- Contact your provider straight away if you're having trouble making repayments.



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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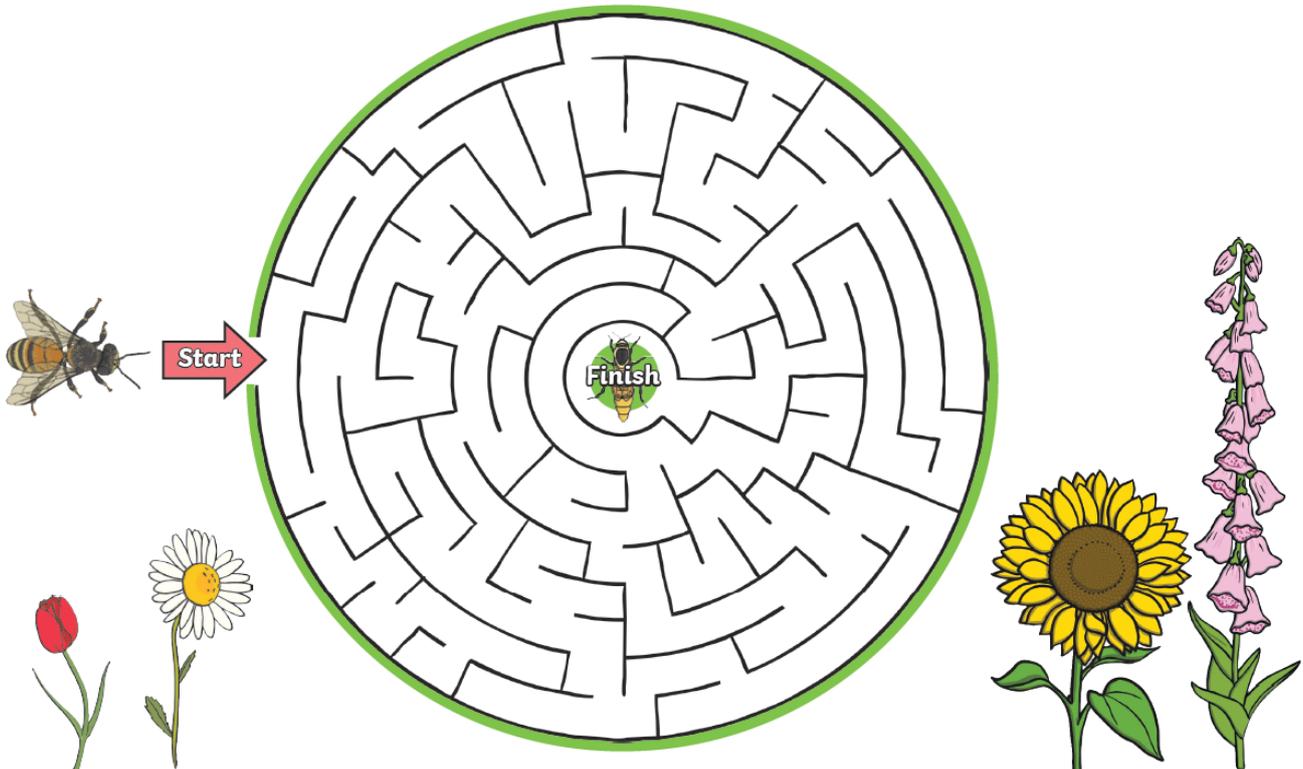
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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:00pm – 5:00 pm 	3 on 3 Basketball @ the Youth Centre	Music @ the Youth Centre	Arts & Craft @ the Youth Centre	Game day @ Youth Centre	Drop in @ the Youth Centre
6:00 – 8:00 pm 	12+ indoor cricket @ indoor cricket centre 	AFL for all ages 	10+ Mixed Sports @ the indoor centre 	Basketball for all ages 	Movie night @ the Youth Centre 

Youth Services 2020 Term 3



Honeybee Maze



Sudoku

Fill in the missing numbers!

2		
		2
4		
		3

1		
		1
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		4

3		
		3
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Every mini-grid, column and row must contain the numbers 1 to 4.



Emoji Code Breaking

5	2	7	3	4	9	6	8	0	1

$$\text{sad face} + \text{cat} = 97$$

- + =
- =
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Colour by Multiplication - Colora con le moltiplicazioni

Do the multiplication calculation and colour the shape in the correct colour.
Risolvi le moltiplicazioni e colora la figura con i colori corretti.

0-10 light blue azzurro	11-20 purple viola	21-30 pink rosa	31-40 yellow giallo	41-50 green verde	51-60 orange arancione	61-70 dark blue blu
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World Kindness Day

k b c h e f g i v i n g
i n o u q r s t u v w e
n z a g c d e f g h i n
d l m n o p q r s t u t
n x y z h e l p f u l l
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s h r e s p e c t p m v
s t u v w x y z a f i s
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m a n n e r s x y z e e
h a p p y h i j k l m n

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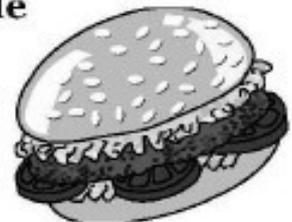
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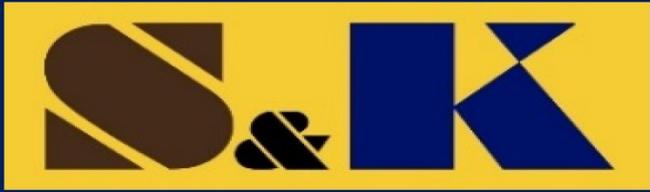
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IMPORTANT DATES

September 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31 Yoga 6pm	1	2 Adult Sport 6pm	3	4	5 Meeka Goes Green 9am-11am  Upcycling Workshop 11am	6
7 Yoga 6pm	8	9 Adult Sport 6pm	10 RUOK? Morning Tea 9am	11	12 Meeka Goes Green 9am-11am  CRC Markets 9:30am	13
14 Yoga 6pm	15	16 Adult Sport 6pm	17	18	19 Meeka Goes Green 9am-11am  Ordinary Council Meeting	20
21 Yoga 6pm	22 ICDC Visit	23 Adult Sport 6pm	24	25	26 Meeka Goes Green 9am-11am 	27
28 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	29 School Holidays Start	30 Adult Sport 6pm	1	2	3 Meeka Goes Green 9am-11am 	4