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NAIDOC Shirts Designed by Whitney Thorne

Meeka Outback Festival 2021

24TH-27TH SEPTEMBER

Races, Las Vegas Ball, Side Show





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

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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 2021 are -

Meeting Date	Last Date for Items
16 January	4th
20 February	5th
20 March	5th
17 April	1st
15 May	30th
26 June	11th
17 July	2nd
21 August	6th
18 September	3rd
16 October	1st
20 November	5th
17 December	3rd

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IMPORTANT NOTICE—DOGS!

There have been a number of issues around stray and wandering dogs in Meekatharra during the month of July. Unfortunately, this has led to some very difficult conversations being held, and emotional decisions made.

Many of these problems could have been avoided if owners kept their dogs contained as required by our law, and if written notifications of breaches or concerns had been provided to the Shire earlier.

It is a fact of life unfortunately that some people will always disregard the law. Some people simply don't have the resources to keep their dogs contained. These excuses, however won't be accepted.

Please also remember that because your neighbour's dog looks menacing to you, it doesn't mean the dog is actually dangerous. Your neighbour has the right to own any dog, providing it is contained, quiet and provides no risk of harm to others.

When dogs do stray, it is vitally important that people in the community voice their concerns, in the right way. Your confidentiality is assured if you come to the Shire office to fill out the complaint form. This form is essential and critical to our ability to take further action. We can't act on an email or phone call complaining about a wandering dog, or on a Facebook post. We need the written complaint before we can act. This is a legal process after all.

All written complaints are taken seriously and investigated. Any action that can be taken will be taken, and in the last month there were fines issued and a number of dogs in this community surrendered and destroyed.

This is not the first time this unadvertised action that has been taken and will continue to be taken where necessary.

The current fine for not keeping your dog contained is \$50, although the advertised proposed Dog Local Laws prescribe a fine of \$200. This can add up very quickly when the dog is a serial stray.

The proposed laws can be viewed on the Shire Website under the Public Notices or the Latest News sections.

The Shire of Meekatharra generously provide subsidies to desex dogs to health care card holders. This is another key piece in the approach to ensure no dogs are destroyed. A single female on heat will attract a number of aggressive male dogs and it is very likely at this point they will form a pack. This is a situation we want to avoid at all costs, and can be avoided by having your dogs desexed. For Free.

Come to the Shire to get your voucher at any time.

By being considerate of our neighbours and stopping dogs from barking at night, by making sure dogs are contained in a yard, and by registering and neutering your pets, we can all enjoy the comfort of a companion, and guard.

Please contact Tralee at the Shire on 9980 0600 for enquiries.

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Note from the Editor

July was one busy month with NAIDOC week, school holidays and many other adventures. There are photos of the events throughout this edition. The NAIDOC shirts were a big hit with the first order sold out with 20 minutes and the next within a week. We have more coming soon and we will post on Facebook when they will be for sale. The designer, Whitney Thorne, has done a great job on these shirts everyone looks amazing wearing them.

In August Yulella is holding the Youth Careers and Health Forum on the 20th of August. This will be an exciting day with lots of opportunities. They have worked very hard to organize for different agencies to come and show off the different jobs and training they have on offer.

The Meekatharra Outback Festival is just around the corner, there are three days packed with activities! We are having a Las Vegas Ball, Races and the Side Show. It will be a fun weekend for everyone. There is plenty of information in this edition, the poster and brochure are included!

The Editor

NAME PAVERS

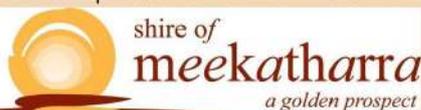
Be apart of this fundraising activity for the Meekatharra Outback Festival Committee

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Council News

Festival Update

This is set to be an exiting Meekatharra Outback Festival. We are spreading the fun over three days we something for everyone.

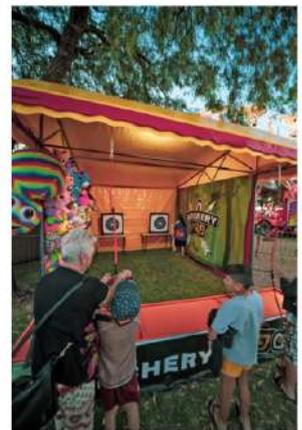
On Friday the 24th of September we are having the Las Vegas Ball and the Kids Fest events. The Ball will be held at the Town Hall from 7pm, with live band Renegade playing all night! We are having all sorts of delicious foods provided by Charlie's Pizza and of course a bar. It is set to be a great evening for everyone over 18. For everyone under 18 the Youth Services team will still be doing their thing along with the support of the Carey Right Track Foundation.

On Saturday the 25th, the Meeka Races are back. Starting from noon, it will be a full afternoon and evening of races, fun and music at the Race Course. Tickets are available now, check out their Facebook Page for more information.

On Sunday the 26th, it will be a full day of rides, circus performers, live music and much more at the Side Show. The Side Show will be held at the Oval from 10am-8pm. We are having Westside Carnivals come up with some incredible mechanical rides, games and bungee trampolines. There will be a petting zoo, face painter, aqua rollers, fireworks, show bags, food vans and more. This will be a great day for all ages.

Andos Art Prints has an art exhibition throughout September called 'Our Art, Our Culture'. It will be a showing of new art from Ando and the artist linked to him and the gallery.

More information will come, make sure you follow Meekatharra Dust on Facebook and get out the pin up boards in Farmer Jacks.

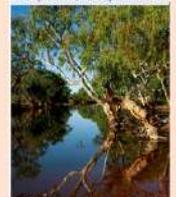


Rates

It is rates time at the Shire, so for everyone who owns property within the Shire will receive a notice in the mail. The Shire of Meekatharra works to ensure that the local community runs smoothly. We administer various laws and regulations to help maintain and improve services and facilities for the community. These services include infrastructure, community services, sporting and recreation services, town planning, public health, environmental protection and waste collection. The rates you pay allow the Shire of Meekatharra to fund these services. More information on rates, where the money goes and payment options are available on page 32 and 33.

SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA 2021/2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

- where your rates go
- budget highlights
- capital works expenditure



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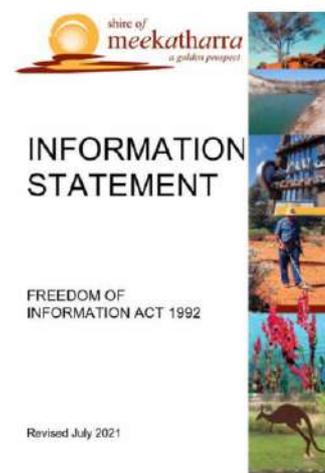
The Department of Communities – Disability Services requires each local government to have a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP). The Shire are in the process of reviewing the DAIP to make it more relevant to the outcomes. You are able to leave feedback via our Facebook Page survey and in the Shire Office via the printed survey on how the seven outcomes. The outcomes are:

- People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to access the services of, and any events organised by, the Shire of Meekatharra.
- People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to access the buildings and other facilities of the Shire of Meekatharra.
- People with disability receive information from the Shire of Meekatharra in a format that will enable them to access the information as readily as other people are able to access it.
- People with disability receive the same level and quality of service from the staff of a public authority as other people receive from the staff of the Shire of Meekatharra.
- People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to make complaints to the Shire of Meekatharra.
- People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to participate in any public consultation by the Shire of Meekatharra.
- People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to obtain and maintain employment with the Shire of Meekatharra.

If you have any feedback please come in to the Shire or go online and fill out the survey.

Freedom of Information Statement

Every 12 months the Council is required to review its Freedom of Information Statement. The Freedom of Information Act provides public access to documents at the Shire. These documents can include Council Minutes (also on our website), Policy Manuals, By-Laws, Rate Book, Annual Budget, Consolidated Roll and much more can be access free of charge during office hours. If the documents requested are not routinely available, a written request will be required. There are fees and charges to cover staff costs, printing and delivery if applicable. There are a wide range of documents available on our website for viewing including up-to-date minutes and agendas.



Upcoming Events:

Youth Careers and Health Expo - 20th August 2021

Festival and Races - 24th-27th September 2021

Keep an eye on the Meekatharra Dust Facebook page for more events

Next Council Meeting 21st of August 2021, 9:30am at the Council Chambers in the Shire Office.

The closing date for submissions is the 6th of August 2021 at 4:30pm.

WELCOME
TO *Meekatharra*
OUTBACK FESTIVAL
2021



SEPTEMBER 24TH-26TH

 **HORSE RACES**

 **SIDESHOW**

 **LAS VEGAS
THEME BALL**

 **ART EXHIBITION
BY ANDO ART PRINTS**

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24th - Las Vegas Ball @ Town Hall 7pm
25th - Races @ Race Track
26th - Sideshow @ Oval 10am - 8pm
FIREWORKS - MUSIC - MECHANICAL RIDES
CIRCUS PERFORMER - FOOD VANS
Plus 'Our Art, Our Culture' Exhibition by
Ando Art Prints through September



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- HORSE RACES
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<p> WELCOME TO Meekatharra LAS VEGAS BALL 2021 </p> <p> SEPTEMBER 24TH 7PM </p> <p> You're invited to a Vegas themed ball at the Town Hall! </p> <p> Tickets on sale from August </p> <p> Renegade Band will be providing entertainment throughout the night. Don't miss out! </p> <p> This is an 18+ event. </p>	<p> WELCOME TO Meekatharra RACE DAY 2021 </p> <p> SEPTEMBER 25TH 12 NOON </p> <p> Another year of Country Racing at its best! </p> <p> Tickets on sale NOW via Eventbrite </p> <p> Check out the Facebook Event Page Meekatharra Races or our Facebook page Meekatharra Race Club for more! </p>	<p> WELCOME TO Meekatharra SIDESHOW 2021 </p> <p> SEPTEMBER 26TH 10AM - 8PM </p> <p> An entire day of sideshow fun! </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Carnival Rides & Games - Petting Zoo from 10am-4pm - Aqua Rollers - Face painting, Glitter Tattoos & Balloon Animals - Circus Performer -Renegade Band Live from 4pm - Radio MAMA -Fireworks at 7.45pm - Carey Right Track Foundation - Food Vans - Market Stalls
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LAST RIFLE CLUB OPEN

The Meekatharra Rifle Clubs last shoot was held over the 10th and 11th of July 2021. The club has been a key part of this community with Dot and Clarrie Lauritsen putting in a huge amount of effort to keep this running. With numbers dwindling and volunteer hard to come by the club has made the extremely hard decision that 2021 will be the last shoot.

People came from all over the state to participate in the Rifle Clubs last shoot as part of the rotation of competitions. With a large turn out to celebrate the hard work of the Meekatharra volunteers and the members. This was a bittersweet moment for everyone, being together in Meekatharra for one last time.

Two participants were awarded life long members of the club for their talents and hard work at the club. Congrats to those

who won, what a great honour to compete against others with such great skill.

The Rifle Club Open Weekend is a large effort for those who volunteered. The area needs to be set up, cleaned and prepped. People need to be fed. The competition needs to be judged and so many other things need to be organised before people show up.

The team did a great job organising the event, setting up, packing up, feeding the large amount of people and all the other bits and pieces that needed to happen to make the event run smoothly. They should all be proud of everything they have achieved during this shoot and the past ones too.





YOUTH SERVICES HOLIDAY PROGRAM



The Youth Services had a packed school holidays with a few visitors and community events. To start off the school holidays it was NAIDOC Week, Yulella, Youth Focus, Mission Australia and the Shire Youth Team put on

a week of fun for the kids. More on that later in this edition of the Dust.

During the second week of the holidays Fair Game came up to visit again. Fair Game have been coming up regularly to spend time with the young people, play games and cook together. The team were a little delayed from the hectic weather in Perth and Geraldton preventing them from leaving the region and coming up to Meekatharra. After a few delayed flights they finally made it to Meeka. During their visit they played basketball, cooked delicious food for the kids and spent time getting to know everyone more.

Infinity Skate also came up from Geraldton to provide skateboarding clinics to the kids. As we all know, the kids of Meeka love using the skatepark and learning new skills. The Infinity Skate team spent two days teaching the kids safety in the skatepark and how to skateboard like professionals.

Thanks to Fair Game and Infinity Skate for coming up to our school holiday program to have a blast with the team up here.

Margie is back at it with her arts and craft. The kids spent days trying new techniques such as shaving cream art and making slime.

The Youth Services team is back into term three and the new schedule can be found online and on page 17.







PUBLIC NOTICE

Shire of Meekatharra

Pursuant to Section 3.12(3) of the Local Government Act 1995, the Shire gives notice that it intends to make the following new local laws;

Bush Fire Brigades Repeal Local Law 2021 (Revocation)

Purpose – The purpose of the local law is to repeal an obsolete local law

Effect - The effect of the proposed local law is that the obsolete local law will be revoked and abrogated.

Dogs Local Law 2021

Purpose - to make provisions about the impounding of dogs, to control the number of dogs that can be kept on premises, the manner of keeping those dogs and to prescribe areas in which dogs are prohibited and dog exercise areas

Effect - to extend the controls over dogs which exist under the Dog Act 1976

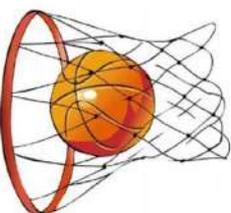
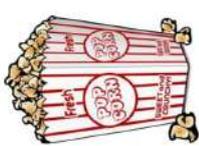
Cemeteries Local Law 2021

Purpose - to provide for the orderly management of the Meekatharra Public Cemetery in accordance with established plans and to create offences for inappropriate behaviour within the cemetery grounds

Effect - to ensure compliance by all persons engaged in the administration, the burying of deceased and the provision of services to or making use of the Meekatharra Public Cemetery.

A copy of the proposed local laws may be inspected at the Shire Office 75 Main Street Meekatharra WA 6642 or by visiting www.meekashire.wa.gov.au.

Submissions on the new local laws close at 4.00pm Thursday 9 September 2021 and can be sent by post, delivered by hand or emailed to ceo@meekashire.wa.gov.au.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:00pm – 5:00 pm 	3 on 3 Basketball @ the Youth Centre U10s @ Kidzone	Music @ the Youth Centre U10s @ Kidzone	Arts & Craft @ the Youth Centre U10s @ Kidzone	Game day @ Youth Centre U10s @ Kidzone	Drop in @ the Youth Centre U10s @ Kidzone
6:00 – 8:00 pm 	13+ night @ Youth Centre 	AFL for all ages 	Basketball training for Country Week 	Basketball for all ages 	Movie night @ the Youth Centre 

Youth Services 2021 Term 3 program



Meekatharra Pharmacy

72 Main Street, Meekatharra WA 6642



Winter in Meeka

Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with all the latest news. [Facebook.com/meekatharrapharmacy](https://www.facebook.com/meekatharrapharmacy)

Ear piercing at the Pharmacy

Would you or your children like to get their ears pierced? We have a qualified piercing technician at the Pharmacy Monday – Friday! With over 30 different ear-piercing studs to choose from, you are sure to find ones you like. Come on down and have a look.

Only \$25.00 for the 1 ear and \$29.99 for 2 ears.

Combat Dry weather

Unfortunately, with the cooler, dry weather a lot of people will be experiencing dry, flaking or itchy skin. It is important to look after your skin with quality products to help hydrate and nourish your skin daily. We carry a great range of dermatologically tested products and can recommend washes & moisturizers to help treat your concerns and symptoms.

A steam vaporizer lets off steam over several hours to humidify the room, which helps combat excessive dryness- relieving coughs and dry scratchy throats, keeps nasal passages hydrated and helps you sleep more comfortably and breathe better. Ask your pharmacist about steam vaporizers next time you're at the Pharmacy.

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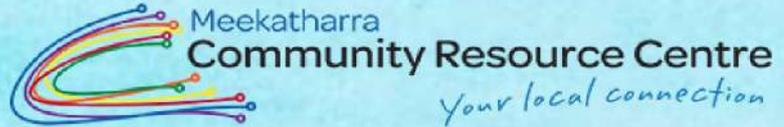
A Multi Dose Webster-pak is a sealed weekly calendar pack designed to help people take their medication correctly, according to their doctor's orders. All regular medication that needs to be taken each week is sealed within the blister compartments. If you or your family members may benefit from this, come in and have a chat to us. We offer packing services at low or no cost to you.

Come in and say Hi!

Monday – Friday: 9am-5pm

Saturday – 9am-1pm

CRC News



Containers for Change

You can donate your containers with the code C10483653 to support your favourite CRC—you can also drop off to us on weekdays 9am to 3:30 pm.

Check Out the Chill Out Lounge

Need somewhere to wait for your flight, get some work done or take some private personal time out? The CRC's new Chill Out Lounge offers a computer, sofa & snooze blanket (we'll even tuck you in), chairs, air con, tea, coffee & snack service, phone, electrical recharging, admin services, local art and free WIFI. It's free for local individuals needing some "mental health" time out, and otherwise available by the hour, half or full day at very reasonable rates. It's ideal for up to 4 people and we can set you up with Zoom and other resources for private meetings, interviews and depositions.

NAIDOC Morning Tea

The CRC hosted the NAIDOC flag raising morning tea and it was a lovely opportunity to have a yarn and show off the developing "new look" that we've been working on. The Chill Out Lounge was turned into a tea & biccie room with access to the veranda. Thanks to Rob and everyone for reaching out, we are happy to host community activities at our place.

Artists on the Veranda

Artist and CRC Volunteer Sam Morrison is the first to take up our offer to local artists to work and sell on our veranda. Bring your own setup; any financial transactions are between you and the customer. Our visitors and locals are truly enjoying this activity, and it enables us to encourage everyone to visit the Art Gallery at Lloyd's as well. All are welcome to set up and sell local art, craft or other compliant items.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held at the CRC on Thursday August 19th at 5:15 pm. All are welcome to come along and find out more about your local CRC. Please RSVP to beforehand so we know how many biscuits to put out:
hello@meekacrc.com.au

Scanning - Emailing - Computer Use - FREE WIFI - Printing, Souvenirs and More at the Meekatharra Community Resource and Visitor Centre.

August 2021

By Anna Johnson & Jo Bonnily

What's On

Meeka Markets

Saturday 14th August
9:30am to Lunchtime

In front of The Commercial Hotel
Department of Transport Driver Services
Tuesday 10th August
Book in ahead of time please



The New Chill Out Lounge!

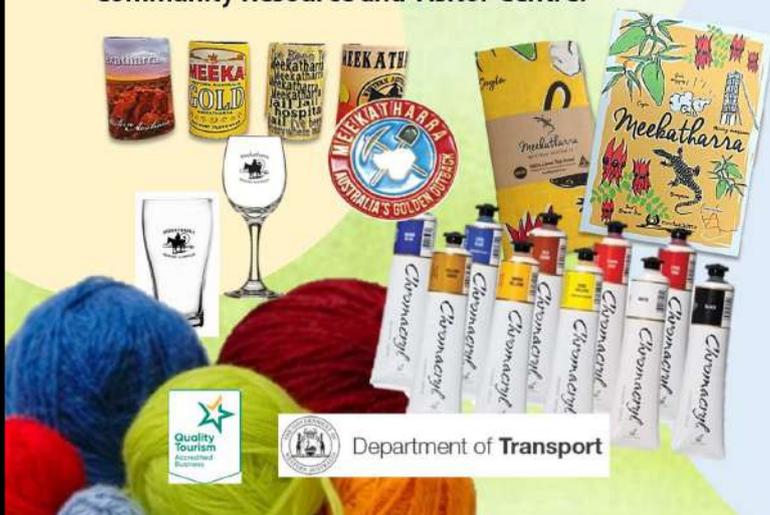
Anna & Jo
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Mon—Fri 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Department of Transport Services
Mon—Fri 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
NEXT TOWN VISIT: Tue Aug 10th



DO YOU LIKE PODCASTS?



Sabrina's Dirty Deeds: The Gardening & Sustainability Podcasts

You may be familiar with Sabrina Hahn's cackle from her ABC radio shows. Not only is her laughter contagious but she's great at passing on her expert knowledge and practical advice too. Having

Whether you've never heard of podcasts or you're a well subscribed listener – podcasts are basically radio shows that you can listen to whenever you like and cover every single topic imaginable. They're easily accessible via different apps over the internet.

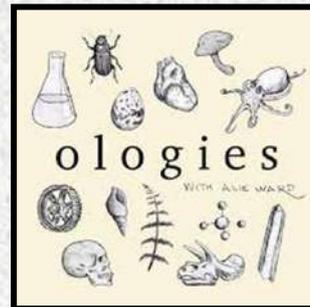
Here's a list of all time favourites, of course centred around the environment and sustainability because that's what Meeka Goes Green is all about.

a WA based gardening expert is great as a lot of information (whether it's gardening magazines or books) is often from over east and does not always take into consideration WA's varied climates. This podcast is an informative chat between Sabrina and her mate Jamie who invite specialist guests who are passionate about making a positive impact for a better world.



ABC RN Off Track

ABC Radio National have a whole world of well produced podcasts about all sorts of topics. Off Track combines the relaxing sounds of nature with awesome stories of wildlife and environmental science, all recorded in the outdoors. Ann Jones does a great job taking us along to different parts of the country in an immersive experience full of interesting stories. A particularly interesting episode is "it was the mulga snake that got him".



Ologies with Alie Ward

An American podcast that's not necessarily about the environment or sustainability but about anything that ends in -ology (and there's a lot!). For example: Biology, Paleontology (Dinosaurs), Ornithology (Birds), Cosmology (Universe), Glycobiology (Carbs), Gelotology (Laughter), Sexology (you can guess this one), Gizmology (Robots), Zymology (Beer), Dendrology (Trees), Cynology (Dogs), Rhinology (Noses), Selachimorphology (say what?! Sharks), Conservation Technology (Earth Saving)... you get the picture. The podcast is very well made, Alie is funny, humble and "asks smart people stupid questions", i.e. she invites and interviews a specialist for each ology. This is a great, superb podcast.

Think: Sustainability

From waste to wealth, and grids to growth, the show digs into the impact of consumption across all areas of life – it tracks the movements, discoveries and technologies making way for a sustainable future. Being Australian based this is an interesting podcast



highlighting the issues of today and finding the solutions of tomorrow.



Epic Gardening

Although American, this gardener Kevin is based in California and has many short, sharp episode about all things gardening – including how to cope with hot and dry climates. The episodes are only a few minutes long so they’re handy to listen to when you don’t have a lot of time.



All the Dirt Gardening Sustainability Food

Another WA based podcast, each week presenters Steve and Deryn talk with industry experts, holding great discussions and bringing wonderful insights. Want to know how to fix water repellent soils? Learn more about favourite fruit trees? Recycling waste materials to keep them in the economy? This podcast has you covered. Meekatharra is even mentioned in the episode with Eric McCrum The Bird Man.



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Or go to any refund point in WA and use Scheme ID C10286593

ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS

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Sustainababble

A funny UK based podcast about the environment, sustainability and all the “total guff” people talk in the name of saving the planet. Whether it’s interviewing experts in their field or just calling out greenwashing, Ol and Dave have us covered (and entertained).

What’s your favourite podcast? Please share your recommendations! Find us on Facebook as “Meeka Goes Green”, email us at meekagoesgreen@gmail.com or pop in to the Recycling Centre on Railway Street Saturday mornings 9-11am to say Hi to our volunteers. Volunteering with us is easy if you’re interested! Rock up and we can show you how it works. We also run monthly Upcycling Workshops, first Saturday of the month at 11am. Check out our Facebook page for this month’s workshop topic and location.





Community Development Programme (CDP)

Activity Support & Supervisor

CUE

Yulella Aboriginal Corporation (YAC) is currently seeking to recruit an Activity Support & Supervisor for our YAC Cue site.

Yulella Aboriginal Corporation is a not-for-profit member based Aboriginal organization based in Meekatharra and servicing the Mid-West. Yulella primary purpose is to support social development of Aboriginal people living in and around Meekatharra, Cue and Mt Magnet.

The CDP is a community-oriented program that prepares job seekers for work while contributing to the goals of the community.

Reporting to the Mount Magnet Site Manager, your primary role as **Activity Supervisor** you will be required to source, negotiate, implement, manage, and promote Work for the Dole activities across a selected region. This position will foster positive relationships with job seekers, host organisations, Case Managers, Yulella Aboriginal Corporation (YAC) as an organisation and other stakeholders.

As Activity Support your role would be to provide administration support to Yulella Aboriginal Corporation (YAC), its employees, mainly case managers.

This will be through 1) Providing in-office support to the case managers and 2) Support for CDP participants to become job ready 3) Provide overall administration and office support to the site.

This is a dynamic role which requires clear communication, professional community standing and flexibility, and the ability to work collaboratively with others.

To be considered for this position you must be a local resident (or willing to live locally), hold a WA driver's license, Police Clearance and a WA Working with Children's card or ability to obtain one.

To apply: Send a resume and cover letter addressing the position requirements as detailed in the Job Description (4 pages max) and 2 current referees (essential)

For a **Selection Criteria** and full **job description** please contact the Site Manager on 0499 598 120 or email magnetsitemanager@yulella.org.au

As authorized by Section 51 of the Equal Opportunity Act of 1984, being an Aboriginal Australian is preferable for this role.

Closing Date: COB 13th of August 2021



Community Development Programme (CDP)

CASE MANAGER POSITION

MOUNT MAGNET

Yulella Aboriginal corporation is currently seeking to recruit a CDP Case Manager for our Yulella Mount Magnet site.

Yulella Aboriginal Corporation is a not-for-profit member based Aboriginal organization based in Meekatharra and servicing the Mid-West. Yulella primary purpose is to support social development of Aboriginal people living in and around Meekatharra, Cue and Magnet.

The CDP is a community-oriented program that prepares job seekers for work while contributing to the goals of the community.

Reporting to the Site Manager, your primary role will be to provide integrated case management to participants in the Community Development Programme (CDP) so that they can overcome barriers to employability and fulfil their Mutual Obligation Requirements (MOR) under CDP. This will involve engaging your caseload of CDP participants, developing job plans, regularly meeting and providing ongoing support to CDP participants and completing associated IT processes for your caseload.

To be considered for this position you must be a local resident (or willing to live locally), hold a WA driver's license, Police Clearance and a WA Working with Children's card or ability to obtain one.

To apply: Send a resume and cover letter addressing the position requirements as detailed in the Job Description (4 pages max) and 2 current referees (essential)

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Closing Date: COB Wednesday 13th of August 2021.

848 Marmont Street
P.O. Box 107
Meekatharra.
Western Australia, 6642



Phone: 08.99 801339
Fax: 08.99 801341
Email: reception@yulella.org.au

RETAIL ASSISTANT WANTED

Yulella Aboriginal Corporation (YAC) is looking for one person for the role of part-time (approx. 30 hrs) Retail Assistant for YACs Vision Store @ Main Street, Meekatharra.

Applications taken till COB, Friday, 13th August 2021.

Job Description

The primary purpose for the Retail Assistant is to provide excellent customer service, retail administration, and general upkeep of stock and building.

Responsibilities

- Open the store on time, greet and welcome customers
- Keep the store is always clean and tidy
- Advising customers of stock information,
- Operating cash register & computer systems
- Participating in periodical stocktakes
- Ordering stock online
- Accurately reconciling the cash till and EFT transactions
- Creatively displaying goods in the shop
- Listening to customers' requests, seeking feedback from the community

Must:

Be Reliable

Have strong customer service skills

Be able to acquire a:

Police Check

Working with Children Check



For more information regarding this position or to send your application, including a cover page and resume (4 pages max.), please contact Madona Simpson in person or via email or phone. Email: reception@yulella.org.au Phone: 9980 1339

We strongly encourage local indigenous persons to apply for this position

All applications will be treated in confidence and further details including position descriptions will be communicated when applications have been finalized.

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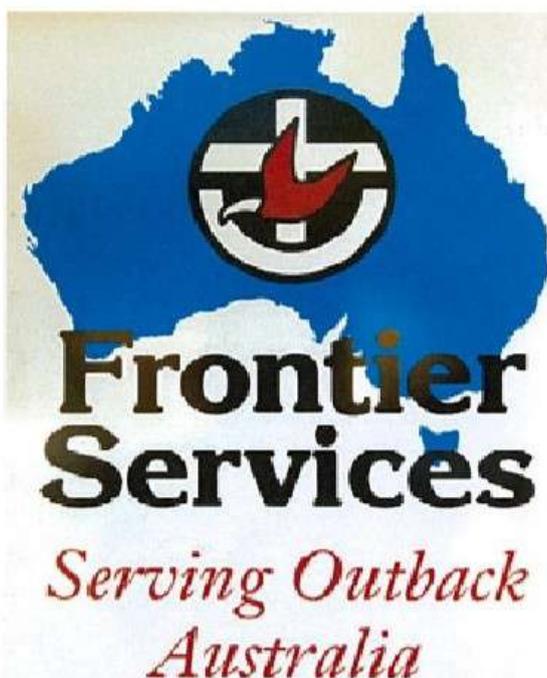
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**Contact:
Rev Mitch Fialkowski
9981 1053
0419 547 175**



GARDENS WITH SAL, THE GARDEN GAL

Hello there Mighty Meekatharra,

How is everyone's garden growing out here in the Midwest? Has anyone spotted the splashes of wildflowers around the place? It brings me much happiness to write to you all again.

I have heard it's a funny year in terms of weather for our region! Lots of rain in some places, hardly any in others. I for one have never seen so many weeds in my EON gardens! Some were as high as my knee- I wonder if you have had the same issue at home?

Ah weeds. They say a weed is simply a plant in the wrong place! I like this theory as it makes anything in your garden a potential friend rather than a foe. Over the years of gardening, I've very much learnt to love weeds. Not only do they make your garden look lush, (to the untrained eye) they also are a way of learning about the health of your garden, what it has in abundance or lacks. For example:

Soursops, we all know the Soursop weed, it's an Oxalis or clover species that has bright yellow flowers which grow at the top! Speaking of this weed will often make people reminisce of their childhoods and pinching off the stems to chew on, I hear they taste sour hence their name. Soursops are very common in our region and actually indicate that the soil

they are in is lacking nitrogen. This weed is so clever, it will actually begin fixing the soil itself. That's perfect for a space you want to start a garden in.

Dandelions will literally grow anywhere! This is because they prefer to live in nutrient- poor soil; hence we often see them growing out of pavement.

Purslane is a common weed you see growing in our EON Garden, this is a small, succulent looking sprawling weed with reddish branches. It is super common and is a really good sign! It means your soil is lovely and fertile. It's also an edible weed so not too bad to have growing amongst your veggie patch.

We also have plenty of nasty weeds that really pose no great benefit to our gardens at all. Bindis, double Gs, couch grass or paddy melons. If you happen to see any of these guys popping their heads up then I would suggest prompt removal!

So, what do we do with weeds? How do we tackle them? Luckily, there are a number of successful methods we can use to combat our winter weed invasion!

Physical removal – this method is the easiest for small manageable gardens- simply remove the entire plant- roots, shoots, flowers and seed pods. If a weed doesn't have flowers or seeds then I would say the compost could be a good place to put them. If they do have flower and seeds then be sure to take them to the dump! As the old saying goes, "one year's seed is seven years' weed". I live by this motto in the garden!

The chop – Running over them with your whippersnapper or mower is a good way of keeping on top of them. The root will eventually die down and create some food for your soil. I would be mindful if the weed is flowering though as you may spread it, so be sure to walk around and check things out properly first!





Taken from; <https://www.permablitz.net/hero-of-the-month/purslane/>

Chemical – Sometimes you have no other option but to nuke the nasties. I will admit myself that out of sheer frustration I have occasionally used chemicals to kill weeds, especially when it comes to couch grass. As long as you are being safe, mixing solutions correctly, wearing the right protective gear and picking the day for it you will be fine! Check the weather as you want to make sure rain isn't due for a couple of days that follow, otherwise it will wash away.

"Weed and feed" is a good one for weed control in lawns. It is a spray-on or granular solution that is selective to weeds. It targets the broadleaf weeds and allows the grass to continue to grow. This is also good for Soursop or oxalis invasion.

Solarisation – Death by suffocation or incineration (in our summer). This can be a good method if you are in no rush, for example if you are wanting to create a pathway in your garden. You can use things like old carpet, layers of cardboard boxes, black plastic or at my place I use old tin! By creating a layer between the soil and outer elements, you are winning the war on weeds.

As it's been much cooler this year, I have been pulling out all of the grass weed species that are growing in my home garden and adding as a top layer to the fridge worm farm. This creates a thick cosy blanket for the worms to insulate themselves in. They seem to really love it!

Another great thing with a lot of weeds (prior to flowering and seeds of course) is that they are green and lush. This means that they are high in nitrogen,

a great source of nutrients for our gardens! You can make a "weed tea" by putting leafy green weeds (without flowers or seeds) into a bucket of water and letting it sit for a few days. The nitrogen will leach from the leaves and create a natural fertiliser.

Well team, I think you may have had enough chatting about weeds at this stage! I hope to chat about our lovely spring veggies next month.

Take care of yourselves, each other, and your gardens!

Sally – the EON Gardening Gal

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NAIDOC WEEK

Meekatharra did NAIDOC amazingly this year. The Yulella team worked hard to put on a full week of activities for the whole community. The week started with the raising of the Aboriginal Flag at the Shire and then a morning tea at the CRC on Monday morning. There was a good turn out of a wide range of people from Meeka plus some tourists who tagged along for this special event. Leighton's Café catered the morning tea. Everyone then moved on to the Youth Centre to paint some kites for an event later in the week. Everyone got together to help the kids paint. They all had a blast knowing that once they were dry everyone could fly them!

On Tuesday the Youth Team went to Wiluna to participate in the Stephen Michael Carnival. The carnival was made up of many different teams and skill levels, it was a great day for everyone.

Community Connector Hub Feed was held on Wednesday to open the new community hub. The hub is located on Darlot

Street in between the Youth Centre and Kids Zone. This is a place for people to gather with a range of services available there from Yulella to

Youth Focus. The opening was well attended with lunch and a great place to relax and hang out. Congrats to Yulella and everyone who worked so hard to get this happening.

On Thursday it was back to the kids events with bush games, BBQ and kite flying. The kids spent hours playing bush games, learning new games and working together. Then a BBQ lunch was served and everyone started putting their kites together. They waited for the wind, but it happened to be a still day. To make the best out of the situations the young people went for a run to see how long they could keep their kite in the air. It was a great site to see!

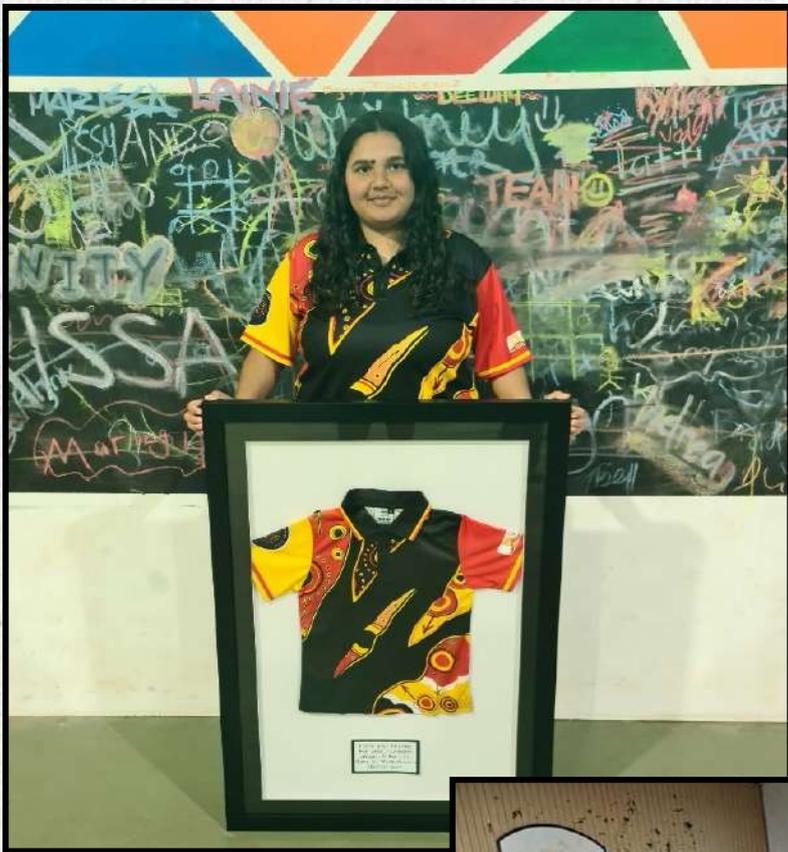
To end the week there was a basketball and BBQ evening at the sports complex. It was a relaxed way to end the week with some face painting and selling the shirts which were designed by our very own Youth Centre participant. New shirts are coming in soon, watch out on Facebook for updates on where to buy the shirts.

Thank all helpers that made NAIDOC possible and all people that helped celebrate. Thank the Ngnoonooru Wadjari Trust, Westgold and Meekatharra Buffalo Lodge for their donations.

A massive thank you to Yulella and the team for organising the activities for the whole community. You did a great job!

It was a great week of activities which was enjoyed by all, the Campfire cook up at the Community Connectors Hub was a huge hit! (Yulella are organising another soon!)









RATES

SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA 2021/2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

- where your rates go
- budget highlights
- capital works expenditure

RATING INFORMATION

Council resolved not to increase the rates in the dollar for the 2021/22 financial year for all categories. This will be the third year that there has been no change to the rates in the dollar.

The interest rate for overdue rates and service charges was reduced from the usual 10% to 8% in 2020/21 and further reduced this year to 7%. Interest charged on overdue instalments is again to be calculated at 3% instead of 5.5% in pre Covid 19 years.

REFUSE COLLECTION CHARGES

Rubbish service charges have not increased.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Instalment options offered are in accordance with both Local Government Act 1995 Sections 6.45 and 6.50(3) and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations Sections 58 to 69.

Option 1: Payment in full by a single instalment
Due date is 25 August 2021

Option 2: Payment by four equal instalments
(plus interest and administration charge of \$45)

1. Instalment Due Date: 25 August 2021
2. Instalment Due Date: 29 October 2021
3. Instalment Due Date: 3 January 2022
4. Instalment Due Date: 9 March 2022

Option 2 is only available if previous rates have been paid in full. Rubbish charges are spread over all instalments.

Note: if first payment is not received within 35 days of issue date, the instalment option cannot be utilised. Administration charges do not apply to pension card holders.

Payment can be made via bank transfer, EFTPOS, Cheque or Cash. Please refer to the rate notice for details.

OBJECT OF RATES

The Shire of Meekatharra works to ensure that the local community runs smoothly. We administer various laws and regulations to help maintain and improve services and facilities for the community. These services include infrastructure, community services, sporting and recreation services, town planning, public health, environmental protection and waste collection. The rates you pay allow the Shire of Meekatharra to fund these services.

Some projects that Council have approved for the 2021/22 budget are:

- Over \$14M in Flood Damage road repairs between July 2020 and December 2022.
- Nearly \$7M in Road Construction - including \$1.4M for Ashburton Downs Road and \$3.7M for the continuation of road works on Landor Road (both partly funded by the state and federal government)
- \$66k for upgrading the Welcome Park and Information Bay with an anti-mosquito water aeration system, solar lighting and a general landscaping upgrade
- \$103k in Picture Garden upgrades (new toilet block, upgrading electrics, surface for kids to sit on)
- \$32k for landscaping, seats and tables and BBQ for the Lions Park area (incl. removal of old BMX track)
- \$145k for Town Hall upgrades (replacing evap units to allow for heating and cooling, curtains, fixed projector and screen, fridges)
- Nearly \$100k for Youth Centre and Kids Zone upgrades (shade over the playground at Kids Zone, landscaping, storage racks, water fountain)
- Over \$2m for new plant purchases and replacements including a fogger, camp accommodation, loader, roller and sweeper. 23 various vehicles and plant are budgeted for sale/trade-in in this financial year.
- \$200k for repainting swimming pool basins.

INTEREST ON OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES

An annual interest rate of 7%, calculated on a daily basis will apply to all overdue rates. If no election has been made to pay by instalment, interest on unpaid rates will accrue after 35 days from issue of rates notice. Penalty interest of 3% is also charged for late payments on instalments.

ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Ratepayers experiencing difficulty in paying rates and charges are asked to contact Council's Finance Officer as soon as possible before the due date to discuss alternative arrangements (e.g. Centrelink deductions). Special payment plans may be able to be arranged to suit your situation.

OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS

Appeals can be lodged against the accuracy of Council's rating details or the rating valuations used in assessing rates. The appeal procedures vary but do not negate the normal responsibility to meet payment within the prescribed time limits. The Valuation of Land Act sets out the manner in which objections

may be instituted as regards valuations. Objections must be lodged with the Valuer General's Office within 60 days of the issue of a Notice of Valuation and Rate. Regardless, rates must be paid, but are subject to adjustment if an objection is successful. Further information regarding rate valuations and lodging an objection can be found on the Rates link on the Shire website www.meekashire.wa.gov.au

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR OWNERSHIP

It is a responsibility of the owner to ensure that the Council is notified in writing within 22 days of the sale/disposal of property. Advice as to changes of address are necessary to ensure correct service of rates notices.

RATE NOTICE QUERIES AND PENSIONER ELIGIBILITY

If you have any queries relating to your rate notice or would like to know more about pensioner eligibility please contact us.

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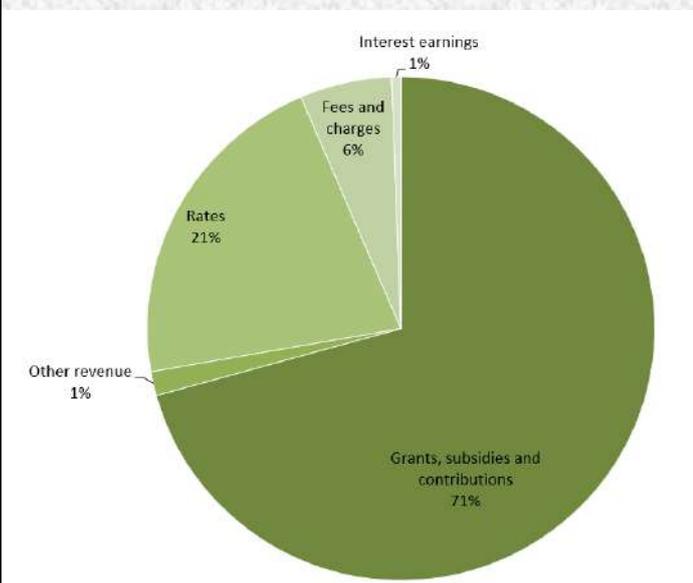
The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) is a State Government charge applicable to all properties in WA, which is invoiced and collected by local governments on behalf of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES). The ESL provides the majority of funding required for career and volunteer Fire & Emergency Service brigades, DFES multi-function brigades/units, Bush Fire brigades and State Emergency Service units.

The amount of ESL to be collected, and the applicable rates and charging parameters, are declared annually by the Minister for Emergency Services.

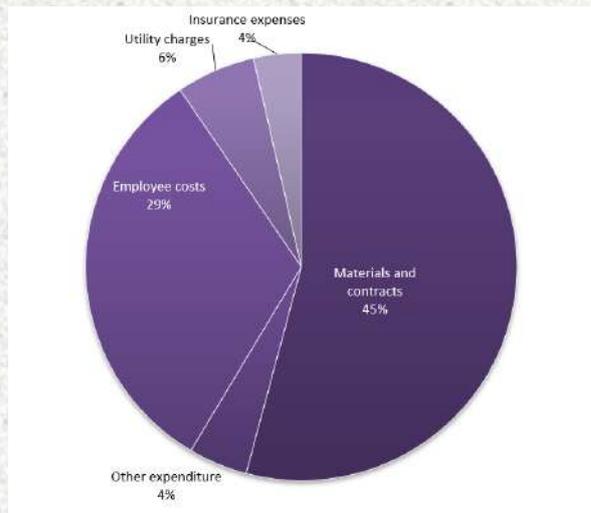
For more information please refer to the ESL section of the DFES website www.dfes.wa.gov.au or call 1300 136 099.

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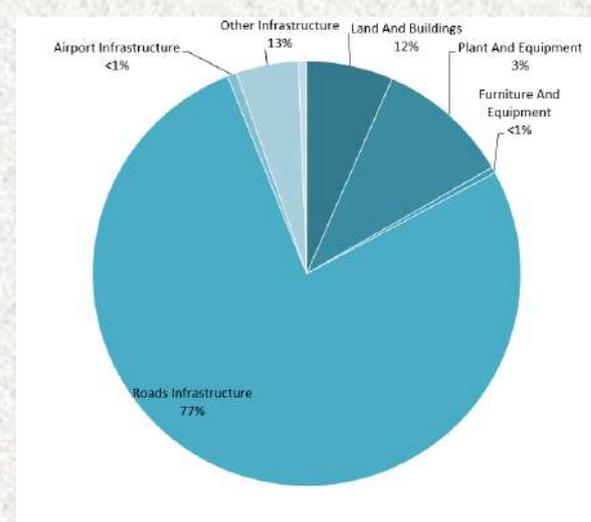
Income Sources (\$22,314,361)



Operating Expenditure (\$6,378,136)



Capital Expenditure (\$24,740,199)



KEY PEOPLE

Shire President

Cr H.J. Nichols current term ends 2023

Deputy Shire President

Cr P.S. (Peter) Clancy current term ends 2021

Shire Councillors

Cr D.K. (David) Hodder current term ends 2021

Cr M.R. (Matthew) Hall current term ends 2021

Cr P.S. (Philip) Moses current term ends 2023

Cr M.S. (Mark) Smith current term ends 2023

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Great news – once work is finished, we're planning to launch our Waterwise Towns program in Meekatharra in early 2022!

To find out more about our work, visit watercorporation.com.au/murchison



EAGLE RESCUE



Marianne Viebke (Bunbury local) with rescued Eagle

Keen traveller Marianne Viebke was driving from Newman to Meeka on a lovely July sunny day, stopping along the way to take photos of the wildlife we have up here. She was stopping to take pictures of cows, eagles and unique landscapes. She saw, on the side of the road, a recent roadkill that was covered in wedge tail eagles, as she drove closer the birds flew away 35kms north of town. Marianne pulled over, went back to the scene and stopped to see if the eagles would return to get some photos.

While Marianne was waiting she saw an eagle jump behind a bush looking slightly different than the rest. She went to investigate, thinking perhaps there was another bird with it or it just looked strange from a distance. The eagle moved and she got a good look at the bird, noticing it had a broken wing.

Marianne had never encountered this before, she drove through to Meekatharra to seek some help. Once she checked into her accommodation she went searching for someone to help. Jenny at the Auski told her to call our wildlife extraordinaire, Jo. Marianne came into the Shire office and the lovely Customer Service Officer called Jo and told her the story of how Marianne came to find the bird.

Jo immediately dropped everything and wanted to find the bird, of course she couldn't do this by herself. Marianne offered to go with her exclaiming 'it would be an honour' to spend her afternoon helping our local wildlife.

Jo came to pick Marianne up and off they went. They spotted the animal exactly where Marianne found it. Both Jo and Marianne inspected the eagle, the wing was hurt badly. The two rescuers jumped straight into action and got the eagle into a cage to be taken to Geraldton.

Marianne was so excited that she was able to receive Jo's help to make sure the eagle gets healthy and prevent life long damage. Her plans for the day were a little different than what she had imagined, but to Marianne this was the best day. She got to know Jo and understand the work she does to help animals.

Thanks to these selfless women the eagle is now safe and will receive the care it needs to get healthy and back to its normal life.



Jo with the Eagle

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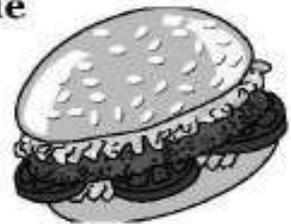
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Meekatharra Police Station	9918 7120 / 131 444
Meekatharra Hospital	9981 0600

ALCOHOL & DRUGS

Services		Phone Support Lines	
Mission Australia	9956 5100	Alcohol & Drug Support Line	1800 198 024
(Alcohol and Other Drugs Support Service)		Quitline (smoking)	13 78 48
Mental Health and Community Alcohol Drug Service	1800 051 999	Parent & Family Drug Support Line	1800 653 203

HEALTH

Services		Phone Support Lines	
Meekatharra GP Clinic	6444 7980	Health Direct	1800 022 222
Meekatharra Pharmacy	9980 1798	Elder Abuse Hotline WA	1300 724 679
Meekatharra Hospital	9981 0600		
Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service	9956 6555		
Aged Care	9981 0645		

MENTAL HEALTH

Services		Phone Support Lines	
Midwest Mental Health Service	9981 0625	Lifeline	13 11 14
Mission Australia (Mental Health Support Services)	9956 5100	Beyond Blue	1300 224 636
Youth Focus	6266 4333	Suicide Call Back Service	1300 659 467
Meekatharra GP Clinic	6444 7980	Men's Helpline Australia	1300 789 978
		1800RESPECT	1800 737 732
		Rural Link	1800 552 002

YOUTH

Services		Phone Support Lines	
Shire of Meekatharra Youth Services	9980 0600	Kids Helpline	1800 551 800
Youth Justice	9980 2070	Lifeline	13 11 14
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	9981 0625	Beyond Blue	1300 224 636
Youth Focus	6266 4333	eheadspace	https://headspace.org.au/eheadspace/
Meekatharra District High School	9981 1092		
Mission Australia (Remote Attendance Program)	9956 5102		
Department of Communities (Child Protection and Family Support)	9981 0300		
Hope Community Services	0418 135 031		

HOUSING

Services	
Department of Housing	9956 5000
Mission Australia (Public Tenancy Support Services)	9956 5103

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Services		Phone Support Lines	
Emergency/Ambulance/Police	000	Men's DV Helpline	1800 000 599
Meekatharra GP Clinic	6444 7980	Women's DV Helpline	1800 007 339
Meekatharra Hospital	9981 0600	Sex Assault Helpline	1800 688 922
Meekatharra Police	9918 7120	Crisis Care 24hrs	9223 1111 / 1800 199 008
Mission Australia (Nyarlu Duwa Women's House, Family and Domestic Violence Response Service)	0458 881 488	1800RESPECT	1800 737 732

FINANCIAL & GAMBLING

Services		Phone Support Lines	
Centrelink	13 62 40	Gambling Helpline	1800 858 858
Mission Australia (Emergency Relief)	9956 5100		

EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

Services	
Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	9980 1339
Centrelink	13 62 40

LEGAL

Services		Phone Support Lines	
Aboriginal Legal Service	9265 6666	Legal Aid	1300 650 579
Aboriginal Family Legal Service	9965 4654		
Meekatharra Court	9981 1008		
Carnarvon Court	9961 5500		
Nyarlu Miyarnumalgu (Indigenous Women Paralegal Service)	9936 0600		

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Services	
Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	9980 1339
Mission Australia	9956 5100
Department of Communities (Housing)	9956 5000
Department of Communities (Child Protection and Family Support)	9981 0300



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call our Care Coordinators Beryl or Danielle on **0447 268 603****



Meekatharra ICDC visiting dates for 2021

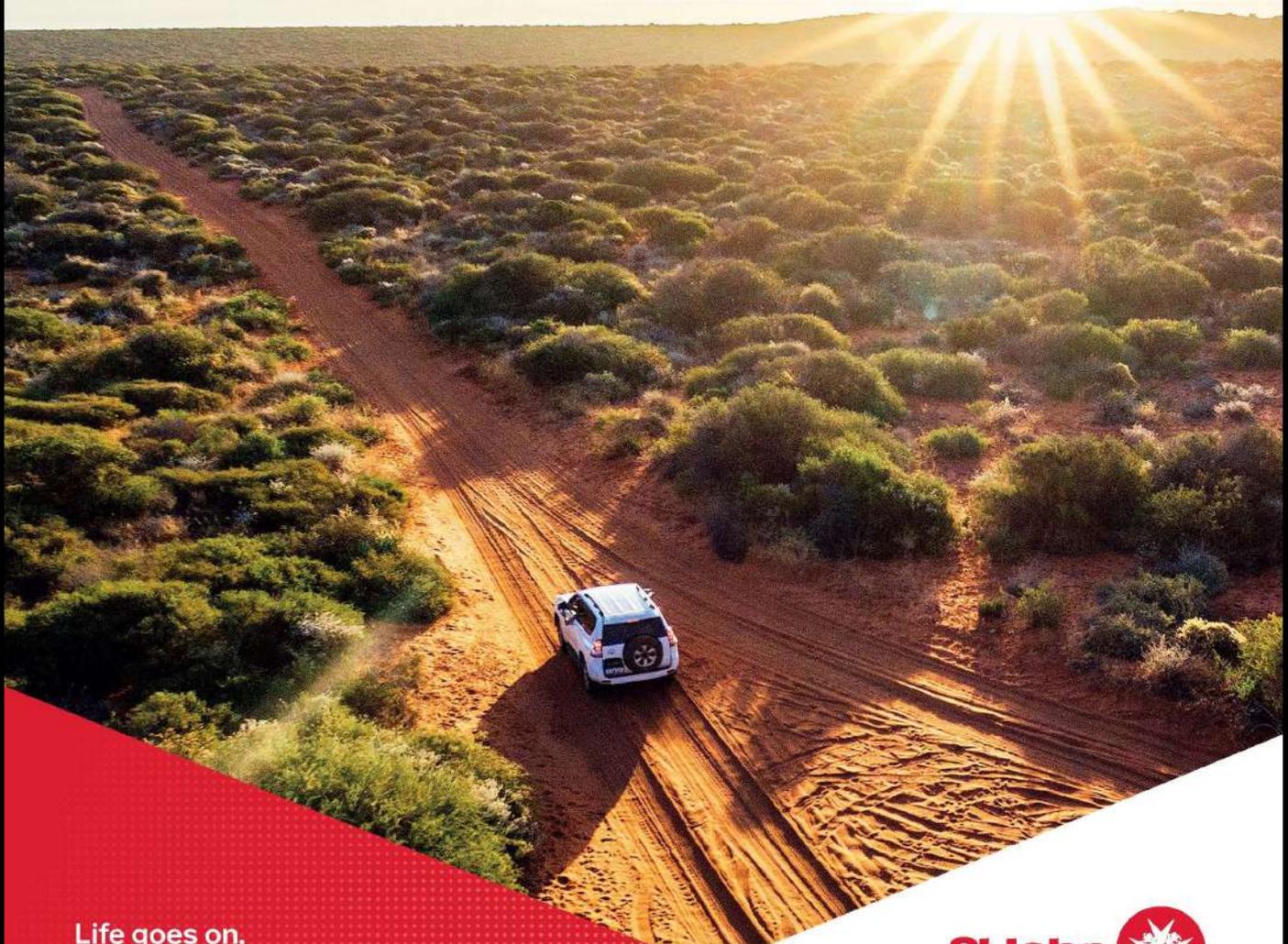
17th August, 21st September, 19th October, 16th November

For when a kangaroo jumps out on Susan'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 to keep close knit communities safe.

If you'd like to help the people of Meekatharra, visit stjohnchangelives.com.au or give our Community Paramedic Michelle Fyfe a call on 0437 681 562, or email Michelle.Fyfe@stjohnwa.com.au



Life goes on.
Volunteer with St John.



FIRST AID FACT SHEET

Eye Injuries

An eye injury is trauma or damage to the eye resulting in pain and watering of the eye.

The eyes are the most sensitive and delicate organs in the body and are easily injured.

Caused by

- + Impact with objects, such as a fist, ball, stones or tree branches.
- + Small foreign objects, such as dirt, slivers of wood/metal or sand.
- + Chemicals, such as acid, caustic soda, lime.
- + Flames, flash burns, smoke or lasers.

Signs & symptoms

- + Pain.
- + Redness.
- + Photophobia - abnormal visual intolerance to light.
- + Watering or bleeding.
- + Pupil distortion, impaired vision.

What to do

1. Follow DRSABCD St John Action Plan.
2. Wash hands thoroughly and wear gloves if available.
3. **DO NOT:**
 - + Touch the eyeball or any contact lens.
 - + Allow the casualty to rub their eye.
 - + Try to remove any object which is penetrating the eye.
 - + Apply pressure when bandaging the eye.

Minor injury

1. Wash out the eye gently with water or normal saline, from the corner closest to the nose outwards.
2. If unsuccessful, pad eye and seek medical aid.

Major injury

1. **DO NOT** remove any embedded object.
2. Lay casualty flat on their back and reassure.
3. If a penetrating eye injury – carefully place pads around the object and bandage gently in place. **DO NOT** place pressure on the eye.
4. Pad the head on each side with blankets/towels to stop the casualty from moving their head.
5. Reassure casualty and ask them to keep their head as still as possible as they will be anxious.
6. Urgent medical aid. Call **Triple Zero (000)** for an ambulance.



In a medical emergency
call **Triple Zero (000)**

Book a St John first aid course today | (08) 9334 1233 | stjohnambulance.com.au

Information provided is as per Australian Resuscitation Council Guidelines. These first aid protocols are for the Australian market only. All care has been taken in preparing this information but St John takes no responsibility for its use. This information is not a substitute for practical first aid training with St John.

MŠOTA PLAYGROUP

Do you have a child or know a child who will be starting
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Play group will take place in Term 3 and 4- a
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Email: candice.evans@dmirs.wa.gov.au

Don't be hasty when buying a home

Western Australia's residential property market is booming right now, so house-hunters may be feeling some pressure to buy now to avoid missing out in future.

While it might be a seller's market, we would urge buyers to avoid making hasty decisions they might later regret by doing their own research, asking lots of questions and seeking professional advice. There is no mandatory cooling-off period for real estate contracts in WA, meaning it's very difficult to back out once a written offer is signed.

If borrowing money to buy a property, it's wise to firstly research loan interest rates and conditions offered by various financial institutions before organising a pre-approved loan through your preferred lender, so you know how much you can borrow.

When the time comes to make an offer, you will need to complete and sign the box on the Offer and Acceptance document titled 'Finance Clause Is Applicable', and name the lender that has pre-approved the loan.

This point is important because if the loan isn't granted by that particular lender, then the contract may no longer be binding on the buyer.

If a lender isn't specified, the buyer would be legally bound to accept any loan offer, even if the terms of that offer may seem unreasonable.

It is important to understand all of the finance conditions before signing a contract, and to obtain professional advice if you are uncertain.

Unless the contract states otherwise, properties are sold in more or less the same state as when first inspected. That's why it is essential to conduct a thorough physical inspection of the property well before settlement is finalised. Consumer Protection was recently made aware of several property sales where settlement was delayed because the buyers had only discovered faults with the property at the final inspection.

If you want changes to be made to the property, or certain items to be included in the sale, you should insert specific terms into the contract to that effect. These terms would need to be accepted by the seller.

Our website at www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au contains a lot of information about buying a property, including an inspection checklist, which covers the types of features to consider and potential questions to ask. For further information or advice, contact Consumer Protection at consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au

Message from the GP Clinic

To all Meekatharra Community,

Meekatharra GP Clinic is run by Specialist GP's and we taken pride in providing high quality care AS A BULK BILLING PRACTICE.

A small number of people are missing multiple appointments and this is affecting appointment availability, inappropriate hospital presentations and the ability to see our doctors. It is really unfortunate to state the obvious, however it is not OK to book an appointment and then not attend or cancel. People are missing out and this is why we are seeking feedback.

From April 1

- Missed appointments cannot be rebooked with 48 hours. Unless very special circumstances apply, a discretionary \$10 fee will be required to be paid within this period.
- More than 3 missed appointments in a 12 month period will require a \$10 fee to be paid.
- Special walk in arrangements with limited times for our most vulnerable patients. (Eg 4pm 2 days/week)

**Meekatharra GP Clinic**
"Partner in your quality of care"



Street Light Faults & Outages



If you notice any issues with street lights, faults or damage call Horizon Power's 24/7 Fault Line on
1800 264 914



Pear, Pecan and Chocolate Tart

SERVES: 6 | PREP TIME: 30MINS | COOK TIME: 40MINS | INGREDIENTS: 11

ingredients

- 0.25 cup caster sugar, plus 1 tablespoon extra
- 2 tbsp NESTLÉ PLAISTOWE Premium Dutch Process Cocoa
- 0.75 cup pecans
- 50 g NESTLÉ PLAISTOWE Premium Dark, chopped
- 60 g chilled butter, chopped, plus 20g extra
- 1 none egg
- 3 slices butter puff pastry, thawed
- 2 tsp plain flour
- 1 tsp vanilla bean paste
- 2 firm pears, quartered, core removed, cut lengthways into 3mm slices
- 2 tbsp icing sugar

directions

- process caster sugar, plaistowe dutch processed cocoa and pecans in a food processor until pecans are finely ground. add plaistowe premium dark chocolate, butter and egg, and process until mixture forms a paste. set aside.
- preheat oven to 220°C/ 200°C fan forced. grease and line an oven tray with baking paper. place pastry on tray, using a 24cm cake pan as a guide, cut out a 24cm round from pastry. place a 21cm cake pan in the centre of the round of 2 sheets, and, using it as a guide, score a 21cm round in pastry to create a border. freeze tart base until needed.
- place flour, extra caster sugar, vanilla and pears in a bowl; toss to coat.
- spread chocolate mixture over pastry within scored round. place similar-sized pieces of pear, tightly overlapping, over chocolate mixture (you may have some leftover pear). melt extra butter and brush over the pears. bake for 15 minutes, then reduce oven to 190°C/ 170°C fan forced, covering pastry edge loosely with foil if over browning, bake for a further 25 minutes or until pastry is dark golden and puffed. set tart aside for 10 minutes to cool.
- dust with icing sugar; using a kitchen blowtorch, gently caramelize pears. serve the tart warm with ice cream, if desired.

FOR MORE RECIPES, VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.RECIPES.COM.AU](https://www.recipes.com.au)



White Choc and Roast Cherry Tart

SERVES: 6 | PREP TIME: 30MINS | COOK TIME: 40MINS | INGREDIENTS: 11

ingredients

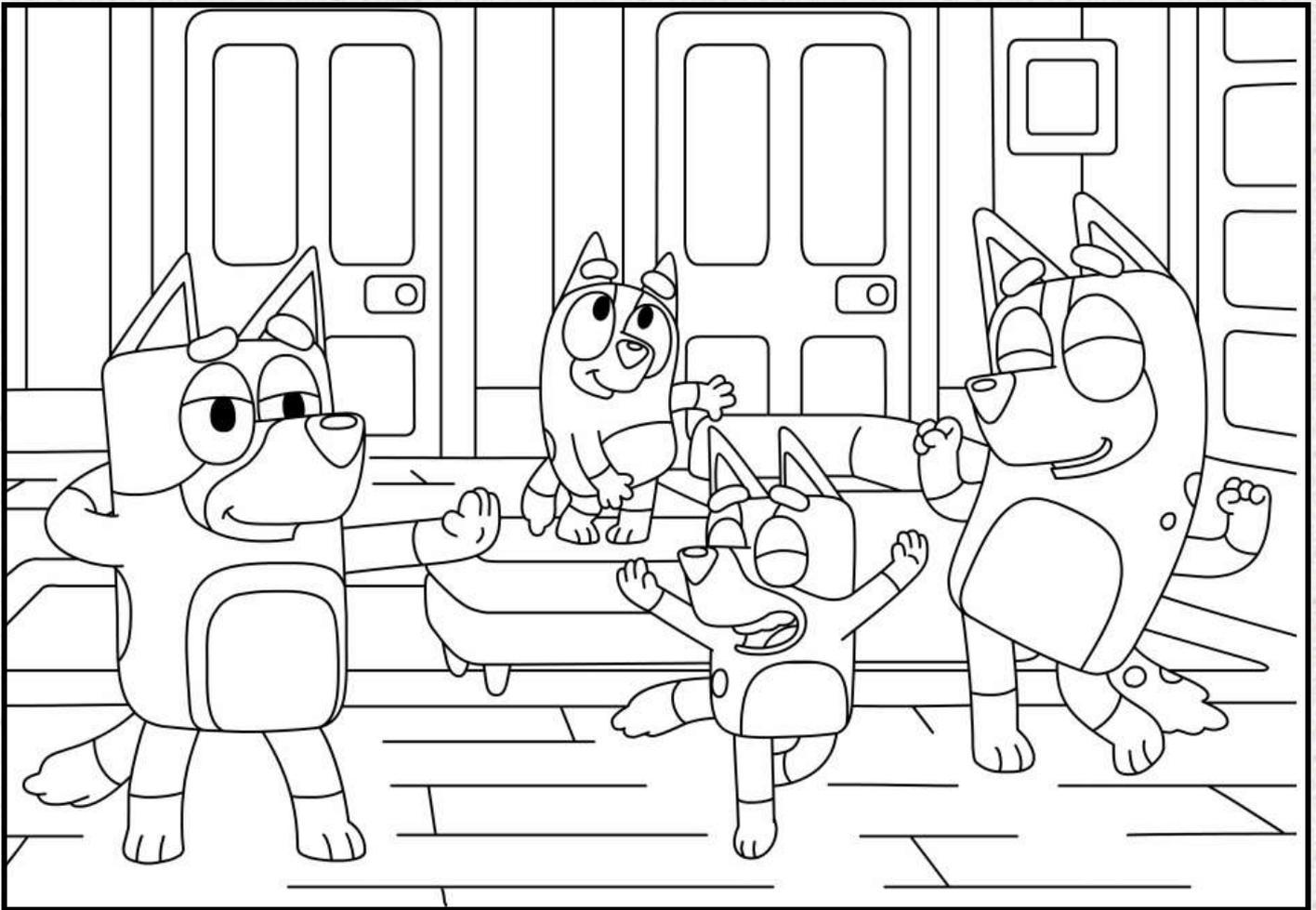
- 1.25 cups plain flour
- 0.5 cup icing sugar mixture
- 125 g cold unsalted butter, chopped
- 1 tbsp iced water, approximately
- 180 g NESTLÉ PLAISTOWE Premium White, grated
- 0.6 cup thickened cream, warmed
- 400 g cherries, halved and pitted
- 2 tbsp cranberry juice
- 1 tbsp brown sugar
-

directions

- preheat oven to 200°C/180°C fan forced. grease a 35cm x 12.5cm loose base flan tin.
- using a food processor, process flour, icing sugar and butter until mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs; add enough water to make ingredients come together, turn dough out onto lightly floured surface, knead until smooth. wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate 30 minutes.
- roll pastry out between 2 sheets of baking paper until large enough to line tin. ease pastry into tin, press into base and sides; trim excess. prick base all over with a fork; cover and refrigerate 30 minutes.
- place tin on oven tray; cover pastry with baking paper, fill with dried beans or uncooked rice, bake 15 minutes; carefully remove paper and beans/rice from pastry case, bake a further 10 minutes or until golden. cool.
- combine plaistowe premium white choc and cream in bowl; whisk until smooth; pour into pastry case. refrigerate 6 hours or overnight.
- place cherries in single layer in shallow baking dish; sprinkle with juice and sugar, roast about 15 minutes or until cherries are slightly softened. cool.
- top tart with cherries, drizzle with cherry juices if desired, serve immediately

FOR MORE RECIPES, VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.RECIPES.COM.AU](https://www.recipes.com.au)

KIDS CORNER





Follow

George is in the garden. With your finger, or a pencil, help him find his way to his explorer rucksack!

There are three creatures below. How many of each creature can you find?
Write the answers in the red boxes.

snails

ladybirds

ants

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Note for parents: This follow activity will help your child develop observation skills and pencil control.

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Can you help Peppa find her way to Grandpa? With your finger, or a pencil, follow the bird seed path to find him.

Follow!

Start!

Finish!

How many chocolate eggs can you find? Write the correct number in the box.

Note for parents: This follow activity will help your child develop observation skills and pencil control.

Finish! Stick a star here.

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Murchison Dental Team Roster Meekatharra 2021

28th April - 7th May

23rd June - 2nd July

15th September - 24th September

10th November - 19th November

Contact Numbers

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28th August

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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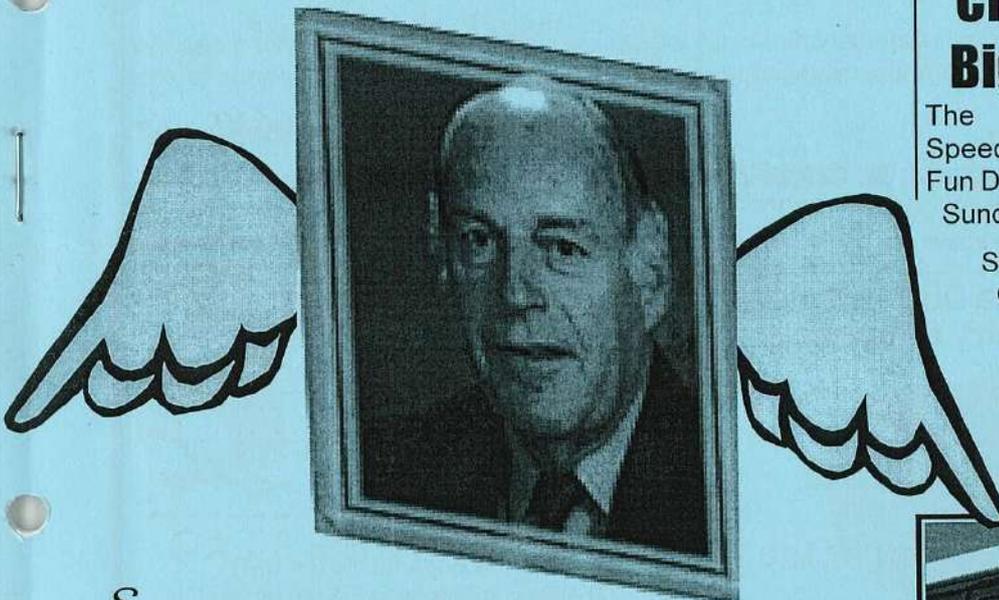
**New Date &
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Saturdays!**



MEEKATHARRA DUST

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The Eagle Leaves the Nest



Shire CEO, Mike Howieson (fondly referred to as "the Eagle") has, after eleven years serving the community of Meekatharra, decided to retire. He and wife, Mary will be moving to their newly built home in Illuka, North of Perth.

Mike will be sadly missed at the Shire and it has been noted that his "will be big shoes to fill".

The Shire have not yet finalised a replacement, so Mike will remain as CEO in Meekatharra, until such time as a new CEO is in place.

Meanwhile, the County Women's Association (CWA) will be looking for a new secretary to replace Mary.

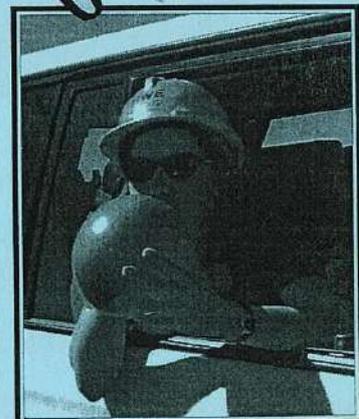
Goodluck to you both in your new home!

Speedway Club Rally A Big Success

The Meekatharra Speedway Club "Family Fun Day Rally" was held on Sunday 19th August.

Starting at the Sports Complex, the course was over 100km in length and took around 2 hours to complete.

More details inside.....



Above: Noelene Holmes accepts the precious cargo (to be carried the whole way!)



DRINKS AND HEALTHY TEETH

Sugary drinks help to make many of life's moments sweeter. **But** having sugary drinks, often or in large amounts, increases the risk of tooth erosion and dental decay.

What can go wrong?



Sugar & Dental Decay

Plaque acid from too much sugar too often can, overtime, lead to dental decay.



Acid & Tooth Erosion

Acids in drinks can soften and wear away tooth enamel (top layer of tooth).

Making Healthy Choices

The World Health Organization recommends that we should have **less than 25g** (6 teaspoons) of "added" sugar daily.

Look for this Nutritional Information on the drink label.

Compare the amount of sugar in the per 100ml column with the table below. **1 teaspoon = 4g**

NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION	
SERVING SIZE	AVE. QTY. PER 100ml
275ml	
ENERGY	199kJ (47cal)
PROTEIN	4.9g
FAT, TOTAL	0.5g
SATURATED	0.3g
CARBOHYDRATE, TOTAL	5.6g
SUGARS	5.4g
SODIUM	160mg
CALCIUM	

Best Choice (100ml)	Choose Carefully (100ml)	Poor Choice (100ml)
Less than 4g	4-16g	More than 16g

Tips to keep a healthy smile

- Drink tap water when thirsty
- Milk and mineral water is fine so long as it is plain
- To help prevent tooth erosion, limit the consumption of acidic drinks and drink:
 - ▶ cold
 - ▶ through a straw
 - ▶ with a meal and a glass of water
- Wait at least 30 minutes before brushing after drinking acidic drinks because the tooth enamel is softened
- Brush twice a day with fluoride toothpaste, and spit, don't rinse after brushing
- Have regular dental check-ups



Tap Water ✓

Tap Water is best. It is sugar free, non-acidic, and has fluoride, which helps strengthen and protect teeth.



Milk ✓

Plain milk is best. It has natural sugar, is non-acidic, and a good source of calcium and other important minerals. Milk is a food, so drink in moderation to make room for other nutritious food.



Fruit Juices

Fruit Juices contain natural sugar, are often acidic and put teeth at risk of erosion and dental decay. It is much healthier for our bodies to eat the fruit for the fibre.



Soft drinks, sports and energy drinks

Are acidic, high in sugar and increase the risk of dental decay, tooth erosion and obesity. Diet drinks have no sugar but are still acidic.

Did You Know?

Soft drinks don't have the good nutrients needed to keep our bones strong





Census

What you need to know

'Our Story. Our Future.' was created by proud Wiradjuri, Wotjobaluk, Yui and Gumbaynggirr artist Luke Penrith and Maluilgal people, Badu Island artist Naseli Tamwoy.



The 2021 Census

The Census counts every person and home in Australia. It helps to tell our story of who we are as a people.

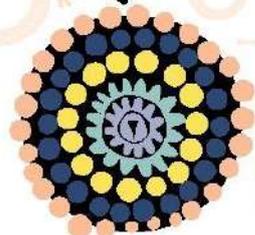
- The Census asks questions about our communities, who we are, where we live, and about people living and staying with us.
- People living in **cities and regional areas** will either get a letter with instructions on how to complete online, or a paper form. You can start as soon as you get instructions, if you know where you'll be on Census night, **Tuesday 10 August**.
- There will be Census staff in **remote communities**. They can come to your home and help you fill in your Census.
- It generally takes about 30 minutes to complete the Census. It might take longer for bigger households.



Make your community count

The Census can help plan for community needs and **our future**. That's why it's important to include **everyone** who is staying in your home on Census night, such as Elders, babies and visitors.

- Having the right numbers means the right services can be provided for our community. For example, knowing the number of babies in a region can help plan funding for preschools or mums and bubs health programs.
- It's used to make decisions about schools and early learning, health clinics, housing, aged care, jobs, roads, language centres and community programs.



Your personal information is safe

Your personal information is protected by law and isn't shared with anyone.

- You can't be identified by the information you share about yourself and your family in your Census.

Need more information or assistance? Visit www.census.abs.gov.au/indigenous or call 1800 512 441.

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Example questions

Your personal information is kept safe and can't be shared with any other government agency.

Question

Name of each person including visitors who spent the night of Tuesday 10 August 2021 in this dwelling. Include all adults, children, babies and visitors.

- Person 1
- Person 2
- Person 3
- Person 4
- Person 5
- Person 6

Question

Is the person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin? For people of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin, mark both 'Yes' boxes.

- Yes, Aboriginal
- Yes, Torres Strait Islander



For more information, visit www.census.abs.gov.au/indigenous or call 1800 512 441.



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IMPORTANT DATES

August 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
2 Diabetic Ed @ Clinic	3 360 Health @ Clinic	4 360 Health @ Clinic	5	6	7 Meeka Goes Green Recycling 9am-11am Upcycling Workshop 11am 	8
9 GRAMS—Midwife @Clinic	10 GRAMS—Midwife @Clinic	11	12	13	14 Meeka Goes Green Recycling 9am-11am Meeka Markets 9:30am-Noon	15
16 Pediatrician @ Hospital	17 Podiatrist & ICDC Physiotherapist @ Hospital 360 Health & Dietician @ Clinic	18 360 Health @ Clinic	19	20 Youth Careers and Health Forum Lions Outback Vision @ Van	21 Meeka Goes Green Recycling 9am-11am Ordinary Council Meeting 9:30am	22
23 GRAMS—Midwife @Clinic	24 GRAMS—Midwife @Clinic WACHS Physiotherapist @ Hospital	25	26	27	28 Meeka Goes Green Recycling 9am-11am	29
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