

Meekatharra Dust

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TO *Meekatharra*
OUTBACK FESTIVAL
2021

SEPTEMBER 24TH-26TH

HORSE RACES

SIDESHOW

**LAS VEGAS
THEME BALL**

**ART EXHIBITION
BY ANDO ART PRINTS**

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

“The Meekatharra Dust” is a non-profit community newspaper.
If you have an article, a photo you would like to share or an advertisement, you can post them to:

PO Box 129, Meekatharra WA 6642

or drop them in at the Shire office.

Alternatively, you can email us at:

cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au

Council Dates

Dates for Ordinary Meeting of the
Shire of Meekatharra for 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 again in Meekatharra during the month of August. Unfortunately, this has led to more very difficult conversations being held, and emotional decisions made to surrender family protectors.

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.

The Dog Act (1976) states –

31. Control of dogs in certain public places

- (1) A dog shall not be in a public place unless it is —
 - (a) held by a person who is capable of controlling the dog; or
 - (b) securely tethered for a temporary purpose,
by means of a chain, cord, leash or harness of sufficient strength and not exceeding the prescribed length.

This means that your dog **MUST ALWAYS** be on a lead when outside your yard. To not comply leaves you open to a fine of \$200 **each time** your dog is found unleashed outside your yard. Strictly speaking, this includes places like Peace Gorge, and other regularly used dog exercise areas around Meekatharra.

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

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 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



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Note from the Editor

The Meekatharra Outback Festival is coming up fast! Not long now until the Las Vegas Ball, Races and Side Show are here for us to enjoy. If you want more information on the Races please contact the Meeka Race Club, it is set to be an amazing event that you do not want to miss. The Las Vegas Ball and Side Show are put on by the Shire, so any information can be found on our website and Facebook pages. Tickets are on sale now for the Las Vegas Ball. We are looking forward to the whole weekend of fun!

August went by in a flash with lovely weather, 1 Man and a Bike visiting to film our town, the school has had many adventures and Yulella put on an incredible Youth Health and Careers Forum. More information on these topics and more can be found in this edition.

We have more 2021 Meeka NAIDOC Shirts available in the Shire Office, kids sizes are available too. We also got our first shipment of GeoRegion merchandise, all for sale in the Shire Office.

The Editor

Meekatharra Outback Festival Word Search

**FIND ALL THE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE
THIS YEARS FESTIVAL**

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WATER ROLLERS
HORSE RACES
RENEGADE BAND
PETTING ZOO
LAS VEGAS BALL
ART EXHIBITION
CARNIVAL RIDES
RADIO MAMA
MARKET STALLS
FOOD VANS
SHOW BAGS
HELICOPTER

Council News

Ordinary Election Saturday 16th of October 2021 Call for Nominations

Nominations are called for an in-person Council Election to be held on Saturday 16th October 2021 to fill the following Council vacancies:

District Ward:

Three vacancies – Four Year Terms (to expire October 2025)

One Vacancy – Two Year Term (to expire October 2023)

To nominate, candidates are required to complete the Online Candidate Induction Course and lodge with the returning officer:

- A completed nomination in the prescribed form which has been signed and witnessed;
- A nominations deposit of \$80.00; and
- A single A4 page candidate profile containing not more than 800 characters and that complies with all other requirements.

Further details about eligibility and nominations procedures may be obtained from the Returning Officer, Roy McClymont.

Nomination deposit made by cheque, electronic transfer or other means must have cleared before the close of nominations.

Nominations may be hand delivered, posted, faxed or emailed to the Returning Officer at the nomination place listed below:

SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA
75 Main St, Meekatharra 6642
TEL: 9980 0600 FAX: 9981 1505
Email: executive@meekashire.wa.gov.au
RETURNING OFFICER: Roy McClymont



Nominations open
2 – 9 September 2021



Meekatharra Outback Festival 2021

The 2021 Meekatharra Outback Festival is set to be a great one! We have a Las Vegas Ball, Races and Side Show spread over three amazing days.

For all upcoming information on the events visit the Meekatharra Dust Facebook page for the Ball and Side Show. All the Race information is on the Meekatharra Race Club Facebook page.

The Las Vegas Ball will feature Renegade playing all night and Charlie's Pizza providing all the food (not just pizza!). There will be a cash bar with all your favourites. Come dressed with the Las Vegas theme in mind and see if you can spot a celebrity or two.

We have a variety of people coming up for Festival Side Show including Renegade Band, Westside Carnivals, Active Games, Petting Zoo and much more.

Coral Coast Helicopters are coming on for the Side Show, providing rides to those who are keen to see a different side of Meekatharra. They will be taking off at the Oval behind the Side Show. More information on booking flights available soon, keep up with the Meekatharra Dust Facebook page for updates.

We have used many local people to join in to make the weekend extra special. We have Energizer Cafe and Andos Art Prints coming to the Side Show. We have hired local people to work at the events, so we can all see familiar faces.

Thank you very much to Horizon Power for sponsoring the Side Show event.

The Races are held at the Race Track from midday until late on Saturday. They are having a band, bar and food for everyone to enjoy!



Upcoming Events:

Las Vegas Ball - Friday, 24th of September 2021

Races - Saturday, 25th of September 2021

Festival Side Show - Sunday, 26th of September 2021

Council Elections - Saturday, 16th of October 2021

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

Next Council Meeting 18th September 2021, 9:30am at the Council Chambers.

The closing date for submissions is the 3rd September 2021 at 4:30pm.



'Our Art, Our Culture'
Exhibition by Ando Art Prints
Showing through September



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ART EXHIBITION



JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND
OF EXCITEMENT
FOR ALL AGES!

WELCOME
TO Meekatharra
LAS VEGAS BALL
2021

SEPTEMBER 24TH
7PM

You're invited to a Vegas
themed ball at the Town Hall!

Tickets on sale from August

Renegade Band will be
providing entertainment
throughout the night.

Don't miss out!

This is an 18+ event.



WELCOME
TO Meekatharra
RACE DAY
2021

SEPTEMBER 25TH
12 NOON

Another year of Country

Racing at its best!

*Tickets on sale NOW via
Eventbrite*

Check out the Facebook
Event Page

Meekatharra Races

or our Facebook page
Meekatharra Race Club

for more!



WELCOME
TO Meekatharra
SIDESHOW
2021

SEPTEMBER 26TH
10AM - 8PM

An entire day of sideshow fun!

- 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





1 MAN AND A BIKE

Meeka was very privileged to have an excellent film crew in town to film as part of the Murchison GeoRegion initiative. 1 Man and a Bike films in locations all over Western Australia and

promotes small towns everywhere. Blackers, the host, interviews people who are a key part of the community and explains the culture and atmosphere in the towns he visits.

Blackers and the team travelled across the Midwest to film the show. They started in Yalgoo, headed to Murchison, then came to Meeka and their last stop being Mount Magnet. The host rides his motorbike to each town and is able to find some incredible places that highlight the town. Once this show goes to air, everyone who sees it will see what all local people see in Meekatharra and just how special it is.

Blackers and his film crew were in Meeka for just over 24 hours but managed to fit a lot of exploring in. They filmed Andos Art Prints, Energise Café, Peace Gorge and the Museum. Key places in the Meekatharra community including unique, self-made businesses.

Filming started at Andos Art Prints, filming Andrew's story and the gallery he has set up. The show filmed Andrew creating his art and explaining his passion. It is such a privilege to have an art gallery in town and showing it off is very important for the community.

Energiser Café was also featured, showing the busy food van on Main Street serving up a storm. The food van is widely known as an icon and is one of the first things you see when driving down Main Street. David and Keenan have been part of the Meeka community for years and they truly understand the town.

The show wanted to focus on the history of the town so chose to film in the Shire's Museum. We had local 'historian', Rigby Trenfield, speak about the old hearse and its use before it retired to the museum. Rigby got set up with a microphone and did a few takes of his segment. It was amazing to see local people talk about the history, even if it was one area. There is a lot to learn about the history of this town.

While out at Peace Gorge they came across a keen traveller who has worked many years in the TV industry. Roxy was able to show how she travels around WA and explain why she was drawn to Peace Gorge. The keen traveller stayed a few days in town taking in all that we have to offer and capturing it all on film.

The filming crew had drones and cameras all over town to capture Main Street, the Creek and Peace Gorge. The first day of filming was very overcast, but the second day was incredible. The sunlight was perfect and made the town really come alive.

The show, 1 man and a bike, will air on channel 7 in November or December 2021. Be sure to keep an eye out for the program and follow the shows Facebook page for more updates.





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!

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!



Eye drops / Lip balm / Cold sore treatment

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) 0899801798

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



CRC News—September 2021

Bring Us Your Bottles

You can drop your recyclable containers at the CRC during our normal opening hours—we appreciate the donation. You can also donate your cash return by taking your containers to the Containers for Change collection point at Yulella Gardens off Marmont Street, using Scheme ID C10483653 (or just say it's for the CRC). Thank you!

Men's Cancer Support Group

Call Nick on 0437 488 363

Meets regularly at the CRC after hours, facilitated by Mitch Fialkowski. Tea, coffee & biccies provided, no alcohol. Call Nick on 0437 488 363 for next meeting details. This is an informal get-together with mates. If you are experiencing cancer, supporting someone else or just scared of getting a checkup but want to talk about it, give Nick a call. Sponsored by the CRC.

Family History Launch a Hit

Thanks to everyone who came along for videos, yarning and morning tea at our Family History Project Launch in August. We're not sure how we managed to cram everyone in, but the oldies loved it and even got us into a bit of a CW sing-a-long. The next stage of the project will be highlighting Paulette's genealogy tips and services. All are welcome to pop into the CRC anytime to watch our family history interviews with a few familiar faces and some stolen generation reconnection stories. Thanks to the Department of Communities, Radio Mama & Meeka FM, Leighton's Café and everyone who took part. If you would like free scanning of your family photos or documents, come and see us.

Memberships & Discounts

Purchase a Loyalty Card and get 5% off CRC services plus free tea and coffee from our kitchen. Just \$25 for individuals, \$75 for local businesses. You can also upgrade to become a CRC member with voting rights, and we also have fantastic sponsor packages available which give you a heap of free and discounted services. Contact us via the details on this page, or pop in for a cuppa and find out more.

Volunteer Training Program

Do you want to get your foot in the employment door? Are you looking for something rewarding to do with your spare time? We offer an easy volunteer program that gives back with skills, certificate and help in preparing and applying for work. We also welcome skilled people who can donate a little bit of time to help us out—we're a fun team with a great connection to the community.



Meekatharra
Community
Resource
Centre

Your local connection

with Anna, Jo
and Ella



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

**What's
On**

Meeka Markets

Saturday 11th September

9:30am to Lunchtime

In front of The Commercial Hotel

Department of Transport Driver Services

Wednesday 8th September

Book in ahead of time please

**Meekatharra Community
Resource and Visitor Centre**

79 Main Street

Meekatharra WA 6642

08 9980 1811

hello@meekacrc.com.au

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: Wed Sep 8th



BOTTLE TOP CRAFT



At our August Upcycling Workshop we experimented with plastic bottle tops since we've accumulated boxes and boxes of them. (Is it sad to admit that it was actually quite therapeutic sorting them all into different colours?)

First we brought the "Recycle" sign back to its former glory. Elaine had craftily made and gifted this to us when the Recycling Centre was first established but some of the lids had fallen off (probably due to heat and us being a rough bunch). Nothing that hot glue and reinforcing nails can't fix though! Did we burn our fingers on the hot glue and nails? Yes.

The internet is full of great ideas about repurposing and upcycling bottle tops. Whether it's waste paper baskets, fly curtains, mirror and picture frame decorating or making coaster – it's all possible and these are quite easy to do.

We really wanted to try our hands at making coasters so we cranked up the sandwich press, covered it in baking paper and started playing around with colour combinations.

It's really easy and great to do with kids (just make sure an adult operates the hot sandwich press)! Good idea for a fathers day or Christmas present perhaps?

1. Pre-heat a sandwich press (it would also work with a hot iron)
2. use baking paper on both top and bottom
3. make sure bottle tops are clean and remove any white foamy inserts
4. arrange the bottle tops in different patterns and colours (the Aboriginal flag one looks great! You could also make your favourite footy club's colours or just floral patterns)
5. close the sandwich press (make sure baking paper covers the bottle tops completely considering they'll spread out a bit)

6. wait a few minutes until completely melted
7. pull the baking paper and plastic off the sandwich press and put on a heat resistant surface (caution: the plastic is hot and retains heat for a quite some time!). Leave it wedged in between the baking paper for now until cool.
8. put a heavy heat resistant item on top so it flattens it whilst it cools down (e.g. heavy book or a baking tray with a brick on top)
9. repeat with another batch whilst the first one is cooling down

Here are some other ideas off the internet:

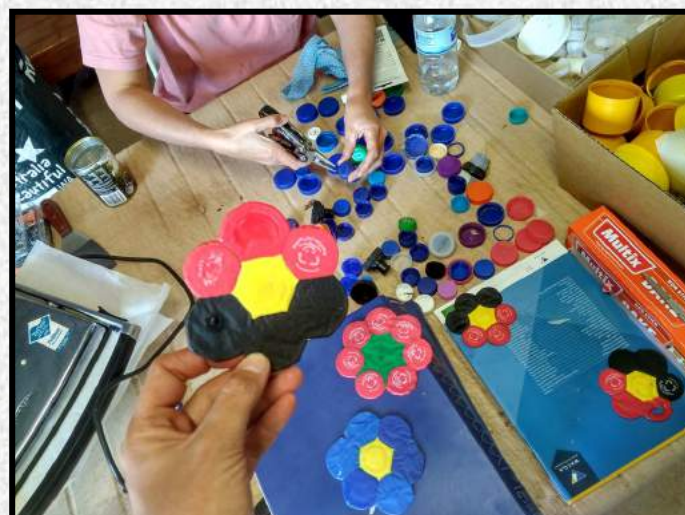




If you need bottle tops for your project please feel free to swing past the Recycling Centre – we have heaps and are more than happy to share!

You could also ask Yulella at their Container Deposit Scheme Drop off Point, they may also have some plastic lids accumulated that they may be happy to get rid off.

Have you got other creative ideas or projects you've completed using plastic bottle tops? 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.



(Internet sources for pictures: https://www.blendspace.com/lessons/SSdKOMApTO_3FA/upcycled-bottle-cap-art

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qpr1oGhOQ6Y>

<https://crearyreciclar.com/como-hacer-una-cesta-o-caja-grande-con-tapas-de-plastico/> (In Spanish but with lots of pictures))

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(McCleary Street) invites
you to join us in a weekly
service for all ages from
10am Saturday mornings



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BE RESPONSIBLE



Please ensure whilst exercising your dog to pick up any waste and dispose of in the bins provided.

FREE Waste Bags are now available from the Shire Office.

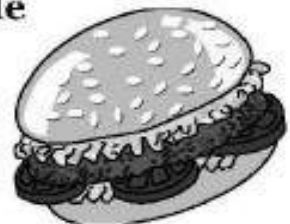
Meekatharra Corner Store

Corner of Main & High Streets, Meekatharra

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\$40 EACH

KIDS SIZE 2 - ADULTS 4XL AVAILABLE



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Government of Western Australia
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety



Consumer Watch

Consumer Protection 50-52 Durlacher Street, Geraldton WA 6530

Tel: (08) 9920 9800

Email: candice.evans@dmirs.wa.gov.au

Look for flexibility when booking travel

Just when many Western Australians may have thought it was safe to book domestic travel, a series of COVID-19 outbreaks have led to interstate lockdowns and tighter border controls.

If your travel plans have been grounded by the latest round of restrictions, then hopefully a refund or credit note was sorted quickly. If not, you're far from alone. Since COVID-19 started impacting Western Australia in March 2020, Consumer Protection has received nearly 1,200 complaints and 1,340 enquiries from people with travel-related issues.

When the cancellation of travel services occurs due to government restrictions, consumers may not be automatically entitled to the same remedy options, such as a refund, as they would be in normal circumstances under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL).

Before booking travel, it's important to carefully consider what the terms and conditions (T&Cs) say about cancellations or postponement, and think about what your options might be if border restrictions remain or are reimposed before or during the dates of travel. For this reason, cheaper options for travel bookings may not be the best choice under current circumstances as they may be quite restrictive on what, if any, remedies are offered if there is a need to change your plans. In the current circumstances, our advice is to look for the most flexible booking arrangements with the best refund options.

If you have booked travel to a jurisdiction where there is a sudden lockdown, don't immediately cancel your travel arrangements. Firstly speak to your travel or accommodation provider to see what they are planning to do. Cancelling in advance of a decision by your travel provider might be treated as a 'change of mind' by you and your cancellation options may be significantly reduced.

Booking future travel can be risky due to the ongoing and evolving nature of the pandemic. A safer option currently is intra-state travel, however we would advise booking within WA close to the date of travel, and continue to be wary of 'pay now/book later' deals that may impact your ability to get a refund.

For more information about travel-buyers' rights during COVID-19, visit our Frequently Asked Questions page at: www.dmirs.wa.gov.au/cpcovidfaq or contact us on 1300 30 40 54 or consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au if you're not happy with a remedy being offered for cancellations.

YOUTH FOCUS MEEKATHARRA



Youth Focus in Meekatharra has moved office space and is now working out of the Yulella Community Hub on Darlot Street. You can pop in to see Paulette and Dee between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday. Plans are progressing to move into the second-hand shop on Main Street. A lot of work needs to be

done inside the building and we are looking at ways to achieve this. Many trades are very busy right now, and we are keen to make a start on the renovations! We are looking at having a few busy bee days to get the ball rolling. We are all very excited about the potential for this space and we have had some great ideas from community members.

Youth Focus delivers services and programs which aim to reduce symptoms associated with suicide, depression, anxiety and self-harm, and build long-term mental well-being to help young people reach their full potential. We engage with communities to educate and build awareness about youth mental health issues and suicide prevention.

It is important that the community has a say in how the new Youth Focus building and service will work in Meekatharra. We have started consulting with the community and young people and will be working closely with the community to make sure we provide a safe and effective mental health service for young people. If you would like to participate in our consultations, then please visit Dee or Paulette at the Community Hub. We have already started to gather information from our sur-

veys at the recent Youth Expo – congratulations to our \$50 voucher winners: Kyliesha, Wesley and Beverley!

So, while we wait for our new building to be renovated and for our new service to start, feel free to pop in and have a cuppa and a yarn. And watch out for a new Youth Focus Meekatharra Facebook profile where we will be able to stay connected and keep everyone up to date on our plans and activities!

Every Wednesday from 1pm to 3pm we will be firing up the BBQ and cooking up some snags, hamburgers or chicken at the Community Hub. The kids can come down for a feed when school is finished, and adults are more than welcome.

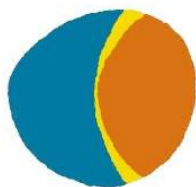
You can contact Youth Focus on 0499 444 626 or email paulette.anderson@youthfocus.com.au.



Lunch @
Yulella Community Hub
on Darlot Street
every Wednesday
1-3pm

Come grab something to eat
after school finishes





We are looking for a Project Manager for
Meekatharra, Mount Magnet and Yalgoo

EON Foundation

An opportunity has arisen for a full-time Project Manager to deliver EON's Thriving Communities Program to Meekatharra, Mount Magnet and Yalgoo Community Schools and the community. The Project Manager will deliver EON's Thriving Communities Program including planning, planting and maintaining edible gardens and the delivery of practical gardening, cooking and nutrition lessons, with a particular focus on the school children. The aim of the Program is to help the school and community build a sustainable source of fresh healthy food and equip them with the skills to maintain the gardens and good nutrition.

The position requires a motivated, practical person who enjoys working with Indigenous children and adults, is a good communicator, can work independently and is highly adaptable to change.

Type of Employment: This position is full-time (76 hours per fortnight)

Contract Term: Ability to commence in October 2021, contract up until June 2022

Remuneration: \$80,720 plus superannuation

Additional Benefits: Option to salary package up to \$18,549 tax free and increase your take home pay, 6 weeks annual leave, fully maintained vehicle provided for work purposes and an additional home office allowance

For more information please visit <https://eon.org.au/our-story/careers/> or contact hr@eon.org.au

To apply for this role please provide a **covering letter addressing the Selection Criteria** together with your **CV** and **submit by 5pm on 10th September 2021**, to EON Human Resources at hr@eon.org.au. EON Foundation encourages early applications and may commence short-listing prior to the closing date.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:00pm – 5:00 pm 	3 on 3 Basketball @ the Youth Centre U10s @ Kidzone	Music @ the Youth Centre	Arts & Craft @ the Youth Centre U10s @ Kidzone	Game day @ Youth Centre	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



COPS CORNER WITH SENIOR SERGEANT MATT GARNAUT



I'd firstly like to introduce myself. My name is Matt and I've just arrived in town as the Officer in Charge at Meekatharra Police Station. I've been a police officer for 26 years. Most of that time has been spent as a Detective where I have investigated offences ranging from Homicide, Child Abuse and Armed Robbery. As part of those investigations I have travelled the state of Western Australia and in particular the Kimberley from Broome to Kununurra and in between. I've met many great people and understand the importance of strong communities. I'm really looking forward to the challenge that presents itself in Meekatharra. My efforts and that of my team will be focused towards reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in the community.

I've already met some great people in town which has given me an appreciation of what drives Meekatharra. Of note, the many local residents that were born here and continue to contribute to Meekatharra in some capacity. There is a strong community presence as can be seen by the many business owners that have contributed for 10 – 30 years and longer in some cases.

I look forward to working with key groups in the community such as local business owners, Shire, Hospital, School, Housing/Child Protection, Justice, St John, Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Family Support, Mines and many other industry leaders. This is important as we all play our role. I'm encouraged by the fact there's group forums in place already and I look forward to Meekatharra Police playing their role.

I'd like to update you all on missing prospector Trevor McDonald. This is a very sad and tragic incident. Police conducted an extensive land and air search for Mr McDonald without success. Meekatharra Police and Mr McDonald's family would like to thank the many individuals and business owners who dropped what they were doing and assisted. The file remains a missing person investigation. Anyone with information are encouraged to attend the station or call crime stoppers 1800 333 000.



What I have observed since arriving in town is the opportunistic offending. By this I mean people leaving trucks, cars, sheds and houses unlocked for a would be criminal to take advantage and steal property. Please, take the time to lock-up and secure your belongings to prevent these types of crimes. Anti-social behaviour continues to be of concern to Meekatharra Police and I'll be working closely with members of the community and groups to help curb such behaviour.

In relation to my staff at Meekatharra Police Station, I can't speak highly enough of the work they do and their commitment to the Meekatharra community. You will see a few staff changes over the next 6 weeks and I'll be encouraging new members to get out into the community and introduce themselves.

What are some ways the Meekatharra Community can assist police:

Report crime in a timely manner and be vigilant whilst out and about.

As per Tom's last post – register with Cam-Map WA which is a secure Government website for WA Police to ID CCTV locations.

Lock-up before you leave

Ultimately, myself and the team at Meekatharra Police Station are here to serve you, to make Meekatharra the best place it can be. I encourage you all to approach myself with suggestions on how we can make Meekatharra better going forward.

Thank you for making me feel welcome and stay safe.

Matt Garnaut

Senior Sergeant

Officer in Charge

Meekatharra Police Station



SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA

ORDINARY ELECTION

SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER 2021

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are called for an in-person Council election to be held on Saturday 16th October 2021 to fill the following Council vacancies:

District Ward:

Three Vacancies – Four Year Terms (to expire October 2025)

One Vacancy – Two Year Term (to expire October 2023)

Nominations open on Thursday 2 September 2021 and close at 4.00 pm on Thursday 9 September 2021.

To nominate, candidates are required to complete the **Online Candidate Induction Course** and lodge with the Returning Officer:

- a completed nomination in the prescribed form which has been signed and witnessed;
- a nomination deposit of \$80.00; and
- a single A4 page candidate profile containing not more than 800 characters and that complies with all other requirements.

Further details about eligibility and nomination procedures may be obtained from the Returning Officer, Roy McClymont.

Nomination deposits made by cheque, electronic transfer or other means must have cleared before the close of nominations.

Nominations may be hand delivered, posted, faxed or emailed to the Returning Officer at the nomination place listed below:

SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA

75 Main St, Meekatharra 6642

TEL: 9980 0600 **FAX:** 9981 1505

Email: executive@meekashire.wa.gov.au

RETURNING OFFICER: Roy McClymont

Meekatharra Support Guide

EMERGENCY

Ambulance/Police/SES/Fire	000
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	0458 881 488	1800RESPECT	1800 737 732
(Nyarlu Duwa Women's House, Family and Domestic Violence Response Service)			

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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**If you suffer from Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease or Respiratory
Disease and would like to make changes to improve your health,
call our Care Coordinators Beryl or Danielle on **0447 268 603****



Meekatharra ICDC visiting dates for 2021

21st September, 19th October, 16th November



GARDENS WITH SAL, THE GARDEN GAL

A very warm and sunny hello to everybody out in Meeka,

Spring has truly sprung and what a time to be out in the Midwest! The wildflowers this season are so very beautiful and the bush is singing in celebration. Have you been out bush checking things out? I wonder what you all have found?

Spring is every gardener's favourite time of year! You can feel the warmth back in the sun and that is true also for the soil. Right now is the perfect window to be getting busy in your veggie patch and garden, preparing and tending for successful harvests for months to come.

There are no rules on how to create your veggie patch but good things to keep in mind are: accessibility to water, well-worked soft fluffy soil (in a raised bed, old bath, split rainwater tank or possibly into a well prepared patch of earth), nutrient rich additions (manure, compost, dynamic lifter, blood and bone) and potentially a bit of shade for when the weather warms in coming months, remember veggies need six hours of direct sunlight a day to be productive.

If you have good quality seeds already then well done! But if not, there are many online seed suppliers that can send them out within weeks. One of my favourite suppliers is Eden Seeds as they are organic, non-GMO, highly viable seeds and the end produce is always delicious. But there are many suppliers to choose from and if you head to Geraldton, Bunnings Warehouse is always well stocked!

Seeds to plant direct into garden beds include: zucchini, squash, beetroot, carrot, radish, turnip, corn, cucumber, peas, beans, pumpkin, watermelon, and rockmelon (remember these ones will grow far and wide so be sure to have space for them), sweet potatoes, asparagus, spring onions Asian greens and silver beet.

Seeds to raise in seed raising mix prior to planting out include: leek, capsicum, tomatoes, chillies, eggplant and passionfruit.

There are plenty of herbs to get planting into your garden too, such as basil, parsley, chives, sage, oregano, rosemary and mint.

I'm planning to grow some Ceylon running spinach- also known as Malabar spinach- this summer too. This climbing plant comes from India and is renowned for loving the high

temperatures and direct sunlight, perfect for our climate here in Meeka. Ceylon spinach isn't a true spinach per se but the leaves are high in vitamins and can be used in the place of store-bought spinach in your favourite meals. However I think this plant has the potential to get a bit out of hand if given the opportunity, so be sure to know where you might like it to thrive, perhaps growing over a trellis or over something to provide shade?!

The bush is certainly colourful at the moment and now is the time to make your home garden colourful too! There are countless flower varieties you can plant right now. Sunflowers, nasturtiums, zinnias, pansies, daisies, cornflower, lavender, dahlias, strawflowers, cosmos, foxglove, dianthus, echinacea, the list goes on. I know that we don't have many (if any!) honeybees out here, but I have seen some native bees take interest in some flowers in the home garden.

Speaking of flowers, for those of you that have fruit trees growing at your home you may have noticed there are flower buds forming- if not already blossoming. How lucky you are if so as they smell amazing! You can help your fruit trees produce more flowers by adding potash to the surrounding soil. Potash helps plants to create more flowers but also improves the flower colour and quality of flowers and also the fruit! Potash also moves water and sugars around the cell membrane which can make fruit juicier and sweeter. You can



A sandalwood tree full of fruit!



*Left: Wildflowers galore, they smell amazing!
Above: A new garden area at our EON school garden,
ready to be planted with spring seeds!*

make your own potash feed fertiliser at home from banana peels, just chop some up into small pieces and leave in water for around a week. Then you can pour this solution around the desired plants. A very quick and easy homemade natural feed- perfect!

Another plant I am trying out this year is taro. Taro is a root crop that is found mostly in tropical humid places around the world, however I have heard it grows well in NZ too so it can be versatile. It prefers a part-shaded space with plenty of room to spread its leaves and roots. Taro would be perfect for a south facing location that has access to plenty of water, as they get very thirsty. You can eat their leaves as well as their roots! Taro can be grown from their tuber which I have bought from the fruit and veggie shop in Geraldton. Simply plant as you would a potato in spaces of about 30cm apart. I'm very much looking forward to seeing how they go! I hear they grow well in Karalundi?

No matter what you plant this spring, remember to mulch your plants well to keep that precious water in the soil where it is needed most.

Well wonderful Meeka, sadly this will be my last edition to the Dust for now. I've gone from growing pumpkins to growing humans and am very excited to report to you all that I'm pregnant- and at the half-way mark!

I have spent the last three years working in your town and school and have enjoyed every moment of it so thank you for having me. I will be "handing over" to a new Project Manager to replace me at EON and take over our beautiful garden and thriving program at the school. Be sure to say hello to them when you see them.

It's been a pleasure and wish you all many happy gardening days ahead.

Take care,

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



A beautiful big cauliflower from our school garden



AUSTRALIAN EARTH SCIENCE EDUCATION VISIT

Meekatharra District High School had a special visit from Australia Earth Science Education in July. The primary school was able to be involved with the staff who came to do some exciting science experiments with them.

The Australian Earth Science education Team was joined by staff from Sandfire Resources. The Sandfire staff were able to show their love of geology to the students and even brought along some samples for the students to see.

Throughout the day of science lessons the students and staff were able to enrich their learning by having age appropriate lessons planned for each group. The kindy and pre-primary learnt about light, the years 1 and 2 learnt about fossils, the years 3 and 4 learnt about soil, the years 5 and 6 learnt about flooded landscapes. This type of learning is practical, hands on and shows the students how learning about earth sciences can lead to exciting careers.

The teachers had the opportunity to do some learning as well, after the students had gone home the Australian Earth Science Education team stayed with the school staff

to teach them more about their programs. The teachers got some ideas and lessons they can use to keep the students engaged on this topic.

These exciting and educational activities provide the students at the Meekatharra District High School with experiences to hopefully spark some interest in the sciences. The school is very lucky to have such passionate visitors to support the education of the students.

Thanks to everyone who helped put this awesome incursion on for our students!







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(turning ordinary things into awesome things)

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- ☐ A cough
- ☐ A new or changed spot on your skin

... once or more?

- ☐ Blood in your goona
- ☐ Coughing up blood
- ☐ Blood in your pee



If you have and you are over 40...

Tell a clinic nurse, doctor or health worker

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Government of Western Australia
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St John Meekatharra urgently needs volunteers for night shifts.

If you're a night owl and would like to help, visit stjohnchangelives.com.au
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call on 0437 681 562, or email Michelle.Fyfe@stjohnwa.com.au

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FIRST AID FACT SHEET

Electric Shock

An electric shock occurs when a person comes into contact with an electrical energy source. Electrical energy flows through a portion of the body causing a shock. Exposure to electrical energy may result in a life-threatening situation as there may be damage to internal organs.

Caused by

- + Electricity (either high voltage or prolonged current) passing through the body.

Signs & symptoms

- + Burns, particularly entry and exit burns where the electricity entered and left the body which may be deep.
- + Unconsciousness.
- + Not breathing normally.
- + A weak, erratic pulse or no pulse at all.
- + Cardiac arrest.

What to do

1. Follow DRSABCD St John Action Plan.
2. Check for danger to yourself and bystanders.
3. Switch off the power if possible.
4. If safe to do so, remove the casualty from the electrical supply without directly touching them. Use non-conductive, dry materials, for example a dry wooden broom handle.
5. Cool any burnt areas with copious amounts of cool water for up to twenty (20) minutes.
6. Remove any clothing and jewellery from affected area unless stuck to the burn.
7. Cover burnt area with a light non-stick dressing or clean, dry non-fluffy material.
8. Reassure the casualty.
9. Always seek medical aid immediately for electrical burns. Call **Triple Zero (000)** for an ambulance.

DOWNED POWER LINES

- + When calling **Triple Zero (000)** advise that there are downed cables.
- + Remain at least 6 metres from any cable and do not approach until advised that it is safe to do so.
- + **DO NOT** attempt to remove the cable.
- + If a vehicle is being touched by a high voltage cable, **DO NOT** go near the vehicle or try to remove the casualty from the vehicle.
- + Advise the casualty not to move.



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.

MURCHISON YOUTH HEALTH AND CAREERS EXPO

The 2021 Murchison Youth Health and Careers Expo was a big hit! The team from Yulella Aboriginal Corporation put on a great event with over 20 different organisations jumping on board to support the youth of our community.

The expo is a chance for potential employers and education organisations to show off what they have to offer to the youth of Meekatharra. The youth get to go around to all the stalls and engage with the staff to learn more about different options they have after they leave school.

The Meekatharra School, Yulga Jinna School and Karalundi School took all their students down to enjoy the day and learn about different opportunities.

Radio MAMA provided a lot of entertainment for the day, hosting a live show throughout the event. They interviewed the different organisations,

youth and staff to provide those who were not there an idea of the great events that happened.

Throughout the day the Yulella food van was cooking up a storm. They made bacon and egg burgers, ham-burgers and smoothies. Everyone was fed and happy.

There were many local organisations who attended as well as some who came in from Geraldton or Perth. The local organisations included St Johns, On Site, Shire, Police, Youth Justice, Coles Express, Mission Australia and Mental health. Just to name a few. Some of the organisations who travelled include Royal Life Saving, Headspace, GRAMS, Defence Force and Cancer Council and Department of Communities.





There were so many activities to enjoyed by everyone. Headspace set up beanbags and snakes & ladders. The police set up some gear to try one, St Johns set up an ambulance to walk through, and Sandfire set up some gear that their workers wear. The Youth Justice Team set up some painting, everyone could relax and unwind by designing their own flower pot, some which ended up in the school garden. Each stall had information, activities and engaging staff to help spread the information of their organisation.

There were heaps of freebies for everyone and a raffle to win prizes from local businesses including gift vouchers from Leighton's Café and Farmer Jacks, and an

art print from Andos Art Prints. The organisations that came up also offered their own merchandise for the raffle.

A big thank you to everyone who pitched in, donated and helped out to make this event happen. Congrats to everyone at Yulella who worked hard to put everything together.







NAME PAVERS

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

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



Part Time Cleaner Position Available

The Shire of Meekatharra has a position available as a Cleaner for Lloyds Plaza.

We are looking for a self motivated, detail orientated person who can work independently.

Please contact Tralee Cable on cdsm@meekashire.wa.gov.au or 9980 0609 for more information.



MURCHISON GEOREGION MERCHANDISE

We now have Murchison GeoRegion Merchandise. So far we have caps, drink bottles, cooler bags and beanies, with travel mugs to come!

The drink bottles, caps, cooler bags and beanies are available now in the Shire Office. Come on in and grab yourself one of these awesome items. These products are high quality and are great for presents to others or yourself.

The drink bottles are \$20, cooler bags are \$59, beanies are \$26 and the caps are \$16. The products are perfect for outdoor adventures and look amazing!

Meekatharra has four sites in the GeoRegion Project: Peace Gorge, Mt Yagahong, Barlangi Rock and Jack Hills (no access). We are putting in interpretive signs at the three visitable locations. It is well worth the drive to go see the sites, read all the history and take in the beauty of the locations!



\$26



\$59



\$20



\$16

BE COVIDSAFE

HELP PROTECT THE COMMUNITY BY GETTING VACCINATED TODAY!!

The next **PFIZER** COVID Vaccine clinic
will be on;

Monday 6th September 1.30-2.30pm

Tuesday 7th September 2.00-3.00pm

Wednesday 8th September 1.30-2.30pm

Thursday 9th September 1.30-3.30pm

Call the **Meekatharra GP Clinic** on **6444 7980**
to book in for your vaccine.

**WE CANNOT BE WASTING VACCINE
DOSES!!**

Please call the clinic at **LEAST 24 hours** before
to cancel your scheduled appointment so that
we can offer your appointment slot to someone
else!!

BE COVIDSAFE

HELP PROTECT THE COMMUNITY BY GETTING VACCINATED TODAY!!

The next **ASTRAZENECA** COVID
Vaccine clinic will be on;

Friday 10th September 11.00am-12.00pm

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to book in for your vaccine.

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DOSES!!**

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12PM

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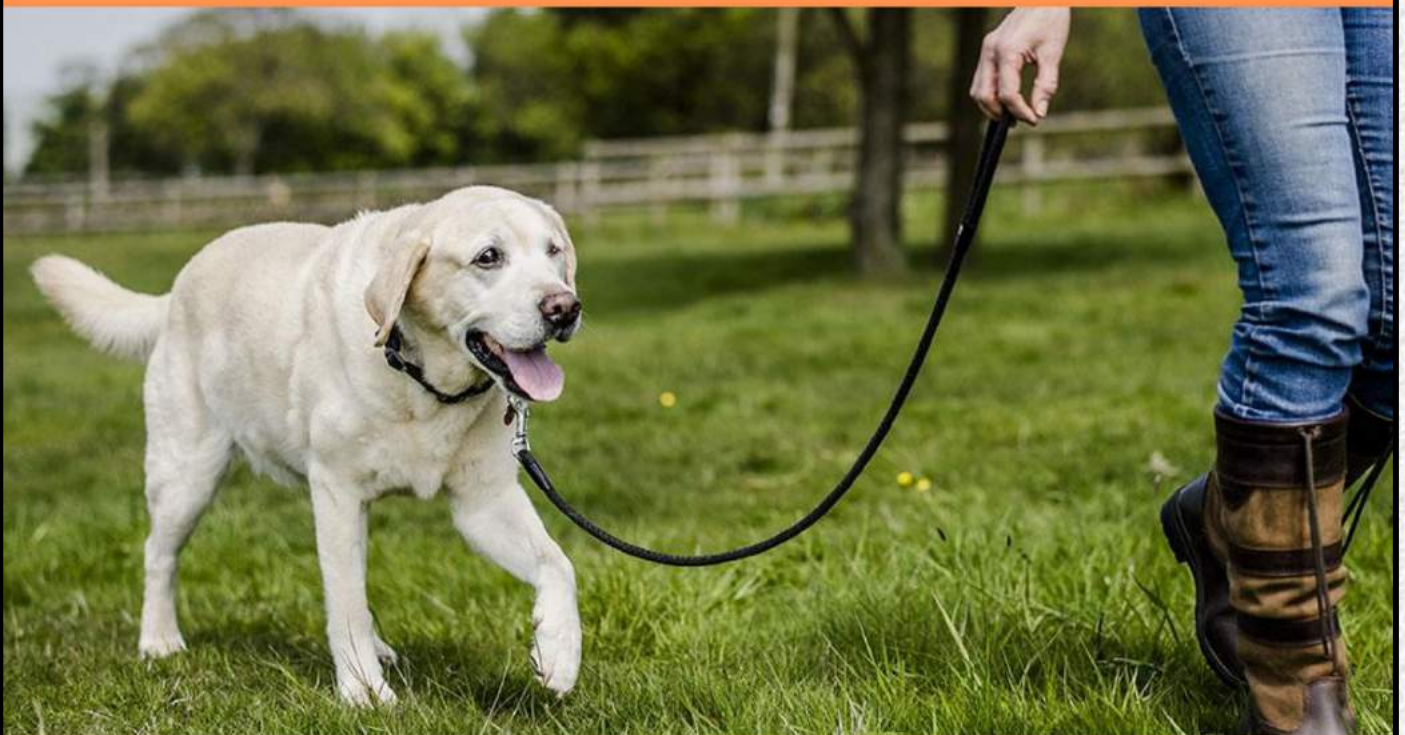
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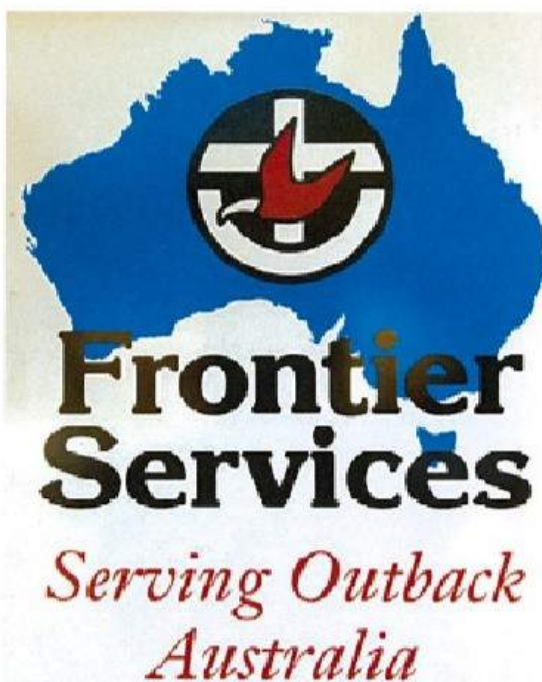
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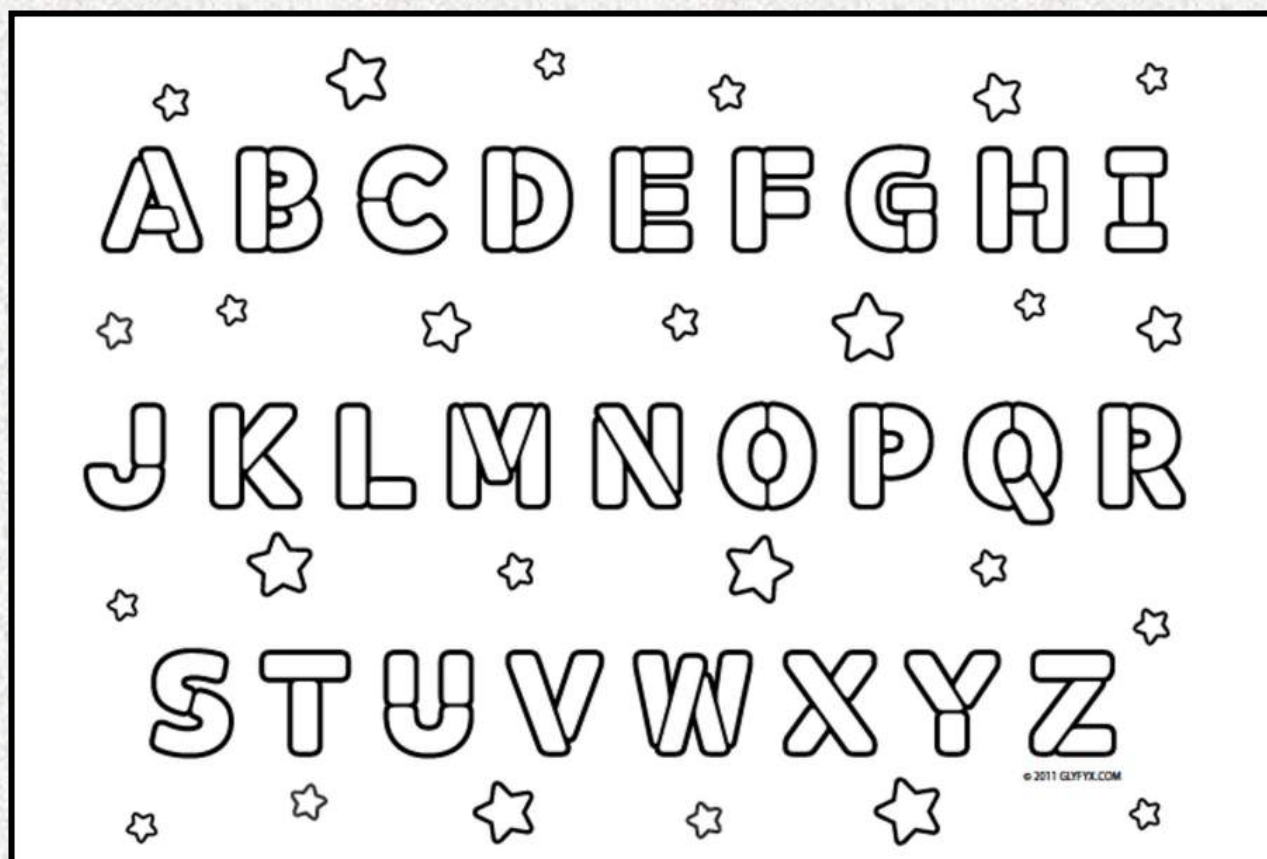
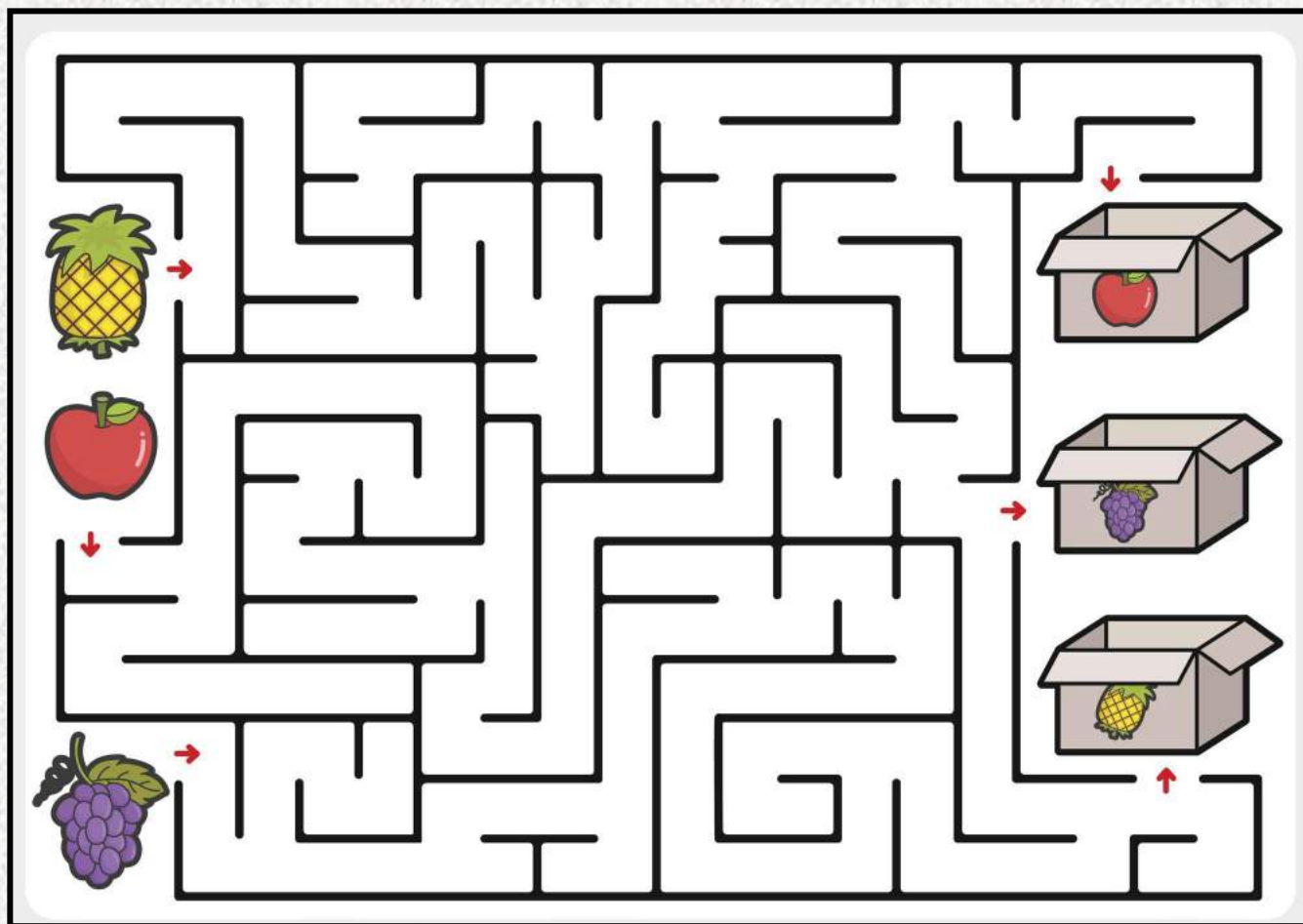
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KIDS CORNER





Spring Vegetable Lasanga

SERVES: 4 | PREP TIME: 20MINS | COOK TIME: 55MINS | INGREDIENTS: 14

ingredients

- 30g butter
- 1/4 cup plain flour
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 bunch asparagus, trimmed, thickly sliced
- 2 zucchini, cut into ribbons
- 2 green onions, trimmed, cut into 8cm lengths
- 1 bunch English spinach, trimmed
- 10 dried instant lasagna sheets
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 250g fresh ricotta
- 2 roma tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 2/3 cup chopped fresh basil leaves
- 1 cup grated pizza cheese
- Extra basil leaves, to serve

directions

- Preheat oven to 200°C/180°C fan-forced.
- Melt butter in small saucepan over medium heat. Add flour. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute or until bubbling. Remove from heat. Gradually stir in milk until combined. Return to heat. Cook, stirring constantly, 3 minutes or until sauce boils and thickens. Remove from heat. Season with salt and pepper.
- Bring a medium saucepan of salted water to the boil. Add asparagus, zucchini and onion. Boil for 2 minutes. Remove with slotted spoon. Drain on paper towel. Add spinach to pan. Cook for 1 minute or until wilted. Remove with slotted spoon. Squeeze out excess moisture when cool enough to handle. Roughly chop.
- Cover the base of a 20cm x 28cm (8 cup- capacity) ovenproof dish with 2/3 cup white sauce. Layer 1/4 lasagna sheets trimming to fit. Layer asparagus mixture, peas and 1/3 ricotta. Top with 1/3 of remaining lasagna sheets, 1/2 spinach, and 1/2 remaining ricotta. Repeat. Top with remaining lasagna sheets and remaining white sauce. Arrange tomato and basil leaves on top. Sprinkle with cheese.
- Bake for 45 minutes or until golden and pasta is tender. Serve with extra basil leaves.

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Crowd Gathers for Meekatharra Race Weekend



*Above: Charging out of the gate for
Monday's St Barbara Mines Cup*

As usual, there was quite a crowd at the race track for the October long weekend races.

Starting at midday on Saturday 29th September and concluding late on Monday evening, it was a weekend to remember.

More details and results inside.....

Local Garbo Turns Forty



*Above: Paul "Cat" Lorne and wife Vicki
Lorne celebrating the milestone*

On October 4th Paul Lorne (known to most as Cat), turned 40. The event was celebrated in the usual loud and boisterous style on the 3rd.

A gathering of around fifty helped Cat celebrate and sore heads were felt by many a local the following day! The birthday boy was in fine form, could this have anything to do with the Scotch?

More photos in the Out & About Section...

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.
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September 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	31	1 Youth Focus BBQ 1pm-3pm @ Yulella Hub	2 Shire Council Nominations Open	3 School Athletics Carnival 9am @ Oval 	4 Meeka Goes Green Recycling 9am-11am Upcycling Workshop 11am 	5
6 Pfizer Vaccine Clinic 1:30pm-2:30pm @ GP Clinic	7 Pfizer Vaccine Clinic 2pm-3pm @ GP Clinic	8 Youth Focus BBQ 1pm-3pm @ Yulella Hub Pfizer Vaccine Clinic 1:30pm-2:30pm @ GP Clinic	9 Shire Council Nominations Close Pfizer Vaccine Clinic 1:30pm-2:30pm @ GP Clinic	10 Cardiologist (clinic) Astrazeneca Vaccine Clinic 11am-12pm @ GP Clinic	11 Meeka Goes Green Recycling 9am-11am Meeka Markets 9:30am-Noon	12
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20 Dentist (Dental Clinic) Physiotherapist & Podiatrist (Hospital) Dietician & 360 Health (Clinic)	21 Dentist (Dental Clinic) Respiratory Educa- tor & 360 Health (Clinic)	22 Dentist (Dental Clinic) Tidman Brothers (Hospital) Youth Focus BBQ 1pm-3pm @ Yulella Hub	23 Dentist (Dental Clinic)	24 Las Vegas Ball 7pm @ Town Hall	25 Races from 12pm @ Race Track	26 Side Show & Fireworks 10am-8pm @ Oval
27 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	28 Midwife (Clinic)	29 Midwife (Clinic) Physiotherapist (Hospital) Youth Focus BBQ 1pm-3pm @ Yulella Hub	30			