



Meekatharra Dust

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SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA
SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS

JULY 2022 TO JUNE 2023

ORDINARY MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

In accordance with section 5.25 of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 12 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 the scheduled Shire of Meekatharra Ordinary Meeting dates for 2022/23 are as follows:

Saturday, 16 July 2022

Saturday, 20 August 2022

Saturday, 17 September 2022

Saturday, 15 October 2022

Saturday, 19 November 2022

Friday, 16 December 2022

Saturday, 21 January 2023

Saturday, 18 February 2023

Saturday, 18 March 2023

Saturday, 15 April 2023

Saturday, 20 May 2023

Saturday, 24 June 2023

All meetings are held in Council Chambers located at the corner Main & Savage Streets Meekatharra and commence at 9:30am (except the 16 December 2022 meeting which commences at 2:00pm).

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Audit Committee Meetings will be arranged as required by the CEO in consultation with the Shire President.

KJ Matthews
Chief Executive Officer

Advertising in the Meekatharra Dust

The Meekatharra Dust is a newsletter produced by the Shire of Meekatharra each month that highlights local events and helps to distribute news locally. The Newsletter reaches hundreds of people each month through the copies sold around town, copies sent in the mail, and those viewed online. If you wish to advertise in the Meekatharra Dust please get in contact with us on cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au.

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Calling for Submissions

The Meekatharra Dust is always looking for new submissions to be added to the community newsletter. We are chasing articles about things happening around town. If you have any articles with information about any upcoming community events then we want to hear from you!

The Shire of Meekatharra will pay for articles that are related to Meekatharra. Articles include short stories, poems, photos or similar. Get in contact to find out more about this opportunity.

"The Meekatharra Dust" is a non-profit community newspaper. The Meekatharra Dust is published during the first week of each month. The deadline is the 24th of the previous month.

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



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The Shire of Meekatharra



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Artist Helen Ansell is visiting Meeka



Mural

Artist Helen Ansell is coming to town! Helen spent time growing up in Meeka when she was young and is very excited to come back. She will be working with the community to complete a mural on the corner of Main St and Savage St (next to the pool).

Want to get involved?

Pop down throughout the day

She is painting 7th-10th of June 2022

Exhibition

Helen is showing off her incredible work. To view or buy her work come along to the Art Exhibition, everyone welcome.

**Saturday, 11th of June 2022 4pm-6pm at
Lloyds Plaza**

Light refreshments provided



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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

Welcome back to another edition of the Meekatharra Dust! In this edition you will find photos and information about the Constable Care filming at Karalundi, a guide to have a perfect day in town, information about the Youth Focus sneaker project, photos from the National reconciliation Week Breakfast and of course much more.

Coming up in June is the MARG Meeting on the 8th of June via Zoom, the markets are on the 11th of June at 9am and the 6th of June is a public holiday for WA Day.

Helen Ansell is painting the mural next to the pool and hosting an exhibition at Lloyds Plaza on the 11th of June 4pm-6pm. If you are keen to come and paint with Helen she will be there all day on the 8th, 9th and 10th.

Our weekly sports nights for the adults in town is on Wednesday 6pm-8pm at the Sports Complex and yoga is on Monday 6pm-7pm at the Town Hall. Both of these weekly events are free and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Shire is looking for designs for Bin Stickers to promote putting rubbish into the bin. The template and extra information can be found on page 26 and 27. We are looking for positive messages to be put all over town to promote keeping Meekatharra beautiful. Submissions are due on the 24th of June 2022.

The Editor



PUBLIC NOTICE

Casual Staff Pool Register

The Shire of Meekatharra seeks expressions of interest for the establishment of a casual staff pool register. The intention of the casual staff pool register is to identify suitable persons that can be engaged when necessary to undertake casual work requirements with the Shire. Applicants may submit their expression of interest in some or all areas of the Shire's operations that include administration, finance, youth and recreation services, or outdoor civil works and parks & gardens.

Interested applicants are to submit a Resume and brief letter outlining their experience and the work area they are interested in with a closing date of Wednesday 15th of June 2022 for receipt of the expressions of interest to below.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
PO Box 129
MEEKATHARRA WA 6642
08 9980 0600
ceo@meekashire.wa.gov.au

CEO COUNCIL MESSAGE

Welcome to the June 2022 edition of *The Dust CEO Council Message* Report that provides information for all residents regarding the Council ordinary meeting that was held on the 21st of May 2022 as well as the Health, Building and Town Planning Committee meeting that was held on the same day. This section of *The Dust* is intended to provide a snapshot of the issues discussed at Councils Ordinary Meetings that are held each month.

The unconfirmed minutes of Council Meetings are placed on the Council website as soon as possible within the prescribed time limit whereby they are confirmed at the next scheduled Council Meeting. Furthermore, items listed on the agenda when published for the community may not include all the items that were discussed at the Council Meeting, as provision is made for councillors and/or staff to introduce late items for consideration as permitted by legislation and Councils Standing Orders. Therefore, the following resolutions are only an extract of the full meeting agenda with the entire meeting proceedings being available in the official Council Minutes that are confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

Items from the Shire of Meekatharra Ordinary Meeting 21 May 2022

Item 9.3.5 – Eastern Gascoyne Race Club Donation

That Council agree to the request from the Eastern Gascoyne Race Club and approve the donation of the Council 1982 Mercedes rubbish truck on an 'as is' basis to the Eastern Gascoyne Race Club.

The above resolution confirms Councils approval to donate the 1982 Mercedes Rubbish Truck to the Eastern Gascoyne Race Club for use by the Race Club at the annual Landor Races. The rubbish truck was listed for disposal recently, however did not attract any expressions of interest to purchase and is therefore surplus to Councils requirements.

Item 9.3.6 – Delegation Register 2022

That Council adopt the attached amended Register of Delegations 2022 and authorise the delegations contained within for use.

Council is required to review its Delegation Register on an annual basis that delegates (some) of its powers and duties to the CEO in accordance with the Local Government Act. In turn the CEO may also delegate some powers or duties to employees. The 2022 Delegation Register will be available to view on Councils website.

Item 9.3.7 – Donation Request – Markus Simpson

That Council resolve to donate \$1000 to Markus Simpson to attend the 2022 'Down Under Winter Classic' National Baseball Tournament on the Gold Coast.

The above resolution confirms Councils approval to support Markus Simpson attending the National Baseball Tournament to be held on the Gold Coast that continues Councils financial support of the community.

Item 11.1 – Road Access and Maintenance Deed Agreement – Ashburton Downs Meekatharra Road

That Council approve the Shire of Meekatharra and Abra Road Access and Maintenance Deed Agreement as appended for the Ashburton Downs Road from the intersection of Ashburton Downs Road/Great Northern Highway O SLK to the Abra Mining site entrance at 185.20 SLK section, AND authorize the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to sign and execute the Deed Agreement under the Common Seal.

The above resolution finalizes the process of having a road access and maintenance agreement in place for the use of the Ashburton Downs Road by Abra Mining Pty Ltd to access their mine site.

Item 11.2 – Lloyds Shop Lease – Technology Metals Australia

That Council approve leasing Shop 2 at the Lloyds Plaza Complex to Technology Metals Australia Ltd and instruct the CEO to negotiate and finalize the formal lease with Technology Metals Australia Ltd for the Shire President and CEO to execute under Common Seal.

Council has successfully negotiated the opportunity provided by the expression of interest from Technology Metals Australia Ltd to lease Shop 2 at Lloyds Plaza. Technology Metals Australia Ltd intend to open a small office in Lloyds Plaza to provide information to the Meekatharra community regarding their mining site operations at Gabanintha and Yarrabubba.

Item 11.3 – Youth Focus Boxing Program

That Council approves the Chief Executive Officer and Shire President to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (subject to further minor amendments) on behalf of the Council.

The above resolution confirms Councils support and approval to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Council and Youth Focus Inc for the purpose of conducting a youth boxing program. Further details regarding the program are available from Councils Community Development &

Services Manager or Councils Community Development Officer.

Further Information Snippets

- ⇒ Extraordinary election – as previously advised in *The Dust*, Mr Maurice Anderson was duly elected as a Councilor for the Shire of Meekatharra until the remainder of the term expiring on the 21st of October 2023. He was formally sworn in as a Councilor for the Shire of Meekatharra at the ordinary Council meeting on Saturday the 21st of May 2022. Council and staff congratulate Maurice (Reece) on his election and look forward to his contribution to the community of Meekatharra.
- ⇒ Annual 2022/23 budget – as also previously advised in *The Dust*, the process for Councils 2022/23 budget continues with Council holding further workshops to finalize the details of the 2022/23 budget. Council will formally adopt the 2022/23 budget at its next ordinary meeting on Saturday 25th of June 2022.

⇒ Town Entry Statements – several designs were presented by Councils Community Development & Services Manager (CDSM) to the Health, Building and Town Planning (HBTP) Committee meeting for discussion. The HBTP Committee will consider the designs and seek community feedback and the community are urged to familiarise themselves with the design alternatives and provide feedback comment to the CDSM.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled for 9.30am on Saturday the 25th of June 2022 and the next CEO *Council Message* column will appear shortly after this meeting in the July 2022 edition of *The Dust* to provide information from this Council meeting as well as general information updates to the community. Until the next edition
Bye for Now!

KJ Matthews - CEO



Councillor Anderson being sworn into office at the May 2022 Council Meeting

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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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FREE Waste Bags are available at the oval.

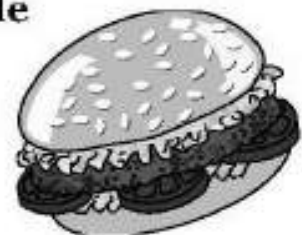
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Corner of Main & High Streets, Meekatharra

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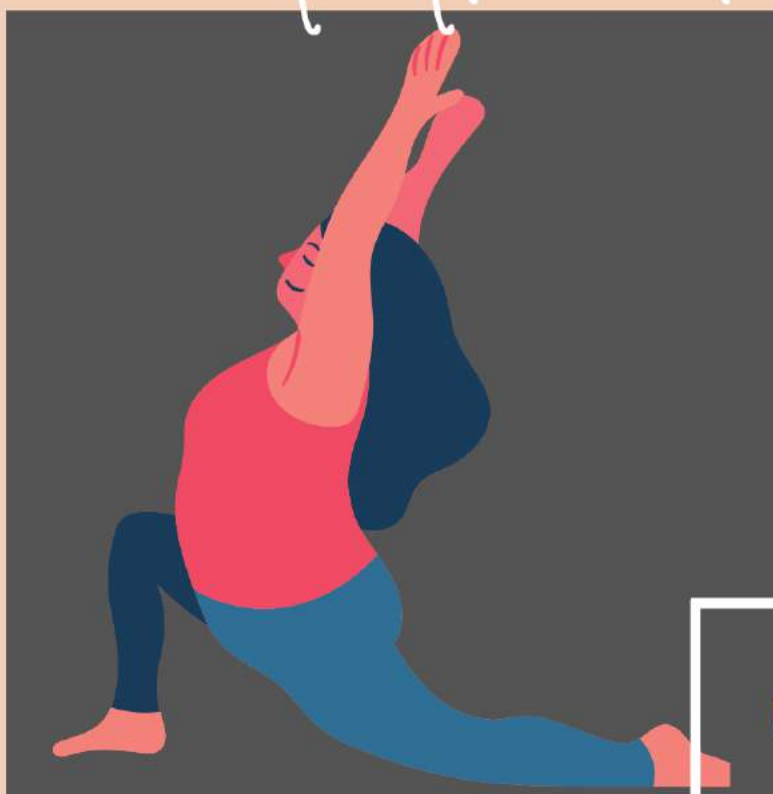
Tyre Repairs
Driveway Service



Monday 6th of June—We are trying a dance workout! Come along if you are keen to try a different way of working out with our **judgement free** group

YOGA

at the hall



Join us for a weekly
yoga session
streamed on the big
screen in the Town
Hall.

All sessions are
accessible for all
abilities.



WHEN:
Every Monday
6pm-7pm
Town Hall

YOGA MATS AVAILABLE

For enquiries please contact Amy at the Shire on 9980 0600



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



Consumer Watch Column

Consumer Protection 50-52 Durlacher Street, Geraldton WA 6530

Tel: (08) 9920 9800

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

Pet regret: consumer complaints climb

Welcoming a new pet into your family is an exciting time, so the last thing you'd want to discover after bringing the animal home is any unexpected issues or problems.

An emotional bond has likely formed that could make an exchange or refund out of the question, while a 'repair' could equate to expensive vet bills and a dispute with the seller.

Unfortunately, issues with pet purchases are on the rise. In the last 12 months, Consumer Protection received 72 complaints, up from 55 complaints the previous year.

Around 83 per cent of complaints related to puppies or dogs and medical issues were the top concern – so we always recommend arranging a pre-purchase vet check to ensure the animal is in good health.

We also hear about lack of documentation, such as registration papers and vaccination certificates, as well as animals that don't meet the description – for example, if a dog is advertised as a medium-size breed, but grows to become very large.

You have rights under the Australian Consumer Law if you buy from a shop, or registered breeder that is a business. But these protections are unlikely to be available for private sales, via Gumtree or Facebook Marketplace, or when you adopt from a shelter or rescue centre.

That's why it is important before you buy to research the breed, its parents and the seller, in addition to carefully considering your ongoing commitment to provide a suitably-sized home, food and water, exercise and veterinary care.

Pet scams are also common, so be cautious if you're looking to buy online where popular breeds are offered for low prices on fake websites, and payment only be made via a non-secure method, such as bank transfer.

[New laws](#) aimed at stopping puppy farming in WA have recently passed State Parliament and include a requirement for consumers to receive information at purchase about where dogs have come from, as well as the transition of pet shops into adoption centres.

Further information and advice about buying a pet is available on our [website](#) at www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au, while enquiries can be made on 1300 30 40 54 or to consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au

ENTRY STATEMENTS

The Shire is in the process of designing town entry signs for Meekatharra and would like community feedback. We have narrowed it down to the designs below. Please help us by voting for your chosen design below. The costs below are only for the design, production and freight of the signs, not installation or any works that are needed to install them.

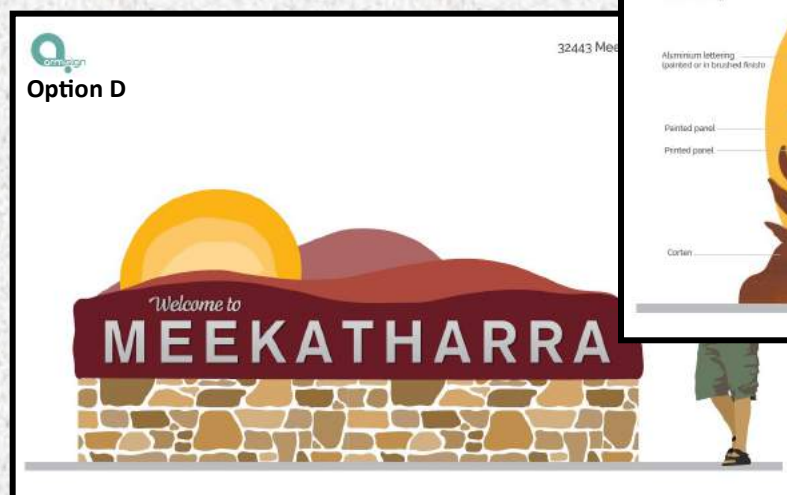
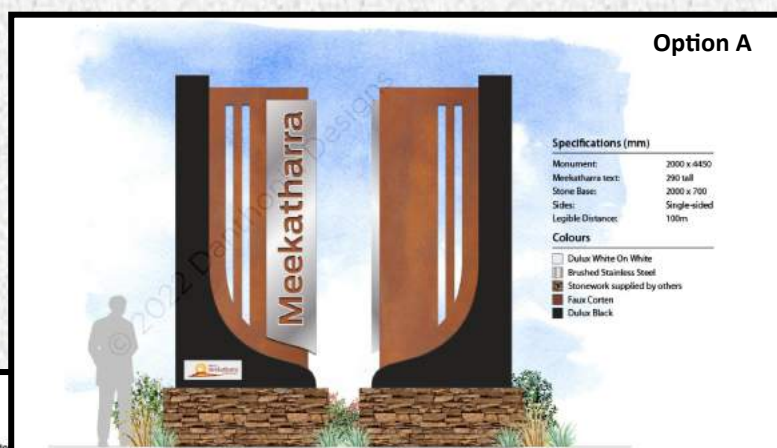
Option A costs \$25,000 per sign plus the stone base and installation

Option B costs \$10,300 per sign plus installation

Option C costs \$22,000 per sign plus installation

Option D costs \$15,000 per sign plus the stone base and installation

If you have any comments or would also like to be involved in a focus group please fill out this survey using this link (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3BDFDBK>) or the QR code





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ONE WAY

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Flights begin on July 1, so for booking details or more information, contact the airlines, your travel agent or visit farego.wa.gov.au

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CONSTABLE CARE AT KARALUNDI

Constable Care Foundation's Youth Choices team returned to Karalundi to run their Remote Media Program, which was generously supported by Telethon 7 and the WA Police. Matt Stewart and his two co-facilitators, Oliver Hughes and Malek Domkoc, spent a week with the secondary students devising and shooting a short film around a topic selected by the students; alcohol abuse. The Karalundi students came up with the theme as something that is impacting them and their communities. They wrote a story about how alcohol use can lead to poor decision making and potentially violence. They also learnt about film making, operating the cameras to enhance story telling along with sound and editing.

The film was screened at Meekatharra Youth Centre. Thanks to the support of the Shire of Meekatharra. The participants and guests explored ways of dealing with peer pressure and how to say "no" when you don't want to do something.





MURAL

Well, the mural of the school bus was originally painted by the Youth Centre has been covered up to make way for the new mural to be painted by Helen Ansell. Back in September 2010 the Youth Centre participants and the Subiaco Church of Christ Youth Group painted the mural as part of the school holiday program. The Youth Centre was run by Elaine and Alicia King who were both very keen to get this mural happening for the kids of Meeka.

Artist Helen Ansell is starting her mural on the 7th of June and will be painting all day on the 8th, 9th and 10th. The community is more than welcome to help paint the mural and be a part of the next artwork in Meekatharra.

If you want to see some of Helen's work, she is hosting an Art Exhibition on the 11th of June 4pm-6pm at Lloyds Plaza. Free for everyone in the community.



MEEKATHARRA ABORIGINAL REFERENCE GROUP MEETINGS

2022

(Second week of each month mostly)

Community MARG Members 9:30 a.m.

Invited Stakeholders to attend from 11:00 a.m.

February	Wednesday 9 th	Face to Face
March	Wednesday 9 th	Face to Face
April	Wednesday 13 th	Cancelled Covid
May	Wednesday 11 th	Face to Face and ZOOM
June	Wednesday 8 th	ZOOM Online
July	Wednesday 13 th	Face to face and ZOOM
August	Wednesday 10 th	ZOOM Online
September	Wednesday 14 th	Face to Face and ZOOM
October	Wednesday 12 th	ZOOM Online
November	Wednesday 11 th	Face to Face and ZOOM
December	Wednesday 7 th	? TBC



Government of Western Australia
Department of Health

COVID-19

Stay COVID safe

Stop the spread of COVID

No big mobs

COVID spreads easily when big mobs get together.

Keep your distance.



Wear a mask when required

Masks help to stop COVID spreading.



Get vaccinated



Call the clinic if you're sick



Wash your hands



Keep your distance



Cover coughs and sneezes



Clean shared surfaces

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MURCHISON DENTAL TEAM ROSTER 2022

Meekatharra: 2nd February - 11th of February

Mount Magnet: 23rd February - 4th March

Cue: 23rd March - 1st April

Meekatharra: 27th April - 6th May

Mount Magnet: 23rd May - 29th May

Sandstone: 29th May - 3rd June

Meekatharra: 22nd June - 1st July

Yalgoo: 20th July - 29th July

Mount Magnet: 17th August - 26th August

Meekatharra: 14th September - 23rd September

Mount Magnet: 12th October - 21st October

Meekatharra: 9th November - 18th November

Mount Magnet: 7th December - 16th December

CONTACT NUMBERS:

MEEKATHARRA - 9981 0640 OR 0427 386 647

YALGOO PRIMARY SCHOOL - 9962 8029

MOUNT MAGNET, CUE, SANDSTONE - 0427 386 647

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY



Youth Focus	6266 4333	youthfocus.com.au
HeadSpace	9274 8860	headspace.com.au ehespace.com.au
Lifeline WA [24 hrs]	13 11 14	lifeline.org.au
Kids Helpline [24 hrs]	1800 551 800	kidshelp.com.au
Suicide Call Back Service [24 hrs]	1300 659 467	suicidecallbackservice.org.au
Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service [CAMHS]	1800 048 656	cahs.health.wa.gov.au/our-services/mental-health
Mental Health Emergency Response Line [24 hrs]	1300 555 788 Metro 1800 676 822 Peel 1800 720 101 TTY	nmahsmh.health.wa.gov.au
Ngala Parenting Helpline	9368 9568 Callback Service 1800 111 546 Rural	ngala.com.au

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Bite Back	biteback.org.au
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Beyond Blue	beyondblue.com.au

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Reachout Worry Time



What's Up?



The Check-in

5 TIPS TO BE MENTALLY HEALTHY...





Department of
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Shaping the future

School enrolments are now open for 2023

If your child is starting **Kindergarten, Pre-primary, Year 7** or **changing schools** you will need to apply to enrol by **22 July 2022**.

Find out more:

education.wa.edu.au/how-to-enrol





COVID-19: Symptom guide

With COVID-19 in the community it is important to know what the symptoms are and when to seek medical advice.



Fever



Headache



Loss of taste and/or smell



Fatigue



Dry cough



Sore/scratchy throat



Shortness of breath



Muscle aches



Vomiting



Runny nose



Chills/night sweats



Diarrhoea

Mild symptoms

Most people will have mild symptoms for up to 2 weeks. Avoid high-impact activities, weights, running and workouts.

Recover at home

Worsening symptoms

Symptoms worsen and you are unable to take care of yourself such as showering, putting on clothes or making food.

Call your GP

Severe symptoms

Symptoms become severe such as difficulty breathing when resting. Do not wait, call 000 immediately and let the operator know you have COVID-19.

Call 000

WA.gov.au/symptoms

We're all in this *together.*

AUSTRALIAN EARTH SCIENCE EDUCATION VISIT



The Australian Earth Science Education (AusEarthEd) team were back in Meekatharra on the 26th of May 2022 to provide hands on education to the students for the third year in a row. These annual visits are engaging and a key part of what AusEarthEd does, they love to reach out to students and teach them all about the earth. The team love to see students be inspired and be encouraged to follow careers in STEM education.

The students in Kindy-Year 1 investigated our changing beads, year1-2 explored the physical properties of soils and year 3-6 learnt about what makes some volcanoes more ex-

plosive than others. The teaching staff also did some learning about earth sciences.

The team who came to the school posted this on Facebook: 'This month we had the great pleasure of working with the students and teachers at Meekatharra District High School. Patsy and Rosie (pictured) from Sandfire Resources joined us to deliver lots of hands-on fun and a soils kit, so the school could continue their explorations into the future. We look forward to sharing more photos of the fun that was had soon.' It is great to see the staff and students having a great time learning about the world around them.

The AusEarthEd team were accompanied by staff from Sandfire who are big sponsors in this program.

Thanks to everyone who came out to Meeka!





Department of
Transport



Department of Transport Remote Services

Visiting: Meekatharra

When: Thursday 9th June 2022 - 9am to 4pm

Where: CRC Offices Meekatharra

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ON-COUNTRY EDUCATION MEEKATHARRA TERM 2

MEEKA COMMUNITY HUB

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Breakfast Club: 9.00am

Bush Classroom (4 - 12Y): 9.30am - 11.30am

Ranger 4 Life On-Country Trip: 3.00pm - 5.00pm

**To attend Ranger 4 Life On-Country Trips,
children must have attended Bush Classroom or
School that day.**

Fruit and Lunch or afternoon Snack Included.
Pick-Up and Drop-Off included.

Don't Rubbish Country[®]

For more information please reach out
Yulella Aboriginal Corporation - 9980 1339

Consent forms required.





WE ARE HIRING!

YOUTH SUPPORT MENTOR - MEEKATHARRA

Our Youth Support Mentor is a position, co-located at Youth Justice Service office. This position will work closely with the Youth Justice Officer and other local youth services organisations.

You need to be able to build strong relationships with the young people of Meekatharra and support them to be their very best person. This might include assisting them with;

- **Signing up for education and training**
- **Emotional wellbeing**
- **Family and community engagement**
- **Lifeskills**
- **Health**
- **Drug and alcohol support**

**Please call Gina Rainbird for a position description or any questions on 0400 689 367
or email gina.rainbird@hopecs.org.au.**



KALEIDOSCOPE

BIG SKY READERS & WRITERS FESTIVAL 2022

SHORT STORY PRIZE ENTRY FORM

Name:

Address:

Phone: Email:

Title of Story: Word Count:

I advise that my entry is my own work and has not been published previously. Should my entry be deemed the winning entry, I provide my permission for my work to be included in the Geraldton Regional Library collection, including being uploaded to the online catalogue.

Signed: Dated:

Do not include your name on your entry, only the title of your work. Email your story and completed entry form to council@cgg.wa.gov.au or submit by mail [Big Sky Short Story Prize, Geraldton Regional Library, PO Box 101, Geraldton WA 6531].
Contact Tudi Cornish, Ph: 9956 6659 for any further queries.

TERMS AND CONDITION

- Open to people aged 18 years plus from across the Midwest.
- Opens Monday 18 April, closes 4pm Friday 15 July 2022. No late entries accepted.
- Length - Maximum of 3,000 words.
- Entry is free. Maximum of three entries per person. Each entry must be accompanied by a completed entry form.
- No responsibility is accepted for lost, delayed or late entries.
- Shortlisted entries announced Wednesday 7 September 2022.
- Entries will not be returned.
- Winners announced Thursday 29 September 2022.
- Winner: Cash prize of \$500, VIP access to Festival Events, Story accessioned into Library, Published online via Library Catalogue, Certificate.
- Runner-Up: VIP access to Festival Events, Story accessioned into Library, Published online via Library Catalogue, Certificate.
- Highly Commended: Certificate.
- Employees of the CGG and their direct family members are not eligible to enter this competition.
- Entries must be unpublished and in English.
- The entry is written with a mature or adult audience in mind.
- Format - must be typed 1.5 line spacing, 12 point font, no contact/name on actual work, only on entry form.



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MONDAYS LUNCH



The Shire welcomes everyone to design a Bin Sticker to promote putting rubbish in the bin! Once all the submissions have been received, we will vote on a few designs to print and stick on the bins all around town. The designs need to have a positive message and persuade people to use the bin. More instructions are on the next page.

Design a Bin Sticker

Small remote and
regional communities
can have their artwork
printed on 12 bin
stickers

THIS WAY UP

Name _____

Community _____

email _____

Return designs to the Shire
of Meekatharra Office or
email
cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au
before the 24th of June
2022

Design a bin sticker

For small remote and regional communities

It's easy as 1, 2, 3

1. MESSAGE

- Keep the message positive. Think about what you **do** want people to do.
- Develop a catchy slogan
- Keep the message about using a bin rather than recycling.
- The message needs to persuade people to use the bin

2. TEXT

Make sure:

- it is clear, bold and easy to read from a distance.
- the spelling is correct,
- all the words fit into the space on the sticker.

3. IMAGE

Make sure your image is:

- clear
- colourful, leaving very little white space,
- bright. Light shading is difficult to see when the image is enlarged.

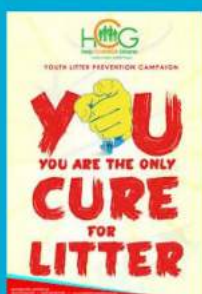
THERE ARE A FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN DESIGNING AN EFFECTIVE BIN STICKER

1. Message
2. Text
3. Image

GENERAL TIPS

- Plan and draft your sticker.
- Get a friend to check.
- Don't put too much detail at the bottom of your design. This is where logos will be placed when printed.

LOOK AT THESE ADS AND THINK ABOUT THE MESSAGE



Is This The Perfect Day in Meeka?

Jo Callaghan

After spending the last five weeks in Meeka, I think I may have the secret to having the perfect Meeka day. So, what qualifications do I have to make such a bold statement, well to be honest, none, but I have spent a fair bit of time exploring the area, chatting to the locals and doing what I do best ... being a weekend tourist.

Oh, by the way during the week I am a teacher at the local Meeka school, you may know me as Miss Jo, but on the weekend, I turn into the Sole Traveller.

The perfect day would have to start with a fresh coffee and pastry, or in my case, sweet cinnamon chai tea and a blueberry muffin, at Mama Moon's Bakery.

Energised and ready to go, head down to the Meekatharra Creek for a leisurely stroll along the Creek Trail, listening to the different birds singing, stopping to read the information panels and imagining life in the 1900s. The smell of fresh bread wafting down the street from the 'best bakery this side of Perth'. The mega, wide dusty roads filled with the sounds of horses and carts, camel trains and hardworking people going about their daily business in long, flowing dresses and top hats and suits in the hot, sweltering sun. People were tough in those days, they had to be to survive.



Take a detour on the way back, stopping at the always popular, Food Van, opposite the Police Station, to pick up a delicious picnic lunch. Why? To take to Peace Gorge, of course.

While waiting for your scummiest lunch to be freshly made, duck across the road to the local Museum in the Shire Office. Check out the old hearse, a reminder of how harsh the living conditions were and the old town photos. Look closely at the surnames on the photos, you

might recognise a few, a long lost relative or piece of family history. I recognised a few family names and wondered if their descendants are children at the local school.



Restocked with plenty of water and delicious food, head out to Peace Gorge, just a stone's throw away, though good luck throwing these enormous granite stones. The Gorge was originally called 'The Granites' but in 1916 after the servicemen returned home to their loved ones, there was a huge town celebration at the Gorge, and it was then known as Peace Gorge.



Peace Gorge is a series of enormous granite rocks to explore, climb and walk around. The golden, bronze rock colourings are stunning in the sunlight against the blue sky and red pindan earth. There are several picnic tables and benches around the Gorge, to relax and enjoy the tranquility and quiet serenity while taking in the



natural beauty of this outback landscape. I spent hours photographing the light bouncing of the magnificent rocks and exploring the dry creek beds.

Can this day get any better? The grand finale would have to be the Meeka Lookout, with 360-degree views of the town and surrounding mining area. A great place to watch the sun go down on this perfect Meeka day.



But wait... if you don't want this perfect day to end just yet head to the Commercial Hotel for a reflective drink, a chat with friends and a tasty dinner.



I think this is the perfect day in Meeka and hope you do too.

If you would like to hear more about my travels and adventures, please visit my website and sign up for my newsletters Sole-traveller.com

Safe Travels,

Jo



NAIDOC SNEAKER PROJECT

GET UP! SHOW UP! STAND UP!



YOUTH FOCUS X IOFF STORE

Youth Focus and 100% Store, with support from the ABC Foundation, Yulella, Meekatharra District High School, and the Meeka Youth Shire Services have created a unique opportunity for young people in Meekatharra. To express their cultural heritage through art and sharing good news stories about Meekatharra.

We Kicked off our NAIDOC Sneaker Project this month with Jamal Aidiello and Dean Che Rus Aidiladha from 100% Store visiting Meekatharra on the 2 May 2022. Jamal spoke with Year 10-12 High School student's about the project and documentary capturing the process and positive stories about Meekatharra. We also had a fun Basketball game night at Youth Services.

Each week the young people in the Meekatharra High School - Future Endeavours class will attend the Youth Focus Office on Main Street to design and create their artwork for their sneakers. During this time Meeka community members, Youth Focus staff, artists and others will be involved and invited to talk to the young people on a wide range of topics, from art and design to caring for your own social and emotional well-being.

Two winning designs will be chosen – by members of the Meekatharra Community. The winner will then have the opportunity to gift their sneakers to one Eagles player and one Dockers player (to be announced at a later date), while still being able to keep a pair of sneakers for themselves.

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 10 2022: Is the deadline for Meekatharra High School - Future Endeavours class to submit their design to Youth Focus.

Jamal and Dean from 100% Store will be returning to Meekatharra in June to help finalise the project designs and project. We may also organise another basketball or football game night!



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YOUTH FOCUS X IOFF STORE NAIDOC SNEAKER PROJECT



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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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Emergencies don't have working hours, that's why we need more volunteer Drivers. If you're looking for a way to help, and love getting behind the wheel, this is the role for you.

You'll help with patient transfers, inter-hospital moves and RFDS transfers. And while this is mainly a driver-only role, you will still receive the training you need to assist an Ambulance Officer in an emergency.

We always need help, so to see how people exactly like you can contribute head to stjohnchangelives.com.au or give our Community Paramedic Michelle Fyfe a call on 0437 681 562, or email Michelle.Fyfe@stjohnwa.com.au

Help keep your ambulance service strong in Meekatharra.

Life goes on.
Volunteer with St John.



MEEKATHARRA GP CLINIC

Due to an increase in COVID in the WA community, we ask that everyone please stay safe and healthy.

Please take the time to look after yourself, and others, and to recognise any health issues early to ensure you receive the best healthcare that we can offer.

We now have new measures in place to ensure we are all safe. When visiting our GP Clinic, we ask that you wear a mask, and ring the doorbell at the front door.

This is to prevent our Clinic closing due to an outbreak.

A friendly reminder that we are not a walk-in Clinic, and you will need to call and book.

Meekatharra GP Clinic: 6444 7980

MAMA MOON'S BAKERY

Mama Moon's Bakery is open! Local baker Amy Dickens, along with her partner Ned, are baking up a storm in their new bakery at Lloyds Plaza on Main Street (in-between the Post Office and Pharmacy, next to Meeka Gift N Garden) . Many people in town will already know Amy from her time at the Meeka markets, making cakes and other treats for everyone in the community. Anyone who has ever tried anything Amy makes knows how incredible it is.

Meeka is very lucky to have a bakery in town again; Amy saw the need in town and decided to do something about it. She is a highly motivated individual who works hard and tries her best at all times. Her enthusiasm for the town and bakery is infectious.

The owners have always had a passion for baking and making yummy food for everyone.

Amy's passion started over 12 years ago as a baker at home and grew from there.

Amy and Ned are the parents to two girls who they wish to show that hard work is the best way to get what they want in life. They show their children each day that their hard work is paying off.

Currently the bakery has a range of tarts, sourdough loaves, rolls, croissants, cakes, cheesecakes and sandwiches. Of course they serve coffee with a moon shaped cookie to make it that much more delicious.

In the future the bakery will have a range of homemade pies, sausage rolls and so much more. Keep a look out on their Facebook page (Mama Moon's Bakery) for updates.

Mama Moon's Bakery is open:

- * Tuesday-Saturday 8am-4pm
- * Sunday 10am-2pm









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• FREE WIFI

Did you know... that the Shire has put in **free high speed WIFI** in Lloyds Plaza and the Town Hall everyone to use!

To access this free service you will be able to be outside the buildings or in one of the locally owned shops in Lloyds Plaza.

This service can be used for work, study or personal administration




MEEKA GYM

The Shire gym has all the equipment (plus more) that you will need to achieve your fitness goals. Come into the Shire Office to sign up.

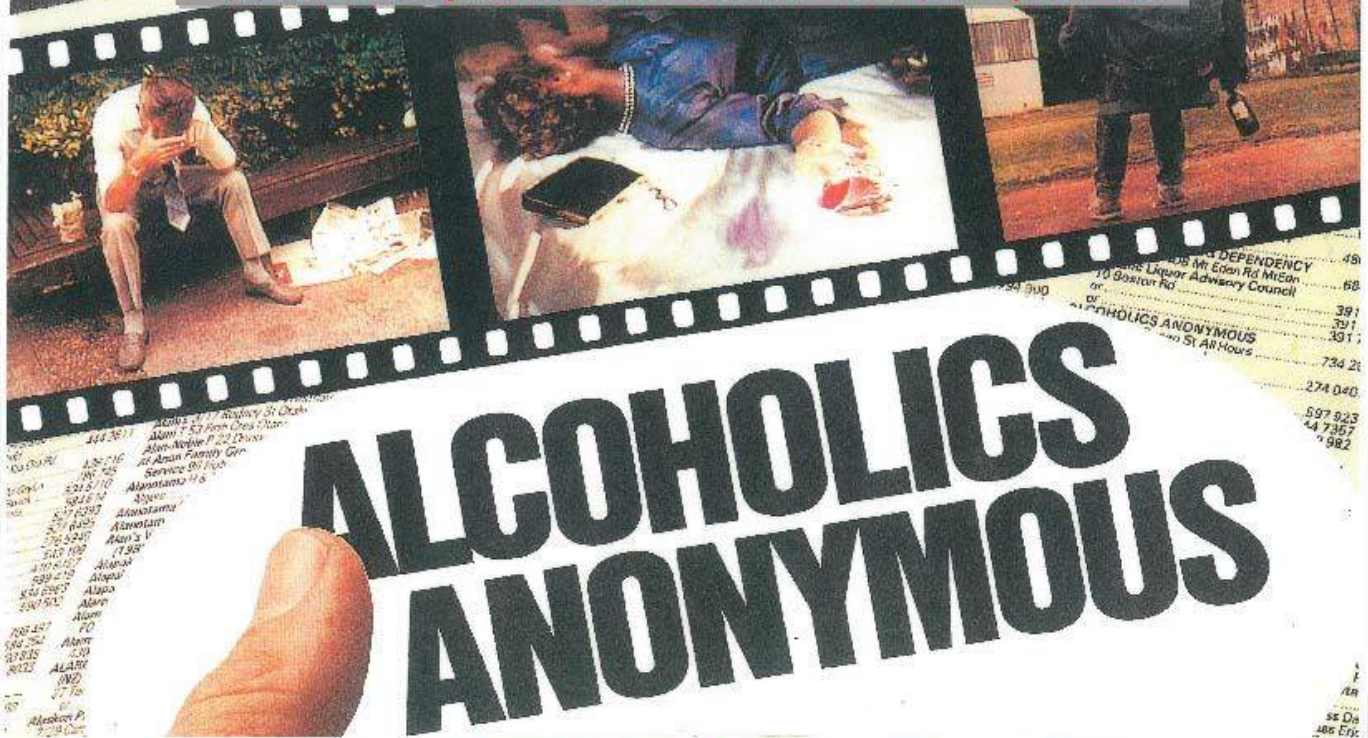
More information is on our website.

Access restricted to adults 18 years or older
Unmanned gym open 5am-10pm daily
Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination is required to enter

Meekatharra AA Meetings - Wednesdays 7.00pm

Seventh Day Adventist Church - Mc Cleary Street



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NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK VIRTUAL BREAKFAST

The National Reconciliation Week Breakfast was a virtual breakfast streamed from the WA Museum Boola Bardip. The event was viewed all over Western Australia with the aim to have over 1 million people attending from around the state. Meekatharra put a little dent in that number with around 50 people attending throughout the two hour breakfast.

The Shire's team streamed the virtual breakfast in the Town Hall on the big screen and cooked up bacon and eggs for everyone who attended.

The virtual breakfast had performances from the Kaarla Hart Dancers and Mosman Park Primary School, as well as a keynote speech from Stan Grant and a panel discussion about the 'Be Brave. Make Change' theme (this year's National Reconciliation Week theme).

Once the technology all started working, it was great to be a part of 1 million people watching the breakfast from all over the state. The performances and speeches were moving and very powerful.

If you missed out, the video is on the Reconciliation Australia website.





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All Western Australians will have the opportunity to receive a free flu vaccination during June, to prepare for the winter flu season.

Free flu vaccines will be available at state-run COVID-19 vaccination clinics (walk-in) and at participating GPs and pharmacies (via bookings). You can find vaccination clinic locations on Roll up for WA or by contacting your local GP or pharmacy.

WA has done a fantastic job throughout the pandemic. With winter here, everyone is encouraged to get vaccinated for both the flu and COVID-19 if not already up-to-date.

You can also choose to receive both shots on the same day.

To keep safe during winter, please continue to wear a mask and practise good hygiene habits by washing and sanitising your hands regularly.



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Consumer Watch Column

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

Your rights when sellers come knocking, texting or calling

Being contacted out of the blue by a business wanting to sell you something is a scenario many consumers will be familiar with.

Whether it's a knock at the front door from a salesperson, or unsolicited text messages, phone calls and emails, it may help to know there are strict rules surrounding how businesses are allowed to contact you.

When it comes to door-to-door salespeople, there are restrictions on when they can visit. They can only knock between 9am and 6pm on weekdays and between 9am and 5pm on Saturdays, they must explain the purpose of their visit and they have to provide identification. If you ask a salesperson to leave, they must go immediately.

Should you make an agreement with a door-to-door seller, they must provide a copy of the signed contract and disclose your 'cooling off' or termination rights. Under the Australian Consumer Law, you have 10 business days to reconsider an agreement and cancel it without penalty.

If you'd prefer uninvited salespeople stay away altogether, consider displaying a 'Do Not Knock Sticker' at your front door or gate. Ignoring this message means they are in breach of the Australian Consumer Law and can be reported to Consumer Protection.

Consumer Protection hands out hundreds of free 'Do Not Knock' stickers every year – either from our city and/or regional offices, through mail-outs when requests come to the [contact centre](#), or via our Community Education team when they are visiting communities.

Other ways businesses may try to target you are via telemarketing calls and spam emails or text messages, which is an area regulated by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA).

Just recently, an [online wine retailer paid a \\$204,000 fine](#) after ACMA found it had sent unsolicited text messages to consumers who had tried to unsubscribe, made calls to phone numbers on the Do Not Call Register, and failed to terminate telemarketing calls when requested.

Even though businesses must have your consent to send e-marketing and are not allowed to contact numbers on the [Do Not Call Register](#), these measures unfortunately won't stop calls and text messages from scammers who do not comply with the law. Complaints about unwanted communications and spam can be made to ACMA at www.acma.gov.au



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Justice**

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Artwork by Deborah Newenham

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Gayaa Dhuwi (Proud Spirit) Australia
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership in Social and Emotional Wellbeing, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

This service has been developed in collaboration with Gaaya Dhuwi

DV-ALERT TRAINING

This month many of our local frontline workers from Mission Australia, The GP Clinic, Youth Focus, Yulella and Shire Youth Services completed DV-Alert training through Life Line. This two day course taught the workers to 'learn the signs of domestic and family violence, and understand the basics and what you can do to help improve the safety of colleagues, friends or family.' The frontline workers are those in town who work directly with the community for a variety of reasons.

The DV-alert training program is based on four main goals:

- * Driving whole of community action to prevent violence
- * Understanding diverse experiences of violence

- * Supporting innovative services and interventions
- * Improving perpetrator interventions.

The DV-Alert workshop has been running since 2007 and used the latest research and methods to create a well rounded training session to support and empower the frontline workers to provide help and knowledge to their clients.

The trainers, and all who completed the training, are dedicated to reducing violence against women and children. The workshops provide a safe space for frontline workers to learn, connect and be empowered to recognise and respond confidently to those in crisis.

In Meekatharra we have more training coming up for those who work within the community and community members. We have Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid, Gatekeeper and



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CLARRIE BLOWS AWAY N.T. COMPETITION

A well planned trip for Clarrie and Dot Lauritsen with close friends Dave and Rose Mann, turned out to be a memorable holiday.

The journey involved driving through to the Centre of Australia for the Alice Springs 3 Day Central Australian Rifle Shoot then on to Darwin for the Northern Territory Queens Prize Shoot.

Returning home after a round trip across the top including the Kimberley, stopping to see their eldest son Colin, Clarrie arrived home near on four weeks later with a collection of medals.

The Alice Springs 3 Day Central Shoot saw Clarrie win a bronze medal for the 300 metres and a silver medal in the 500 metres. Over the three days Clarrie received a 10th Badge overall.

More than happy with this achievement they continued on to Darwin, where he competed in the Lou Hook 2 Day Lead Up Shoot and received a 12th Badge.

Following this was the Northern Territory Queens prize Shoot which is the overall state shoot, in which there were three of the



Commonwealth Games state shooters competing. Clarrie took out the GOLD medal in the 900 metres shoot and overall received the 4th Badge.

Clarrie also won the 5th Cross in the Grand Aggregate over the 5 day combined shoot.

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27 MAY – 3 JUNE

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Healthy Chicken Noodle and Vegetable Soup

SERVES: 5 | PREP TIME: 15 MINS | COOK TIME: 30 MINS | INGREDIENTS: 14

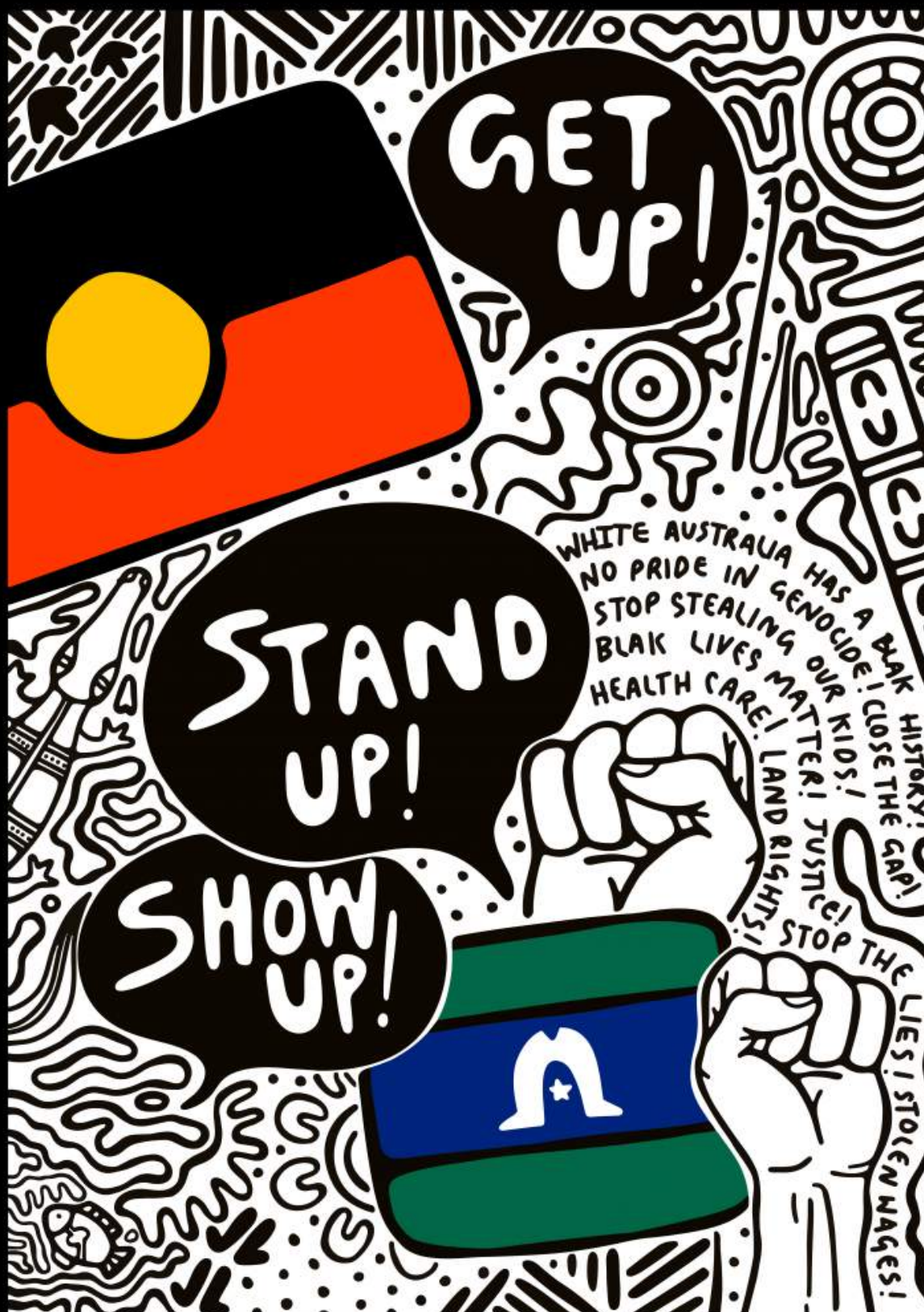
ingredients

- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 2 large carrots, peeled, thinly sliced
- 2 large celery sticks, thinly sliced
- 1 brown onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 tsp finely grated fresh ginger
- 500g chicken thigh fillets, trimmed, thinly sliced
- 750ml (3 cups) Massel Salt Reduced Stock Chicken Style
- 80g dried wholemeal spaghetti pasta, broken in half
- 150g broccoli, cut into small florets, large stem peeled, thinly sliced
- 145g (1 cup) frozen corn kernels
- zucchini, halved lengthways, thinly sliced crossways
- Chopped fresh continental parsley leaves to serve
- Grated lemon rind to serve

directions

- **Step 1** Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the carrot, celery and onion. Cook, stirring, for 6-7 minutes or until softened. Add garlic and ginger. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute or until aromatic. Add chicken. Cook, stirring, for 3-4 minutes or until browned.
- **Step 2** Add the stock and 500ml (2 cups) water. Bring to the boil. Add the spaghetti and bring to a simmer. Partially cover. Cook for 10 minutes or until spaghetti is al dente. Add the broccoli, corn and zucchini. Cook for 5 minutes or until tender.
- **Step 3** Divide soup among serving bowls. Top with parsley and lemon rind. Season with pepper.

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NAIDOC WEEK

3-10 JULY 2022

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Stronger, Ryhia Dank (Nardurna)

I created this piece after reading this year's NAIDOC theme. I knew straight away I wanted to do a graphic piece centred around our flags with text highlighting what we have been through and are still fighting for. I feel that this piece being black and white allows us to focus on the detail and messages in the artwork.

In this artwork I have little bits of me and my family. I have included a crocodile for my late granny. She was one of the strongest women I know and was never afraid to speak her mind and stand up for family and Country. I have also included my family's dancing stick, this is present as a reminder that we will always have our Country, Kin and Culture. There are also symbols to represent us as a community. People gathered around a camp, a spear and boomerang to represent our strength, water, trees, animal tracks and non-human entities to show our connection to Country.



NAIDOC Week 2022 proudly acknowledges and celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Aboriginal Land Rights (1972) and 50th Anniversary of the 1965 Mabo decision (Mabo v Queensland (No 2) (1992)).

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We'd love to help you realise your potential! We can also help you with your application.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
14 JUNE 2022 AT 11:59PM.

Find out more at:
deafchildrenaustralia.org.au/youthgrants
SMS 0409 553 121
Email: youthgrants@deafchildren.org.au





**DONATE THE CASH
THAT'S IN YOUR
CONTAINERS TO**

MEEKA GOES GREEN

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

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

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

☒ ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS




Most glass, plastic, aluminium, steel and paper-based cartons between 150mL and 3L.

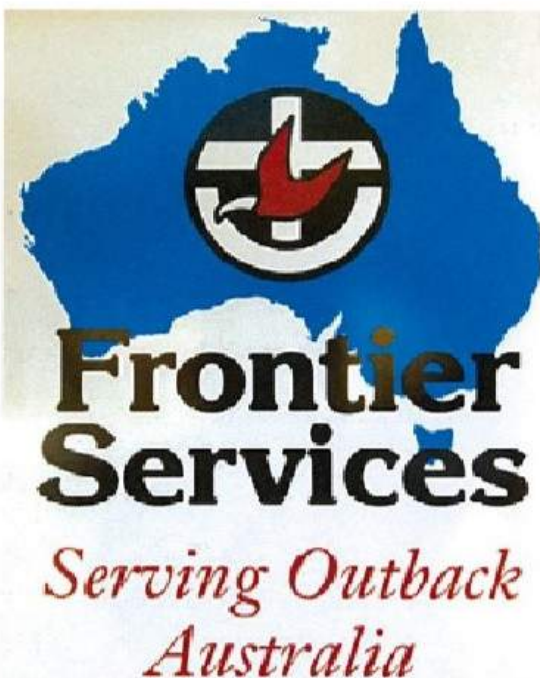
Visit containersforchange.com.au to find out more

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

Meekatharra Community Church (Uniting Church)



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

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



PROFESSIONAL LIQUID WASTE
REMOVALS

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www.midwestseptics.com.au

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PO Box 212 Meeakatharra WA 6642

WA Dept of Environmental Licensed Controlled Waste Carrier T00612 ACN: 150 464 618 ABN: 141 504 64618

Roda Limbah pty ltd trading as Midwest Septics

**Professional liquid waste removal company collecting, ,
transporting, and removing septic and/or other liquid waste**

Pump out of domestic septic systems

Pump out of large scale commercial septic systems

Grease trap pumping and cleaning

Storm water drains

Oil separator systems

Transporting liquid waste on site from one location to another

Reliable and responsive service

We will beat any quote

Mid West Septics operates under an Integrated Management System meeting the requirements of key Australian standards for quality, environment and OHS.



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IMPORTANT DATES

June 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30 KindiLink 10am-12pm Yoga 6pm-7pm @Town Hall	31 On Country Education 9am-11:30am Ranger 4 Life 3pm-5pm	1 KindiLink 11am-1pm Adults Sports 6pm-8pm @ Oval	2 On Country Education 9am-11:30am Ranger 4 Life 3pm-5pm Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid Training 9am-4pm	3 KindiLink 10am-12pm Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid Training 9am-4pm	4 Containers for Change 8am-12pm Meeka Goes Green Recycling 9am-11am	5
6 WA Day Public Holiday Dance workout 6pm-7pm @ Town Hall	7 On Country Education 9am-11:30am Ranger 4 Life 3pm-5pm	8 Helen Ansell Mural MARG Zoom Meeting 9:30am KindiLink 11am-1pm Containers for Change Adults Sports	9 Helen Ansell Mural On Country Education 9am-11:30am Ranger 4 Life 3pm-5pm Department of Transport @ CRC	10 Helen Ansell Mural KindiLink 10am-12pm Diabetes Team @ Clinic	11 Helen Ansell Art Exhibition 4pm-6pm Containers for Change 8am-12pm Meeka Goes Green Recycling 9am-11am Markets 9:30am-1pm	12
13 KindiLink 10am-12pm Yoga 6pm-7pm Diabetic Ed & GRAMS Midwife @ Clinic	14 On Country Education 9am-11:30am Ranger 4 Life 3pm-5pm Diabetic Ed & GRAMS Midwife @ Clinic Physiotherapist (Phone consult only)	15 KindiLink 11am-1pm Containers for Change 12:30pm-4:30pm Adults Sports 6pm-8pm	16 On Country Education 9am-11:30am Ranger 4 Life 3pm-5pm	17 KindiLink 10am-12pm	18 Containers for Change 8am-12pm Meeka Goes Green Recycling 9am-11am	19
20 KindiLink 10am-12pm Yoga 6pm-7pm Australian Hearing @ Clinic	21 On Country Education 9am-11:30am Ranger 4 Life 3pm-5pm ICDC Physio & Podiatrist @ Hospital Dietician @ Clinic	22 KindiLink 11am-1pm Containers for Change 12:30pm-4:30pm Adults Sports 6pm-8pm Dentist @ Clinic	23 On Country Education 9am-11:30am Ranger 4 Life 3pm-5pm Dentist @ Clinic	24 Bin Stickers Designs Due KindiLink 10am-12pm Australian Hearing & Dentist @ Clinic	25 Ordinary Council Meeting 9:30am Containers for Change 8am-12pm Meeka Goes Green Recycling 9-11am	26
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