

# MEEKATHARRA DUST

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## **CEMETERIES HERITAGE PROJECT**

*Conversations held with a number of long time locals have indicated that this would be a welcome addition.*

## **IT'S NOT FAREWELL - JUST SO LONG**

*Early morning, Monday 13th March, saw Clyde and I drive from Neds Creek to begin our new life as retirees at our house in Perth*

## **LOCAL TALENTS OFF TO PERTH!**

*Joella, Ralli and Kyliesha each produced some art work that was turned into postcards for staff to write their reflects of the forum on.*

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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, 22 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

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## CEO COUNCIL MESSAGE

Welcome to the April 2023 edition of The Dust CEO Council Message Report that provides information for all residents regarding the Council ordinary meeting that was held on the 18th of March 2023 as well as the Health, Building and Town Planning Committee meeting and the Audit Committee meeting that were held on the same morning.

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 a summary 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 Health, Building & Planning Meeting 18 March 2023**

#### **Item 7.1.2 – Community Development & Services Manager's Report**

##### **Entry Statements**

The Meekatharra District High School created aboriginal artwork which has been forwarded to the design firm to incorporate into the overall entry statement. Design will be presented to Council for consideration and approval once received.

##### **Lions Park**

Design/Tender: Detailed/technical design by landscape architects is 95% complete.  
Funding: Westgold Resources committed to \$20k sponsorship (subject to sufficient other funding being received). Grant application for \$15k for Arts U15k grant in progress pending quotes from artists.

Other item details from the Community Development & Services Manager's Report can be found in the Minutes of the Health, Building & Planning Meeting. This meeting was also the first report presented by the Shire of East Pilbara health, building and planning staff under the new Shared Services Agreement between the Shire's of Meekatharra and East Pilbara.

### **Items from the Shire of Meekatharra Audit Committee Meeting 18 March 2023**

#### **Item 3.1 – Compliance Audit Return 2022**

That the Committee recommend that Council adopt the attached Compliance Audit Return 2022 and submit it to the Director General, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries by 31 March 2023.

The above resolution confirms Councils adoption of the 2022 Annual Compliance Audit Return as required by legislation.

## **Items from the Shire of Meekatharra Ordinary Meeting 18 March 2023**

### **Item 9.3.1 – Council Extraordinary Election**

Council instruct the CEO to seek approval from the Electoral Commissioner in accordance with section 4.17 (3) and (4A) for the vacancy of one councillor to remain unfilled until the ordinary elections scheduled for October 2023.

The above resolution was in response to no nominations being received as a councillor to fill the extraordinary vacancy. The CEO has now written to and received approval from the WA Electoral Commissioner to allow the vacancy to remain unfilled until the ordinary elections scheduled for the 21st of October 2023. At the ordinary election in October there will be four (4) ordinary vacancies for a four (4) year term and the extraordinary vacancy for a two (2) year term. The election in October will be held as an 'in person' election with the introduction of the Optional Preferential Voting (OPV) system. More information regarding the election will be provided through the Dust, Councils social media and the Notice Board as the election gets closer.

### **Item 11.1 – Mission Australia Lease – 64 Hill Street Meekatharra**

That Council approve the Lease between the Shire of Meekatharra and Mission Australia for the premises located at 64 (Lot 5) Hill Street Meekatharra in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the Lease and approves the affixing of Councils Common Seal and execution of the Lease by the Chief Executive Officer and the Shire President.

The above resolution finalizes the lease arrangements between Mission Australia and Council for the premises located at 64 Hill Street Meekatharra that is currently used by Mission Australia as a short term domestic violence facility.

### **Further Information Snippets**

- Wiluna Meekatharra Road (Goldfields Highway) – as advised in previous Dust editions, the Shire's of Meekatharra and Wiluna continue to lobby the Minister for Transport and Main Roads WA to complete sealing the remainder of the unsealed road section of the Goldfields Highway. A Petition to the WA Legislative Council closed in early March 2023 where just under 600 signatures were received. The Petition was then formally tabled in the WA Legislative Council and referred to the Standing Committee on the Environment and Public Affairs. The process now is for a formal submission to be made to the Committee for consideration whereby both Councils will request that a Public Inquiry be held. Both the Shire's of Meekatharra and Wiluna have received strong support from the Member for North West Central, Merome Beard MLA that has included asking several questions to the Minister responsible in the Legislative Assembly during Public Question Time.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled for Saturday the 22nd of April 2023 and the next CEO Council Message column will appear in the next edition of The Dust in early May.

Until then, bye for now!

**KJ Matthews – CEO**

## NOTE FROM EDITOR

# Kumusta?

Kumusta? Translates to "How are you?" in Filipino languages.

I would like to introduce myself to all the avid, new, or maybe perhaps seasonal supporters/ readers of the Meekatharra Dust.

I am Larra Juab, the new Community Development Office in the Shire and the Editor for the Dust. I am by no means a professional writer, although, I do try my best, and I also write and perform poetry in both English and my native languages.

I have moved from Melbourne, Victoria, all the way here to Meekatharra, Western Australia. Such a drastic move indeed!

My background with work has been diverse, it ranges from hospitality, retail, to community development, and the arts sector. Outside of my work, I like pursuing my own artistic practice, cooking, eating and gardening.

But I wasn't always here in this land. I was born and raised in the Philippines, and me, alongside my parents and older brothers moved here about 12 years ago.

By the time this is published, it would probably be already a month since I have been here in Meekatharra, and I absolutely have been loving my time here. The community feels like home again as I grew up from a small community as well.

In a world that has been heavily focusing on individualism to that point we start to disconnect with our community, I am glad to be here in Meekatharra that thinks of collective care and community elevation.

I am honestly looking forward in my time living here in Meekatharra. I can't wait to get to know more people, learn more about the land here, the culture here, maybe swap some plants, food or art with some of you.

As someone who is queer, asian migrant, and tattooed woman, feeling like an outsider has become a norm in my life. Therefore, I would like to thank this community for allowing and welcoming me to this space. I hope I will be able to support you through the Dust and any other community activities or events.

*As a Kamayo & Bol-anon (Filipino) woman, I would like to pay my respects to the people who have been caring for this land long before other settlers, migrants and refugees have come. I would also like to pay my respects to their land, spirits and ancestors. I most especially want to pay respects to the elders here that have passed, to the ones who are alive, and also for those who are yet to come.*

Though I may come from another land, I will treat this space as if it was my own and give my outmost respect and care.

I hope that we as a community do our part together to make this place a better space for not just us. but also for our family, friends, elders and the generation that is yet to come.

I hope that the refresh of the DUST brings you curiosity and entertainment.

Daghang Salamat (Thank you very much)!

Happy reading! :)



**Larra Juab,**  
Editor & CDO

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Happenings

WHAT'S CURRENTLY HAPPENING IN MEEKA?



## **Request for Tender (RFT)**

### **RFT 2022/23-5**

## **Meekatharra Aquatic Centre Management Contract**

The Shire of Meekatharra invites tenders for the Swimming Pool Management Contract.

Tender documentation is available by contacting Donna Christie on [admin@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin@meekashire.wa.gov.au).

Please direct any queries beyond the scope of the tender documentation to  
Svenja Clare, Community Development & Services Manager, on  
[cdsm@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdsm@meekashire.wa.gov.au).

Tenders can be lodged in the Tender Box at the Shire of Meekatharra Administration Centre, posted to the address below or emailed to [ceo@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@meekashire.wa.gov.au), clearly marked CONFIDENTIAL: TENDER 2022/23-5 Meekatharra Aquatic Centre Management Contract.

The closing date for receipt of Tenders is 4pm Wednesday 19th April 2023.

The Shire is not obliged to accept the lowest or any tender and any canvassing of elected members or staff will disqualify any such tender submitted.

**Kelvin Matthews**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Shire of Meekatharra**  
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# WEATHER & STARS

## Solar Eclipse

From: **ASTROTURISMWA**

The total solar eclipse is almost upon us!

With April, comes planning for not only the Eclipse but the Easter holidays.

Believe it or not, the reason the Easter date changes every year has a lot to do with astronomy!

Enjoy this special month when the world will watch as the Exmouth area disappears into the shadow of the Moon.

### Before 6th April

Easter Sunday is deemed to be the first Sunday after the full Moon, following the March Equinox. This year the March Equinox was on 21st March. The full Moon after this date is on the 6th of April and therefore Easter Sunday is the following Sunday which is the 9th of April 2023! Enjoy your Easter Eggs!

### Before 9th April

For Easter stargazing, enjoy the almost full Moon rise stunningly over the eastern horizon at around 8pm onwards. It will appear brilliant and very large.

### Before 20th April

West Australians have the privilege of viewing a Total Solar Eclipse from 11.29.41am on 20th April. Totality will only occur in Exmouth, however WA will experience a partial solar eclipse which will still be amazing.

### Before 23rd April

What a stargazing view! Look to the west just after sunset on the 23rd to see the beautiful crescent Moon, just below the bright planet Venus and the constellation of Taurus all grouped together!

### THE TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE, 20 APRIL 2023, EXMOUTH

To celebrate the Ningaloo 2023 Total Solar Eclipse, a series of stargazing events called the Stargazing Discovery Tour, have been planned throughout regional WA. There are 22 special community stargazing events during March and April. Check out when and where and make the most of this exciting month of stargazing.

**Please note that some articles may be more relevant than others.**

For more dark sky tourism news and events visit *Astrotourism WA*. For more astronomy for beginners visit *Stargazers Club WA*.



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Monthly Weather Calendar

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/au/meekatharra/16708/april-weather/16708>



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Rainy Days

*Written By: Larra Juab*

For a lot of different cultures, rain, signifies a lot of different things. For some, it is a symbolism of fertility, rebirth, cleansing, change, or sometimes it also just shows the power of nature.

For the last couple of days for March, Meekatharra has felt the rain, and when it rains, it pours!

I am sure that a lot of us saw how the town was filled and had a good wash and moisture due to the rain. I saw children, even adults, welcoming and feeling the rain hit on their skin.

I heard from a local, that Meekatharra hasn't had this much rain for years! If so, I do hope that this land is happy to be able to drink this much water. I hope that the fields of where animals roam grows a lot of food for them. Lastly, I hope that this rain nurtures the existing trees and plants in the area so we can enjoy their beauty.

A lot of roads and bridges were closed for sometime due to the depth of the waters, but here's to hoping that by the time you have read this page, that the water has subsided and the trucks and cars are able to continue on their journey.

Something interesting that I found, as someone who just moved to the area is the colour of the water! I have never seen an orange rain water! Most of the time, it looks like coffee or tea with milk, but this time it looks like orange juice and I found it fascinating.

What a sight to see indeed!

I hope that everyone are safe despite the levels of the rain water and that no one is hurt.

I cannot wait to see how the plants grow here after this big rain. I am sure that this rain was a way for mother nature to wash us and get us ready for a nurturing and fruitful months ahead as we welcome the colder seasons.

Stay warm Meeka ~



PHOTO BY: SVENJA CLARE

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## Project Updates

### Streetscape Upgrade

It's happening! After many years of community calls for upgrading the tired looking median strip in the middle of Main Street, it's finally happening. Previous attempts of beautifying the strip with greenery have unfortunately not lasted so it's now getting a complete do-over.

After Easter, **commencing on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April**, traffic management will be in place for approximately one week while the three median strips on Main Street as well as the traffic island on Savage Street get demolished and rebuilt with renewed kerbing and an upgraded concrete infill.

An additional pedestrian crossover will also be established in the centre of the strip (between Yulella Vision and the Chemist).



Traffic lights will be used during construction (since we're not used to seeing them here in Meeka: red means stop, green means go 😊) and will at times reduce traffic to single lane to allow the concrete truck and kerbing machine to do their job. Parking will also at times be impacted.

We ask for and appreciate the community's patience and cooperation with regards to the traffic restrictions.

Once the concrete has fully cured, another team will come up in May to apply the paver pattern look and the mural artwork. Traffic management will once again be in place during this week.

The murals will be applied via stencils based on artwork created by Ando (following the art competition that was open to all local artists). The artwork's colours and pictures reflect the community feedback gathered in November/December last year and depict the three main pillars of Meekatharra's heritage: Indigenous, Pastoral and Mining. The artwork is big and bold and will look great once stencilled on to the new median strip.

The murals will also be shown and explained on interpretive signage on the footpath and at the visitor centre so that the community and tourists can view it in more detail and learn more about the process and Meeka's heritage.

The project is being delivered in partnership with RAC, through its Reconnect WA initiative, which aims to create vibrant streets and public spaces for Western Australians to interact and connect with each other. Other elements of the project include the improved pedestrian crossings and street furniture to improve amenity (such as shaded seating, bike parking, greenery, and/or lighting).

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## Lions Park

Council in December approved the design concept for the Lions Park development. Since then the Landscape Architect and staff have been working on fine tuning the technical details of the park and finding grant funding to let the project become reality.

A big shout out and Thank You to Greenmount Resources, Westgold Resources and Corsign for their confirmed fiscal and/or in-kind support for the project! We really appreciate your commitment to the Meekatharra community and this space we're creating. Another couple of funding applications are in the pipeline and are awaiting approval. In the meantime, the technical specs will be completed and presented as a package to Council in April to formally go to tender.

The design fulfils a lot of the community's wishes as shown in our community consultation – the park will feature grass to sit on or kick a footy around, shade, barbecue, drinking water, trees, a slide, little kids nature play area, lighting, a yarning circle, native plantings and locally created artwork (watch this space – there'll be opportunities for co-creating the artwork as well as the bushtucker areas!)

Would you like to know more about the details of the park? Do you hold knowledge with regards to traditional uses for local plants (bush tucker or bush medicine)? Svenja from the Shire would love to catch up with you.



## Entry Statement

The Meeka District Highschool Students have created very beautiful and meaningful artwork to be incorporated into the Town Entry Statement, in line with the Barndi Nyooda (the Community Wellness Plan from the Meekatharra Aboriginal Reference Group).

The artwork represents the two traditional owner groups around Meeka, the Ngoonooru Wadjarri and Yugunga-Nya peoples, the families of Meekatharra, the students who created this artwork, the mines around Meeka, the granites and the hills. The original painting will be displayed at the Visitor

Centre so the community and tourists alike can recognise the painting as part of the Entry Statement they drove past on the way into town, marvel at the detail and learn about Meeka's people and landscape.

Additional to this artwork, the Entry Statement will also highlight the pastoral and mining significance of the area as well as some of our local flora and fauna. Without giving too much away, it'll look great.

The Entry Statement concept and locations now need to be approved by Main Roads (as they'll be on the Great Northern Highway road reserve so they need to meet certain requirements such as letter size, offset from the road etc).

Once that's approved we can get the ball rolling with the manufacture of the signs and getting them on the ground later this year. It all takes time but, having seen the design, it'll be worth the wait!

## Swimming Pool Repairs and Upgrade

With the last lot of tiling having been done over 20 years ago, the Swimming Pool is showing its age, especially above the water line where years of hard water have left their mark. Not only does it look a bit crusty and old, missing tiles can also be a health and injury risk (think stubbed toes and nooks and crannies for bacteria to hide out).

This will change! Council at their March Ordinary Council Meeting approved a tender for Dyson Pools Pty Ltd to undertake repair and upgrade works to the pool this off-season. The bulk heads will get a do-over, tiles on the end walls and steps will be replaced, any underlying concrete issues will be corrected, the floor will be resealed and repainted, the handrails will get a polish, the toddler pool will get a complete re-tile and – most exciting – there'll be new splash toys! The old car, whilst loved by many kids over the years, hasn't been splashing for a while so it'll be replaced with a mushroom as well as a little fun water cannon where the shower feature currently is. It'll look brand spanking new and give this well used and appreciated community asset renewed life. We will work hard on getting it ready for the next pool season on 1 October 2023.

This upgrade is partly funded by the Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industry's "Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund" – thank you for enabling this project!



Let us keep our pools safe and  
see you next pool season!



## Media Release

### Petition Outcome for Sealing the Goldfields Highway

The Shire Presidents of Meekatharra and Wiluna have continued to lobby the WA State Government to support the sealing of the remaining 124 km of unsealed road between Wiluna and Meekatharra. The condition of the unsealed road continues to deteriorate with vehicle accidents also being an unfortunate regular occurrence.

The Meekatharra and Wiluna Shires commenced a Petition process to the WA Parliament Legislative Council Upper House in early March this year.

The Petition is a request for action and was open to any citizen or resident, or group of citizens or residents of WA, to petition the Legislative Council to take action. Signing of the Petition was either by hard copies of the petition being available in the towns of Meekatharra or Wiluna, and by e-petition directly to the WA Legislative Council.

The introduction of the Petition process to the WA Legislative Council was facilitated by the Hon Colin de Grussa MLC, Nationals WA and Member for Agricultural Region with support from the Member for North West Central the Hon Mem Beard MLA. The Hon Colin de Grussa MLC will also formally table the Petition by reading a summary of the Petition to the Upper House. At the close of the Petition process on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2023, a total of 594 petitions were received.

Once formally tabled in the Upper House, the Petition is referred to the Environment and Public Affairs Committee for consideration and reporting. In considering the petition, the Committee usually seeks the advice of the member who presented the petition, the person who promoted it and the Minister(s) in whose area of responsibility the subject matter of the petition falls. At this point the Principal Petitioner will be requested to provide more information about the intent of the Petition, such as why they support the Petition in a formal submission. Evidence of the road condition and regular vehicle accidents on the road will be provided to the Committee as part of supporting the submission process. The Principal Petitioner and the Shire's of Meekatharra and Wiluna will then be advised of the outcome of the Committee's consideration of a petition and the Committee may report on the petition to the Legislative Council.

The Shire's of Meekatharra and Wiluna have long been concerned that the remaining unsealed gravel section of the State Goldfields Highway (Meekatharra Wiluna Road) continues to create road safety issues to both the travelling community and freight transport operators. The Petition process is therefore intended that the Environment and Public Affairs Committee make recommendations for the government to seriously consider the sealing of the remaining section of the unsealed Goldfields Highway without delay.

Both Shire Presidents of Meekatharra and Wiluna are grateful to those persons who signed the petition in show of support to the government for maintaining the safety standards of our regional road network by sealing the remainder of the Goldfields Highway.

Cr Harvey Nichols  
Shire President  
Shire of Meekatharra

Cr Peter Grundy  
Shire President  
Shire of Wiluna

Contact: **Kelvin Matthews** Chief Executive Officer Meekatharra 0417 989076

**Gary Gaffney** Chief Executive Officer Wiluna 0417141877



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# EASTER EGG HUNT

**SPORTING COMPLEX**

April 6 - 12:30 pm

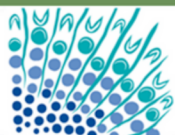
Join us for an afternoon filled with a  
lot of easter fun and games!

Open for all families and community  
members, most especially children.

Food is Provided!

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# COMMUNITY MYSTERY EGG HUNT

**4 SECRET LOCATIONS**  
from April 7 - 10

Get ready for Meeka's  
Mystery Egg Hunt!

We will be putting the egg hunt at  
different locations from Friday to  
Monday this Easter.

All ages are Welcome.

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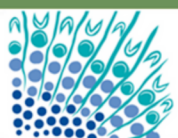
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MORE INFO TO COME  
ON MAR 29



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# KIDZONE Lego Heaven!

**Writer: Larra Juab**

Last March, we had the amazing **Jen and Dave from Technology Metals** come and donated Legos to the Kidzone.

As we can see from the photos, the children sure loved having new toys added to their space that allows them to build and have fun at the same time.

These toys will surely help the youth here in improving their eye-hand coordination, problem solving skills and have a sense of accomplishment after they do a build!

On behalf of Kidzone and Youth Services team, we would like to thank Jen and Dave for your fun donation.

We can't wait to see you again next time!







The Eclipse Youth Fest

# PEACE GORGE

20 April 2023

10am - 2pm

The combination of Youth Week and the Solar Eclipse in April offers a perfect opportunity to engage and inspire young people in Meekatharra about science and astronomy while also providing a fun and exciting way to celebrate their talents and creativity.

On April 20, 2023, Western Australia will witness a rare celestial event, a total solar eclipse. The eclipse is expected to begin at around 10 am and will last for approximately two hours. During a total solar eclipse, the moon passes directly in front of the sun, casting a shadow on the earth and causing the sky to darken. This unique phenomenon is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

So come and join us at Peace Gorge from 10 am – 2 pm for a day of fun in the Shadows and Sunshine. Create some art, have some fun and games and a feed!

Contact Paulette at Youth Focus on 049944626 or Larra at the Meeka Shire on 9980 0600 for more information.

It is important to note that viewing a solar eclipse requires proper eye protection, so it is recommended to use certified eclipse glasses or other specialized equipment to ensure safe viewing. The shire will have some protective eyeglasses for people to view the eclipse.

# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

## Cemeteries Heritage Project

The Shire's Cemeteries Heritage Project is continuing.

Helene Bartleson came back to Meeka last month, this time accompanied by heritage stonemason Nick Lukacs who assessed a number of old headstones at the various cemeteries in our vast shire. Guided once again by trusted and knowledgeable Shire Rural Roads Supervisor Stephen Hoare, the team along with Felicity and Kelvin set out to the cemeteries to get to work.

The Shire's goal is to establish a Cemeteries Management Plan which will apply to both the current cemetery as well as the five closed cemeteries: Nannine, Gabanintha, Peak Hill, Abbots and Kyarra. The plan will address the physical aspect of the cemeteries such as drainage, fencing and access in addition to assisting with the preservation of Meekatharra's rich and diverse heritage. With graves dating back to the gold rush era of the late 1800s, many old stories and headstones are being dusted off and captured in the Shire's records. Whether it's prospectors, indigenous people, pastoralists, Chinese migrants, afghan cameleers: if there's someone buried (no matter who) we'll try and find their story and preserve the site.

We held two community engagement sessions where people were able to learn about the project as well as pick up handy tips about headstone care.

Do you have family buried in Meeka?

Do the graves have headstones that may get covered in dust every now and again and need a bit of TLC?

Everything you need to clean headstones is readily available at the Meeka IGA. Nothing fancy needed. Never use chemicals or abrasive tools – just a soft cloth or soft brush and water.

Check out the handy "How to Clean a Headstone" guide on the next page.

Helene also got the chance to speak with locals about some of the "mystery" graves where historic records are a bit patchy (or often non-existent) – this is where local knowledge is absolutely crucial.

One of the comments we previously heard was *"it's a shame youse didn't do this years ago when our parents were still alive – they knew so much more"* which highlighted exactly why we're doing this – let's do it now before another generation, and with them more knowledge, passes.

On the topic of cultural diversity, the Shire has the opportunity to amend its Burial Register and burial application forms going forward. Cultural background, language/dialects, kinship/mob, place of birth and whether it's an On-Country or Secret/Sacred burial can all be captured – if this is what the community wants. Conversations held with a number of long time locals have indicated that this would be a welcome addition. We seek your feedback on this – shall we give people the option to capture more cultural information in our burial register?

Helene and Nick will be back in September to undertake some historic headstone restorations, follow on detailed surveys that will be conducted in the meantime (*e.g. drone surveys that will reveal unmarked graves in/near the old cemeteries*) and will be free to catch up more with the community.

In the meantime, if you are interested in this project, would like to contribute information or would like to hear more about it feel free to chat with **Svenja, Felicity or Stephen** from the Shire. If you're not in town you can also reach out via **[cdsm@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdsm@meekashire.wa.gov.au)** or **08 9980 0600**.



## HOW TO CLEAN A HEADSTONE

### Avoid Damage

1. **NEVER** use chemicals, detergents or solvents to clean headstones. Use only clean water.
2. **NEVER** use abrasive pads, metal brushes, scrapers or other metal tools.
3. **NEVER** use high pressure hosing, long-handled or heavy-duty brooms. Always clean gently by hand.
4. **NEVER** use paint or sealants to coat grave stones. They seal in moisture which damages the stone.

### Headstone Cleaning Kit

1. Plastic clip-lid bucket
2. Spray bottle or **slow** flow hose
3. Different sized brushes with **soft** natural or nylon bristles. If the bristles are too harsh against your skin, don't use them on headstones.
4. **Micro fibre** cloths or mitt– some textured for **cleaning**, some smooth for **wiping dry**.
5. **Plastic** spatula
6. Rubber gloves

### Hand Clean a Headstone Step-by-Step.

1. Work on **one area** at a time.
2. Wet the area with a **little** clean water.
3. Clean with firm even strokes using a **damp micro fibre** cloth.
4. Continue using a cloth or soft brush and water **by turns** until the area is clean.
5. For stubborn dirt, **don't** scrub harder. **Soak** the area first and use **more water** as you clean
6. Work **gently** on and around photos and lettering with a soft toothbrush.
7. Use a **plastic** spatula to gently remove candle wax etc
8. In extreme climates, **clean regularly** to prevent damage from salt, dust, candle or joss smoke, plant stains and animal or bird droppings
9. **Prevent** stains and damage from acids, oils and smoke by using a portable altar or burner
10. **Protect** floors and stone altars using disposable cloths and plates to hold drink, fruit & food offerings.
11. If water doesn't work, **ask for further advice** at the Shire Office.

**Follow washing instructions after each use to keep cloths in good condition.**



Rick (Left), Helene (Middle), and Steve (Right) at Nannine Cemetery



Steve checks grave location Coordinates, Sprinvale Outcamp



Nick's transport at Nannine



Rick (Left), Helene (Middle), and Stephen (Right)

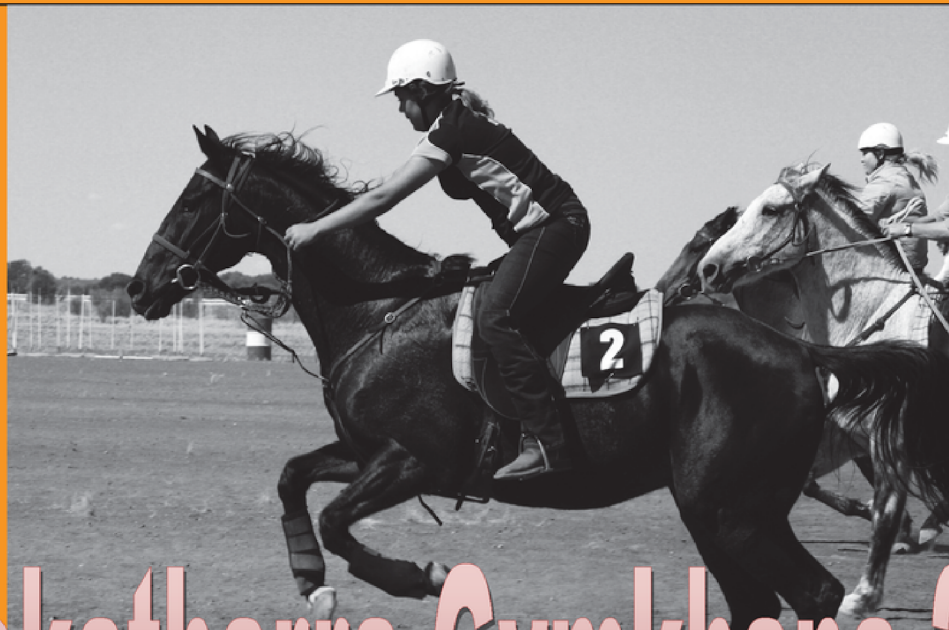
REMEMBERING THE PAST DUST



# Meekatharra Dust

*Issue Number 244— May 2013*

*Cost \$ 2.00 incl. GST*



## Meekatharra Gymkhana 2013



Crn Main and Savage Streets, PO Box 129 Meekatharra WA 6422 Phone: 9980 0600 Fax: 9981 1505

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# COMMUNITY FACILITIES

## Available in Town

### LLOYDS CONFERENCE ROOM

Lloyds Plaza Conference Room is a state-of-the-art conferencing facility set to accommodate up to a maximum of 25 people. *Hire fees are \$12.50 (including GST) per hour, minimum of 4 hours hire.*

This facility **can be booked online**. Alternatively, please contact us directly at **9980 0600** or email us at **[cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au)**

### TOWN HALL

One of the most important buildings in our town, our beloved Town Hall is a multi-purpose space where your team, or family can utilize to whatever way you think it'll fit. This space can accommodate up to 250 people.

This facility unfortunately cannot be booked online.

Please contact us directly at **9980 0600** or email us at **[cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au)** for any inquiries or bookings.

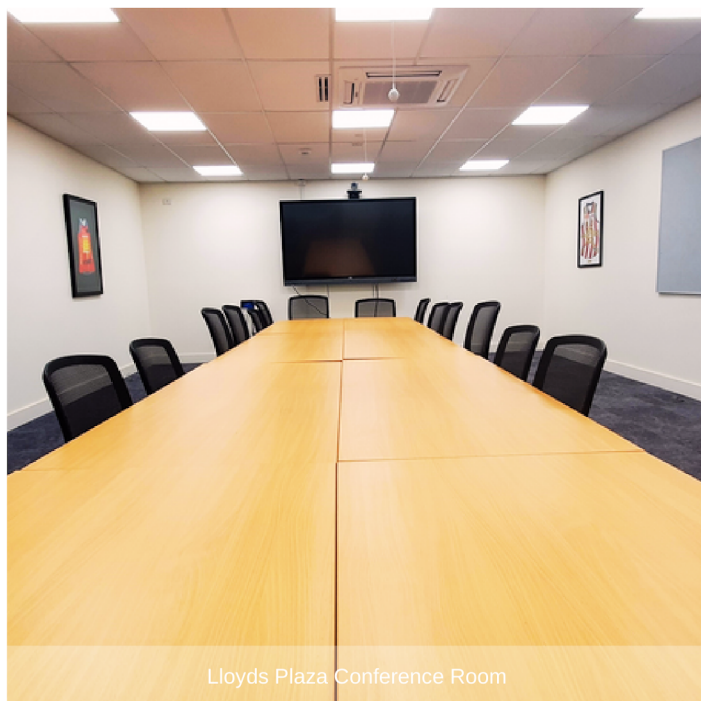
### SPORTING COMPLEX AND OVAL

Looking for a space to use for a big event in town?

The Sporting Complex and Oval might be the space for you. With it's luscious grass and wide field, accompanied with an indoor space to keep shade when needed, this space can accommodate up to 50 people indoors.

This facility unfortunately cannot be booked online.

Please contact us directly at **9980 0600** or email us at **[cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au)** for any inquiries or bookings.



Lloyds Plaza Conference Room



Town Hall



Sporting Complex and Oval



## SWIMMING POOL

Our swimming pool is very popular within our community. There are regular community events at the pool put on by the Shire and different community groups.

The pool has a variety of facilities to keep the whole family entertained all day: 33m Pool, Kids/Toddler Pool, Basketball Court, Kiosk, Change Rooms, BBQ, Shade and Grass

### Opening Hours

1st of October to 31st of March each year

### MONDAY-FRIDAY

- 12pm-6pm
- 6pm-7pm Adults Only

### SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

- 11am-6pm

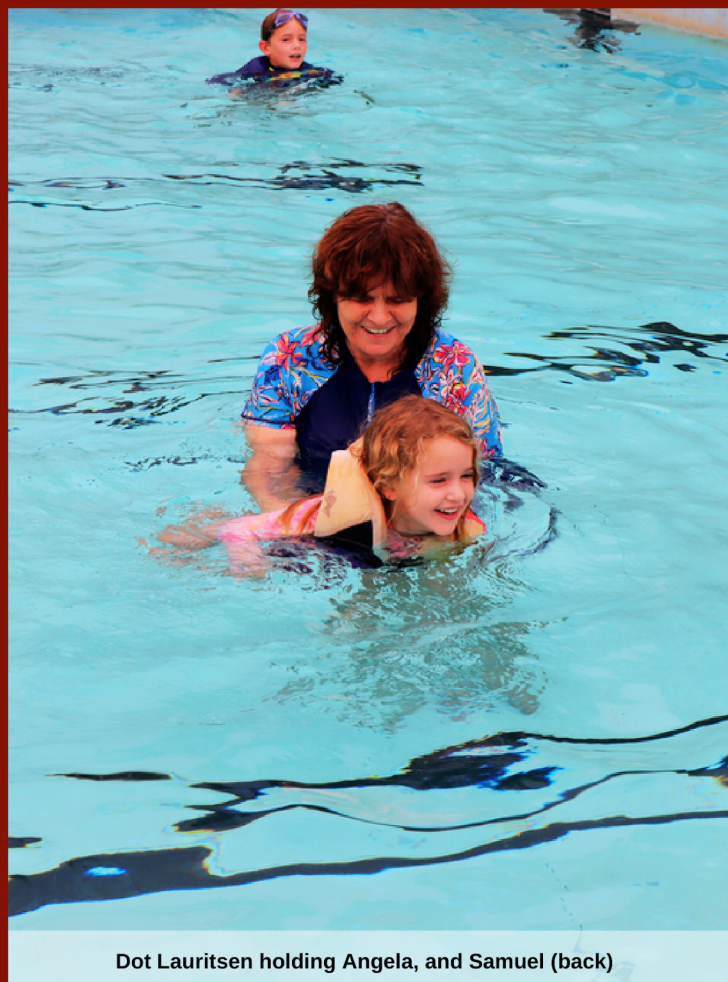
For any inquiries, please contact us directly at **9980 0600** or email us at [cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au)

## Fees & Charges

SEASON PASS	SEASON PASS CONCESSIONAL*
Adult - \$100 Child (3-17 years old) - \$50 Family ( 2 Adults & 3 Children) - \$200	Adult - \$50 Child (3-17 years old) - \$25 Family ( 2 Adults & 3 Children) - \$100
MONTHLY PASS	Adult - \$30 Adult (Concessional) - \$25* Child (3-17 years old) - \$15 Family ( 2 Adults & 3 Children) - \$60
WEEKLY PASS	Adult - \$10 Adult (Concessional) - \$7* Child (3-17 years old) - \$5 Family ( 2 Adults & 3 Children) - \$20
DAILY PASS	Adult - \$3 Adult (Concessional) - \$1* Child (3-17 years old) - \$2 Family ( 2 Adults & 3 Children) - \$6

Child under 3 years old accompanied by an adult - No Charge

\*Concessional fee is only applicable on sighting of valid Health Care Card by Shire Staff



Dot Lauritsen holding Angela, and Samuel (back)



## GYM

The gym is located at the Sports Grounds off Landor Road behind the Club Rooms and is able to be accessed between 5am-10pm.

This unmanned gym has all the equipment you will need and more to complete your workout. To access the gym a swipe card is needed from the Shire Office.

*Access is restricted to 16 years old and above*

*Gym users are required to provide proof of current Covid-19 Vaccination prior to access being granted, which can be completed at the Shire Office.*

### Opening Hours

5am - 10pm

For any inquiries, please contact us directly at **9980 0600** or email us at [cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au)

## Fees & Charges

*(as of July 2021, subject to change)*

All fees to be paid at the Shire Office:

- Gym Swipe Card Bond - \$50 (Cash Only)
- Monthly - \$32
- Monthly Concession\* - \$16
- Annually - \$350
- Annually Concession\* - \$175

Cancellation during Cooling Off Period (Administration Charge) - \$20

*\*Concessional fee is only applicable on sighting of valid Health Care Card by Shire Staff*





## SQUASH COURT

The Meekatharra Squash Court is located behind the Club Rooms at the Sports Ground off Landor Rd. The key and light tokens are available from the Shire Office.

This is an unmanned facility and is able to be accessed between the noted opening hours below.

### Opening Hours

5am - 10pm

### Fees & Charges

(As of 1st July 2022)

- Court Hire - \$10 (per hour/token)
- Key Bond - \$50 (cash Only)

*We do not hire equipment (racquets, balls etc.)*

*For any inquiries, please contact us directly at 9980 0600 or email us at [cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au)*

## TENNIS COURT

The Tennis Court is located at the Sports Grounds off Landor Road and is a free facility to use for the community.

This is an unmanned facility and is able to be accessed between the noted opening hours below.

### Opening Hours

5am - 10pm

### Fees & Charges

- (Court Hire - No Charge)
- Lights - \$10 per hour
- Key Bond (lights) - \$50 (Cash Only)

*We do not hire equipment (racquets, balls etc.)*

*For any inquiries, please contact us directly at 9980 0600 or email us at [cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au)*





## BASKETBALL COURTS

The Basketball Court is located at the Sports Grounds off Landor Road and is a free facility to use for the community. There are regular events held by the Youth Services Team at the Basketball Courts.

This is an unmanned facility and is able to be accessed between the noted opening hours below.

### Opening Hours

5am - 10pm

### Fees

- Court Hire - No Charge
- Lights - \$10 per hour
- Key Bond (lights) - \$50 (Cash Only)

*For any inquiries, please contact us directly at 9980 0600 or email us at [cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au)*

## KIDZONE & YOUTH CENTRE

The Kidzone and Youth Centre is always open on both School Terms and School Holidays for any after school programs for the youth in Meekatharra to use and connect with others.

Both spaces have adults that are able to supervise and guide the youth in what they want to do. There are facilities and resources there that are well equipped for the youth to use.

Kidzone welcomes children from age 5-11 years old, while Youth Centre welcomes youth from age 12 to 18. All youth is welcome to come and even bring their friends or siblings with them.

### Opening Hours

3pm till 5pm, everyday Monday to Friday

*For any inquiries, please contact us directly at 9980 0600 or email us at [cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au)*



Youth Services Team: Lachlan, Jayda, Andrea, Whitney, Ashanta, and Andrew (from left to right)



# LIBRARY & MUSEUM

The Meekatharra Public Library is located at the Shire Office and is combined with a small museum. The library is a great resource and is available to all members of the community. The library contains a comprehensive collection of fiction, and non-fiction books, large print books, audiobooks, and DVDs for adults and children. There is a regular exchange of books to ensure up to date and varied stock.

A selection of new books is displayed on our feature tables until the next supply of stock arrives. Should there be an item that a member cannot find in our library, the item can be requested at reception through the State Library. Members must provide the correct title and author of the item. Please note that there may be a delay in receiving them based on availability from other libraries.

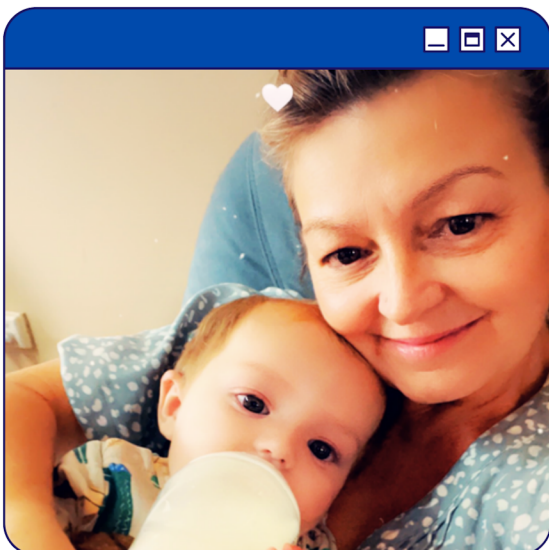
A large variety of resources are available upon request and include titles in audio formats, larger print, books written in languages other than English, and an extensive DVD collection.

You can also avail for the following:

- **Membership** - There is no cost for library membership for all residents of Meekatharra.
- **Visitor Membership** - Visitors can become a member of the Meekatharra Library. The requirements are the same as for residents.
- **Borrower Rights** - Please bring your library card when borrowing or renewing items. You can borrow a combination of books, audiobooks or DVDs. Items can be borrowed for three weeks.

**Open from 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday.**

Meekatharra Public Library is located at 54 Main Street Meekatharra  
 Ph: (08) 9980 0600  
 Fax: (08) 9981 1505  
[cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au)



## WELCOME! Kathy

### How long have you been in Meeka?

*Just a little under 12 months, moved here last year with my grandson.*

### How did you come to Meeka?

*The reason I came here is I sold our home in Geelong, Victoria, both of my children are already living here as well. Daughter came first and now lives in a station, and a year later my son moved to another station as well. My daughter had my first child, which meant that I wanted to be closer to my grandson as he grows up.*

### What do you do here in Meeka?

*I first got a job at the Roadhouse and worked there for about 4 months, and then later on got a job here in the Shire, which I love working here, I love my colleagues and I don't think they can get rid of me that easy.*

### What are you looking forward to here in Meeka?

*I'm looking forward to have my own space soon, and spend time with the people here. I love the community, and I never looked back. Most of all, I love spending time with my grandson.*

### What are your favourite food?

*I have no favourites, I just love food, my love ranges; I love pasta, I love doing homemade cooking. I love mexican food as well, and I do love a goooooood pizza.*

### Any Hobbies?

*I do hairdressing, which I don't even consider it as a hobby as I love it and want to spend time when I come around to it. I am very passionate about it.*



## A LOCAL, Donna

### How long have you been in Meeka?

*I used to live here in the 80's but went to Darwin for 23 years but now I'm back living in Meeka for the last 9 Years.*

### How did you come to Meeka?

*I came back to spend time with my brother but later on he passed, and during that time I also bought a house.*

### What do you do here in Meeka?

*Work for the Shire, which I love.*

### What made you stay here?

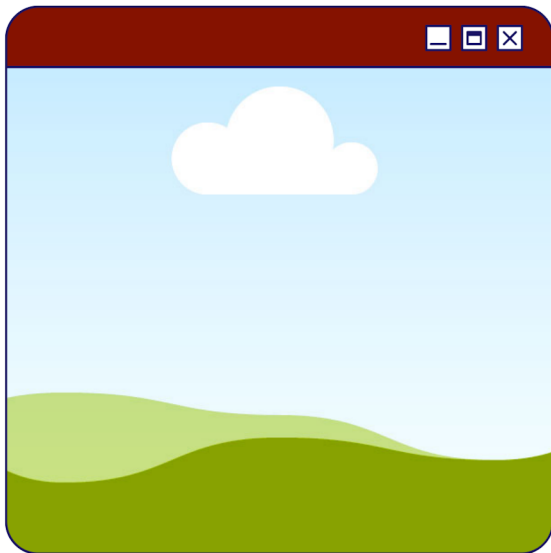
*By the time my brother had passed, I already bought a house, and met my wonderful partner here.*

### What are your favourite food?

*I love my Laksa, Supreme Pizza, and Asian food.*

### Any Hobbies?

*Gardening, hanging out with my dogs, music and socializing at the office which is the pub.*



## FAREWELL!

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How long have you been in Meeka?

How did you come to Meeka?

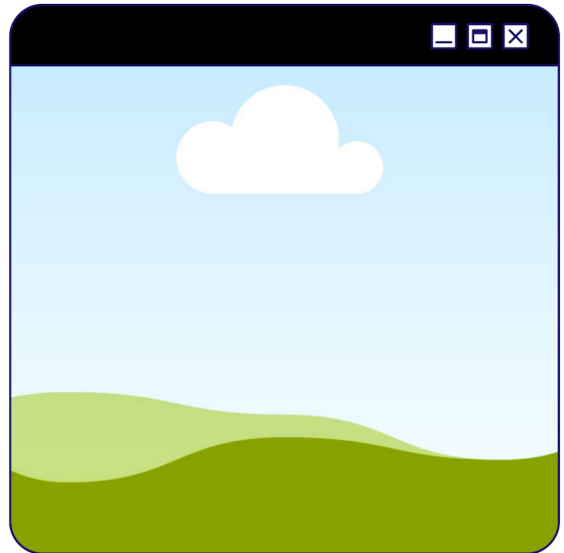
What were you doing here in Meeka?

What will you be missing from Meeka?

What is your favourite memory of Meeka?

**NAME**, we thank you for your time in Meeka. On behalf of the DUST team, we wish you all the best in this new journey you are taking on.

Hope to see you again in town!



## BLAST FROM THE PAST!

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How long did you live in Meeka?

How did you come to Meeka and what did you do here?

What is your favorite memory of Meeka?

Where are you currently living now and what are you getting up to?

What do you miss from Meeka?

Do you have a message to the folks in Meeka?

# INTERVIEW WITH A VOLUNTEER

## Peter Clare

*Volunteering for St. John Ambulance and Meekatharra Golf Club*

### Where do you volunteer?

Currently with St John Ambulance and with the Meekatharra Golf Club. In the past I have also volunteered on the Community Resource Centre Committee and for the Meekatharra Dirt Kart Club.

### How long have you been volunteering?

I started with the Ambos in 2006, just after I came to town. I joined the Golf Club committee in 2010 and then the CRC and Dirt Club was about five years ago for a couple of years.

### What made you start volunteering?

I wanted to contribute to the community.

### What do you do as part of your role?

With St John, I'm a Volunteer Ambulance Officer. I drive the ambulance and assist the attendants.

With the Golf Club, I'm the Captain. I do the handicaps, tally up the scores, determine the winners, receipt and allocate playing groups, help out around the club with maintenance etc, assist in the running of the Meeka Open.

### What do you like most about it?

Making a difference in the community and being engaged in activities which provides a sense of accomplishment and joy.

Specifically with St John, it's great to be able to provide successful outcomes in priority situations, and with the Golf Club it's great to be able to assist with running a successful and smooth event such as the Meeka Golf Open.

### What's the worst aspect?

As an ambo, the emotional fallout in the community following an unsuccessful outcome to a life threatening situation can be difficult. Because it's such a small community it's very close (not like in the city where it would be very anonymous and you can just go home and never see the family/place/situation again). We are expected to and do rock up to traumatic scenes and we hold it together and do our job professionally, but we are also humans underneath that uniform. We do get training but it doesn't necessarily prepare you for the real thing. Some community members say things like "it's your job" not realising we're just volunteers. And whilst we do get psychological wellbeing support from St John, it means so much more when a community member genuinely checks in with us as a first responder and asks if we're OK.

### Do you have any interesting/funny/fascinating stories you can share?

The most bizarre moment was when a patient, years ago, said to me that I smelled lovely and then proceeded to lick my face. That, I can assure you, does not normally happen.

With the Golf Club, there are lots of stories but.... what happens on the golf course stays on the golf course ;)

### What's something people don't know or should know about volunteering with the Ambos or Golf Club or volunteering in general?

The Golf Club is slowly diminishing. Without new members it may cease to operate in the not so distant future.

With St John, I really value the sense of security that the first aid and emergency knowledge and experience gives you. Whether that's just around home for first aid, or when you're away and travelling on the road – it's great to know that you can help people.

### Do you need more members or volunteers? How do people go about signing up?

YES!

If people are interested in the ambos (I promise, getting your face licked is not part of the normal duties!) they can just rock up to our fortnightly training sessions at the Subcentre in Hill Street, every second Wednesday at 5.30pm.

If people are keen to join the golf club, they can message me on social media and I can introduce them to the club and game.



On behalf of the  
Meekatharra Dust Team,  
Thank you for all you do, Pete!  
We need more people like you!



# You've already got what it takes.

**We don't just need ambulance volunteers to respond to emergencies, we need all kinds of volunteers.**

There are a lot of roles that keep St John going, and a few of them are probably things you're already good at. We require more volunteers to fill a wide range of roles in Meekatharra. To help us with everything from babysitting, gardening, vehicle maintenance, event organising, clerical duties, driving patients and, of course, first aid response.

We always need help, so to see how people exactly like you can contribute head to [stjohnchangelives.com.au](http://stjohnchangelives.com.au) or give our Community Paramedic a call on 0437 681 562, or email [cp.midwesteast@stjohnwa.com.au](mailto:cp.midwesteast@stjohnwa.com.au)

Help keep your ambulance service strong in Meekatharra.

Life goes on.  
Volunteer with St John.



# VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

## Where can I volunteer?

### ST JOHN AMBULANCE

When you become a St John Ambulance volunteer, you'll be part of the welcoming team that's changing lives. Training occurs on twice a month on a Wednesday evening. To get involved contact the Midwest paramedic on the email below or sign up online on the St John Ambulance website.

**Contact Details:**

Email - [cp.midwesteast@stjohnwa.com.au](mailto:cp.midwesteast@stjohnwa.com.au)  
Website - <https://stjohnwa.com.au/changelives>  
Address - 69 Hill Street

### SES (STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES)

Whether providing on the ground support or raising community awareness, Western Australian State Emergency Service (SES) values people who can use their varied skills and experiences to act in a wide range of roles.

**Contact Details:**

Email - [ralfpeg@westnet.com.au](mailto:ralfpeg@westnet.com.au)  
Website - <https://ses-wa.asn.au/>  
Phone - 9980 1617

### VFRS (VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE)

Your commitment to becoming a volunteer firefighter is greatly appreciated by the community and your fellow team members. As a volunteer firefighter, you will gain satisfaction and personal rewards through developing skills that will assist you in all facets of emergency operations and prevention risk management.

**Contact Details:**

Email - [Meekatharravfrs@bigpond.com](mailto:Meekatharravfrs@bigpond.com)  
Website - <https://www.vfrs.asn.au/becomeavolunteer>  
Phone - 9981 1164  
Address - Corner High and Hill Streets

### GOLF CLUB

The Meekatharra Golf Club is located on Goldfields Highway 3km out of town. The green may not be so green but this course is a great facility for our town. The club meets annually in May for the Meekatharra Golf Open.

**Contact Details:**

Phone - 0428 699 685

### GYMKHANA

To join or volunteer for the Meekatharra Gymkhana Club you would either contact a club member or come along to one of our meetings which are usually held twice a year on dates that are advertised beforehand usually via social media.

**Contact Details:**

Email - [meekagymkhanaclub@outlook.com](mailto:meekagymkhanaclub@outlook.com)  
Phone- President: Tracy Elliot 99812938,  
Vice President: Nikki Garrity 0457152911,  
Secretary/Treasurer Tammie Garrity 0477146007

### MEEKA GOES GREEN

Meeka Goes Green in our local recycling centre located on Railway Street and run by volunteers in the Meekatharra community. They are open every Saturday between 9am-11am to take in your recycling, have a chat and learn more about being green. The best way to join in is to rock up during opening hours or potentially reach out via Facebook or email.

**Contact details:**

Email - [meekagoesgreen@gmail.com](mailto:meekagoesgreen@gmail.com)  
Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/MeekaGoesGreen>

### MEEKA FM RADIO

The local Meeka radio station is call Meeka FM 98.3 and is run by volunteers here in town. Meeka FM plays the Radio MAMA (Midwest Aboriginal Media Association) program. More information can be found on the Radio MAMA website below.

**Contact Details:**

Email - [meekafm98.3@gmail.com](mailto:meekafm98.3@gmail.com)  
Facebook - Meeka FM 98.3 Community Radio Station  
Website - <https://www.mama.net.au/>  
Phone - 9981 1358  
Address - 68 Hill Street

### IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS?

*Let us know if you would like to take this space here to call upon possible volunteers!*

*Contact us at 9980 0600 and look for Larra, or email us at [cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au) to get in touch.*

*Speak soon!*

# Life



# style

FIND OUT SOME LIFE HACKS IN MEEKA!

# DO YOUR SHOPPING AT **MEEKA** EASTER MARKETS

**SATURDAY  
8TH OF APRIL  
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**LLOYDS PLAZA**

## **WHAT'S GOING TO BE THERE?**

Pre-loved Treasures, Books  
Cakes & Treats, Preserves, Gifts,  
Upcycled Crafts, Beauty and Bling

## **MARKET STALL HOLDERS**

All are welcome to set up a stall - just bring your own table, chair and hand sanitizer, and ensure you comply with any regulations regarding the products you sell.

Set up is from 9am -  
No early arrivals please!

## **QUESTIONS?**

Call us on 08 9980 1811 or visit us at Lloyds Plaza, located inside the building on your right. Open between MON to FRI, 9am to 3:30pm

**THE MEEKA MARKETS ARE MADE  
POSSIBLE BY :**

Welcome to April!

Here at the CRC we are looking forward to Easter and the cooler weather.

April has been a great month with lots of people coming to the Lloyds Plaza to check out the new CRC digs and we have had nothing but compliments.

I would like to thank the following companies for their donations. Without their support we would not have been able to move.



**Technology Metals  
Australia Limited**



And without the support and help from the Shire, particularly the Town Crew, Kelvin and Felicity we would probably still be planning or moving.

Thank you also to:

- Brendan Hall Carpentry
- Elite Electrical
- Perfect Computer Solutions
- Western Communications all went over and above to get our fit out looking so smashing.

And last but certainly not least, our CRC Committee for their support and encouragement and Tiffany and Mandy for their hard work.

As a manger I am absolutely blessed to have the staff I have.

We do have some new stock and have some new designs from Dream Time Dresses.

Thank you all for your support and we can't wait to see you at CRC!

**SOME NEW MERCH AVAILABLE AT CRC**



# CRICKET

## ADULT SPORTS

TAKE PART IN A CRICKET MATCH

WEDNESDAYS



**FROM  
6-8 PM**

FIND US AT

INDOOR CRICKET CENTRE



**11 & 12TH APRIL**

**Lions Skatepark**

**From 9:30 am**

**running throughout the whole day**

# SKATEBOARDING WORKSHOP

**with Nick from**





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](mailto:candice.evans@dmirs.wa.gov.au)

### Give pet scams paws for thought

Cute photos of puppies and kittens have been used by scammers for years to dupe prospective pet buyers out of their hard-earned money and it's only getting worse.

In Western Australia last year, our WA ScamNet team received 114 reports of pet scams, with 75 victims losing more than \$216,000 – a three-fold increase on both the losses and victim numbers reported five years earlier in 2017.

Most pet scams begin with online searches for animal breeders, or advertisements that appear on online marketplaces and social media, with images or videos often stolen from legitimate websites.

Although the ad may suggest the seller is local, when contacted they will say they are outside WA or located remotely and the animal needs to be transported. This tactic is used to get you to pay more money for fake shipping fees, airfares or travel insurance.

The biggest red-flag that you're dealing with a scammer is the method of payment, with money sent via bank transfer unlikely to be recovered. Don't be fooled by Australian bank account details either, as scammers are known to use money mules to look more legitimate.

For this reason, we recommend only paying via credit card or a secure payment platform like PayPal as there's potential to get your money back if the animal never turns up.

Other warning signs are limited contact, no address details on the website and false claims of being a registered breeder that can easily be verified.

With so many downsides to buying a pet online, it is generally safer for consumers to shop locally so they can personally inspect the animal and meet its owner. Consider going through legitimate breeding organisations such as [Dogs West](#) or the [Cat Owners Association](#) to verify breeder information and registered contact details, or give serious thought to adopting through a shelter or rescue centre.

Prospective pet owners can check the new [consumer's guide](#) to buying a pet on our website for handy tips on how to identify genuine sellers.

If you have doubts about an online transaction, call WA ScamNet on 1300 30 40 54 or email [consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au) for advice. Report scams to [www.scamnet.wa.gov.au](http://www.scamnet.wa.gov.au)

# MURDOCH UNIVERSITY

# STERILIZATION PROGRAM



Veterinary students from Murdoch University, under the guidance of a senior veterinarian, will be travelling to the Shire of Meekatharra to perform sterilizations, pet checks and micro chipping for registered dogs and cats in the Shire of Meekatharra.

## DATE & TIMES:

19 April 2023 (Wednesday)

8:00 am - 5:30 pm

20 April 2023 (Thursday)

7:30 am - 5:30 pm

21 April 2023 (Friday)

7:30 am - 5:30 pm

## LOCATION:

Shire Town Hall



## VACCINATION COSTS:

- \$30 for Concession card holders
- \$50 for Non-Concession card Holders

*Vaccinations are free for pets being sterilized.*

Murdoch students will carry out *sterilization, pet checks and microchipping* for cats and dogs **free of charge** to residents and pastoralists of Meekatharra.

Registration forms **must be completed** by the owner prior to surgery on the day and a registration tag will be issued.

**Registration is free of charge for animals being sterilized.**

Please contact the Shire or CRC by **17th of April 2023** if you are interested in having your pet sterilized.

**There are limited sterilization opportunities available.**

For further information, please call the Shire office on **9980 0600** or the CRC on **9980 1811**.



## Consumer Watch

Consumer Protection 50-52 Durlacher Street, Geraldton WA 6530  
Tel: (08) 9920 9800  
Email: [candice.evans@dmirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:candice.evans@dmirs.wa.gov.au)

### Spotlight on hidden fees

Every cent counts during the current cost of living crisis, so it can come as a shock to discover extra fees or charges have been added to a purchase before checkout, or tacked on to the receipt after paying.

Hidden fees may come in a number of disguises, so it's important to know what to look for and understand your rights to avoid spending more than you'd initially planned.

Pre-selected extras are becoming more common as food delivery apps and self-service QR codes in restaurants replace ordering in-person, or when events and flights are booked online. These apps and websites can be set to automatically charge a tip or for other extras, unless the customer removes these options before paying.

Under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL), businesses are allowed to add pre-selected tips and optional charges to your bill – in a practice known as 'drip-pricing' – but only if the additional prices are disclosed at the beginning of the purchasing process.

To avoid accidentally leaving a tip, or being stung for other add-ons, it's important to keep an eye out for any preselected extras included in the total price and deselect anything that's not wanted before making payment.

If you are misled into paying an optional charge, then raise this with the business and request a pro-rata refund to the value of that added charge.

Another common issue we hear about is payment surcharges for simply using your credit, debit or EFTPOS card, rather than cash.

Card surcharges are permitted under the ACL, however the fee must only reflect what it actually costs the business to process the payment, such as bank fees or terminal costs. If a business charges a payment surcharge, it must be able to prove the costs it is based on.

Should a business not accept cash – or fail to provide another way for consumers to pay without incurring a surcharge – the fee must then be included in the total cost.

If you believe a business is breaching the rules on hidden charges, it's best to broach it with them first. Should negotiations fail, contact Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54, or [consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au)

# MEEKATHARRA PHARMACY

## Easter Closure



- Wednesday - 5/4/23 - 8am till 10am
- Thursday - 6/4/23 - **CLOSED**
- Friday - 7/4/23 - **CLOSED**
- Saturday - 8/4/23 - **CLOSED**
- Sunday - 9/4/23 - **CLOSED**
- Monday - 10/4/23 - **CLOSED**
- Tuesday - 11/4/23 - **CLOSED**
- Wednesday - 12/4/23 - 12pm till 5pm

We direct you to Meekatharra Hospital located on Savage Street for urgent medical treatment while we are closed. Sorry for the inconvenience.

## HEALTH

# Fatigue

From: HealthDirect

### What is fatigue?

Fatigue is not the same as feeling just tired or sleepy, although there is a link. When you feel fatigued, you have no energy, to the point that it affects your daily living, and your mental and emotional state. Fatigue is a very common complaint. Physical or psychological conditions, and sometimes a combination of the two, can cause fatigue.

### What symptoms are related to fatigue?

Symptoms of and associated with fatigue includes; feeling very tired, growing tired quickly after you start an activity, lacking motivation, problems with concentration and memory, slower reaction times, poor mood, problems focusing, problems with hand-eye coordination and increased chance of taking risks or making errors.

Fatigue often gets worse gradually. You might not realize how much it is affecting you until you think about all the things you could do previously.

### What causes fatigue?

Fatigue is usually caused by stress, anxiety, depression, viruses such as the flu or COVID-19 or sleep problems. Some medications may also cause you to feel fatigued. Sometimes fatigue is a symptom of a physical condition such as:

anaemia, sleep apnoea, underactive thyroid — when you have too little of the thyroid hormone thyroxine, coeliac disease, chronic fatigue syndrome, diabetes, glandular fever, restless legs syndrome, cancer, heart disease, problems with the liver or kidneys, multiple sclerosis and other illnesses.

### How is fatigue treated?

To find out what is causing your fatigue, your doctor will ask you about any other symptoms and do a full examination. They may order blood tests or imaging tests, depending on what they think your condition might be.

Treatment will depend on the condition that is causing your fatigue. Sometimes, after treatment, you will feel better almost straight away.

However, it might take several weeks for your fatigue to lessen. Mindfulness, meditation, yoga and cognitive behavioural therapy are non-medical treatments that may be effective for some people to treat fatigue.

### How can I manage fatigue myself?

You should make sure you have good quality sleep to help you manage fatigue. Ensure you go to bed at the same time each night and stick to healthy sleep habits.

Eating a healthy diet and doing regular physical activity will also help improve your sleep and lessen fatigue. Eat small, frequent meals throughout the day with plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables. Avoid junk food, and try to avoid alcohol and caffeine since these may affect your sleep.

# YOGA

## MONDAY CLASS



*Join us for a **FREE** weekly exercise classes  
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All classes are accessible for all abilities.*

*For Inquiries please contact Larra at the Shire on 9980 0600*

### **WHEN?**

*Every Monday  
5-6pm  
Town Hall*

## LIFESTYLE

# Celebrating Fifty Years

Writer: Raelene Hall



The Isolated Children's Parents' Association of WA held their annual conference in Perth on 17th March. Whilst this was the 51st year of ICPA WA the conference celebrated the organisation's Golden Anniversary as Covid had forced last year's conference to be held online.

A amazing display of historical newspaper cuttings, photos and other memorabilia at the conference was enjoyed by all and led to lots of reminiscing and 'remember when' comments.

Past State Presidents Sue Broad, Jenny Percy, Mary Walsh, Jeanette DeLandgraft, Roxanne Morrissey, Emma Foulkes-Taylor and Liz Sudlow were all present for this momentous occasion.

The Meekatharra Air Branch was represented by Natalie Bevan, Tracie Blair, Jim Quadrio and Olivia Ford with Louise Ford and Chandra Ridley, both Meekatharra Air Members, attending as State ICPA Councillors.

A beautiful anniversary cake made by Jane Parker of Geraldton was cut by previous Presidents along with Sally Brindal, the current

president and served to conference attendees during morning and afternoon tea.

Guest speakers at the conference included: Lisa Rodgers: WA Director General of Education, Ms Meredith Hammat MLA on behalf of Dr Toni Buti, MLA, Minister for Education and Ms Catrina-Luz Aniere CEO of Millennium Kids and WA Local Hero Nominee 2022.

Telstra and NBN representatives also spoke to conference members as did Mr Richard Stokes of the Australian Boarding Schools Association.

After lunch 'Conversations with ICPA' took place. A panel of 5 R's (purely coincidental), Roxanne Morrissey, Roma Heath, Rossco Foulkes-Taylor, Raelene Hall and facilitated by Richard Hudson of the ABC chatted about ICPA beginnings, memories, what ICPA had given to panellists and what they saw as the future of the organisation.

A celebration 50th anniversary dinner followed on from the day's proceedings with Tom Morrissey (formerly of Thundelarra Station, Yalgoo) proposing a toast to ICPA and Paul Haselby, former Docker and now broadcaster/television presenter, entertaining guests with his football journey and some very funny stories.

ICPA WA looks forward to the future and continuing to work for equity of education for all rural and remote students across the state and, as part of ICPA Aust, across the nation.

*If you would like further information about ICPA or wish to join head to their website [www.icpa.com.au](http://www.icpa.com.au).*



# Look!

## KITCHEN STUFF

WE'VE HAD HEAPS OF DONATIONS OF SECOND-HAND GOODS. CHECK THEM OUT  
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MEEKAGOESGREEN@GMAIL.COM OR FACEBOOK/MEEKAGOESGREEN 



## LIFESTYLE

# It's not Farewell - Just so Long

Writer: Raelene Hall



As I closed the gate on nearly 40 years of my life the tears started and they flowed on and off for the next 24 hours or so.

Early morning, Monday 13th March, saw Clyde and I drive from Neds Creek to begin our new life as retirees at our house in Perth, which we purchased some six years previously. It had always been our plan to move off the station when Clyde reached retirement age, leaving our boys to take up the reins.

I'm the first to admit station life hadn't always been easy for me, struggling at times with things such as the heat, isolation, teaching kids and distanced from family and friends. Retirement was something I'd looked forward to and saw as a time to access a whole new range of activities and opportunities.

Always being a fairly emotional person I knew leaving wouldn't be easy but it was far harder than I expected, and even now, two weeks into our new life, the homesickness can hit me unexpectedly and I want to be back in the red dirt and the wide open spaces.

Clyde is coping a little better than me and he feels that may be because he knows he will be going back regularly to help out at home or maybe work for other station owners in the area.

Having a house already set up in Perth has made the transition easier as it has been our second home for some time and we are familiar with our area, neighbours and facilities. There is still a lot of unpacking and sorting to be done here and more possessions to come down from the station.

I still refer to the station as home, find it hard to remember I now have a new address and that my phone number now is a mobile and not a landline.

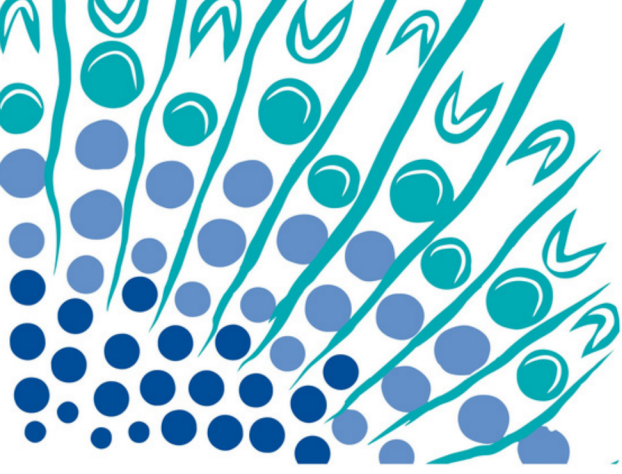
On the positive side I have joined a gym (actually going will be the real test), put out feelers re casual jobs and researched some volunteer opportunities that will, hopefully, lead to making new friends down here.

Yesterday we took a drive to a local park to check it out and enjoyed dinner out last night. Today our neighbour popped over to say hi and enjoy a beer with Clyde. Tomorrow I'm catching up with a young friend and her two little girls at a play centre and on Wednesday a tradesman is coming to sort out our reticulation. Oh -did I mention we also had a quick visit to Bunnings!

Given time I am sure we will both settle into this new life and what it offers, whilst never forgetting the amazing time spent at Neds Creek raising a family and creating a future for our kids.

For our mates in Meeka who we didn't get a chance to say goodbye to -sorry - but if we tried to catch up with everyone we may never have got away. If you are heading for the big smoke and want to catch up just let us know. We will always be up for a yarn and news of Meeka.

Raelene Hall

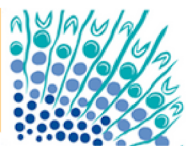


## Young Women's Group

From 6-8PM Wednesdays  
Every Fortnight



For More Info call Paulette on 0499 444 626



As we celebrate International Women's Day and Women's Month, we want to highlight the importance of Sisterhood, the harmful effects of bullying, and the inspiration we can draw from inspirational Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

In Session 3 of the Young Women's Group, we focused on these themes and saw the young women engage well and share their thoughts and experiences. The session started with a fun team-building game that required the young women to work together and highlighted the importance of collaboration. We then discussed the harm caused by spreading rumours and the importance of verifying information before believing it.

The young women then spoke about the meaning of Sisterhood and the qualities that make a good friend. They also talked about the importance of being vulnerable and recognising when it's okay to ask for help from trusted individuals. The topic of bullying was explored through the "Be Deadly Series" game on Cyber-bullying, which led to a discussion on the effects of bullying, e-safety, and ways to help someone who is being bullied.

We discussed inspirational Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, and how most of the women we discussed were all from a remote, regional or rural community. This led to a discussion about setting goals, believing in yourself and not giving up on your dreams. The young women then shared their goals for the next week or five years, which ranged from becoming a doctor, a mechanic, or a pilot, to getting a job at the mines.

As we wrapped up the session, we reminded the young women that they can achieve anything they set their minds to and quoted, "Believe You Can and You Will."

We hope this session has inspired the young women to continue supporting each other, standing up against bullying, and pursuing their dreams with confidence and determination.

Let's continue to support and uplift each other, and remember that together, we can achieve great things.



# GARDENING & PLANTS

## Planting Guide

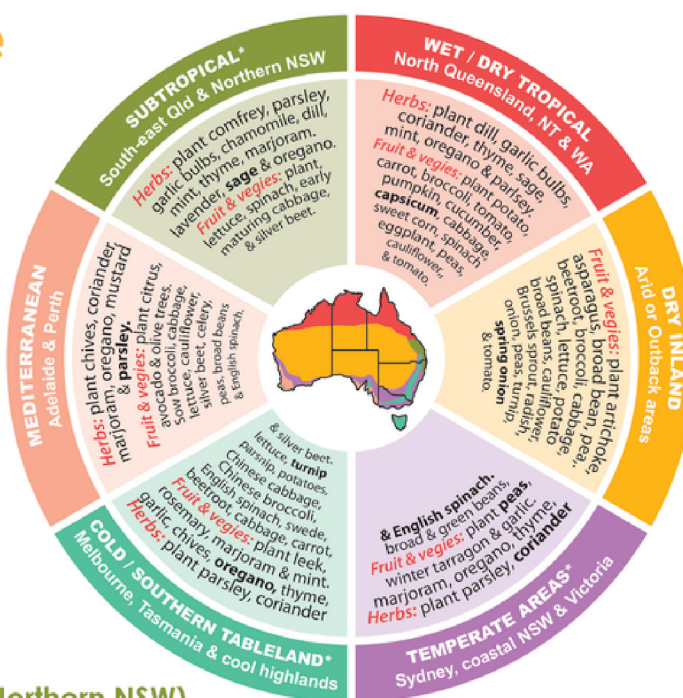
# AUTUMN

## Herb, Fruit & Vegie Planting Guide

By Temperate/Regional Zones

For Autumn Flower Planting or Seasonal  
Planting Guides;

[www.abouththegarden.com.au](http://www.abouththegarden.com.au)



### Subtropical (includes: South-east Qld & Northern NSW)

**HERBS** - plant chervil, chicory, coriander, fennel, garlic bulbs, lavender, marjoram, oregano, parsley, rocket, sage, sorrel, rosemary, thyme, winter tarragon and yarrow.

**FRUIT & VEGETABLES** - plant broad beans, broccoli, lettuce, onion, peas, radish, shallots, spinach, spring onion and turnip.

### Wet & Dry Tropical (includes: North Queensland, NT & WA)

**HERBS** - plant basil, coriander, garlic, garlic chives, marjoram, oregano, parsley, thyme and winter tarragon.

**FRUIT & VEGETABLES** - sow beans, beetroot, broccoli, cabbage, capsicum, carrot, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, cucumber, eggplant, lettuce, melons, mustard, okra, onion, parsnip, potato, pumpkin, radish, rosella, silver beet, squash, sweet corn, sweet potato, tomato and zucchini.

### Dry Inland (includes: Arid or Outback areas)

**HERBS** - plant chervil, chives, chicory, coriander, dill, fennel, garlic bulbs, lavender, marjoram, mint, oregano, parsley, sage, sorrel, rosemary, thyme, winter tarragon and yarrow.

**FRUIT & VEGETABLES** - plant broad beans, broccoli, Brussels sprout, cauliflower, lettuce, onion, peas, radish, shallot, spinach, spring onion, tomato and turnip.

### Temperate Areas (includes: Sydney, coastal NSW & Victoria)

**HERBS** - plant coriander, garlic bulbs, marjoram, oregano, parsley, thyme and winter tarragon.

**FRUIT & VEGETABLES** - plant broad beans, English spinach, green beans and peas.

### Cool & Southern Tablelands (includes: Melbourne & cool highlands)

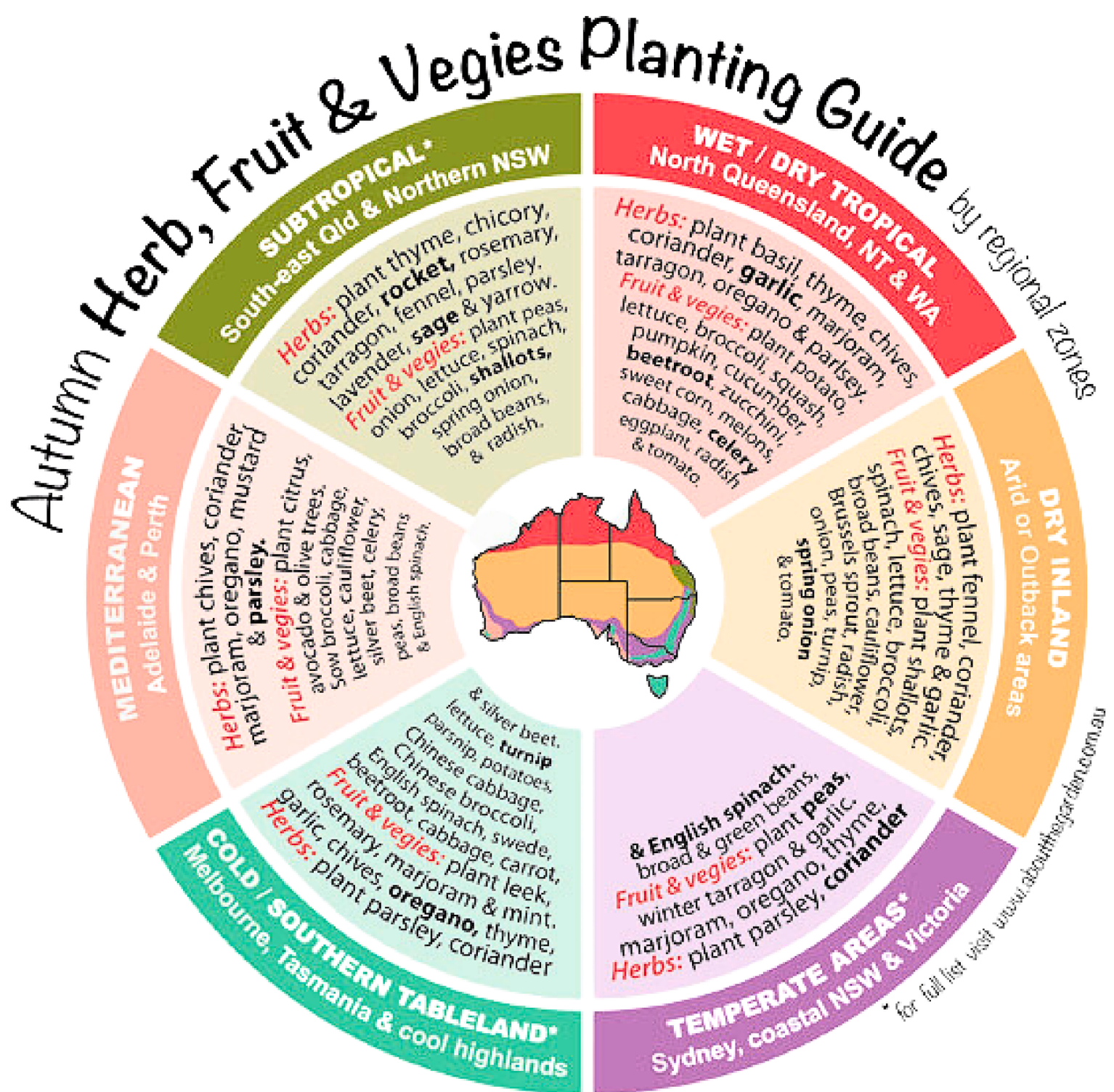
**HERBS** - plant chives, coriander, garlic, lemongrass, marjoram, mint, oregano, parsley, rosemary, shallots, tarragon and thyme.

**FRUIT & VEGETABLES** - plant broad bean, beetroot, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, Chinese broccoli, Chinese cabbage, English spinach, leek, lettuce, onion, parsnip, potatoes, silver beet, swede and turnip.

### Mediterranean (includes: Adelaide & Perth)

**HERBS** - plant chives, coriander, marjoram, oregano, mustard and parsley.

**FRUIT & VEGETABLES** - plant citrus, avocado and olive trees by end of March. Sow broccoli, cabbage, broad beans, cauliflower, celery, English spinach, silver beet, lettuce and peas.





April 2023

## Understanding Aphids



Green peach aphid (*Myzus persicae*) giving birth to nymph on a potato leaf (©2023 DPIRD)

Aphids are small, soft-bodied, sap sucking insects which belong to the order Hemiptera. Let's examine some unique biological features about aphids to better understand why they are so difficult to control.

- **Host plant range:** Many species of aphids can feed on a wide range of host plants, which makes it difficult to control infestations in mixed plantings. These aphids are referred to as 'polyphagous' and includes the green peach aphid which feeds on a wide range of crops including vegetables, fruit trees, and ornamental plants.
- **Rapid reproduction:** Aphids can reproduce asexually through a process called parthenogenesis, where females give birth to live young without mating with a male. This allows aphid populations to grow rapidly under favourable conditions, and some species produce 20+ generations a season.
- **Developmental plasticity & dispersal:** Aphids can produce alates (winged aphids) in response to changes in environmental conditions. A drop in food quality, overcrowding or increased

predation pressure can alter their development and produce winged individuals to aid in aphid dispersal.

- **Ant mutualism:** Some species of aphids have a mutualistic relationship with ants, which can protect them from predators and parasitoids. This can make it difficult to control aphid populations without also addressing the ant presence.
- **Insecticide resistance:** Some aphid populations have developed resistance to commonly used insecticides, which can make control even more challenging.

Understanding these factors can help you develop effective strategies for managing aphids. This may include cultural practices like removing infested plants, biological control methods like introducing natural predators or parasitoids, and careful use of insecticides that are effective against the specific aphid species present.

If you don't recognise the aphid you are trying to control, please report it.

## Report suspect pests



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## TRAVELLING

# Meekatharra

*From: Murchison Georegion*

Meekatharra is a golden prospect for visitors to the Murchison GeoRegion, with the gold mining riches of yesteryear leaving a rich legacy for the town and the region. Explore the rocky outcrops, look for native animals and experience the glorious display of colourful wildflowers which bring Meekatharra to life in winter and spring.

Originally a gold prospecting town first settled in 1896, the area around Meekatharra is rich in history and culture. Take some time to explore the Meeka Discovery Trail which winds around the town and includes a lookout where you can see a 'superpit' mine and the township.

Open on weekdays, the Meekatharra Museum contains over 100 photographs and memorabilia of life through the years.

Explore the Meeka Heritage Trail and State Battery, discover some local art or call into the Visitor Centre to find out where you can search for your next gold find!

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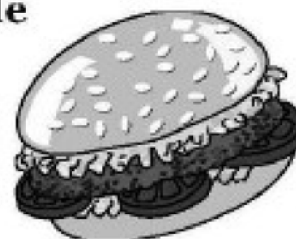
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## BUSINESS FEATURE OF THE MONTH

### Mama Moon's Bakery

Writer: Larra Juab

Welcome to a new section of the Meekatharra Dust!

This section features a different business in Meekatharra every edition. We aim to promote and get to know the different businesses in the area in a different lens,

So for this first round, we will get to know Mama Moon's Bakery!

As I arrived a month ago, the first coffee and food I tried here in Meekatharra was at Mama Moon's Bakery. I was greeted by the lovely Amy and her team on that day.

They have a great range of fresh Rolls, Fresh Bread, Hot Food (Pies, Sausage Rolls), Cakes & Treats, Fresh Rolls and Sandwiches, Coffee, Milkshake. Everything they have is fresh and healthy, hand made with love, locally owned, and they are also a family run business.

During one of the days I visited them, a customer clocked in that I was writing about their bakery, and he had to make it known that Mama Moon's Bakery has *"the best vanilla slice in the whole of Western Australia!"*, and those were his words.

You can clearly see that they are passionate about what they do, and how caring they are for the community that they serve.

Mama Moon's Bakery has only been operating for just almost a year! Can you believe that? Their anniversary is actually this coming April, so big cheers and congratulations to Amy, her team and all their avid supporters.

If you haven't paid them a visit, or maybe perhaps you haven't been there in a while, they are **open** from **Monday to Saturday**, between **8am till 4pm**.

I hope nothing but the best to Mama Moon's Bakery. I cannot wait to keep visiting and trying different things there.

More power to you and your team Amy!



# FOOD



## Easter Chick Pops

From: [bestrecipes.com.au](http://bestrecipes.com.au)

Level: Child-Friendly, Beginners

### INGREDIENTS

- 150 g white chocolate melts
- 100 g white marshmallows
- 10 M&Ms
- 2 red licorice twists
- 1 black icing pen

### METHOD

1. Melt white chocolate in a bowl placed over a saucepan of simmering water. Alternatively, melt in short bursts in the microwave.
2. Push marshmallows onto the icy pole sticks. One by one, dip into the melted chocolate, allowing excess to drip off.
3. Cut M&M's in half with a sharp knife. Cut 4mm slices of licorice and then cut those across into half moons. Working quickly before the chocolate has completely set, press a half M&M into the front of the marshmallow and a licorice piece onto the top. Refrigerate to set completely.
4. Once set, using an icing pen, squeeze a small amount onto each marshmallow to form the eyes. Enjoy!

### EQUIPMENT

- 20 popsicle sticks



## Lemony Potato Salad

From: [womansday.com](http://womansday.com)

Level: Child-Friendly, Beginners

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 1/2 lb. baby potatoes (about 30)
- Kosher salt
- Pepper
- 1/4 c. sour cream
- 2 tbsp. mayonnaise
- 1 tbsp. whole-grain mustard
- 1 tsp. grated lemon zest
- 3 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 2 stalks celery, finely chopped
- 1/4 c. fresh chopped chives

### METHOD

1. STEP 1 Place potatoes in a large, wide pot, cover with cold water, and bring to a boil. Add 2 tsp salt, reduce heat, and simmer until potatoes are just tender, 10 to 15 minutes. Drain and run under cold water to cool.
2. STEP 2 Meanwhile, in a large bowl, whisk together sour cream, mayonnaise, mustard, lemon zest and juice, and 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper; stir in celery. Halve potatoes if large, then add to dressing and gently toss to combine. Fold in chives.



## Mushroom Risotto

From: *delish.com*

Level: Experienced

### INGREDIENTS

- 8 c. low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp. butter, divided
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 lb. button mushrooms, sliced
- 1 bay leaf
- 4 sprigs thyme, leaves removed
- kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 c. arborio rice
- 1/2 c. white wine
- 1 c. freshly grated Parmesan
- 3/4 c. frozen peas, thawed
- 2 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley

### METHODS

#### Step 1

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, bring chicken broth to a simmer. Reduce heat to low.

#### Step 2

In a large pot or Dutch oven, heat oil. Add onion and cook, stirring often, until translucent, about 5 minutes. Add 1 tablespoon butter, garlic, mushrooms, bay leaf and thyme. Cook until the mushrooms have softened and are golden, about 4 more minutes, then season with salt and pepper. Remove mixture from the pot.

#### Step 3

Melt remaining tablespoon butter in the pot and add the arborio rice, stirring quickly. Cook until the grains are well-coated and smell slightly toasty, about 2 minutes. Add the wine and cook until the wine has mostly absorbed.

#### Step 4

With a ladle, add about 1 cup hot broth. Stirring often, cook until the rice has mostly absorbed liquid. Add remaining broth about 1 cup at a time, continuing to allow the rice to absorb each addition of broth before adding more. Stir often and cook until the risotto is al dente and creamy, not mushy. (You might not need all the broth.)

#### Step 5

Add the mushroom mixture back into the rice.

#### Step 6

Stir in Parmesan and peas then garnish with parsley. Serve warm.

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# ART OPPORTUNITIES



## Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists 2023

The City of Subiaco is proud to present the twenty-first annual Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists in 2023. This visual art award is open to Western Australian school students and encourages imagination, innovation and creativity.

### Prizes and exhibition

Prizes are donated from the City of Subiaco and award sponsors and are presented to the top three entries in each category. A selection of the best artworks entered will feature in a month long public exhibition at Subiaco Library from Monday 10 July to Sunday 6 August. All exhibited artists receive professional framing or mounting for their artworks.

### Important dates

**Entries open:** Friday 28 April, 9.30am

**Entries close:** Monday 22 May, 5.30pm

**Finalists announced:** Late June

### **Artwork collection:**

Monday 10 July to Sunday 6 August

### **Exhibition:**

Monday 10 July to Sunday 6 August

### **Finalists artwork collection:**

Monday 7 August to Sunday 20 August

Entries will open on Friday 28 April through until Monday 22 May, so students are encouraged to start preparing their submissions now and over the upcoming school holidays.



## Randolph Stow - Young Writers Award 2023

The 2023 Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards writing competition is now open and will run until close of business on **Monday 3 July 2023**.

**The competition is open to all students from Years 3 to 12 who live or study within the Midwest as defined by the Education Department of Western Australia.**

The Award provides a wonderful opportunity to encourage students in the art of creative writing. The competition is divided into two categories, poetry and prose and students are eligible to enter both categories, but only one entry is permitted for each category. Entries are to be a single piece of work written by one person.

*More information about the competition including Terms and Conditions can be found on the entry form, which is available at the Geraldton and Mullewa Libraries or can be downloaded from the website under the Randolph Stow tab. Information has also been sent to schools and public libraries in the Midwest.*





Youth focus was proud to support Meekatharra local talent during our Staff Forum held in Perth at the start of March. Joella, Ralli and Kyliesha each produced some art work that was turned into postcards for staff to write their reflects of the forum on. Three lucky Youth Focus staff got to take home the original paintings. We still have a few of the post cards in the office, if you would like a copy of one of the paintings then please come and grab one. We have some very talented young artists in our community. Thank you to Joella, Ralli, and Kyliesha for your time and energy into creating these wonderful works of art!



Joella facilitated an art mindfulness activity for Youth Focus staff during the Staff Forum. The result was this magnificent painting that will travel to all Youth Focus and headspace sites in WA. The journey will start in Albany and finish in Meekatharra. We will update you on it's journey though out the year. Joella's contributions to the Youth Focus Forum demonstrated her exceptional artistic and leaderships skills. Thank you Joella!



# ART TIPS!

## Finding Supplies

Written by: Larra Juab

Every time I go into a new space, my artistic mind is always curious to see what art supplies are available in the area. I have been only here for a month now, and I guess it's not that hard to figure out the spaces that will have them. So let me share my findings with you!

### 1) IGA

Yes, good ol' IGA. They have the office and arts supplies section and honestly, it's a good start. You have some pens, markers, and different kinds of paper there, there are also some crayons, and I think I might have spotted some brushes and paints there too. This place is great if you are a visual artist or a writer to get some standard supplies.

### 2) Community Resource Centre (CRC)

I am in love with the range of crochet supplies they had! They have heaps of yarns with different colors and I love the wooden crochet sticks. They also have a great range of canvases, brushes, paints, and colored pencils. I truly enjoy just browsing there and exploring more items every time I visit.



### 3) TIP & Recycling Centre

I know those are two different places, but sometimes we can find some treasures there, especially if you want to work on a non-traditional canvas, or maybe a sculpture or installation piece.

### 4) Nature

This never fails, there is so much we can use with the items we see in nature. From where I am from, we would use similar soil we see here in Meekatharra for painting or clay work. I can't wait to explore it more!

That's all that I have learned for now folks! Can't wait to see more of the artistic side of Meeka!

## "OFF THE BEATEN TRACK" WITH MATTY



A FAVOURITE TRAVELLING SONG? REQUEST IT FOR THE SHOW.



## MONDAYS LUNCH



Classified Ads



& Miscellaneous

OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION ABOUT MEEKA

# JOB VACANCY

## A new Community role for Meekatharra

*Communities of Focus: Everyone coming together with a shared voice and vision*

### About Communities of Focus:

At Mission Australia, working with communities is central to what we do. We support people, groups and organisations to come together to identify common goals and to create solutions that positively impact their community. We enable communities to build upon their strengths, become more resilient and to develop their capacity to better overcome the issues they face. We work with communities with a vision for long-term sustainable change.

Communities of Focus is a place-based approach that:

- Aims to address complex and localised disadvantage by **tackling problems in new ways**
- Brings together people from the local community to understand the drivers of the disadvantage
- and build up **local leadership and decision making**
- Builds upon the skills, strengths and aspirations that exist within a community to build **cohesion, collaboration and motivation**
- Works **across funding and program boundaries** to catalyze innovation and create positive change

### What attributes and skills would suit the role?

- Someone local to Meekatharra
- Someone well connected and respected by community
- Someone knowledgeable of community strengths and assets (this can be things like – community leaders and family groups, local businesses, government departments, support services, sport and recreation groups and facilities)
- A person who understands local challenges and is passionate and enthusiastic about the future for Meekatharra

### What will the role be responsible for?

- Work with people from all parts of the community to ensure everyone has a voice
- Establish and support a leadership group that includes representatives from all parts of community
- Bring together community members to identify priorities and shared goals'
- Support community to identify actions that will facilitate change to achieve their goal
- Communicate progress with community and stakeholders

### What types of things will this role do?

- Organise community events to inform community of progress and listen to their feedback
- Coordinate networking events to build and strengthen relationships between community members
- Listen to what the community highlights as their priorities and support them to work towards identifying and addressing their key focus area for change
- Regularly meet with stakeholders to support action of agreed tasks and goals
- Continually review feedback to determine next steps

### Position conditions:

- Flexible options - full-time, part-time or job share
- This is a community engagement role based in Meekatharra
- Provision of mobile phone, laptop and access to pool vehicle for work use
- Member of the Communities of Focus backbone team with support provided by Perth, national and local Meekatharra teams and community members.

### What Mission Australia can help with:

- Training in Community Development techniques
- Training in administration procedures & using computer software programs and devices
- Additional training and support as identified
- Flexible working hours
- Flexibility in procedures to support appropriate ways of working

### Salary Details:

- Full Time Fixed Term Contract to 30 June 2024
- Location: Meekatharra WA 6642
- \$75,000 - \$80,000 + Super + Not For Profit Packaging + Very Remote Allowances

Rewarding work – every day you know you are making a real difference

If you would like to apply for this position or would like more information, please contact:

#### Noleen Mongoo

Email: [mongoon@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:mongoon@missionaustralia.com.au)

Address: 69 Main Street/P O Box 59, Meekatharra WA 6642

Mobile: 0490 271 022

#### Gilliann Frew

Email: [cofmeekatharra@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:cofmeekatharra@missionaustralia.com.au)

Address: 275 Abernethy Road, Cloverdale, Perth WA

Mobile: 0476 664 783

### Cover letter and resume can be submitted to:

<https://careers.missionaustralia.com.au/caw/en/job/991528/community-engagement-facilitator-meekatharra>

*If you would like support to prepare your application, please contact **Gilliann Frew** or **Noleen Mongoo** on above contact details to arrange assistance.*





# BUSINESS AND SERVICES Directory

## ACCOMMODATION

BUSINESS/SERVICE NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL
Auski Motel	Corner Roberts & Main Streets	Meekatharra WA 6642 08 9981 1433	auskimotel@gmail.com
Commercial Hotel	77 Main Street	Meekatharra WA 6642 08 9981 1020	
Karalundi Caravan Park	Great Northern Highway	Meekatharra WA 6642 08 9981 2000	
Meekatharra Accommodation Centre (Caravan Park and Motel Rooms)	119 Main Street	Meekatharra WA 6642 08 9981 1253	
Meekatharra Hotel	Main Street	Meekatharra WA 6642 08 9981 1134	
Paddy's Flat VLM	McCleary Street	Meekatharra WA 6642 0407 174 843	
Royal Mail Hotel	Main Street	Meekatharra WA 6642 08 9981 1148	

## CLUBS AND GROUPS

BUSINESS/SERVICE NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL
Golf Club	Goldfields Highway	Meekatharra WA 6642 0428 699 685	
Meeka FM Radio	Hill Street	Meekatharra WA 6642 08 9981 1358	
Meeka Goes Green Recycling Centre	Railway Street	Meekatharra WA 6642	meekagoesgreen@gmail.com
Meeka Gymkhana Club	Goldfields Highway	Meekatharra WA 6642	meekagymkhanclub@outlook.com
Meeka Volunteer Fire & Rescue	Corner High and Hill Streets	Meekatharra WA 6642 0439 081 983	
Race Club	Goldfields Highway	Meekatharra WA 6642 0428 992 895	
State Emergency Services	via phone	Meekatharra WA 6642 0439 910 266	
St John Ambulance	69 Hill Street	Meekatharra WA 6642 08 9980 1467	

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

BUSINESS/SERVICE NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL
Centrelink	Main Street	Meekatharra WA 6642 136 240	
Community Patrol Bus	via phone	Meekatharra WA 6642 0497 641 790	
Dept Child Protection	Lot 83 Main Street	Meekatharra WA 6642 08 9981 0300	
Dept Housing	14 Main Street	Meekatharra WA 6642 08 9956 5000	
Family & Domestic Violence Support	---	Meekatharra WA 6642 0459 881 488	
Frontier Services	Darlot Street	Meekatharra WA 6642 08 9981 1053	
KindiLink	Savage Street	Meekatharra WA 6642 08 9981 1092	
Meeka District High School	Savage Street	Meekatharra WA 6642 08 9981 1092	
Meekatharra Community Resource & Visitor Centre	Lot 55 Main Street	Meekatharra WA 6642 08 9980 1811	hello@meekacrc.com.au
Mission Australia	Main Street	Meekatharra WA 6642 08 9956 5100	
Murchison Frail Aged Care	c/Post Office	Meekatharra WA 6642 08 9981 0600	
Red Sandbox	Hill Street	Meekatharra WA 6642 08 9980 1339	
Shire of Meekatharra	Main Street	Meekatharra WA 6642 08 9980 0600	
Youth Focus	Main Street	Meekatharra WA 6642 0499 444 626	
Youth Justice	Savage Street	Meekatharra WA 6642 08 9980 2070	
Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	Marmont Street	Meekatharra WA 6642 08 9980 1339	reception@yulella.org.au

ESSENTIAL SERVICES					—
BUSINESS/SERVICE NAME	ADDRESS		PHONE		EMAIL
Meeka GP Clinic	Savage Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 6444 7980	
Burringurrah Police Station	Landor-Mt Augustus Road	Meekatharra WA	6642	---	
Meeka Hospital	Savage Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9981 0600	
Meeka Police Station	Savage Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 99187120	
Meekatharra Pharmacy	Main Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9980 1798	
Mental Health Centre	Savage Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9981 0625	
RFDS Terminal	Meeka Airport	Meekatharra WA	6642	0417 045 291	
Tidman Optical	Visiting Service - Book Via GP Clinic	Perth	---	08 6444 7980	
Veterinarian Rick Fenny	Visiting Service	Perth	---	0408 936 061	
St John Ambulance	69 Hill Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9980 1467	
Meeka Volunteer Fire & Rescue	Corner High and Hill Streets	Meekatharra WA	6642	0439 081 983	
State Emergency Services	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642	0439 910 266	

FUEL/MECHANICAL/TYRES					—
BUSINESS/SERVICE NAME	ADDRESS		PHONE		EMAIL
BP 24 Hr Card	Main & Connaughton Streets	Meekatharra WA	6642	---	
Caltex 24 Hr Diesel	Railway Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	---	
Coles/Shell Roadhouse	Great Northern Highway	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9981 1033	
Corner Store	16 Main Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9981 1151	
Kumarina Roadhouse	Great Northern Highway	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9981 2930	kumarina@refillaus.com.au
Ripper Engines Vehicle Inspections	Main Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	0427 394 970	
RMH Mechanical		Meekatharra WA	6642	0412 332 241	admin@rmhmechanical.com
Trenfield Mechanical Tyres & Towing	Railway Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	0418 941 006	

MEALS/TAKEAWAY					—
BUSINESS/SERVICE NAME	ADDRESS		PHONE		EMAIL
Auski Motel	Corner Roberts & Main Streets	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9981 1433	auskimotel@gmail.com
Commercial Hotel	77 Main Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9981 1020	
Corner Store	16 Main Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9981 1151	
Karalundi Caravan Park	Great Northern Highway	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9981 2000	
Kumarina Roadhouse	Great Northern Highway	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9981 2930	kumarina@refillaus.com.au
Mama Moon's Bakery	Lloyds Plaza, Main Street	Meekatharra WA	6642		mamamoonsbakery@gmail.com
Meekatharra Accommodation Centre	119 Main Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9981 1253	
Meekatharra Hotel	Main Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9981 1134	
Royal Mail Hotel	Main Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9981 1148	

OUTLYING COMMUNITIES					—
BUSINESS/SERVICE NAME	ADDRESS		PHONE		EMAIL
Burringurrah Remote Community	PMB 200	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9943 0979	
Buttah Windee Community	Landor Road	Meekatharra WA	6642	---	
Yulga Jinna Community	Ashburton Downs Road	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9981 2200	

## MINING & PROSPECTING

BUSINESS/SERVICE NAME	ADDRESS		PHONE	EMAIL
Australian Vanadium	---	Perth	---	08 9321 5594
Dept Mines Meekatharra	Savage Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9981 1008
Macro Drill	Marmont Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9410 1093
Mt Seabrook Talc Mine	c/Post Office	Meekatharra WA	6642	---
Ora Gold	---	Perth	---	08 9389 6927
Technology Metals Australia Ltd	---	Perth	---	08 6489 1600
Westgold Resources - Bluebird Camp	Great Northern Highway	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9462 3400

## RELIGIOUS

BUSINESS/SERVICE NAME	ADDRESS		PHONE	EMAIL
Catholic Christ the King Church	Corner Hill & High Streets	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9963 4179
Frontier Services	Darlot Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9981 1053
Seventh Day Adventist Church	McCleary Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	0487 907 307

## SHOPS

BUSINESS/SERVICE NAME	ADDRESS		PHONE	EMAIL
Australia Post Meekatharra	Corner Main & High Streets	Meekatharra WA	6642	---
Coles/Shell Roadhouse	Great Northern Highway	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9981 1033
IGA	22 Main Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9981 1088
Meekatharra Community Resource & Visitor Centre	Lot 55 Main Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9980 1811 hello@meekacrc.com.au
Meeka Gift N Garden	Lloyds Plaza, Main Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	0427 167 803 meekagiftngarden@gmail.com
Meekatharra Pharmacy	Main Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9980 1798
Thriftylink	Savage Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9981 1088
Yulella Vision	Main Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9980 1339

## TRANSPORT & FREIGHT

BUSINESS/SERVICE NAME	ADDRESS		PHONE	EMAIL
Integrity Coach Lines	Main Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9274 7464
Roy Wybenga Greenmining	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642	0427 374 102
Skippers Meekatharra	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642	
The Overnights Freight	Marmont Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9981 1559
Toll Express Freight	Douglas Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9981 1015
Toll Ipec Freight	Marmont Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9981 1559
Transwa Bus Service	Main Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	1300 662 205

## UTILITIES

BUSINESS/SERVICE NAME	ADDRESS		PHONE	EMAIL
Horizon Power	---	Perth	---	1800 267 926
Water Corporation	---	Perth	---	131 385

*If you would like to register your business in our directory,  
please contact the **Shire** at **9980 0600**.*

BUSINESS/SERVICE NAME	ADDRESS		PHONE	EMAIL
AAA Car Detailing & Home Maintenance	---	Meekatharra WA	6642 0448 533 276	
Accountant Maureen Tiedtke	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6638 0448 157 890	
AllDecor Carpets Vinyl Blinds	Visiting Service	Geraldton	--- 08 9964 4233	
BH Carpentry		Meekatharra WA	6642 0447 355 406	admin@bhcarpentry.com.au
Computer Phone Repairs Justin	---	Meekatharra WA	6642 0457 476 677	
Dingo Meeka Print Design & Marketing	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642 0413 621 786	dingomeeka@gmail.com
Howden Contracting & Transport	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642 0427 286 348	
Jay's Electrical	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642 0438 043 713	
Lacy Contracting Services P/L	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642 0427 384 352	
Mark Smith Bobcat & Excavator Hire	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642 0448 157 890	
Mark Smith Plumbing	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642 08 9980 1391	
Mark Smith Portaloo Hire	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642 0448 157 890	
Mark Smith Temporary Fence Hire	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642 0448 157 890	
Meekatharra Airport Car Hire	Meekatharra Airport	Meekatharra WA	6642 0467 335 971	admin@meekacarhire.com.au
Meekatharra Cleaning and Gardening	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642 0410 925 922	meekatharracleaning@gmail.com
MidWest Septics	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642 0458 002 126	
Midwest Solar Power	Visiting Service	Geraldton	--- 1300 643 937	
Murchison Carpentry	Marmont Street	Meekatharra WA	6642 0427 634 702	
Onsite Rental Group Meekatharra	Marmont Street	Meekatharra WA	6642 0400 331 109	nathan.musgrave@onsite.com.au
PestaKill	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642 08 9965 3330	
PFD Foods Geraldton	Visiting Service	Geraldton	--- 0400 238 082	
S&K Electrical Meekatharra	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642 08 9964 6880	
SA Hines Fencing & Contracting	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642 0488 698 344	
Solid Concrete Civils & Construction	Railway Street	Meekatharra WA	6642 0428 992 895	
Stan the Fish Man (Pacific Seafoods)	Visiting Service	Geraldton	--- 0427 214 152	
Svenja Clare Photography	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642 0428 794 435	
T Krete	Main Street	Meekatharra WA	6642 0438 996 025	enquiries@tkrete.com.au
Tom Sullivan Crane Hire	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642 0418 916 745	
Tralee Cable, Celebrant	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642 0408 951 186	
Vsun Vanadium Redox Flow Batteries	Visiting Service	Meekatharra WA	6642 08 9321 5594	





## 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 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.

**The Shire of Meekatharra will pay \$100 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.

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](mailto:cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au)



## 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.

**Local non-for-profit organisations are able to receive free advertising.**

If you wish to advertise in the Meekatharra Dust please get in contact with us on [cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au).

*Prices (from 1st of July 2022)*

SIZE	COLOUR	B & W
Full Page	\$74.05	\$52.10
Half Page	\$43.10	\$26.70
Quarter Page	\$24.65	\$16.50
Eighth Page	\$18.50	\$13.95

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# WORD SEARCH

## Easter

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CHOCOLATE  
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SPRING  
HOLIDAY  
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CANDY  
SUNDAY  
BUNNY

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## Water Cycle

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## ACTIVITIES

### Tracing and Coloring Page



# APRIL

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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3 Yoga (5-6pm - Town Hall)	4	5 Adult Sports (6-8pm - Indoor Cricket)	6 Easter Egg Hunt (12:30-2:30pm - Oval)	7 Mystery Egg Hunt - Location #1	8 Mystery Egg Hunt - Location #2	9 Mystery Egg Hunt - Location #3
10 Mystery Egg Hunt - Location #4	11 Mystery Egg Hunt - Collection Day at Youth Focus  Skateboard Workshop (9:30am-arvo - Lions Skatepark)	12 Skateboard Workshop (9:30am-arvo - Lions Skatepark)  Young Women's Group (6-8pm - Youth Focus)  Adult Sports (6-8pm - Indoor Cricket)	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Sterilization Program (8am-5:30pm)  Adult Sports (6-8pm - Indoor Cricket)	20 Sterilization Program (7:30am-5:30pm)  Eclipse of Youth: Peace Gorge 10am - 2pm	21 Sterilization Program (7:30am-5:30pm)	22 Council Meeting (9:30 am)	23
24	25	26 Young Women's Group (6-8pm - Youth Focus)  Adult Sports (6-8pm - Indoor Cricket)	27	28	29	30