

# MEEKATHARRA DUST



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### COVER PHOTO BY JO CALLAGHAN

*After the heavy rain in Meeka, Jo Callaghan took some reflection photos down by Meekatharra Creek.*

### INTERVIEW WITH RIGBY AND EVEANNE

*Find out more about their story as they leave Meekatharra that has been their home since the very beginning.*

### MEEKATHARRA'S YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP

*Nicholah and Deanne presented about the crucial role that the group plays in intergenerational healing while upholding a safe space.*





## **SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA**

### **SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS**

*JULY 2023 TO JUNE 2024*

#### **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 2023/24 are as follows:

**Saturday, 22 July 2023**  
**Saturday, 19 August 2023**  
**Saturday, 16 September 2023**  
**Saturday, 14 October 2023**  
**Saturday, 18 November 2023**  
**Friday, 15 December 2023**  
**Saturday, 20 January 2024**  
**Saturday, 17 February 2024**  
**Saturday, 16 March 2024**  
**Saturday, 20 April 2024**  
**Saturday, 18 May 2024**  
**Saturday, 15 June 2024**

All meetings are held in Council Chambers located at the corner Main & Savage Streets Meekatharra and commence at 9:30am (except the 15 December 2023 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 July 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 24th of June 2023 as well as the Health, Building and Town Planning Committee meeting 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 24 June 2023**

#### **Item 7.1.1 – Principal Environmental Health Officer and Building Surveyor's Report**

In accordance with the shared services agreement between the Shire of Meekatharra and the Shire of East Pilbara, the report provided a summary of building, planning and environmental health matters for May 2023. This included all activities, the progress of ongoing situations and concerns related to the required services raised by the Shire of East Pilbara. Further detail is available in the minutes of the Environmental Health Officer and Building Surveyor's Report.

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

##### Entry Statements

Council is awaiting quotes for the concrete work required prior to installation of the signage.

##### Lions Park

Tenders for the construction of the Lions Park design closed on 26th of May 2023 and a report was listed in the Council meeting full agenda for consideration.

##### Median Strip

Application of spray on pavers and mural artwork completed in May 2023. Positive feedback received from community. Haul pack oversize loads leave rubber wheel marks on surface. The CEO has contacted Main Roads WA to discuss potential diversion of traffic escort guided oversize loads on north bound lane only, in order to reduce rubber marks. The surface can be pressure washed with CT18 water based truck degreaser/cleaner.

As part of the street furniture for the main street the bike racks have arrived. Seating has been ordered with dispatch date in August 2023. Drinking water fountain to be ordered and installed.

The BBQ for the swimming pool complex has arrived and the concrete pad has been prepared. Works to install the BBQ planned within the next month.



Other item details from the Community Development & Services Manager's Report can be found in the Minutes of the Health, Building & Planning Meeting.

## **Items from the Shire of Meekatharra Ordinary Meeting 24 June 2023**

### Item 9.3.1 – Mining Tenement Applications

That Council approve the following Applications from:

1. Mining Tenement Application for Mining Lease 52/1085 and Tengraph Map from Hetherington Exploration & Mining Title Services on behalf of Norwest Minerals Ltd situated on Peak Hill.
2. Miscellaneous Licence application 51/130 and Tengraph Map from Tenement Solutions on behalf of Australian Vanadium Limited.
3. Miscellaneous Licence application 51/131 and Tengraph Map from Tenement Solutions on behalf of Australian Vanadium Limited.

Council considers mining applications received for the district on a monthly basis.

### Item 13.2 – Request for Tender 2022/23 – 6 - Lions Park Development Project

That Council accepts the tender submitted by Ligna Construction for RFT 2022/23-6 Lions Park Development as the most advantageous tender, subject to successful negotiation of project staging and cost/scope reduction to meet 2023/24 budget allocations.

The above recommendation lapsed based on the cost being prohibitive. Council requested that staff review the project and break it down into in stages. This approach will enable Shire staff and Community members to undertake the majority of the work required. In this regard, the project is in principle still accepted albeit not at the total cost as recommended by the tenderer. Budget allocation will be made annually to undertake identified components of the project. For example, in the current budget, allocation has already been made for seating and benches.

### Further Information Snippets

- Annual 2023/24 Budget – the 2023/24 Council budget process is nearing completion and its adoption is planned for the Council meeting on 22nd of July 2023.
- Cemeteries Management Plan – as previously advised the next scheduled visit by Councils Heritage Consultant and Stonemason is early September. Part of this visit will include educational sessions for the community regarding the correct method of cleaning headstones – that is, by not using abrasive materials and chemicals. Advertising for the community workshops will occur in the August and September 2023 editions of The Dust.
- Landor Meekatharra Road Sealing – sealing of a further 4 kms of the Landor Meekatharra was undertaken by Bitutek in June. There is now approximately 37.2 kms of the road remaining to be sealed that will see the entire Landor Meekatharra Road being sealed from the Meekatharra townsite to the Shire border with the Shire of Upper Gascoyne. Council will continue sourcing funding opportunities to assist in totally sealing the entire road network.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled for Saturday the 22nd of July 2023 and the next CEO Council Message column will appear in the next edition of The Dust in early August. Until then bye for now!

**KJ Matthews – CEO**



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Community



Happenings

WHAT'S CURRENTLY HAPPENING IN MEEKA?



**SUN  
JULY 2**

**NAIDOC Week Opening**

**11am**

Flag Raising & Welcome to Country  
at *Shire office Flag Poles*

**12pm**

Kangaroo and Damper Feed  
at *Welcome Park*

Everyone is invited to bring  
picnic blankets and  
food to share!

**MON  
JULY 3**

**On Country Orientation  
Treasure Hunt**

**10am**

Meet Up at the Hub to sign-up and  
let the Treasure Hunt around town  
begin!

**2pm**

Meet back at the Hub to collect  
your prizes and for a sausage sizzle.

*Treasure Map provided on the day.*

Learn more about the the  
town through this treasure  
hunt.

# MEEKATHARRA NAIDOC 2023

## CALENDAR

**TUE  
JULY 4**

**Fun Day**

**10 am to 12pm**

Exciting games and activities  
at the *Oval & Sports Complex*  
Lunch is provided!

Express yourself through sports  
and arts!

**THU  
JULY 6**

**Mural & Kite Day**

**10 am to 12pm**

Mural Reveal at Youth Focus with Morning Tea.  
Followed by Kite Day at the *Oval* after Mural  
Reveal.

Celebrate the new addition of Public  
Art in Meeka and learn how to fly a  
kite!

**WED  
JULY 5**

**Elders Breakfast & Big Community Lunch**

**9am Elders Breakfast**

at the *Shire Hall*

**12pm Big Community Lunch**

at the *Welcome Park*

Come and have a yarn and enjoy some good  
feed with others.

**FRI  
JULY 7**

**NAIDOC Kid's Disco**

At the Youth Centre  
Dress Code: *Fancy Dress*

**Session 1 - 5pm - 7pm**

Youth aged between  
6 years to 11 years

Feed at 7 - 7.30pm

**Session 2 - 7.30pm to 9.30pm**

Youth aged between  
12 years to 17 years

Bust out some moves with  
your friends!

**SAT  
JULY 8**

**NAIDOC Adult's Ball**

Doors open at **7pm**

Dinner served at **8pm**

Location is at the *Shire Hall*

\$20 Tickets

Feed is included with tickets

Special awards to be given out  
during the ball.

Dress your best at the ball at  
the Town Hall!

**THIS WEEK WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY:**



ROYAL ANTEDILUVIAN ORDER OF BUFFALOES GRAND COUNCIL OF  
AUSTRALIA - SIR JOHN CHARLES HEAD LODGE

We would like to thank everyone who helped and  
participated, to celebrate this week.

Let's keep working together as a community, and make  
each other feel welcomed, as well as remembered.  
Particularly of our Elders who we are celebrating.

Thank you!

**WE WARMLY INVITE YOU TO  
COME AND CELEBRATE**





# Community Connectors Bus

Phone Number

0467 953 411

Hours

8am to 1pm

6pm to 9pm

Monday to Friday

(No bus service on weekends or Public Holidays)

**\*Some exceptions if by prior arrangement\***





# 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 **[cs@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cs@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 **[cs@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cs@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.

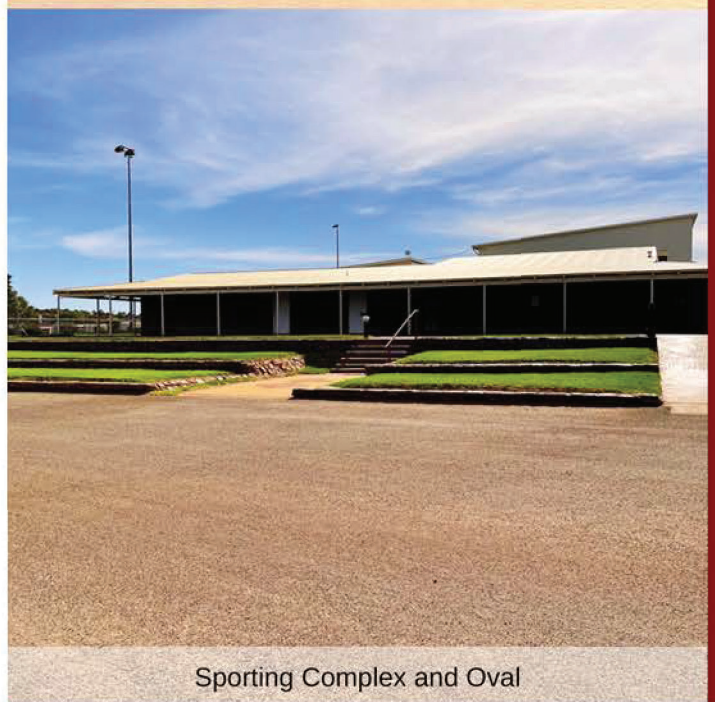
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Lloyds Plaza Conference Room



Town Hall



Sporting Complex and Oval





## 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*

### 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.)*

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## 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.)*

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## 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)

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## 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

Kidzone & Youth Centre: 3pm till 5pm, everyday Monday to Friday

Youth Centre: 6 till 8pm 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

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# JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT SCAMS CYBERCRIME AND IDENTITY THEFT



Tuesday 11th July



9:30am – 11:00am



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Look out for us!



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## UNTIL WE SEE YOU AGAIN!

## Rigby and Eveanne

Long time residents of Meekatharra and 32 years of service with the Shire



Written & Interviewed by Larra Juab

This month, I had the honour to interview one of the most iconic couples here in Meeka, it is Eveanne and Rigby!

They have been with the shire since 1991 and 2023, this year is their last year with us. I personally haven't met a lot of people that had the same job for more than 20 years with the same employer, which made me respect the level of commitment and love that they have with what they do!

I also got to know more about how Meekatharra was like back in the days, and so much more about how this couple have lived their lives here from being single, together, and having their own family.

I cannot wait for you to read about their story!

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN MEEKKA? & HOW DID YOU COME TO MEEKKA?

**RIGBY:** I've lived in Meekatharra all my life. I was born and raised here but my wife, she's been here for 48 years.

**EVEANNE:** I came when I was 17. My mum, stepfather and I were here. I left Perth to come to Meekatharra because I couldn't get work in Perth when I left school. And I've been here ever since.

**RIGBY:** My parents came across Meekatharra from Wiluna back in 1941. They settled in Meekatharra, and all our family was born here, and Dad was a grocer at the Elders, the Elders was over the road, that's the IGA supermarket now. Went to school here as well, up until Year 10. There was no year 11 and 12. Everyone finished at Year 10, and that was the norm then back in those years. You just finished year 10 and got straight to work.

*Interviewer: I am just curious, was Meeka busier before?*

**RIGBY:** Back when I first left school, you know in the early 70s, Meekatharra was a thriving town with pastoral and mining. The mining had been here prior but it stopped, in the war years, and then it just started cranking up probably in the mid-70s again and yeah the mining came from about 78 or 77, and went right through to 97. So we had a 20-year run of it, which was pretty big. A lot of families are here because they all employed local people.

**EVEANNE:** A lot of the mines would only employ locals. They never had to fly in or fly out. So all the families were here. The kids all went to school. We had up to 300 children. Yeah, our kids went to school here. We have a daughter and two sons and they went to school here. One of our youngest sons ended up doing his last two,

year 9 and year 10, at an agriculture school down in Mullewa.

**RIGBY:** Tardin Agricultural School, shut down. It only went to Year 10. But it shut down a few years ago, probably 10 years ago. And then if they wanted to go on to Ag(Agricultural) school they went to Morawa from year 11 and 12. Or you could go to Morawa from year 7, or 8 if you wanted to, you could go right through. Wow. So there were quite a few Meeka kids left here and went to town. Well, the school had. Up here they had agriculture. They got a shearing shed and they, you know, they had all fruit trees and they had chickens and -

**EVEANNE:** And then they got taught to do horse riding. Our children all learned to ride horses. It was good!

**RIGBY:** They had a good agriculture school there. And you know, as I say, it only went to year 10. But it was good for the kids, all the kids learnt the basic stuff. Now you don't really get that, which is pretty sad. But unfortunately, if you haven't got families here with kids, well you haven't got anyone coming up through the ranks to support the school or anything like that, you know. That's true. It's just a sad part. And it affects the whole community.

*Interviewer: Now, I know I am going off script but - as I am interviewing you as a couple, I am wondering how did you guys meet?*

**EVEANNE:** It's quite funny, I arrived in Meekatharra and I can tell you the exact date right here on March the 10th 1975. I came in on the West Railbus and my mum and my stepfather were at the Meekatharra Hotel, mum was a barmaid. So I stayed there and I was sitting when I first came in and it was raining. That night Rigby and all his mates were playing pool and it was one of Rigby's good mates. It was his 18th. So they were all in the hotel and they were playing pool and I was sitting there watching



them. And that was the first time I got to meet Rigby. They asked me if I wanted a game of pool because I kept watching them. My stepfather, he's called a pool shark, he used to play a lot of pool and he was very good and at snooker. Very, very good and he taught me. They did not know what was coming. They all were sort of like having a bit of a snicker saying, you know, we'll beat her and I ended up beating them. And they said, oh, where did you learn to play pool? And I said, well, see the man sitting at the bar there. And they said, oh, Gardie, that was his nickname. And I said, yeah. And they said, do you know him? I said, that's my dad. And he taught me how to play pool. They got wiped, and we just started hanging around together and then we ended up going out and got engaged and we've been married 46 years.

**RIGBY:** We went together for a couple of years before we got engaged.

**EVEANNE:** 18 months, so almost 50 years in total. So we - and then we got a daughter. She's 46 this year, a son 43, and a son 39. They're all in Geraldton, that's why we are going, we have seven grandchildren and one step-granddaughter and we've got a great-grandchild as well.

We catch up with them quite a lot every time we go over there in Gero. Some of the folks in Meeka have shifted to Geraldton, and so it's good because we do a big catch-up a couple of times a year, and we all go out for dinner, and it's really good. We call it the mini-Meekatharra. It's good to know that there's still a community outside of Meeka. It's such a unique experience living here.

#### What were you doing here in Meeka?

**RIGBY:** I've worked in quite a few different jobs. I worked as I say, over at Elders for a few years and then I went working for the Main Roads. Just local like from here to Mount Newman, replacing guide posts and patching roads and things like that. When they first put the bitumen strip, because the bitumen used to stop 40 k's north of here and it was gravel all the way to Newman and Hedland then. So once they put the first bitumen seal on back in 78 or something, I worked with the Main Roads and then I worked with the state battery. I worked there before we got married and then yeah I went to the mine.

I worked at the mine with Whim Creek for six and a half years. I done a few different jobs there in the gold room and pouring gold there and I worked as a loader operator feeding the crusher and yeah, and then I looked after all their water. Their pumps and bores I used to look after all that for them and then I went to Belway's for a trucking company for a while a couple of years. In 1991 we got the job up here as a contract.

**EVEANNE:** 32 years we've done this job for.

**RIGBY:** So we got it as a 3-year contract, that's how it first started. And um, yeah, 3 years led to 32. But, I really, I still enjoy my job. And the wife, she's done the cleaning there and looks after all that side of it and looks after the books of course and yeah but it's been a good journey and it's sad to leave really but it's gonna move on.

**EVEANNE:** Yeah I've had quite a few jobs, worked in hotels, housemaiding, cleaning and that sort of stuff, waitressing and you know the Royal Mail, the Meeka, the Auski. I've done all the hotels. Oh there used to be a telephone exchange. The telephone exchange that's in the library. Where you answer the calls, like before

you had mobile phones. Before it went automatic in 1980. But prior to that, people used to have a little hand sack and they'd ring it. And it would drop her down a little shutter. I'll show you in the library it actually is there. And then we used to answer the calls and we'd put them through to someone else. So if you wanted to ring the Shire well you just ring the telephone exchange and it goes through to the exchange and the shutter will drop down and you'd say I'd like to place a call to Meekatharra Shire so we would put you through to the call and you could talk. And then if you say if you rang Perth it used to be three minutes intervals so, every three minutes we would go on and say, it's been three minutes are you extending? all the time and people used to get charged. So then you'd get a docket and that was at the post office. So then I was at the Lloyd's supermarket. I was there for some time. There was a big supermarket. He had not only the grocery, but he also had a dress shop, he had the hardware and he had a gardening section. From the post office right through to the chemist was all Lloyds.

**RIGBY:** The old section isn't open like it is now. That old section is still separate. The front's still there.

**EVEANNE:** But yeah the whole thing was as I say it was the grocery news agency and then in the middle section was the dress shop and then the hardware and the gardening section. I worked in all the departments. Then after that I went to Woolworths, well first of all it was Elders, then it went to Woolworths, then it went to Farmer Jacks and now it's IGA. And I've worked in all of that, apart from IGA. And then I got a job at the CRC, Community Resource Centre, which is next door, for 10 years. I was the manager of the Westpac Bank. So the only places I think are the hospital and the school where I haven't worked. I've had some really good jobs. And as I say, we've had this job for 32 years. And it's been really good. But while I was doing the cleaning, I had the CRC and the bank job. And the Department of Transport, I used to do the Department of Transport as well. I finished with them in 2019. And they have asked me a couple of times to go back, but no. I left there and said, no, I'd rather concentrate on this. And now we're leaving, so yeah. It's been good. Met a lot of people, and made a lot of friends.

*Interviewer: You've seen Meeka from like when it's very busy, now it's quiet.*

**EVEANNE:** We've seen the good, the bad and the ugly, as we say.

**RIGBY:** We've seen it quiet, then we've seen it get busy, and now we've seen it sort of, the last probably, the last since about 99 it's just been a slow decline once the mines went and all the people went out of town and they put in fly in, fly out well that's that buggers every little town or every town. People don't stay here if you haven't got families here.

**EVEANNE:** We lost roughly around 400 people when the mines changed to FIFO (fly in fly out). And we saw that because 90% of those people were friends of ours.

**RIGBY:** And you had to leave 'cause there was no work in town. A few die-hards like us, we had this job so it didn't really affect us. Otherwise, we would have had to go, if I was still in the mining, we would have to shift to somewhere else. When we first went up there, our youngest son just started year one. There's what, eight,



seven years between the oldest and youngest. So, you know, the school was okay until getting into high school.

And then the kids stayed here and got jobs. And then they ended up going about 2005 - 2007 or something like that?

**EVEANNE:** It would have been because the oldest granddaughter was born in 2004 and they were both here then. So it would have been 2005, 2006.

**RIGBY:** They all worked here. The daughter worked at Woolworths and, and done a bit of extra shifts as a barman in the pub just to get a few extra bob. Son's worked for the Shire, and Centurion Transport and the youngest son did an apprenticeship as a fitter and machinist. He did his apprenticeship here for four years and then once he got his ticket, they shifted to Geraldton.

#### What will you be missing from Meeka?

**RIGBY:** I'll just miss the comradery, you know? You can go to the pub and have a beer, you can have a yap and talk about anything or nothing really, I'll just miss the general people, you know? Everyone sort of knows each other, and you can't do that in a big city. Well, Gero is not a big city, but it's a big country town and you miss that sort of stuff.

**EVEANNE:** We've still got a lot of friends here and we will miss them. But, you know, it's time really for us to move on. We want to do a little bit of traveling before we get any older, but we will be back. Yeah, we'll come back and say goodbye. It's going to be sad the day we drive out of Meeka. It will be sad.

*INTERVIEWER: That is right, in a smaller town like this, you get to make friends quite easily.*

**RIGBY:** Yeah, and everyone talks to each other. Everyone helps each other. You don't get it in the big places.

**EVEANNE:** We've got a lot of Indigenous friends as well. A lot that Rig has grown up with. A lot of the women that I've played darts with over the years and played sports, netball, and things like that and it will be sad to say goodbye to them. But we've always said, our home, our doors will always be open to anyone who comes to Geraldton. Anyone who comes to Geraldton, say hello.

That's one of the things we'd miss a lot. Our job here too you know, this has been good for us and the Shire have been good people to work for because 30 years, that's a long time to stay with one employer and we've always had a lot to do with the Shire. You see me come in and have a dig at the girls and have a bit of a laugh and all that.

**RIGBY:** It's been good. A bit of banter, a bit of a laugh. Don't laugh, you'll go mad. It's true. So they say!

#### What is your favourite memory of Meeka?

**RIGBY:** I think my favourite memory is meeting my Wife.

**EVEANNE:** And it is mine too because if I hadn't met Rigby, I wouldn't have stayed. Because, you know, I had mum and my stepfather here, yes, but I didn't like Meekatharra when I first came because I'm so used to Perth, you know, it's a big place. All my friends were in Perth. But then once I got to meet Ruby and all his friends, they made me feel so welcome.

**RIGBY:** I spent 32 years in the Voluntary Fire Brigade too. Right from when I was 16 I joined the Fire Brigade. We were all involved in that and went away for fire

brigade demos and stuff like that, competition. So that was a big part of our life as well with our kids and they joined too. So it was sort of a family thing.

**EVEANNE:** I was just saying, we have got a lot of memories, you know, not only meeting one another and getting married and having our children. One daughter was born in Geraldton, one son was born in Perth, and our youngest one, he was actually born here, he was one of the last children to be born at the Meekatharra Hospital.

**RIGBY:** Yeah we had midwives back then and later on, it got cancelled out not long after our son was born. He was the only one that was born here.

**EVEANNE:** Yeah, you know, and our kids are all growing up here and we had, you know, we used to do a lot of things together as a family. You know, we'd go camping and, you know. Go bush and camp out. Go bush all the time. Water holes and stuff like that.

**RIGBY & EVEANNE:** It is our home, and still will be our home. And we will be back.

**RIGBY:** We'll get a caravan up and go for a bit of a trip around.

*INTERVIEWER: Moving is always a big thing hey?*

**RIGBY:** We've only moved three times since we've been married and every time it's been in Meeka. Just different houses in Meeka. We've accumulated quite a bit of stuff over the years and with Evanne's mum being here and when then passed away we cleaned all her house and got a lot of that stuff and still trying to go through it and work out what we wanna keep.

**EVEANNE:** You know mum's been gone 13 years and I'm still going through her stuff and saying oh do I need to keep this and then my stepfather, it's nearly 9 years since he passed away and I'm doing the same. He gave Rig a lot of stuff before he passed away. Do we keep it or what do we do with it? Tools and things like that. Even though my step-father, I've got two step-brothers, and they did take a lot of stuff, there was still a lot of stuff left here for us to go through. It's gonna be sad because my daddy's buried here and my mum is buried in Geraldton. I hope you guys are getting the support and love that you need in this space in your life. We've got our son coming tomorrow to help us take some, he's been up a couple of times and we traveled back together.

#### What is your last message for the Meeka Community?

**RIGBY:** It's been a pleasure to work with the Shire. You do see people come and go but yeah, it's normal.

**EVEANNE:** Well, we won't be like the last train out of Meekatharra. We will be back. So yeah, and **for Horry to keep the beers cold.** Put that in bold and in red to make sure he sees that.

**RIGBY:** Yeah, that sort of sums it up I think. Yeah, just hope they can keep in touch.

**EVEANNE & RIGBY:** Yeah, and as we said, our doors will always be open in Geraldton. If anyone is coming to Geraldton. Come on down or something, just give us a buzz, leave it our number, give us a buzz and say I'm in Gero.



# We will miss you

As someone who is a migrant, far away from my hometown - I understand how it feels like to leave a place that you have called home for so long.

Sometimes, I just remind myself what my elders back home had told me, they say that a HOME does not have the same meaning as a HOUSE. They say that home can take in many shapes or form, and most of the time, it is not the place that makes a home, it is the feeling that you get for being in that place, that feeling that you belong.

Wishing you all the best in your travels  
Eveanne and Rigby!



Snapshots from Rigby & Eveanne's Farewell Dinner at the Commie by Mike Cuthbertson (June 30 2023)



2023  
MEEKATHARRA  
**OUTBACK  
FESTIVAL**  
SEPTEMBER  
22 - 24



**FRIDAY**

DAY 1 - SEPTEMBER 22

OUTDOOR ART EXHIBITION  
SPACE REVEAL AND INDOOR  
GALLERY ART EXHIBITION  
OPENING OF OUR LOCAL  
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**SATURDAY**

DAY 2 - SEPTEMBER 23

FUN FILLED DAY OF ART  
WORKSHOPS, MEEKA  
MARKETS, FAIR (FOOD AND  
FUN ACTIVITIES),  
ENTERTAINMENT ACTS AND  
FIREWORKS.

**SUNDAY**

DAY 3 - SEPTEMBER 24

WE START WITH A BREAKFAST  
GATHERING, FAIR (FOOD AND  
FUN ACTIVITIES), PETTING ZOO,  
SPORTS ACTIVITIES, CIRCUS  
WORKSHOP AND BALL  
(TICKETED EVENT).





## INTERVIEW WITH A VOLUNTEER

### Judy Holden

*Volunteering for Community Resource Centre (CRC)*

#### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN VOLUNTEERING WITH THE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE (CRC)?

For about a year and a half now, I think I started in early 2022.

#### WHAT MADE YOU START VOLUNTEERING?

I had just become a Shire Councillor and the Shire CEO, Kelvin, asked whether I wanted to perhaps join the CRC committee. It's great to have a good synergy between the CRC and the Shire.

#### WHAT DO YOU DO AS PART OF YOUR ROLE?

I'm a committee member so attend the monthly committee meetings. They're only once a month on a Wednesday at 5.15pm. It's really quite relaxed.

#### WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT IT?

I like that it's community minded. Also, since we moved into the new space at the Lloyds Plaza it's so much better. It'll be even better once the tourism/visitor centre area is developed. And I like that the mines are involved – we have committee members from Westgold Resources, Australian Vanadium and Technology Metals.

#### WHAT'S THE WORST ASPECT?

Perhaps the lack of committee members... Sometimes we don't have a quorum as there aren't enough people so the meeting gets cancelled which is a bit of a shame. We do need more people to be involved.

#### DO YOU HAVE ANY INTERESTING/FUNNY/FASCINATING STORIES YOU CAN SHARE?

Hmm it's pretty straightforward... It's all good and everyone is very friendly.

#### WHAT'S SOMETHING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW OR SHOULD KNOW ABOUT VOLUNTEERING WITH THE CRC OR VOLUNTEERING IN GENERAL?

I think people don't realise that the CRC can bring new stuff to town, e.g. we're getting a new printer that can print on mugs, caps, shirts etc; that'll be very handy for local businesses and people wanting to print say gifts and things for special events like birthdays, any events happening in town it will be a great resource for the town. No waiting for deliveries.

Whilst people know that the CRC exists, they may not know that the committee is actually just made up of volunteers and that they, too, could be involved and help make those decisions.

The CRC has the potential to do so many things; we run the markets, we get involved in community events like the Easter event and NAIDOC week



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plus of course the standard things the CRC staff do on a daily basis.

#### DO YOU NEED MORE VOLLIES? HOW DO PEOPLE GO ABOUT SIGNING UP?

Yes! Especially local people and Aboriginal people would be great. We had a few locals on the committee but they have since left so right now our committee is made up mainly of miners. It's great to have different people with different strengths and experiences. If you have a conflict of interest just declare it.

**INTERVIEWER:** And the beauty of CRCs is also that they're all part of a network throughout regional towns in WA. So even if people are just here for a few months (e.g. nurses, teachers, government workers), could they still volunteer? And then perhaps if they move to another country town they could join the CRC there too with the experience they've gained here in Meeka? It's instant friends wherever you move!

**JUDY:** Yes absolutely. It's really easy to sign up, just go and see Jo at the CRC. You can start the very next meeting, no need for lengthy training or inductions. And because it's only a meeting once a month it's quite an easy volunteering role and yet as a committee we can make great things happen in town.



# Life



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July 2023

## European wasp close of season



Entrance of a subterranean (underground) European wasp nest. The nest entrance is easily hidden amongst leaves.

### The European wasp 2022-23 season has drawn to a close with 21 nests found and destroyed.

The optimum time to detect and locate European wasps (*Vespula germanica*) has passed. Traps have been cleaned and now is the time to reflect on another fruitful surveillance season. It is also time to say thank you to everyone across WA who adopted a surveillance trap, kept an eye out and reported anything unusual!

#### How did we go?

Nest numbers were much lower than last season; 21 compared to 53. Nest distribution indicates multiple areas of incursion across Perth, predominantly in and around industrial areas – which is typical of this hitchhiking pest. The nests detected did not show signs of 'overwintering', which means they were created this season. This is a promising indication that nests were not missed during last season's surveillance activities.

Public awareness and reporting remained strong. Residents, businesses, and local government all detected wasp activity in good time. This allows for nests to be found and trapping areas expanded where required. And finally, there have been no signs or reports of wasp activity since April!

#### Season highlights:

- 2,800 surveillance traps deployed across the Perth metropolitan region
- 75 regional traps deployed with 0 detections
- 171 new traps adopted by the community, bringing the total of 'Adopt a trap' subscribers to 1076
- 350 public enquiries, with 4 confirmed detections
- 21 nests found and destroyed across 6 Local Government Areas, all in the Perth metropolitan region
- the majority of nests were found in embankments of water sumps and drains
- a nest was located in a wood log at primary school playground – yikes!
- wasp flight paths were tracked to locate a nest on Perth Airport grounds
- no public injuries were reported from disturbing these cryptic and often hidden nests

#### Learn more

The surveillance season runs December to May but reports of suspect wasp activity can be made year-round. For more information about the eradication program, how to identify European wasp or how you can Adopt your own surveillance trap, see [agric.wa.gov.au/wasps](http://agric.wa.gov.au/wasps) or contact our Pest and Disease Information Service.



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# \*Talking to *your teenager* about \* alcohol

As a parent or caregiver, you influence your child's attitudes and decisions around alcohol more than you might think. Your advice and support helps keep them safe, even if it's not always welcomed.

## **No amount is safe for under 18s**

The National Health and Medical Research Council recommends that children and young people under 18 should not drink alcohol to reduce risk of injury and harms to health.

## **Sips and tastes at home don't stop young people from risky drinking**

Research consistently shows that, despite what some parents may think, giving your child alcohol at home or on special occasions under your supervision, is not a safe way to introduce them to alcohol.

Young people who get alcohol from their parents – even small amounts like sips and tastes – are more likely to start drinking at an early age, drink at levels considered high-risk for adults (binge drinking), get more alcohol from other sources like friends and experience harm from alcohol.

## *Quick tips for parents*

### **Talk early, talk often**

Take everyday opportunities to start the conversation (not a lecture) like at the dinner table, when you're driving them somewhere or watching TV together.

### **Know where your child is**

Know what they are doing and who they are with. Get to know their friends, and friends' parents, where possible.

### **Make time to listen**

This lets your child know you are interested and helps maintain a close relationship.

### **Know the facts**

It's important your child knows the risks associated with alcohol but at the same time, if you use scare tactics, your child may dismiss what you are saying.



*turn me over for  
more quick tips*

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## Consumer Watch

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### Leaving a rental home

When it comes time to move out of a rental property, knowing what's involved in advance can help ensure things run more smoothly.

How much notice to give depends on whether a fixed-term or periodic tenancy is being wound-up. Even though a fixed-term tenancy is for the period agreed in writing, it does not end automatically – notice must be given by either party 30 days' before the expiry date, or it will rollover into a periodic lease. A periodic tenancy can be concluded by the tenant giving at least 21 days' notice in writing, or the landlord/agent giving 60 days' notice.

In cases where a home has been repossessed by the mortgagee, such as a bank, you will be given 30 days' notice to move out. The mortgagee cannot ask you to pay rent during this 30-day period.

If you need to 'break lease', be aware that it can be costly. Firstly you'll need to seek written permission from the landlord and come to an arrangement, before potentially paying rent until a replacement tenant is found.

When vacating a rental, you are required to leave the property in the same condition (less fair 'wear and tear') as when you first moved in. For this reason, it is wise to ensure the Property Condition Report signed at the start is accurate, take photos of the property both at the beginning and end of the lease, plus attend the final inspection (if possible) to sort out any potential issues on the spot.

If you have not cleaned the property to a reasonable standard, or if minor repairs are needed, you'll probably need to meet the costs involved to fix the problem.

Landlords and agents cannot insist you use a specific company or trader to undertake any of the repairs or cleaning, neither can they charge you for a pre-estimated cost – they are only allowed to charge you for the actual costs incurred.

If there's a dispute over how the security bond is to be paid-out, you can apply for conciliation by Consumer Protection. Should that fail, the Magistrates Court can settle the matter.

More information about [ending a tenancy](#) is on the Consumer Protection website at [www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au](http://www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au).



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# HOLIDAY

## P R O G R A M

### MONDAY



10am-1pm: Arts and Crafts/Chill  
2pm-4pm: Cricket Comp at YC  
6pm-8pm: Basketball Ages 10+

**JULY 10 2023**



### TUESDAY



10am-1pm: Infinity Skate with Nick at Skatepark  
2pm-4pm: Infinity Skate with Nick at Skatepark  
6pm-8pm: Movie Night Ages 12+

**JULY 11 2023**



### WEDNESDAY



10am-1pm: Infinity Skate with Nick at Skatepark  
2pm-4pm: Infinity Skate with Nick at Skatepark  
6pm-8pm: Volleyball Ages 12+

**JULY 12 2023**



### THURSDAY



10am-1pm: Cooking and Chill at YC  
2pm-4pm: Chill at YC  
6pm-8pm: Movie Night Ages 10+

**JULY 13 2023**





# YOUTH

## Youth Focus

Youth Focus Meekatharra's Young Women's Group aims to empower young people to heal from racial trauma, embrace their cultural identity, and build a legacy of strength and intergenerational healing within the Meekatharra Aboriginal community.

For the young women of the group, the power of talking, listening, and openly conversing has a big impact on self-esteem. "It makes me feel better about myself," one young woman stated.

By addressing racial trauma and promoting healing across generations, the group seeks to create lasting positive change and inspire other communities to do the same.

"By honouring the narratives of young people and reclaiming cultural practices, we can challenge Westernized standards and create a powerful ripple effect that extends beyond individual healing, inspiring systemic change," Nicholah says.

"Just as everything grows in red dirt, from the soil of colonisation, new narratives bloom. This toolkit will be watered and ushered by the young people of Meekatharra. By honouring their narratives and reclaiming cultural practices, we aim to create a powerful ripple effect that extends beyond individual healing to inspire systemic change."







The importance of Youth Focus Meekatharra's Young Women's Group has been brought to the fore at this year's [fair.ground conference](#), hosted by Youth Affairs Council WA.

Mental Health Clinician Nicholah Wasarirevu and Youth Engagement Coordinator Deanne Young presented on the Meekatharra Young Women's Group, and the crucial role it plays in creating intergenerational healing, while providing a safe space for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young women.

"The Meekatharra Young Women's Group fosters a sense of sisterhood, cultural connection, and empowerment among the participants," Nicholah explains. "By providing safe and affirming spaces, these groups can have several positive impacts."

The Meekatharra Young Women's Group was started by Nicholah, Deanne and Youth Focus Meekatharra Team Leader Paulette Anderson, who wanted to create a safe space for young women to come together, connect, and bond through sisterhood.

For Deanne, the Young Women's Group holds special meaning, as her Great Grandmother, Avy Curley, established a club for the Aboriginal people in the town – the Bundi ("Good") Club – in Meekatharra in 1962. The Young Women's Group continues this legacy.

"Meekatharra's Young Women's Group is a safe space for young people to learn, share experiences, as well as passed-on knowledge from community members and Elders," Deanne explains.

"The long-term goal is to continue the passing down of knowledge from Elders and Aunties to the young women, empowering them and fostering generational healing," Deanne adds. "We accomplish this through music, art and cooking. We also host educational sessions including mindfulness, yoga, haircare, and dental hygiene."

According to Nicholah, the Young Women's Group allow participants to:

**Heal.** Through storytelling, art, and other therapeutic activities, young women can process their emotions, validate their experiences, and heal from intergenerational trauma. This healing process contributes to breaking the cycle of trauma transmission.

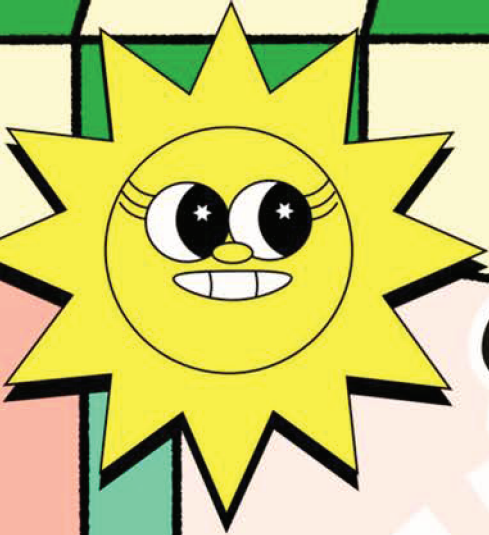
**Build resilience.** The group helps foster resilience by promoting a sense of belonging and cultural pride. Participants can draw strength from their shared experiences and cultural heritage, which can empower them to overcome adversity and navigate the challenges they face in their lives.

**Develop leadership skills.** By engaging in collective decision-making, organising events, and advocating for their rights, young women can develop confidence, assertiveness, and a sense of agency.

**Come together with different generations.** Elders and older community members can share their wisdom, cultural knowledge, and stories of resilience with younger generations, fostering a sense of continuity and connection to their cultural heritage.

**Build collective strength.** Young women's groups encourage intercultural sisterhood by bringing together participants from diverse backgrounds and cultural identities. This promotes understanding, empathy, and solidarity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young women and fosters a sense of collective strength.





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- Mince
- Pickled Pork
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- Roasts (Boned or Bone in)
- Sausages (thick only)
- Scotch Steak
- Stir Fry Strips
- Rolled Pork Roasts (seasoned or plain)
- Leg Roll Roast
- Pork Belly Roasts

## **BEEF**

- Ribeye Steak
- Beef Spare Ribs (Marinated or Plain)
- Burger Patties
- Corned Silverside
- Diced Steak
- Gravy Beef
- Mince (Lean)
- Porterhouse Steak
- Risssoles
- Roasts (any type)
- Rump Steak
- Schnitzel
- Sausages (thin or thick)
- Scotch Fillet
- Stir Fry Strips
- Corned Brisket
- Marinated BBQ Steak
- New York Style Steak
- T-Bone Steak
- BBQ Steak
- Pocket Steak Roasts

## **LAMB**

- Burger Patties (rosemary seasoned)
- Diced Lamb
- Leg Roasts
- Leg Steak
- Loin Chop
- Shanks (Honey and Mint or Plain)
- Shoulder Cutlet
- Honey & Mint Lamb Rump Roasts
- Lamb & Rosemary Sausages
- Neck Chops

## **OFFAL**

- Brain
- Kidney
- Heart
- Liver
- Tripe
- Ox Tail

## **CHICKEN**

- Drumsticks
- Wings
- Mince
- Mixed Pieces
- Risssoles
- Sausages
- Schnitzel
- Thigh (Boned and Bone in)
- Whole Roasting Bird
- Chicken Kiev
- Mediterranean Roll
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Welcome to July when our days start to get longer, and we do our best to keep warm.

Here at the Community Resource Centre we are winding up the financial year stuff and are super excited for what the next financial year will bring us.

We have some plans that we can't wait to make happen. Creating the Visitor Centre is one of them.

We are also looking for new committee members and there is one thing that I would like to change. Our committee doesn't have any Aboriginal representatives and I would like our committee to be more inclusive ... considering that we are the COMMUNITY Resource Centre.

### What does our committee do?

They oversee the running of the CRC.

### What does that mean?

We have a monthly meeting that usually goes for 1 to 1 ½ hrs.

In that meeting they look at the Managers report, financials and our budget and make decisions on all sorts of things.

### What do you need to be on the Committee?

- A basic understanding of how a business runs.
- A genuine interest in seeing the CRC succeed.
- Access to email
- Be prepared to learn.
- A Commitment to attend meetings.
- A sense of humour.
- Love Meekatharra

This is a volunteer role.

We do have room for 2-3 new committee members, and everyone is welcome to apply. Please come and have a chat to Jo if you are interested.



### 2023 Market Days

JUNE 10  
JULY 22 (TBC)  
AUGUST 12  
SEPT 23  
OCTOBER 14  
NOV 11  
DECEMBER 9

# UPDATE

**Regarding about DOT  
Servicing hours, on the  
next page**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS!



**From 1 July 2023**

**Department of Transport Servicing**

**Tuesday 9am to 1pm**

**Thursday 9am to 1pm**

**And when the Testing officer is visiting.**

**Please note that for people from Stations,  
Wiluna or Burungurra.**

**We will be able to help you when you come in.**

**-Jo from CRC**

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Be Smart  
Do The Right Thing  
Report Suspicious Activity



@MeekaPol



# HEALTHY APPLE PORRIDGE

## RECIPE



Prep: 5 mins  
 Cook: 8 mins  
 Serves: 4  
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### Ingredients

- ▲ 2 cups rolled oats
- ▲ 4 cups water
- ▲ 1 apple, cored and thinly sliced
- ▲ reduced-fat milk, to serve

### Healthy tip!

Simple switch idea: try reduced-fat milk, cheese and yoghurt.

### Nutrition Information

	per serving	per 100g
Energy	979 kJ	275 kJ
Protein	8 g	2 g
Fat, total	5 g	1 g
— saturated	1 g	0.4 g
Carbohydrate	37 g	10 g
— sugars	9 g	2 g
Sodium	29 mg	8 mg
Fibre	5 g	2 g

Back to Basics Breakfast Winter Quick Nut-free Egg-free Seafood-free  
 DudeFood Apples Oats 5-ingredients

### Method

#### Microwave

1. Combine all ingredients in a microwave-safe bowl with high sides.
2. Microwave on HIGH for 8 minutes, stopping and stirring every 2 minutes.

#### Stove top

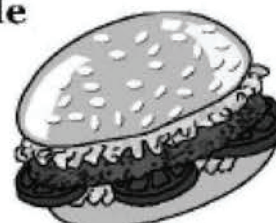
1. Combine all ingredients in a small saucepan over medium heat.
2. Bring to a slow boil and then reduce the heat to low.
3. Cook porridge, stirring occasionally for 10 minutes or until thick.

**Serving Suggestion:** Serve with milk.

## Meekatharra Corner Store

Corner of Main & High Streets, Meekatharra

**Ph: 9981 1151**



**BP Fuel & Lubricants**  
**Premium Unleaded Fuel now available**  
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# COMMUNITY RECIPE BOOK

Food is always a great way to connect!

So if you have any recipes, please feel free to share it to us so we can make a Community Recipe Book that is from Meekatharra.

Send your recipes to  
**Jacky Rogers**  
[communitycoordinator@yulella.org.au](mailto:communitycoordinator@yulella.org.au)







Meekatharra

# Commercial Hotel

Photo from: wanderingwarwickswonderment.wordpress.com

## Facilities:

- Hotel/ Motel
- Pub
- Bottle'o
- Outdoor Beer Garden
- Air conditioned Dining Room

## Located at:

77 Main Street,  
Meekatharra, 6642

*We serve excellent  
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## Lunch

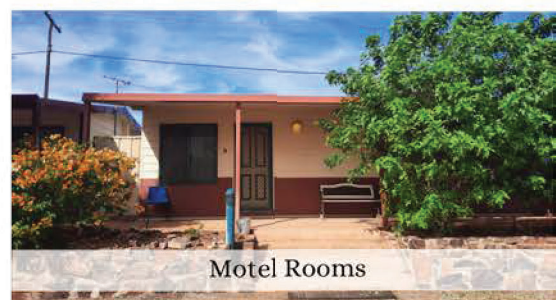
12 noon - 1:30 pm  
(Mon-Sat)

## Dinner

6-8 pm  
(Sun-Sat)



Motel Rooms



Motel Rooms

## For bookings and inquiries:

### Telephone

99811020

### Email

commieh@westnet.com.au

### Website

www.commercialmeeka.com.au

## Accommodation includes

- 18 Modern Motel units with en suite, Tv, & Air con-
- Located at the rear of Hotel with enclosed parking-
- Traditional Hotel rooms with TV & air con-
- Located upstairs in original building-



Beer Garden



Pub





Arts &



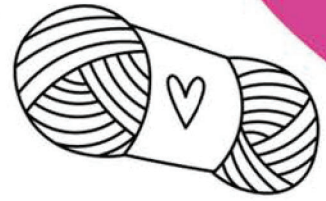
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CELEBRATING MEEKA'S CREATIVES





# YARN BOMBING



*“Meekatharra’s Streetscape Art Project”*

Calling all crochet and knitting enthusiasts!

As a way of bringing us together, we are looking to crochet or knit squares in the lead up to the Meekatharra Outback Festival.

## PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!

Get in touch with the Community Development & Services Manager, **Svenja Clare** at:

[cdsm@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdsm@meekashire.wa.gov.au)  
or 9980 0600.

We're proud to be working with @RACWA, through its Reconnect WA initiative, to bring this project to life.  
#ReconnectWA



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# ART OPPORTUNITIES

## THE ART OF WORDS

BIG SKY READERS & WRITERS FESTIVAL 2023

### SHORT STORY PRIZE

#### Invitation to all Midwest Writers

Explore your imagination and showcase your talent by creating a short story using a theme of your choice.

Enter for your chance to win \$500, plus VIP access to Festival Events!

**ENTRY IS FREE**

ENTRIES OPEN  
**19 April 2023**

ENTRIES CLOSE  
**14 July 2023**

For more details on how to enter please visit  
[www.library.cgg.wa.gov.au/bigsky](http://www.library.cgg.wa.gov.au/bigsky)



MIDWEST  
REGION

#### TERMS AND CONDITION

- Open to people aged 18 years plus from across the Midwest.
- Opens Wednesday 19 April, closes 4pm Friday 14 July 2023. No late entries accepted.
- Length - Maximum of 3,000 words.
- Entry is free. Maximum of three entries per person. Each entry must be accompanied by a completed entry form.
- No responsibility is accepted for lost, delayed or late entries.
- Shortlisted entries announced Wednesday 6 September 2023.
- Entries will not be returned.
- Winners announced Thursday 28 September 2023.
- Winner: Cash prize of \$500, VIP access to Festival Events, Story accessioned into Library, Published online via Library Catalogue, Certificate.
- Runner-Up: VIP access to Festival Events, Story accessioned into Library, Published online via Library Catalogue, Certificate.
- Highly Commended: Certificate.
- Employees of the CGG and their direct family members are not eligible to enter this competition.
- Entries must be unpublished and in English.
- The entry is written with a mature or adult audience in mind.
- Format - must be typed 1.5 line spacing, 12 point font, no contact/name on actual work, only on entry form.



### 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.*





**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**

# YULELLA ART SESSIONS

**AT THE COMMUNITY HUB  
FROM 5-9 PM**





DO YOU HAVE A  
STORY TO TELL?  
OR A PHOTO?  
OR PERHAPS AN ARTWORK  
ABOUT MEEKATHARRA?

## CALLING FOR Submissions!

The Shire of Meekatharra will pay **\$100** for articles that are related to Meekatharra.

Send your submissions 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)



## CALLING FOR Interviews!

Do you know anyone that has a great story to tell? Or maybe an interesting character? The Meekatharra Dust would love to interview community members and have their story featured on the Dust!

Please comment/ send a message/ or email us at [cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au) for any recommendations.

# "OFF THE BEATEN TRACK" WITH MATTY

**98.3 MEEKA FM**

Meekatharra, WA

A FAVOURITE TRAVELLING SONG? REQUEST IT FOR THE SHOW.



**MONDAYS LUNCH**





# MUSIC JAM SESSIONS

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**MONDAYS**

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OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION ABOUT MEEKA





# VOL\_NTEER WE NEED U



[wa.gov.au/volunteering](http://wa.gov.au/volunteering)



# 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. We offer different roles such as Committee, Transport Officer, and of course Volunteer Paramedic.

#### 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!*





# Get behind the wheel

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

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

We always need help, so to see how people exactly like you can contribute head to [stjohnchangelives.com.au](http://stjohnchangelives.com.au) or give the 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.







# BUSINESS AND SERVICES Directory

ACCOMMODATION					
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	
Meekatharra Outback Beach House	12 Regan Street, Meekatharra	Meekatharra WA	6642	0407856655	<a href="mailto:kerryasalmon@gmail.com">kerryasalmon@gmail.com</a>
CLUBS AND GROUPS					
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		<a href="mailto:meekagoesgreen@gmail.com">meekagoesgreen@gmail.com</a>
Meeka Gymkhana Club	Goldfields Highway	Meekatharra WA	6642		<a href="mailto:meekagymkhanacub@outlook.com">meekagymkhanacub@outlook.com</a>
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	
St John Ambulance	69 Hill Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9980 1467	
SHOPS					
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	<a href="mailto:hello@meekacrc.com.au">hello@meekacrc.com.au</a>
Meeka Gift N Garden	Lloyds Plaza, Main Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	0427 167 803	<a href="mailto:meekagiftngarden@gmail.com">meekagiftngarden@gmail.com</a>
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	
MINING & PROSPECTING					
Australian Vanadium	---	Perth	---	08 9321 5594	
Mt Seabrook Taic 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	



COMMUNITY SERVICES					
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	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 (Yulella Community Hub)	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
MEALS/TAKEAWAY					
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	
UTILITIES					
Horizon Power	---	Perth	---	1800 267 926	
Water Corporation	---	Perth	---	131 385	



ESSENTIAL SERVICES				
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 081 993
State Emergency Services	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642	0439 910 266
TRANSPORT & FREIGHT				
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	1300 729 924
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	0428500537
Transwa Bus Service	Main Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	1300 662 205
Western Independent Foods	Visiting Services	Geraldton	6530	08 9664 1011
RELIGIOUS				
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
OUTLYING COMMUNITIES				
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

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



TRADES & SERVICES						
Brendan Hall Carpentry		Meekatharra WA	6642	0447 355 406	admin@bhcarpentry.com.au	
Computer Phone Repairs Justin	---	Meekatharra WA	6642	0457 476 677		
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 Cleaning and Gardening	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642	0410 925 922	meekatharracleaning@gmail.com	
MidWest Septics	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642	0458 002 126		
Murchison Carpentry	Marmont Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	0427 634 702		
Onsite Rental Group Meekatharra	Marmont Street	Meekatharra WA	6642	0400 331 109	nathan.mu.sgrave@onsite.com.au	
SGK Electrical Meekatharra	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642	08 9964 6880		
SA Hines Fencing & Contracting	via phone	Meekatharra WA	6642	0488 698 344		
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		
FUEL/MECHANICAL/TYRES						
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	
RMH Mechanical		Meekatharra WA	6642	0412 332 241	admin@rmhmechanical.com	







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**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)*

# Peter Foster MLC

Member for Mining and Pastoral Region

## Supporting Regional WA

 (08) 9144 4187

 [peter.foster@mp.wa.gov.au](mailto:peter.foster@mp.wa.gov.au)

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## Breast Cancer Symptoms

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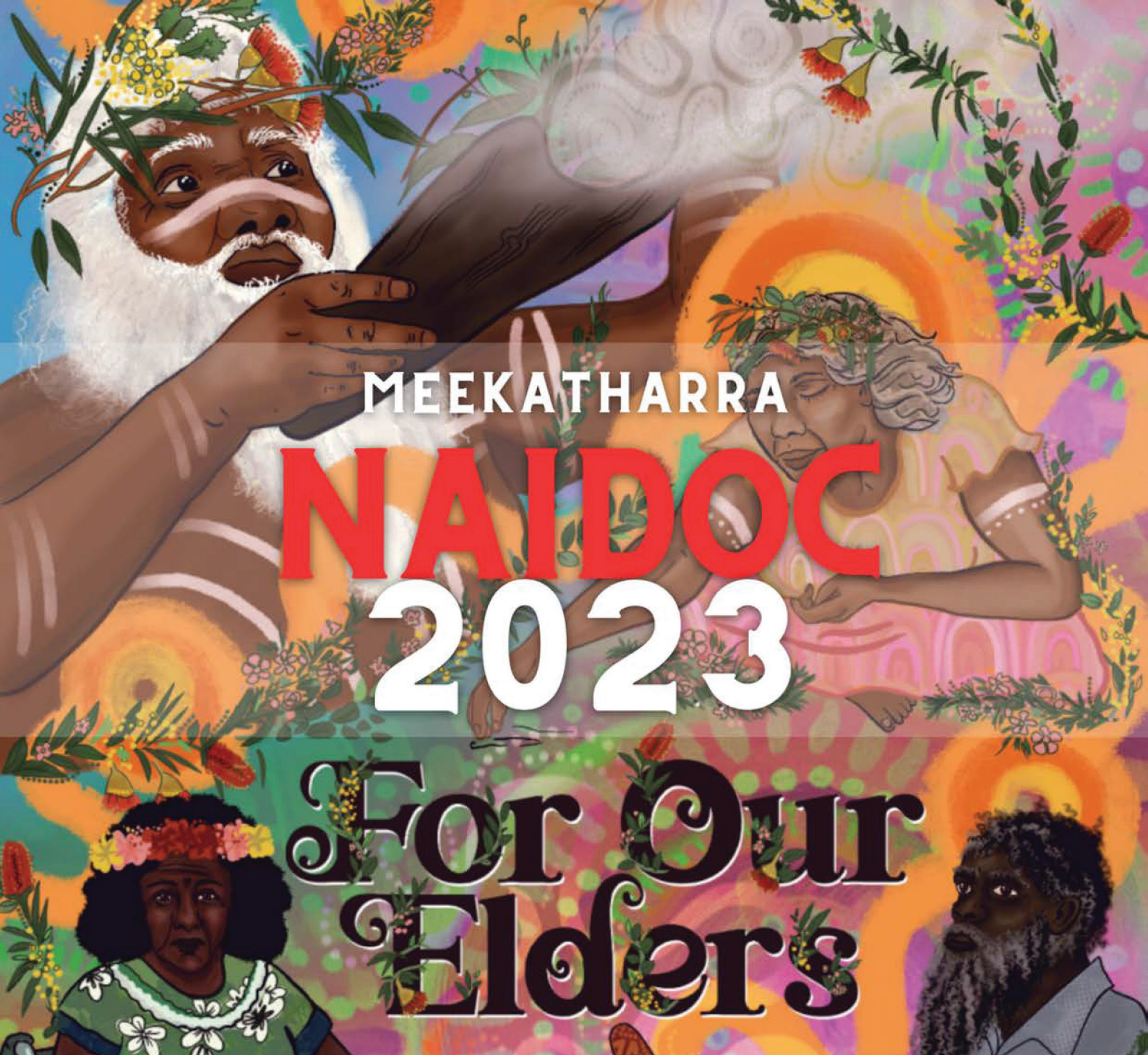


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# MEEKATHARRA NAIDOC 2023

## For Our Elders

SUN  
**JULY 2**

NAIDOC Week Opening  
Flag Raising at Shire Flag  
Poles and feed at the  
Kangaroo park  
**11 am**

MON  
**JULY 3**

Treasure Hunt  
Join us to find treasures and  
have a BBQ sizzle  
**10am**

TUE  
**JULY 4**

Fun Day  
Have some fun with sports  
and arts at the Oval  
**10am**

WED  
**JULY 5**

Elders Breakfast at Shire Hall  
**9am - Breakky**  
Big Community Lunch at  
Welcome Park  
**12pm - Lunch**

THU  
**JULY 6**

Mural reveal at Youth Focus,  
with Kite Painting and Flying  
and lunch at the Oval  
**10am - Youth Focus**

FRI  
**JULY 7**

Bust some moves at the  
NAIDOC Kid's Ball at  
the Youth Centre  
**5-7pm - under 11**  
**7:30-9:30pm - 12 to 17**

SAT  
**JULY 8**

Dress your best for the Ball in  
the Shire Hall. \$20 tickets  
with feed included.  
**7pm - Doors open**

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