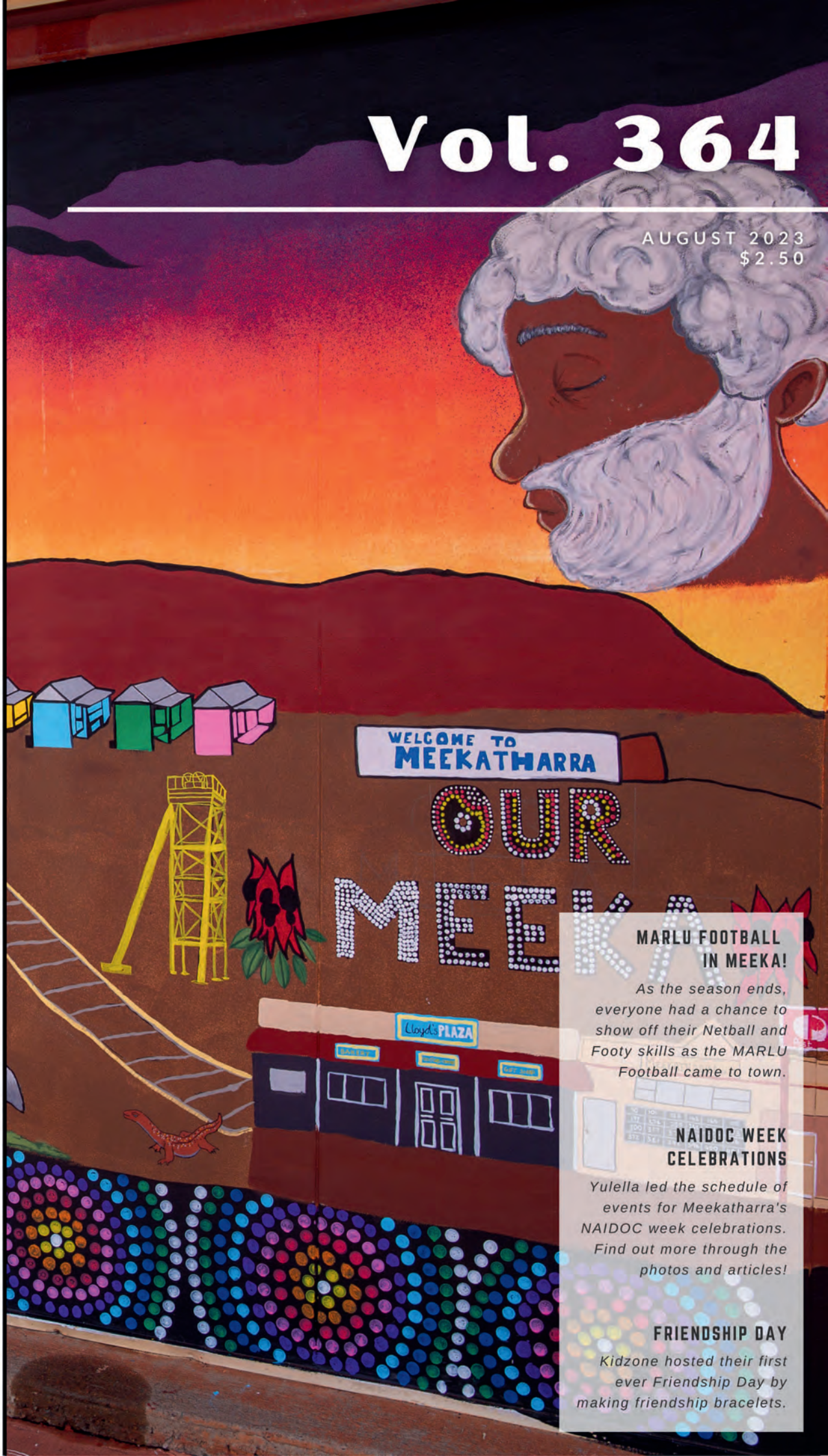
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MARLU FOOTBALL IN MEEKA!

As the season ends, everyone had a chance to show off their Netball and Footy skills as the MARLU Football came to town.

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Yulella led the schedule of events for Meekatharra's NAIDOC week celebrations. Find out more through the photos and articles!

FRIENDSHIP DAY

Kidzone hosted their first ever Friendship Day by making friendship bracelets.

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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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9980 0600

and look for Larra, or email us at

cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au

or give us a follow:

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CEO COUNCIL MESSAGE

Welcome to the August 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 22nd of July 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 22 July 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/June 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 still awaiting quotes for the concrete work required prior to installation of the signage with the contractor trying to source rocks which is holding up the process.
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Lions Park
Tenders for the construction of the Lions Park weren't accepted by Council at the 24th of June 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting. Staff have prepared a staged approach in liaison with the Works Group with budget allocation having been made in the 2023/24 budget for Stage One.

Median Strip
As advised in the previous Dust edition, oversize loads are leaving rubber wheel marks on the surface of the median strip. Discussions with Main Roads requesting consideration of an alternative route(s) have been unsuccessful to date. The surface can be pressure washed with CT18 water-based truck degreaser/cleaner which may need to be done periodically or before significant events (e.g. festival).

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 has been installed.

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 22 July 2023

Item 9.3.1 – Mining Tenement Applications

That Council approve the following Applications from:
1. Mining Tenement Application for Miscellaneous Licence 57/0066 and Tengraph Map from McMahon Mining Title Services on behalf of Australian Titanium Pty Ltd situated on Black Range Kyarra.
2. Mining Tenement Application for Miscellaneous Licence 52/249 and Tengraph Map from Rio Tinto on behalf of Hamersley Iron Pty Ltd situated at Prairie Downs.
3. Mining Tenement Application for Mining Lease 51/911 and Tengraph Map from M&M Walter Consulting on behalf of Zebina Minerals Pty Ltd situated at Murchison Gold.

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

Item 13.1 – Road User Access and Maintenance Agreement – Technology Metals Australia

That Council approves the Road Access and Maintenance Deed Agreement between the Shire of Meekatharra and Technology Metals Australia Ltd for the use of the Nannine Polelle and the Meekatharra Sandstone Road networks as appended to this report and approves the affixing of Councils Common Seal and execution of the Lease by the Chief Executive Officer and the Shire President.

The above recommendation confirms the Road User Access and Maintenance Agreement between Technology Metals Australia (KOP Ventures) and the Shire of Meekatharra for the use of the Nannine Polelle and the Meekatharra Sandstone Road networks by heavy haulage vehicles.

Further Information Snippets

- Outback Festival 2023 – organization of the 2023 Outback Festival to be held over the long weekend in September is well underway. Councils Community Development staff welcome any ideas and/or input from the community and can contact Svenja and/or Larra at the Shire.
- Townsite roadworks – the community would be aware that roadworks have commenced in town at several locations. These include at Queens Road/Douglas Street and on Savage Street between the intersections of Hill and Oliver Streets.
- 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 continue in the August and September 2023 editions of The Dust.
- Landor Meekatharra Road Sealing – Council has submitted an Expression of Interest (EOI) to the Commonwealth 'Growing Regions Fund' for sealing of the remaining section of the Landor Meekatharra Road in the 2024/25 year. This would completely seal the road from the Meekatharra townsite to the Shire border with the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.
- Local Government Elections 2023 – finally the community is advised of the forthcoming Shire of Meekatharra local government elections to be held on Saturday the 21st of October 2023. More information regarding the elections will be included in the September 2023 edition of The Dust.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled for Saturday the 19th of August 2023 and the next CEO Council Message column will appear in the next edition of The Dust in early September. Until then bye for now!

KJ Matthews – CEO

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MEEKATHARRA SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY ELECTION
Saturday 21 October 2023

Non Statutory Advertisement

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Local government elections for the Shire of Meekatharra will be held on Saturday the 21st of October 2023. A simple fact sheet providing more information for the community will be advertised in the September issue of The Dust, so keep an eye out!



Get involved and influence your community!

For more information:
Please contact Kelvin Matthews, CEO Shire of Meekatharra
Tel: 9980 0600

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NOTICE

Local Government 2023 Elections

Enrolment & Voting

Residents

All residents in a local government district who are enrolled on the State Electoral Roll are automatically enrolled on the corresponding local government roll.

People who own or occupy property within a local government district can apply to their local government to be included in the roll as an owner/occupier, as long as they are eligible electors. Please note: an application must be made to the Shire of Meekatharra to be eligible to vote in the local government election.

All eligible electors are allowed to vote once in any district for which they are enrolled. There are no wards in the Shire of Meekatharra district. If a person lives within the local district and owns or occupies property in a different district, they may be entitled to a vote in both areas, provided they are enrolled for those addresses. For more information or to enrol as an owner/occupier, contact the Shire of Meekatharra.

Enrolment Forms

If you are not already on the State Electoral Roll and meet the eligibility criteria, or if you have changed address recently, you must complete an enrolment form.

- Check your enrolment status at: http://www.elections.wa.gov.au/onlineEnrolmentSystem
- Online enrolment: http://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/

- Hard copy forms: Available from the Shire of Meekatharra, all post offices, all Australian Electoral Commission offices or the Western Australian Electoral Commission.

Non-Resident Owner & Occupiers

If you are a non-resident owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Meekatharra and are on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, you are eligible to enrol to vote. If you are not on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll and own or occupy rateable property in the Shire of Meekatharra, you may still be eligible to enrol to vote.

This applies if you were on the last electoral roll for the Shire of Meekatharra prior to May 1996 and have owned or occupied rateable property in the district continuously since this time. Please contact the Shire for details.

Owners of land who were on the last Local Government roll continue to retain that status until they cease to own the rateable property to which the enrolment relates.

Occupiers do not have continuous enrolment and should contact the Shire of Meekatharra to confirm their enrolment status. To be eligible to enrol as an occupier, you will need to have a right of continuous occupation under a lease, tenancy agreement or other legal instruments for at least the next three months following the date of the application to enrol.

Enrolment on the Shire of Meekatharra Owners & Occupiers Roll open on the 5th of August 2023 and close at 4pm on the 19th of August 2023. Form 2 – Enrolment Eligibility Claim incorporating Notice of Nomination of co-owners or co-occupiers is available from Councils website www.meekashire.wa.gov.au or by contacting the Shire office on 99800600.

Joint Owners & Occupiers

If a rateable property is owned or occupied by more than two people, a majority of the owners/occupiers may nominate two persons from amongst themselves who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Corporations

A body corporate that owns or occupies rateable property may nominate two people who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Election FAQ's

When is the election for the Shire of Meekatharra?

The election day is scheduled for Saturday 21st of October 2023.

Who is Entitled to Vote?

The roll for an election consists of:

1. Meekatharra residents roll – this comprises individuals who live in the Shire of Meekatharra electorate and who are enrolled on the State Electoral Roll. Residents should direct enquiries about the Meekatharra residents roll to the Western Australian Electoral Commission on 13 63 06.
2. Shire of Meekatharra non-resident owners and occupiers roll – this comprises individuals who own (but do not reside in) or occupy rateable property in the Shire and of individuals nominated by companies that own or occupy rateable property in the Shire. Non-resident owners and occupiers should contact the Shire on 9980 0600 with any enquiries about the Shire's non-resident owner and occupier roll.

What is the Voting Entitlement per Person or Property?

A person may have his or her name on the roll only once regardless of the number of properties owned or occupied. A company may have a maximum of two people on the roll as nominees of that company regardless of the number of properties owned or occupied. "Occupation" means having a right under a lease, tenancy agreement or other legal instruments, to be in continuous occupation of a definable piece of rateable property for at least the next three months after the date of application.

Where do I get an Electoral Form to Apply for the Non-Resident Owner & Occupier Roll?

Enrolment forms may be obtained as follows:

- Email a request to ceo@meekashire.wa.gov.au
- Phone (08) 9980 0600

Who Conducts the Election?

The election will be conducted by the Shire of Meekatharra as an 'in person' election. Information containing details of the candidates who nominated will be available on Councils website, Notice Board and advertised locally. An election will be held should more nominations be received than vacancies.

Is Voting Compulsory?

No, voting in local government elections is not compulsory in Western Australia.

Is Early or Absent Voting Available?

Yes, early and absent voting for the Shire of Meekatharra elections is available. Details of how to vote early or by absent vote will be available following the close of nominations.

Community Happenings



WHAT'S CURRENTLY HAPPENING IN MEEKA?

NAIDOC Week 2023

"For Our Elders"

For NAIDOC 2023, which is for our Elders, the community here in Meekatharra has decided to celebrate it for the whole week!

Some images from the week will be shown in the next couple of pages.

First off, we start it off with a Flag raising ceremony on the Sunday, this was attended by local community members, the Shire, Police, Defense Force (Army), Yulella and other stake holders.

Yulella was the lead agency for NAIDOC this year, and they also did a quick gift giving ceremony after the Flag ceremony. They presented awards to the different tribes in Meeka, and also to the Police and the Shire to symbolise the collaborative effort.

After the ceremony, everyone then headed out to the Welcome Park to have a feed. There were rice, damper and kangaroo stew that was served for the community. As they enjoyed the food, the children also had the chance to check out the Army vehicle. Beautiful smiles were shared under a beautiful weather on that day!





Flag Raising Ceremony; the Aboriginal Flag was raised by the Brady Binsar, Malley Lowe-Ryder and Kharlarni Gilla-Councillor, the Australian Flag was raised by the Defense Force, and the WA Flag was raised by Cr Judy Holden.



Recipients of gifts from Yulella in celebration of the collaborative work for NAIDOC 2023



Photo of everyone who attended the Flag Raising ceremony







Community members sharing a meal and having a yarn after the ceremony.









Some of the children got to explore the Army vehicle.



Playing with the ball before the Flag Raising Ceremony started.

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



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CORPORATION

Funday Tuesday!

On Monday there was also a community treasure hunt! Unfortunately, we didn't end up sourcing any photos for that, but we heard that some folks received a meat pack and some other cool prizes on that day! Well done to all who participated!

Now we move on to Tuesday for Fun Day, which was held at the Oval and Sports Complex. It was a day filled with sports and arts. Different agencies came together, and a nice surprise visit from StormCo. The NAIDOC Shirt that was designed by Joella Flanagan was also released on that day!



Kai enjoying his new NAIDOC Shirt



Some of the wooden paddle artworks



The arts area was a full house on the day!









Face painting and Clowns from StormCo









We loved seeing the adults getting involved with the activities!







The sports was a massive hit for everyone as well.

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Core Services

We are now able to assist NDIS participants with their Core Service needs.

FOOD FOR THE MOB

TRANSPORT

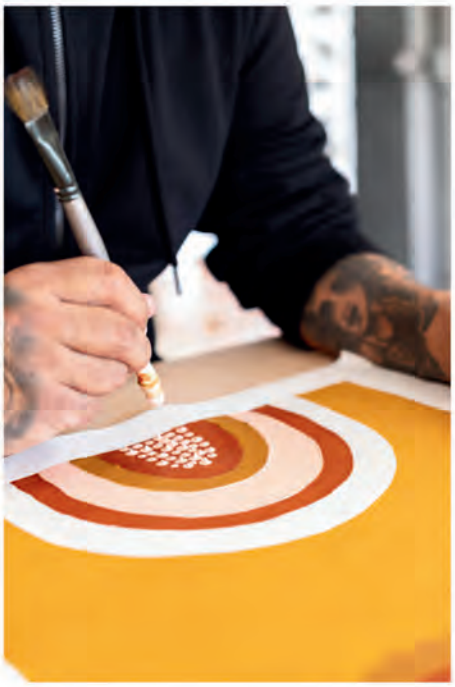
YARD & GARDENING SERVICES

SERVICES FOR APPOINTMENTS

SOCIAL PARTICIPATION CLASSES

HOUSE CLEANING







For more information please contact our Community Hub Coordinator

Email: communitycoordinator@yulella.org.au

Phone: 0499 462 829







Children doing the action to make the truckies toot their horns.



Big Community Lunch

On Wednesday, there was an Elder's Breakky and a Community Lunch. Followed by the Mural Reveal and Kite day on Thursday!

Keep going through the Dust to see more photos for the rest of the week. More photos to come for Mural Reveal & Kite Day, and NAIDOC Kids Disco.

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**



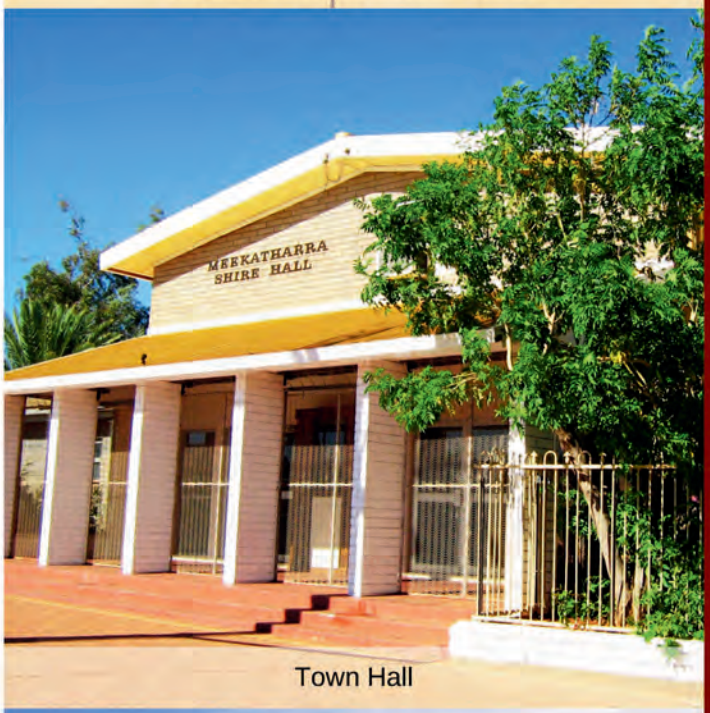
Lloyds Plaza Conference Room

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** for any inquiries or bookings.



Town Hall

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** for any inquiries or bookings.



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**

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

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



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

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HEADSTONE

CLEANING WORKSHOP

Learn the importance of keeping our cemeteries and headstones of our passed loved ones this coming

September 9, 2023
Saturday at 9am

Meeting at Lloyds and then head out to cemetery together.

FOR MORE INFO:

Svenja Clare
cdsm@meekashire.wa.gov.au
9980 0600







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

Interview with a Volunteer

Peter Nichols

Volunteering for St John Ambulance

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN VOLUNTEERING WITH ST JOHN AMBULANCE?

Since about 2019.

WHAT MADE YOU START VOLUNTEERING?

A friend of mine, Courtney – she was the RFDS base admin at the time and was also a vollie ambo. She encouraged me to join. I liked the idea of helping the community, meeting more people, meeting more of the community.

YOU RUN THE LOCAL PHARMACY. DOES YOUR PHARMACY KNOWLEDGE COME IN HANDY?

It's not all that relevant as a lot of it doesn't apply to the volunteer role. But every now and again when we transfer a patient I might get an inquisitive side-eye from the doctor when the handover touches on medications.

WHAT DO YOU DO AS PART OF YOUR ROLE?

I assist with the retrieval of injured patients or people in distress. I am the driver so I get the EMAs and EMTs (the attendants) to the scene. I also help around the subcentre.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT IT?

Driving is fun. I like exploring the country.

HOW FAR WOULD YOU DRIVE?

We've gone as far as Mt Magnet for transfers and also up to Kumarina for callouts, so that's 200km down the road or 240km up the road.

WHAT'S THE WORST ASPECT?

The callouts from midnight to 3am and the interrupted sleep.

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

I certainly have experienced, let's say, "interesting" patients and callouts but won't go into detail here.



Volunteering is a work of heart. Thank you for all the work that you do for the community Pete!

It's not really a story but I really like spotting wildlife; kangaroos, dingoes etc. The sunsets whilst driving can also be spectacular.

WHAT'S SOMETHING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW OR SHOULD KNOW ABOUT VOLUNTEERING WITH ST JOHN OR VOLUNTEERING IN GENERAL?

It's very rewarding. And it's especially great when you get a good outcome for a patient.

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

Yes definitely. People can just swing by the subcentre and speak to our Community Paramedic or they can go to the Shire and speak to Svenja who's another one of our volunteers.



Give back and get a lot.

Supporting your community is one of the best ways to get to know it. In such a social and inclusive group, you'll be surprised that some of the friendships you'll make can be nearly as rewarding as the good you're doing for your town.

See how people exactly like you can help. Head to stjohnchangelives.com.au or give your local Community Paramedic a call on 0437 681 562, or email cp.midwesteast@stjohnwa.com.au

Help keep your ambulance service strong in Meekatharra.

Life goes on.
Volunteer with St John.

St John

Life Style



FIND OUT SOME LIFE HACKS IN MEEKA!



WESTGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED

Working with Westgold

At Westgold we offer more than a job, we offer you a career. Coming to work each day isn't just about getting the job done.

It's about camaraderie, feeling a sense of achievement, and fulfilling your role within a top ten gold producer that provides employment for hundreds of Western Australians.

We have three operating centres – at Meekatharra, Cue and Fortnum – that provide employment opportunities within the following areas:

- Administration
- Information Technology
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Environment
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Logistics
- Engineering
- Geology
- Processing
- Survey
- Fixed Plant Trades
- Metallurgy

We welcome entry level candidates to our workforce in addition to highly experienced professionals looking to make their mark within a dynamic, growth-oriented Western Australian gold producer.

Diversity and inclusion for employees from all backgrounds is a high priority for us as we strive to be an employer of choice that is committed to upholding workplace equality.

Safety is at the core of everything we do, so we have some pre-employment requirements. You must be able to pass a pre-employment medical assessment that includes drug and alcohol testing.

A C-Class Manual Driver's Licence is also very desirable and you will be asked to submit a National Police Clearance that's been issued in the past 12 months.

If you are a local person who is interested in working with Westgold, we'd love to hear from you.

Supporting local communities

At Westgold, our social investments are weighted towards supporting activities that have broad community support and programs that have the potential for lasting benefit.

Our recent focus has been on supporting school attendance strategies and youth development activities. Since appointing a Westgold Community Relations team last year, we've strengthened our relationships with local service providers, Traditional Owners, schools and community members.

Assessment criteria for social investments

Westgold will consider requests for financial support from:

- The regional communities we work within, and
- Initiatives that have a positive outcome for those communities in the following areas:
  - Education
  - Health
  - Environment
  - Training and employment, and
  - Community events – e.g. Shire festivals, art competitions

For information on employment and community support, please contact our Community Relations team:

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0487 650 919
Harjot.Singh@westgold.com.au

John Isgar
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MARLU FOOTBALL LEAGUE

August Match

As the season is nearing an end for the MARLU Football League this year, they had one of their last matches in Meeka. Youth from Mount Magnet and Cue also came into town. Check out some snaps on the day!













Meekatharra Police

We were very proud to be part of the 2023 NAIDOC Week "For Our Elders"

This was an amazing week with the community all coming together to celebrate the elders in town and surrounding communities. The Kids Disco was a huge success with every child walking away with a smile and prizes galore. A massive thank you to the Shire and Yulella for supporting Meekatharra Police with this event.

The NAIDOC week was unfortunately marred with the funeral for Constable Anthony Woods. The life of Constable Anthony Woods was celebrated by thousands of mourners at Optus Stadium on Thursday 6 July 2023.

Constable Woods died on Sunday 11 June, three days after suffering critical injuries while pulling a suspected stolen car over in Ascot. Constable Woods was a much-loved husband, son, brother, friend and colleague. His memory will live on forever in our hearts.

Meekatharra Police joined stations across Regional WA in forming an honour guard with flags at half mast as Constable Woods was led from Optus Stadium.

With honour he served.



As mentioned last article Meekatharra Police will have some more activities around town with the younger members of the community. These include some BlueLight Disco's and sporting activities.

Our next planned event is an indoor soccer afternoon/evening to be held around the last Friday in august (date to be confirmed).

Kids Disco

On Friday of NAIDOC week, the Youth Centre, Yulella and Police got together to hold a Kid's Disco. It was a night filled with music, food and fun activities! And everyone dressed up in their best formal attire.






















KID'S DISCO - NAIDOC 2023 - MEEKATHARRA


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Our Meeka

NAIDOC Week 2023

For Our Elders

Over the years, we often hear stories of Meekatharra's history and significant moments of times that shaped how Meeka is today. We listened to our Elders - Pops, Nans, Mums, Dads, Uncles and Aunties to try and capture how they remember certain transitions of Meekatharra.

Our piece starts off 65,000 years ago where a baby is born with country pure and undisturbed. A Mum and Dad sit around a fire as their baby sleeps with the Seven Sisters star constellation above them. Our beautiful granites rocks stand tall and proud in the background. Slowly we move on to our stations period. We often hear about how families grew up working on the stations. I don't think you would find a family in town who doesn't have some history on a station. We look at the importance of pastoral stations and how it brought new life to a little town. We included animals that you might often see in and around Meekatharra.

Next, is our steam train history and how the train would come up to Meekatharra before trucks took over. We have the Afghan camels to remember their movements along the Canning Stock Route and to them resting at a camel soak outside of town after their long journeys. We have the state battery tower that was relocated to Main Street in 1994.

The colourful tin houses known as Rainbow City acknowledges how Aboriginal families were relocated to a reserve on the outskirts of town where many of our Grandparents grew up on.

Lastly, we have our Elder spirit watching over Our Meeka as it is today. We included our iconic water tank, post office and Lloyd's building.

Our town has a unique history and if you search for stories of its history, you will find the voice of our Elders. We wanted to acknowledge moments and things that mean a lot to many families who have and continue to live in Meekatharra. We didn't find this information in books - we found it through patience, asking and listening.

Miss Jackie and the year 7 & 8 class
Meekatharra District High School
2023

This project was funded by The Shire of Meekatharra and RAC with support from Youth Focus and the Meekatharra District High School students year 7 & 8.

The story and art concept was developed by the students of Ms Jackie's year 7 & 8 class at Meekatharra District High School.

Thank you to all the community members that donated their time to assist with the artwork, and to those who dropped into the Youth Focus office to give lovely feedback about the mural.

Meekatharra has such a talented art community. Our biggest thanks is reserved for the artist's themselves and the Elders of the Meekatharra community who made this story come to life.



The Artists

Ms Jackie Carton
Joella Flanagan
Terri-Lee Flanagan
Jinkitha Flanagan
Sachin Hoare
Noah Jones-Mongoo
Latrell Riley
Tyler Gribic
Charlie Simpson
Jonique Anderson
Jazelle Pearce
Kyliesha Marney
Wesley Guiliano
Lerado Ryan
Malley Lowe
Marie Robinson
Seskep Bero
Duron Taylor
Felicity Gilbert
Chippen Bero
Markus Simpson
Mr Andrew Binsiar
Mrs Janine Binsiar
Ms Larra Juab
Ms Svenja Clare
Mr Michael Vlahov
Mrs Paulette Anderson
Ms Sophie Wilson
Ms Deanne Young
Mr Ken Burkenhagen
Ms Nicholah Wasarirevu
Ms Jess Elliot
Mr Drew Whalley
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Ms Jenny Symonds
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Ms Gloria Whitehurst
Ms Angie Perkins







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Mural Reveal and Kite Day

As previously mentioned in Paulette's article about the Mural, here's more photos on the day and also snaps of the youth and youth at heart flying some kites!






























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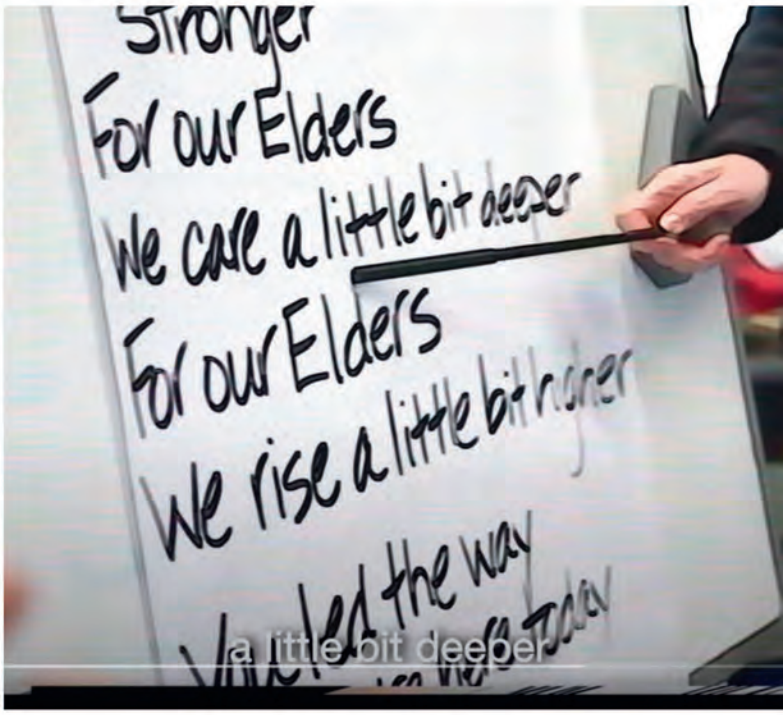


YULELLA
Music Workshops

Chocolate Starfish's Adam Thompson and his crew came in to Meeka a week before NAIDOC week to hold music workshops with the youth as an ode to their Elders. They were able to write a song and record a great music video of it within just a couple of days!

The video is available to view on Youtube with the title of "For Our Elders" Meekatharra. Here are some stills from the video!









ANNOUNCEMENTS!

From 1 July 2023

Department of Transport Servicing

Tuesday 9am to 1pm

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Prep: 5 mins
Cook: 10 mins
Servings: 1

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Winter-2 | Breakfast | Vegetarian | Gluten-free | Quick | Egg | Mothers Day | EBLL Green | 5-ingredients | Serves 1 | Quick dinners

Ingredients

- 2 eggs, yolks and whites separated
- 1 tbs reduced-fat milk
- olive or canola oil spray
- 4 button mushrooms, sliced
- 1/2 cup baby spinach leaves
- 1 tbs reduced-fat cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 tbs chives, chopped
- pepper, to taste

Method

1. Place the egg yolks in a medium bowl. Add the milk and mix well.
2. In a separate bowl, whisk the egg whites until soft meringue-like peaks are formed. Gently fold egg whites into the egg yolk mixture and set aside.
3. Spray a small non-stick frying pan with oil and place over medium heat. Add mushrooms and cook on medium heat for 3 minutes until softened. Add baby spinach and cook for a further minute until wilted. Remove from pan and wipe pan clean.
4. Spray pan again and return to medium heat. Pour in the egg mixture and cook for 2-3 minutes or until surface is nearly firm. Sprinkle the cheese, mushrooms, spinach and pepper over half the omelette, then fold over the other side to enclose the filling. Garnish with the chopped chives.

Healthy tip!

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

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COMMUNITY RECIPE BOOK

Food is always a great way to connect!

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Send your recipes to

Jacky Rogers
communitycoordinator@yulella.org.au



Arts & Culture



CELEBRATING MEEKA'S CREATIVES

YULELLA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

YULELLA ART SESSIONS

AT THE COMMUNITY HUB
FROM 5-9 PM





LOCAL ART OPPORTUNITIES

Art Exhibition (Call Out)

We are calling all the artists in town to submit their artworks for a group exhibition show at Lloyd's Plaza this coming September for the Outback Festival.

This is a great opportunity for artists to showcase their works and the Shire team is happy to assist you in making this happen. We will take quality photos of your artwork and yourself that you can use for professional arts skills development.

Please talk to **Larra** at 9980 0600 or cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au for assistance.

Terms and Conditions:

- *The Artist is limited to submit 5 artworks only (Open to any sizes).*
- *Open to any mediums (drawing, painting, prints, photography, and etc).*
- *The artist is allowed to sell and price their works, but transaction is solely between the artist and buyer only.*
- *Drop off your artworks at the Shire Office by September 15 at 3pm.*
- *The artist must fill-in a form to ensure their spot for the exhibition.*
- *There is no fees and charges in submitting your artwork.*
- *The Shire is not liable for any damages to the artwork during exhibition period and will let the artist know if such occurrence happens.*

Community Portraits (Call Out)



As we open our outdoor art gallery (between the Pharmacy & Bakery), we would love to feature people who are willing to share their stories within the themes of Meeka's heritage; Indigenous, Mining and Pastoral. We aim to share yours and your family story by celebrating through our outdoor gallery space at Lloyds.

If you know anyone, or have more questions, please talk to **Larra** at 9980 0600 or cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au

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PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!
EVERY SATURDAYS AT MAMA MOON'S BAKERY

This will continue on until SEPT 2, following the installation on SEPT 9.

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

cdsm@meekashire.wa.gov.au
or *9980 0600*.





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CALLING FOR
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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



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!

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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 Volunteer Ambulance Officer, Volunteer Support Role or Committee membership.

Contact Details:
Email - 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
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
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
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
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
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** to get in touch.*

Speak soon!



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