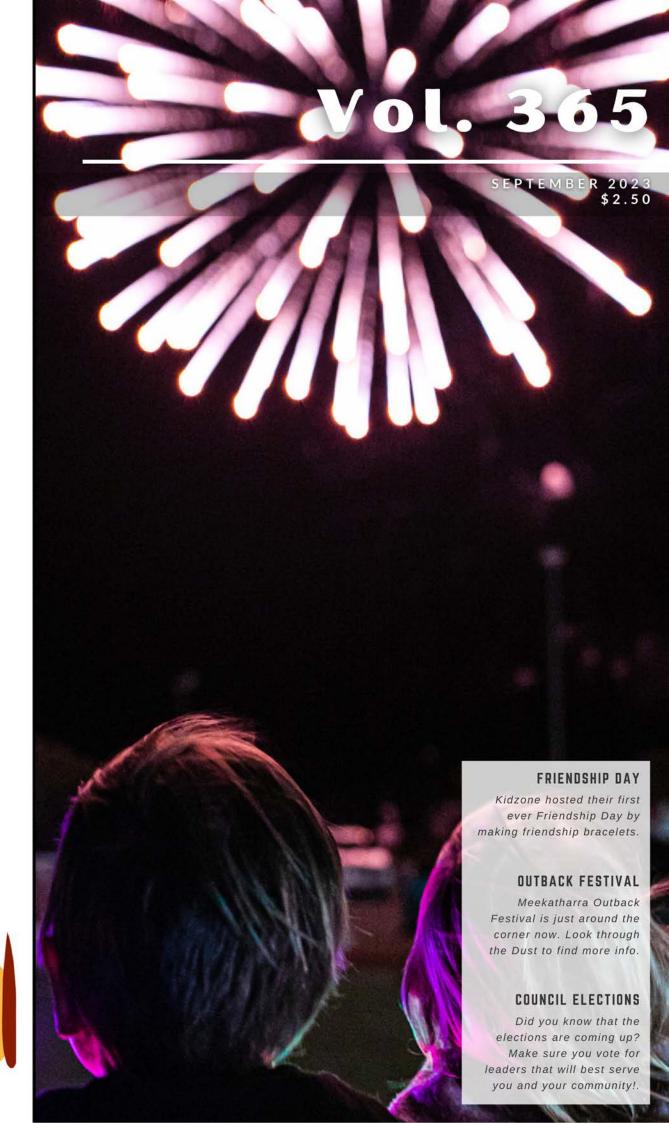
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SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA

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

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).

Saturday, 15 June 2024

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

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CEO COUNCIL MESSAGE

Welcome to the September 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 19th of August 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.

<u>Items from the Shire of Meekatharra Health, Building & Planning Meeting 19 August</u> 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 July 2023. This included all activities, the progress of ongoing situations and concerns related to the required services raised by the Shire of East Pilbara. The report included advice to Council regarding an assessment of the former Meekatharra Horizon Power Station and where the recommendations will be included for Councils consideration at the next meeting. 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 has received quotes for the concrete work required prior to installation of the signage that will allow the work to commence shortly.

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Local Planning Scheme & Strategy

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage have assessed the draft Meekatharra Local Planning Scheme (LPS) No 4 and Strategy and provided a range of proposed modifications. They now seek Council's comments in response to these modifications. Council will schedule a workshop to discuss and consider the recommendations.

Lions Park

In accordance with discussion at the July 2023 HBTP meeting, it's proposed to complete the project over the next two to three financial years. Council will allocate some of the funding from its Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) towards the project.

Swimming Pool Works

At the time of the HBTP meeting, approximately 45% of the refurbishment works have been completed and are ahead of schedule. The overall works should be complete by the end of August with September to be used for any finishing touches. The installation of the pool BBQ is also in progress.

Tourism Update

"Our Town" filming is to happen this month that will also highlight the Murchison Geo Region. Meekatharra Dark Sky Tourism Action Plan by Astro Tourism Western Australia received which contains a range of valuable recommended action plans for tourism and economic development and will be presented as separate item in September Ordinary Council Meeting

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 19 August 2023

Item 9.3.2 - Shire of Meekatharra 2023 Policy Manual

That Council adopt the 2023 Shire of Meekatharra Policy Manual as presented.

Council considered and approved the 2023 Policy Manual that the CEO presented following a comprehensive review of the 2019 Policy Manual.

Item 9.3.4 - Electoral Boundary Review - Legislative Assembly Seat of North West Central

That Council instruct the CEO to prepare and lodge a submission to the WA Electoral Commissioner on behalf of the Shire of Meekatharra objecting to the proposed boundary changes of the Legislative Assembly Seat of North West Central and supporting the retention of the Legislative Assembly Seat of North West Central.

Council resolved to make a submission to the WAEC at its 22 April 2023 ordinary meeting that the CEO prepared and lodged whereby the WA Electoral Commission (WAEC) subsequently invited objections to the proposed electoral boundary changes to be received by the WAEC prior to the 21st of August 2023. The above resolution confirmed Councils approval to lodge an objection to the WAEC proposed boundary changes which the CEO completed prior to the closing date. A copy of Councils submission can be found on the WAEC website or by contacting the CEO.

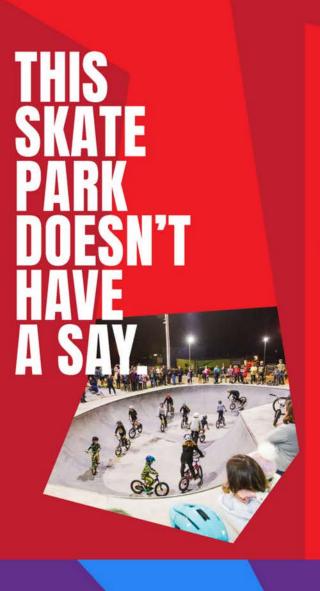
Further Information Snippets

- 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.
- Council 2023/24 Annual Budget the community is advised that Council adopted its 2023/24 annual budget at its Council meeting on 19th of August 2023. Rates for the 2023/24 year have now been processed and mailed out.
- Landor Meekatharra Road Sealing Council will advertise for Tenders for the next section of the Landor Meekatharra Road to be sealed comprising of SLK 25 to SLK 33.
- ➤ 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 continually be included in the September 2023 edition of *The Dust*.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled for Saturday the 16th of September 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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SHIRE UPDATES

Community Development Projects Update

By: Svenja Clare

It's been five months since I've written an update for the Dust on the various Community Development projects and lots of things have happened. Grab a cuppa and have a read as to how things are progressing:

MEEKATHARRA'S STREETSCAPE ART PROJECT

Since the last update so many new things have happened in the Main Street:

The old dusty, weedy Median Strip was ripped up and replaced with a new strip, complete with new kerbing, an additional crossover point for wheelchair/pram/shopping trolley users, new surface, spray-on-paver pattern and the community codesigned murals depicting Meeka's heritage: Indigenous, Pastoral and Mining. How good does it look! Well, how good did it look for five minutes until

the haulpack oversize loads left black rubber marks on it... We've been trying to negotiate some solutions with Main Roads but there's no easy way around this problem so we'll just need to give it a pressure wash every now and again to restore its beauty. Let's reframe it to "our mining heritage is still very much alive and well". The murals are also explained in a new interpretive sign on the Lloyds wall, and will be replicated through canvas prints at the visitors centre so that visitors can learn about Meeka's heritage through art.





A NEW DRINKING WATER FOUNTAIN

Installed in the Main Street outside Youth Focus. It features a bubbler, a bottle filler and a dog bowl to keep our pawed friends hydrated, too. The water fountain will be adorned with some colourful artwork in the style/ colour of the median murals.



"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE, TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH." -HELEN KELLER-



The Youth Focus wall mural!

How good does it look! It was conceptualised and painted by the Meeka District High School Students with the help of Miss Jackie and a whole range of community members (too many to name, but Thank You – stellar job!) It was unveiled at NAIDOC week. Kudos to Paulette and her team for getting this off the ground. It really brightens up that wall in the middle of Meeka's CBD and tells the story of Meekatharra.





OUR NEW OUTDOOR GALLERY

How flash is that! The large frames are a highly effective way to brighten up the Main Street, update the community on what's going on, display changeable art exhibitions and provide a space for the community or organisations to display their creative talents. We have a large format printer at the Shire so can easily print out new posters to be displayed here. Think art competition from the school or Youth Centre, photos from recent events, historical photo displays, seasonal decorations, local art initiatives, upcoming performances, promoting local artists or authors, ... the possibilities are endless. Interested in exhibiting? Get in touch with Larra or Svenja at the Shire.



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NEW BIKE RACKS



Located outside the Post Office and IGA. Pop to the shops or Lloyds whilst knowing that your bike is safe and secure outside. This is just a small part to enable people to ride their bikes more if they wish.



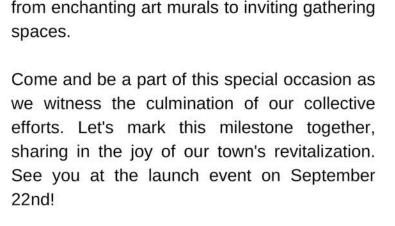
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oh we have dived into a crochet craze. For the last couple of months, the community have been welcome to join the yarn bombing gatherings, every Saturday at the Bakery people come together and crochet or knit squares. From absolute beginners to pros, everyone is welcome to teach and learn from each other. These squares will be stitched together on 9th September to decorate the new street furniture and the trees, providing lots of colour and a nice way to get together. Come to the bakery on 9th September between 9am and lunch time if you want to help put it all together.

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Meekatharra on September 22nd as part of the

Meeka Outback Festival. Embrace the vibrancy of our community's creativity, where art,

heritage, and unity come together in splendid harmony. The launch event promises an

exciting showcase of the new installations,

streetscape

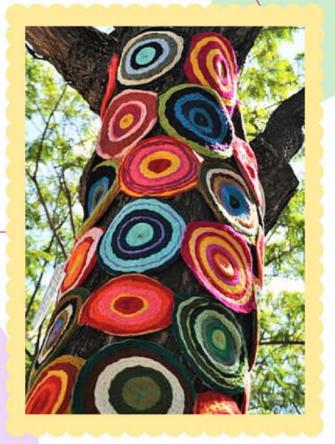
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The project is being delivered in partnership with RAC, through its Reconnect WA initiative, which aims to create vibrant streets and public spaces for Western Australians to interact and connect with each other.









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! 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.









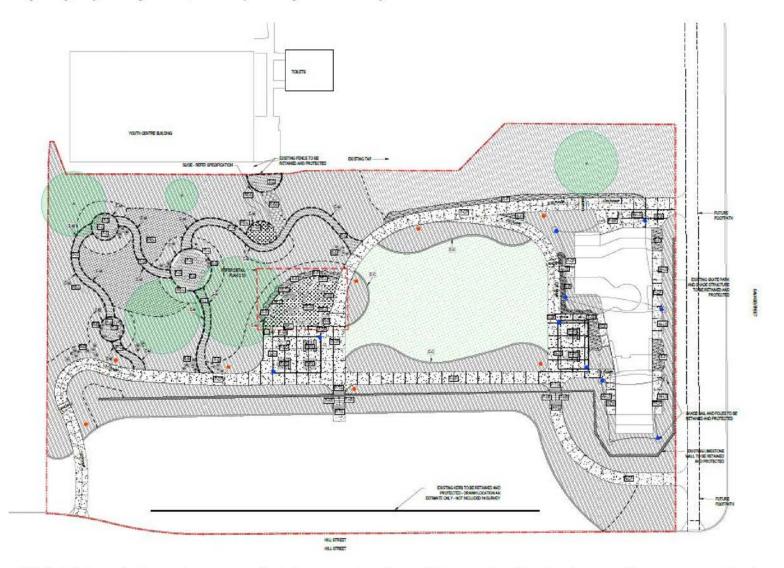




LIONS PARK

After Council approved the Lions Park concept design in December, the detail design was completed and the project went out to tender. Unfortunately, the tender responses came in at an average of double the estimated cost so Council did not accept any of the tenders. Instead, Council would like to stage out the project over 2-3 years and get as many of the works done locally, using the Shire crew and local contractors as much as possible, rather than engaging an external head contractor.

The design incorporates a lot of the community's wishes as shown in our community consultation – the park will feature shade, seating, a barbecue, drinking water, greenery, a slide, little kids nature play area, lighting, a yarning circle, native plantings and locally created artwork.



Whilst this unfortunately means that the construction of the park will take longer (it was meant to be finished and done and dusted by summer), it enables increased community involvement and be more unique to Meeka.

In good news though, Lotterywest have approved grant funding for the project! An official ceremony handing over the cheque will happen in due course – photos to follow. This, combined with Council's allocation of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure funding as well as sponsorship from Greenmount Resources and Westgold Resources means that the project will definitely go ahead.

So, watch this space and get in touch if you have any artistic or local plant knowledge that might come in handy for the artwork and bushtucker area.

ENTRY STATEMENT

After the Meeka District High School students painted artwork for the Entry Statement, the design was approved and the sign manufactured. Main Roads have since approved the design and the works to occur in their road reserve and the walls are under construction right now. The Entry Statements are due to be mounted on the plinths in the next couple of weeks. Then, the only thing left to do is to clad the concrete plinths with local rocks and – tadaaa – Meekatharra finally has Town Entry Statements after years and years of community requests! It seems crazy to think that it took so long to get to this point, but good things take time and it's nice that the community was involved in co-designing it, both through last years' engagement, the survey, the focus group and the students' artwork.

Do you want to see the design? Yes?

Here's the artwork the students painted, signifying local people and landscapes (read back in the April 2023 Dust edition for a more in-depth explanation of the different symbols):





And here is the entry statement design that was approved and is being erected right now:



FRONT VIEW BACK VIEW

It incorporates the student's artwork (in 50 years they can drive past with their grandkids and tell them they painted this), it's 4 metres wide, it's big, it's bright, it's beautiful, it highlights our pastoral and mining industries and showcases our native flora and fauna. It's Meeka.

The original painting is displayed at the Visitor Centre so visitors can see the Entry Statement sign on their way into town and then learn about Meeka and its people and landscapes when they stop at Lloyds for a coffee and information.

SWIMMING POOL REPAIRS AND UPGRADE

Hold onto your swim caps, folks, because the pool upgrade project is coming along swimmingly. The 20-year-old crusty tiles were demolished, cracks in the concrete shell were sealed, brand new tiles are being installed on both ends of the main pool as well as the stairs and the complete toddler pool. The floor was blasted and is getting resealed and repainted. Aaaaand most excitingly, the new splash toys have, arrived awaiting installation, and the bike rack area now has a brand-new barbecue which just needs power and then it's ready to sizzle our snags.





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 cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au

TOWN HALL

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

This facility unfortunately cannot be booked online.

Please contact us directly at **9980 0600** or email us at **cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au** for any inquiries or bookings.

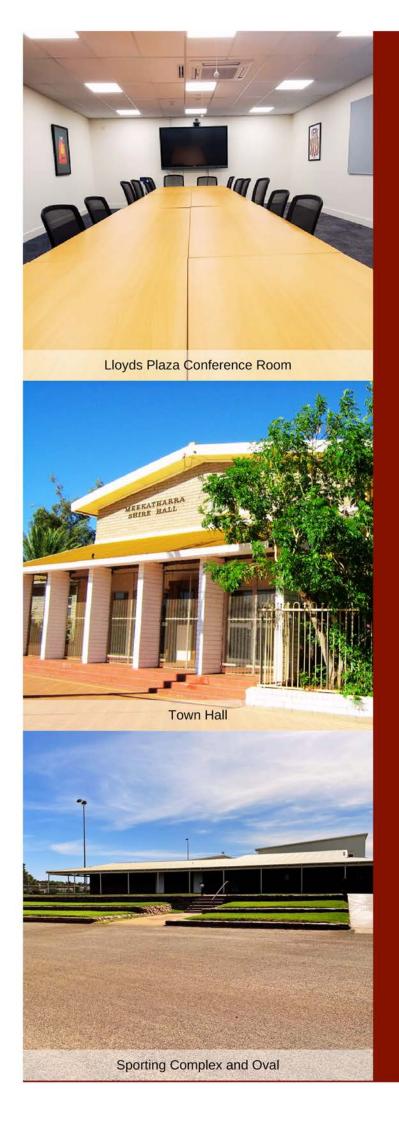
SPORTING COMPLEX AND OVAL

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

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

This facility unfortunately cannot be booked online.

Please contact us directly at **9980 0600** or email us at **cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au** for any inquiries or bookings.





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

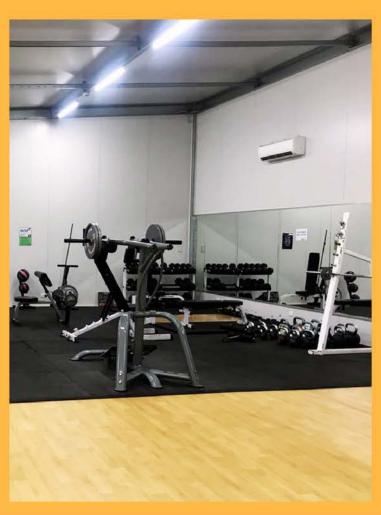
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All fees to be paid at the Shire Office:

- 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





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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Every beat of this ordinary life is an extraordinary thing. And we need your help to protect it.

St John Meekatharra urgently needs volunteer ambulance drivers to respond to call-outs, attend emergencies and perform routine patient transfers.

If you'd like to help, visit stjohnchangelives.com.au or give your local Community Paramedic a call on 0437 681 562, or email cp.midwesteast@stjohnwa.com.au

Life goes on. Volunteer with St John.







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

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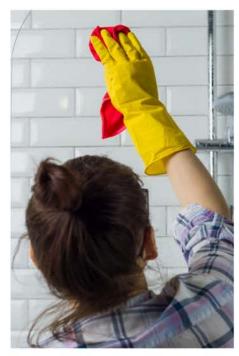
SOCIAL PARTICIPATION CLASSES

YARD &
GARDENING
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HOUSE CLEANING







For more information please contact our Community Hub Coordinator

Email: communitycoordinator@yulella.org.au

Phone: 0499 462 829







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:

<u>Svenja Clare</u> **cdsm@meekashire.wa.gov.au** 9980 0600





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Pest Control treatments

We can deploy cockroach and mice traps throughout your house and give you some tips on how to keep them away



Community Housing

We can complete a Healthy Home Check on your house & fix minor plumbing issues along with much more!





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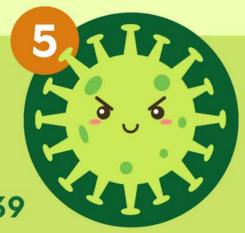
We can provide you with soaps, linen, emergency relief meals if eligable, and much more!



Education

We do education sessions on disease prevention and provide tips and tricks on how to keep your home disease free





ANNOUNCEMENTS!



From 1 July 2023

Department of Transport Servicing

Tuesday 9am to 1pm

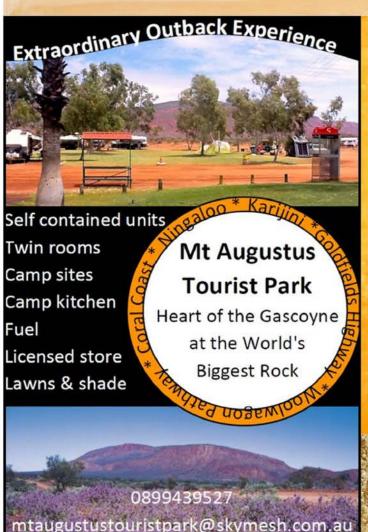
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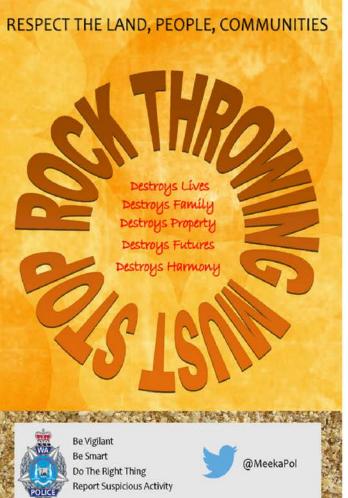
And when the Testing officer is visiting.

Please not that for people from Stations, Wiluna or Burungurra.

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

-Jo from CRC







Westgold supporting return of junior footy

Westgold is proud to be associated with the Murchison Marlu Junior Football League, and its return in 2023 after a long absence.

It's fantastic to see organised sport available for boys and girls on weekends. Our contribution has been small in comparison to the real heroes, being the team of volunteers who've made this happen.

One of the great things about the Murchison is the way everyone pulls together for a common cause. Making footy happen has

involved teachers, police officers, youth workers, shire employees, and mums and dads – all volunteering their time on weekends so kids can have a game to play.

This season is over, but keep at it kids – stay fit, stay healthy, be good sports, show respect and have fun.

Wanting to work with Westgold, maybe Yulella can help?

If you are over 18 years old, medically fit, don't take drugs and have a C Class Manual Driver's Licence, you can visit Yulella and they will lodge an Employment Expression of Interest form with Westgold for you.

If you don't have a driver's licence, and are a registered job seeker, Yulella may be able to help you get one through their Driving Access and Equity Program.

Westgold contacts:

John Isgar • Community Relations Superintendent 0448 883 392 • John Isgar@westgold.com.au

Harjot Singh • Community Relations Officer 0487 650 919 • Harjot.Singh@westgold.com.au

New Tuckabianna hybrid power station

Westgold recently opened a new hybrid power station at our Tuckabianna Mill near Cue on Yugunga-Nya Country. We're proud to say we're transitioning from diesel to solar and gas power generation as this will create a big reduction in emissions and reduce the cost of power.

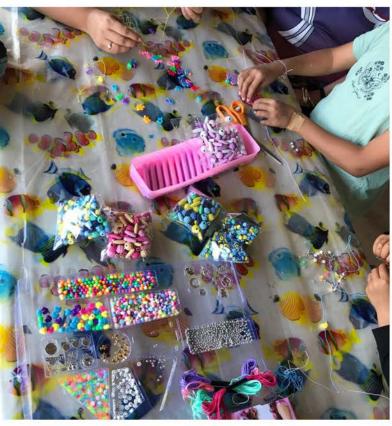
Westgold has worked with Traditional Custodians to ensure heritage values have not been compromised during construction and we thank the representatives from Yugunga-Nya Prescribed Body Corporate who were on hand to participate in the opening ceremony.

Over the coming months, further power stations will be opened at Big Bell on Wajarri Yamatji Country, Bluebird on Ngoonooru Wadjarri Country, and at Fortnum on Jidi Jidi Country.

KIDZONE

Friendship Day

On August 7, it was International Friendship Day. Kidzone hosted a small event to celebrate this day by making friendship bracelets, photos and sharing food with each other!











Meekatharra School of the Air

Kindy Admission 2024

ENROL NOW!

APPLICATIONS

Meekatharra School of the Air 52 Kempton Street Bluff Point

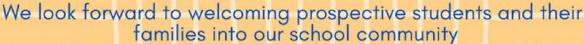
If your child is born between 01 July 2019 - 30 June 2020 (4 years old by 30 June 2023 you may apply to enrol your child at MSOTA for Kindergarten 2024



ENQUIRIES - 9923 5200



Parents are welcome to contact the school on 9923 5200 for further information.







Our School offers a unique Distance Education programme that is a partnership between the school's professional teaching staff, yourself and your children. Your commitment to your children's education is essential for their success and we will endeavour to provide all the support possible to achieve an excellent education.











Bring your little ones along for Rhymes, Stories and Songs!



Rhyme



10 - 10:30 am

For 0-4 years old

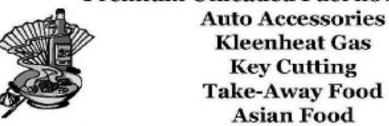


Meekatharra Corner Store

Corner of Main & High Streets, Meekatharra

Ph: 9981 1151

BP Fuel & Lubricants
Premium Unleaded Fuel now available



A range of Asian Ingredients and utensils available for sale



Burgers Rolls Sandwiches made to order Bottled water deliveries

> Tyre Repairs Driveway Service



VEGGIE GARLIC NOODLES

FROM TASTY.COM

Ingredients

for 4 servings

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil (30 mL)
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 green onions, sliced, divided
- 2 carrots, cut into matchsticks
- 1 cup snap peas (100 g)
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 9 oz dried rice noodles (250 g) , cooked

Nutrition Info Hide Info -

Calories 365

Fat 7g

Carbs 66g

Fiber 5g

Sugar 8g

Protein 7g

Estimated values based on one serving size.

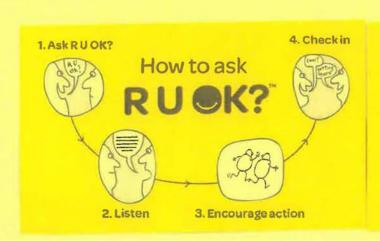
Preparation

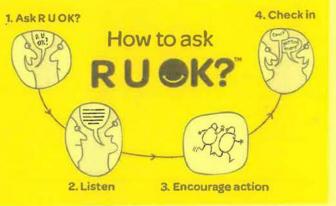
- 1 Heat the vegetable oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic and 3 green onions and cook for 2–3 minutes, until fragrant and tender. Add the carrots and snap peas, then stir in the brown sugar and soy sauce.
- 2 Add the noodles and toss for a couple of minutes, until the noodles are well-coated and the vegetables are tender. Season with salt and pepper.
- 3 Serve immediately, garnished with the remaining green onion.
- 4 Enjoy!
- 5 Cook smarter, not harder. Use our AI chef Botatouille on the Tasty app. Download now.





PLEASE JOIN OUR MMH AND CADS TEAM AT THE MEEKATHARRA INFORMATION BAY PARK FOR A SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND TEA, COFFEE TO HELP US CELEBRATE R U OK DAY. THURSDAY THE 14TH OF SEPTEMBER, 11.30 TO 3PM.







MEEKATHARRA COMMODATION CENTRE

Open Daily 6.00am—9.00pm

Catering for your special function? Email us for a quote on bookings@meekatharraaccomodation.com.au or call on 99811253



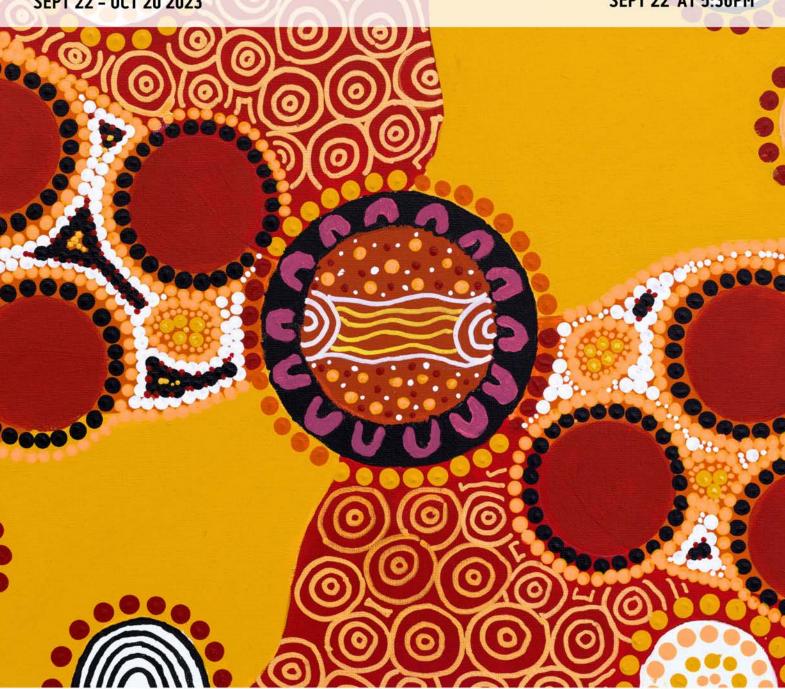


A community group exhibition by local artists in Meekatharra

Open for submissions till Sept 15 at 3pm at either the Shire Office or CRC. For any guidance, please speak with Jo (CR) or Larra (Shire).

This exhibition is proudly part of the Meekatharra Outback Festival 2023.

AT LLOYD'S PLAZA GALLERY SEPT 22 - OCT 20 2023 OPENING NIGHT SEPT 22 AT 5:30PM























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 <u>must</u> 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.

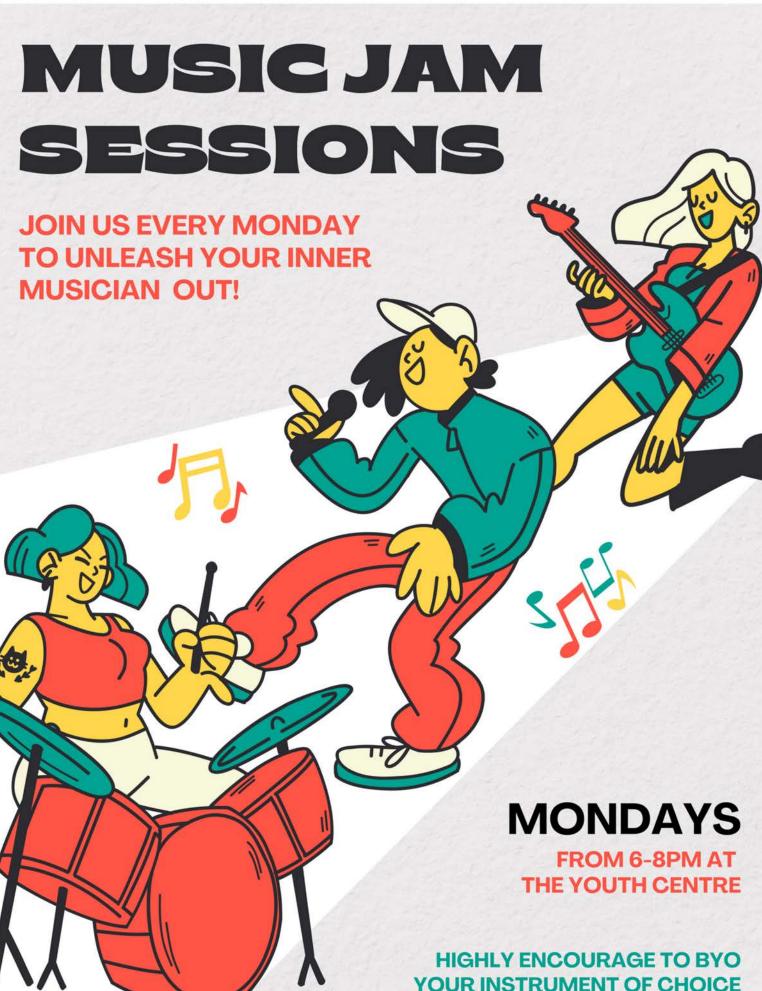
Community Portraits (Call Out)



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





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



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



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 their story featured on the Dust!

Please comment/ send a message/ or email us at cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au for any recommendations.



MONDAYS LUNCH







Youth Engagement Officer Meekatharra

POSITION TITLE	Youth Engagement Officer VERSION		1.1	
DATE APPROVED	16 July 2021	DATE EFFECTIVE	16 June 2021	
REVIEW DATE	16 July 2023	REPORTING TO	Service Manager	

Organisation Summary

At Youth Focus, we are here to help create a world where a young person's mental health does not get in the way of them being who they want to be. Since 1994, we have delivered a range of mental health services for young people aged 12-25 across Western Australia. As a for-purpose organisation, we are trusted to champion the mental health needs of young people in WA, supporting them to thrive in their community.

Our core values of Dynamic, Quality, Integrity, Collaboration and Compassion guide us in our working lives and unite us in our purpose. To find out more about our values and what they look like day-to-day in our workplace, visit the way we work.

Position Summary

The Youth Engagement Officer is a vital role within the Meekatharra team. This role acts as a connection point between the community and Youth Focus, ensuring young people in community have the opportunity to benefit from our programs and services should they wish. This role acts as both an internal cultural consultant for the team as well as continuing to actively consult with key people and agencies in the community, building relationships and partnerships to activate real change. This role will be key in any education and awareness raising activities that Youth Focus deliver including, being involved in the design and delivery of key programs and activities.

Key Working Relationships

Internal	External
Service Manager - Meekatharra	Young people, their families, and carers
Clinical Staff - Meekatharra	Yulella Aboriginal Corporation
Chief Operations Officer	Key agencies and sector networks e.g. MARC
Other Youth Focus Staff	Youth Reference Group

Position Description - Youth Engagement Officer



Key Results Areas

Accountability Behavioural Descriptors

- Work in partnership with young people accessing our service. This may include but is not limited to:
 - Working to minimise any intercultural barriers to Youth Focus services.
 - Empowering clients and families to get the most out of what Youth Focus can offer.
 - Providing support to the families and carers with an aim to create safer communities and decrease stigma around mental ill-health.
 - Providing practical support to support re-engagement with community, including taking part in community activities, and linking in with their CP/other medical care as well as school and employment.
- Act as a community consultant within the Meekatharra team. This may include but is not limited to:
 - Supporting the development of culturally appropriate services and programs.
 - Reviewing partnerships ideas, initiatives and resources developed by the team to ensure they are community and culturally informed and appropriate.
- Continue to consult with the local community. This may include but is not limited to:
 - Creation and facilitation of a Meekatharra Youth Reference Group, targeted at engaging youth 'Mental Health Champions' that consult with the organisation and encourage other youth to access services.
- Ongoing consultation with community Elders on how the organisation can better support the community to develop mental health knowledge and capacity.
- In partnership with the Meekatharra team, design and deliver on a Community Awareness Plan which aims to:
 - Provide education which builds mental health/wellbeing literacy and awareness among young people,
 - Encourages help seeking behaviours and skills, and
 - Increases awareness of Youth Focus and other agencies,
- Community awareness and education should aim to target priority settings such as schools, youth services and justice and should consider the education of family and friends within the young person's support network.

BUILD PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHANGE

EDUCATION.

EMPOWEREMENT & AWARENESS

> Form relationships with key people and agencies in order to break down barriers and increase access for young people to appropriate services. This

COMMUNITY

Position Description - Youth Engagement Officer



	 may be assisting Youth Focus clients accessing other services or assisting in other services referring to Youth Focus. Work with other providers in the community to support the collaboration of services and care which centres upon meeting the Young Person's needs. Represent Youth Focus at external events and network meetings and attend community events to strengthen relationships with local stakeholders and young people.
OTHER DUTIES	 Maintain accurate and timely case notes and calendar updates Maintain client privacy and confidentiality. Participate in ongoing Development and Training. Fulfil any other duties within the scope of this position within scope of skills, experience, and training. Adhere to all Youth Focus policy and procedure inclusive of Work Health and Safety requirements.

Competency Profile

Required Experience & Knowledge

- Demonstrable history of working well with young people.
- Local knowledge and experience in the Meekatharra and/or Murchison region
- · Experience with community development projects/ programs or services.

Specialist Knowledge and Requirements

- Passion for working with young people
- Experience in community engagement and partnership development
- · Experience in the implementation of youth engagement strategies
- Knowledge and understanding of the health and welfare issues affecting young people and their families.
- Exceptional interpersonal skills and an ability to work with a broad range of people from a variety of backgrounds and experiences.
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively within a team.
- Computer literacy, particularly in the effective use of Microsoft Office and related programs.
- Understanding and experience of clinical/counselling services is preferred.

Other Position Relevant Requirements

- Willingness to commit to Youth Focus Values and Purpose.
- · A satisfactory National Police Clearance.
- · 'C' Class driver's Licence.
- Working with Children Check.

Accessibility requirements and/or adjustments can be directed to humanresources@youthfocus.com.au.



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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 ge 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 - <u>cp.midwesteast@stjohnwa.com.au</u> Website - <u>https://stjohnwa.com.au/changelives</u>

Address - 69 Hill Street

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

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 - <u>meekagymkhanaclub@outlook.con</u> Phone- President: Tracy Elliot 99812938.

Vice President: Nikki Garrity 0457152911

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

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 - <u>ralfpeg@westnet.com.au</u>

Website - https://ses-wa.asn.au/

Phone - 9980 1617

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

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

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!



ADVERTISING IN THE MEEKATHARRA DUST

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

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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.

Prices (from 1st of July 2022)

Peter Foster MLC

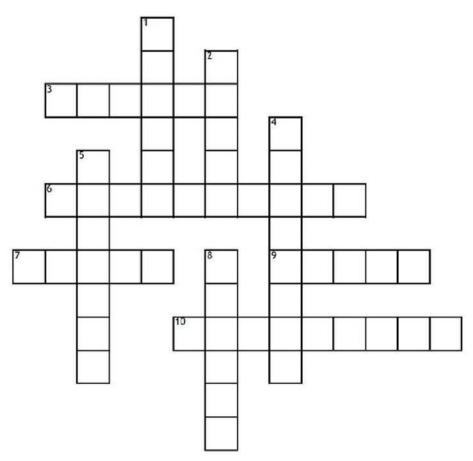
Member for Mining and Pastoral Region



- (08) 9144 4187
- peter.foster@mp.wa.gov.au
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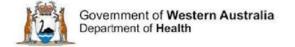
Lung Cancer Symptoms



Across

- **3.** Becoming shorter of _____ can be a symptom of lung cancer (6).
- **6.** Repeated chest _____ such as pneumonia can be a symptom of lung cancer (10).
- 7. If you ever cough up _____, it's important to make an appointment with your doctor (5).
- Body organs for breathing (5).
- **10.** Fatigue AKA _____ can be a symptom of lung cancer (9).

Partner:



Down

- Smokers should be mindful of any ______ to a cough they've always had (6).
- 2. Pain in this area is commonly associated with heart problems, though can also be a symptom of lung cancer (5).
- Speak to your doctor if you're experiencing ongoing and unexplained pain in the _____ joint at the top of the arm (8).
- **5.** A cough that is _____ for more than 4 weeks should be discussed with your doctor (7).
- **8.** If you notice any unexplained loss of _____ when you step on the scales, be sure to discuss it with your doctor (6).



PRIDAY

DAY 1 - SEPTEMBER 22

OUTDOOR ART EXHIBITION
SPACE REVEAL AND INDOOR
GALLERY ART EXHIBITION
OPENING OF OUR LOCAL
ARTISTS, ACCOMPANIED
WITH ARTIST TALKS.

CATHDDAY

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

SUNDAY

DAY 3 - SEDTEMBED 24

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





















SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22

MEEKA MADE ART EXHIBITION OPENING. 5:30 - 8:30 PM AND RAC LLOYD'S PLAZA STREETSCAPE ART PROJECT LAUNCH **EVENT**



SATURDAY

9AM - 1PM ART EXHIBITION, AND LLOYD'S PLAZA SATURDAY MARKETS

> 2PM - 8PM SIDESHOW, FOOD, SPORTS WESTGOLD COMPLEX & DEMONSTRATION, OVAL CIRCUS PERFORMANCE, BAND AND FIREWORKS



SUNDAY

8AM

WELCOME BREAKFAST GATHERING PARK

SPORTS

10AM - 3PM SIDESHOW, FOOD, PETTING ZOO, SPORTING ACTIVITIES,

OVAL CIRCUS WORKSHOP

7 PM MEEKA BALL (18+ EVENT) TOWN HALL TICKETED EVENT



BALL TICKETS ARE PRICED AT \$25. THIS IS FOR BOTH ENTRY AND FOOD. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BUY TICKETS: PLEASE CALL 9980 0600 OR VISIT THE SHIRE OFFICE.



Life goes on through the through the night.

Every beat of this ordinary life is an extraordinary thing. And we need your help to protect it.

St John Meekatharra urgently needs volunteers for night shifts.

If you're a night owl and would like to help, visit stjohnchangelives.com.au or give your local Community Paramedic a call on 0437 681 562, or email cp.midwesteast@stjohnwa.com.au

Life goes on. Volunteer with St John.





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TO: The Meekatharra Dust

PO Box 129.

Meekatharra WA 6642

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