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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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CEO COUNCIL MESSAGE

Welcome to the March 2024 edition of *The Dust* CEO Council Message Report that continues to provide information for all residents regarding the Council ordinary meeting that was held on the 17th of February 2024 as well as the Health, Building and Town Planning Committee meeting, the Audit Committee meeting and the Annual Electors meeting that were all 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 17 February 2024

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 January 2024. This included all activities, the progress of ongoing projects 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

The plaque for the Entry Statement time capsule has been installed behind the northern Entry Statement.

Lions Park

The shade structures have arrived. Project handover to new CDSM and to Project Officer took place early February

Median Strip – Meekatharra Streetscape Art Project

Repair works for the damaged middle section yet to be completed – now to be handled by the Works & Services Manager

Lloyds Signage

Awaiting Main Roads comments on the latest sign proposal. This will now be handled by the Project Officer.

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 Audit Committee Meeting 17 February 2024

4.1 Compliance Audit Return 2023

That the Committee recommends that Council adopts the attached Compliance Audit Return 2023 and submits it to the Director General, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries by 31 March 2024.

The above resolution confirms Council's requirement to complete its annual Compliance Audit Return (CAR) for the previous calendar year and to submit the Return to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

Items from the Shire of Meekatharra Annual Electors Meeting 17 February 2024

8.1 Receiving of the Shire of Meekatharra Annual Report 2022/23

That the Annual Report for the 2022/23 year be received.

A copy of the 2022/23 Shire of Meekatharra Annual Report is available from the Shire on its website www.meekashire.wa.gov.au or by contacting the Shire office.

Items from the Shire of Meekatharra Ordinary Meeting 17 February 2024

Item 9.3.1 – Mining Tenement Applications

That Council approve the following Applications from:

- 1. Mining Miscellaneous Licence Application 51/134 on behalf of KOP Ventures Pty Ltd situated along the Vermin Proof Fence and the unmanaged Crown Reserve 10597 Common) outside of the townsite of Meekatharra.*
- 2. Mining Miscellaneous Licence Application 52/253 from TG Mining Title Services on behalf of KOBOLD West Australia Pty Ltd and BHP Metals Exploration situated at Bulloo Downs.*
- 3. Mining Application for tenements M52/251, P52/1666 and P52/1529 by Southern Cross Prospecting on behalf of Tom Sander located at Horeshoe.*

4. *Mining Application for Tenement 52/4339 from Mining Equities Pty Ltd located at Kumarina*

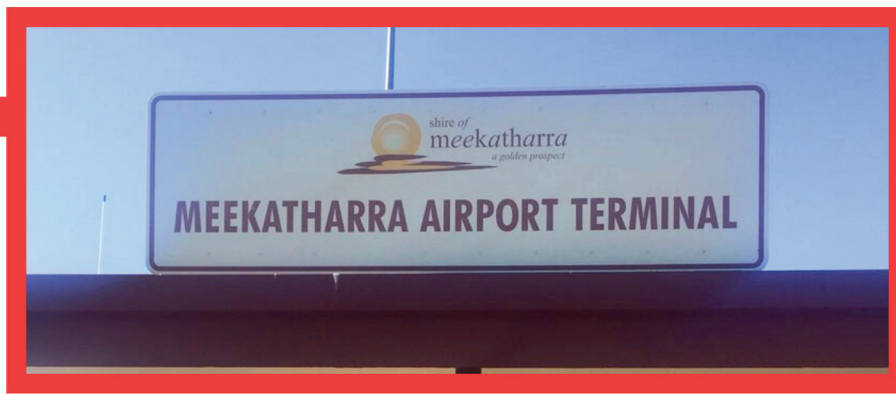
Council considers mining applications received for the district on a monthly basis.

Further Information Snippets

- Fond Farewell to Svenja and Pete Clare – as all the community are no doubt aware, in February we said a fond farewell to Svenja and Pete Clare who left Meekatharra for Pemberton. We wish them both all the best for the future after a long time spent in Meekatharra.
- Meekatharra airport sealing works – a reminder to the community that sealing works for the Meekatharra airport runway, apron, taxiway and RFDS area are scheduled to commence on 11 March 2024 until 31 March 2024 and the airport will be closed for this period.
- Landor Meekatharra Road sealing works – a further 3km section of sealing on the Landor Meekatharra Rd from SLK 33km to 36km was completed on Friday 23 February 2024.
- Meeka Goes Green – Council agreed to the request from Meeka Goes Green to terminate the lease between Council and Meeka Goes Green at its location on part lot 500 Railway Street Meekatharra.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled for Saturday the 16th of March 2024, so the next CEO *Council Message* column will appear in the April 2024 edition. Until then bye for now!

KJ Matthews – CEO



TEMPORARY CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT

The airport will be closed from Sunday, March 10th until Sunday, March 31st to undertake resealing of all pavement areas at the aerodrome.

There will be no aircraft movements permitted during this time, including aviation fuel sales and bulk shire diesel sales.

There will be exception for RFDS (Royal Flying Doctor Service) emergency medical evacuations.

The above dates are indicative only and maybe affected by inclement weather or logistical supply issues.

For further inquiries please contact the airport manager at 0417968115.

Thank you for your understanding.

**We Are
CLOSED**

Community



Happenings

WHAT'S CURRENTLY HAPPENING IN MEEKA?



AUNTY BA FUNDRAISER

*And the
Winner is...*

PAINTING

Kate

PAINTING

Raelene

EMU EGG

Erin

EMU EGG

Troy

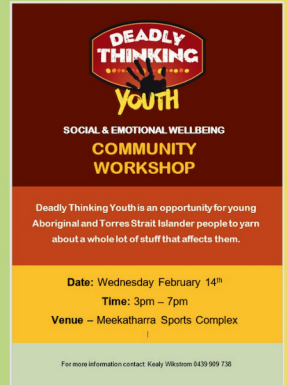
Congratulations to the winners of Aunty BA's raffle! She raised over \$400 for the RFDS. Many thanks to all that brought a ticket. We hope for your continued support. Most of all, thank you to Aunty BA for initiating this fundraiser, thank you for your love for the community.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Recent Events & Programs

Deadly Thinking Feb 14

On Feb 14, Deadly Thinking Workshop was delivered in Meekatharra for the Youth between the ages 12+ above. The workshop offered offer a safe and culturally appropriate environment for young people to yarn about their troubles and learn how to feel strong in body, mind, and spirit.



This year, Meekatharra joined the rest of the country by hosting Brighter Day Party. It is a day where we reflect on the Youth suicide that heavily affects of young people, their family and friends. We did this through hosting different arts & craft activity, bubbles, water guns, fun hair chalks and face painting! We ended the night by serving tacos to every one who attended.

Brighter Day Party Feb 23

Girls & Boys Night Feb 28

Youth Focus and Youth Services recently got together to deliver both Girls & Boys Night on the same day! Both teams enjoyed the night through different fun activities, and little workshops through the night.



Community Yarn



Communities of Focus, which is led by Timika and Gillian, alongside their Community Working Group and with the assistance of Jen, had a successful community yarn. It was well attended by both stakeholders and local community members. They presented the work that Communities of Focus has been doing and the initiatives that they have been actioning and planning to do.

Community Yarn Feb 28

MEEKATHARRA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

White Card Training

On 20th February Meekatharra students drove across to Wiluna Remote Community School to gain the White Card (WA) Worksafe Approved training. The Training was provided by Boodjera Construction and was completed at Wiluna's Trade Training Centre.

A White card is issued to individuals who complete general construction induction training. It serves as proof that workers have a basic understanding of health and safety precautions on a work site.

Students Bobbie Jo, Madison, Ned and Lakea received their White Card in Construction after this training, opening the pathway to being able to take part in further worksite trade activities scheduled throughout the year.



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 enquiries 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 enquiries or bookings.



Lloyds Plaza Conference Room



Town Hall



Sporting Complex and Oval



GYM

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

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

Access is restricted to 16 years old and above

Opening Hours

5am - 10pm

For any enquiries, please contact us directly at **9980 0600** or email us at cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au

Fees & Charges (as of July 2023, subject to change)

\$20 once-off sign up fee + then only \$32 per month

Concessions available

Fees apply for lost cards

SWIMMING POOL

The Meekatharra War Memorial Swimming Pool is located centrally in town on Main Street. A much loved community asset, it's the perfect place to cool off during summer, socialise with friends or enhance your fitness.

Opening Hours

1 October to 31 March each year

Monday - Friday

12pm to 6pm

6pm to 7pm - Adults Only

Saturday - Sunday

11am to 6pm

Fees & Charges

Daily, weekly & full season passes available for children, adults and families. Concessions available.

'Pool for School' policy in place, rewarding school attendance with free entry to the Pool.

Enquire at the Shire Office for details or on 9980 0600 or email us at cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au.





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

Temporarily out of action, repairs in progress.

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 enquiries, 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.)

For any enquiries, please contact us directly at 9980 0600 or email us at cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au





BASKETBALL COURTS

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

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

Opening Hours

5am - 10pm

Fees

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

For any enquiries, please contact us directly at 9980 0600 or email us at cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au

KIDZONE & YOUTH CENTRE

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

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

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

Opening Hours

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

Youth Centre: 6 till 8pm everyday Monday to Friday

For any enquiries, 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)



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.

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.

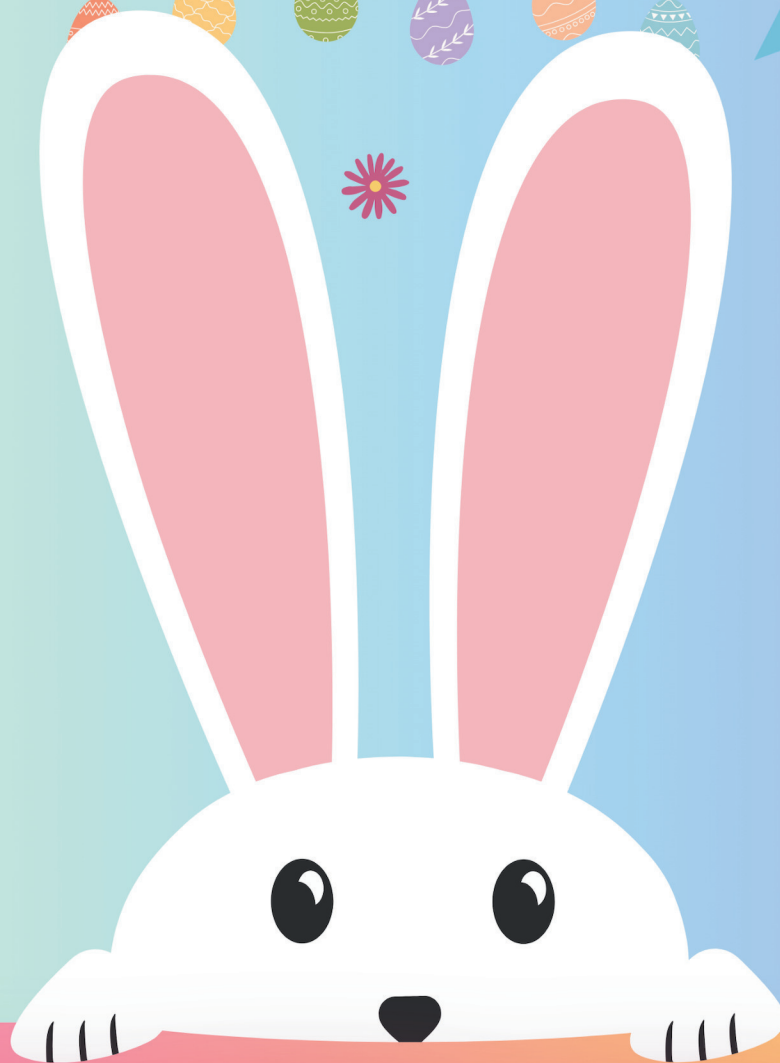
Open from 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday.

Meekatharra Public Library is located at 54 Main Street Meekatharra

Ph: (08) 9980 0600

Fax: (08) 9981 1505

cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au



EASTER EGG *Hunt*

28 MAR - THU - 3 to 5PM

SPORTS COMPLEX & OVAL

Hampers to be won!

Snacks, Fruits and Drinks provided

EVERYONE WELCOME



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



Life



Style

THINGS WE DO HERE IN TOWN.

SunSmart relaunches graphic campaign **Two sides of the Sun** to educate people living in the Midwest/Gascoyne regions that it is UV not hot weather that causes skin damage.

When the UV is 3 or above, protect yourself!

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world, yet it is highly preventable by using sun protection. There were nearly 200 deaths from skin cancer in Western Australia in 2020 and more than 117,000 skin cancer treatments in 2023.

Diagnosis and treatment of skin cancer is estimated to cost the WA health system approximately \$172 million per year.

Two sides of the sun was originally launched during the summer of 2021/2022 and the latest phase of this campaign has just been launched and shows us that there are two sides of the sun; a pleasant and nurturing side, and a dangerous side which can lead to skin damage and skin cancer.

This campaign hopes to motivate people to use multiple sun protection strategies during outdoor activities when UV levels reach 3 or above. UV not heat causes skin damage and UV can still be high on cool or cloudy days – it is different to heat and can't be felt. Protect your skin in five ways – Slop, Slop, Slap, Seek & Slide.

The campaign will run from **February – May 2024** on radio (including digital audio), out-of-home and online channels (including social media and search activity).

To find out more visit myUV.com.au to check the UV level and guide their sun protection behaviour.: sunsmart@cancerwa.asn.au



Find Skin Cancer Early

Common skin cancer symptoms:

- A new spot or mole on your skin that is red, pale or pearly in colour
- A spot that is different from other spots on your skin
- Any crusty or non-healing sores
- Any spots, freckles or any moles changing in size (width), thickness (height), colour, or shape

Get to know your skin and what's normal for you, particularly if you're over 40 years of age. If you notice any of these symptoms or any other unusual changes, tell your doctor without delay.

If it's skin cancer, the earlier it's found, the greater the chance of successful treatment.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Please join Wayne Bramwell, our Managing Director, for a community update at the Lloyd Centre, Meekatharra. Wayne will discuss Westgold's operations and looks forward to meeting local community members.

Date

9 April 2024

Time

10:00am

Location

Lloyd Centre, Meekatharra



Wayne Bramwell

Managing Director, Westgold Resources Limited

If you have any questions prior to the update, please contact our Community Relations Superintendent: John Isgar.

We hope to see you there.

0448 883 392



John.Isgar@westgold.com.au





Animal Management

We can treat your animals for parasites and give you some tips on keeping a healthy parasite free animal

1



2



Pest Control treatments

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

3



Community Housing

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

4



Distribution

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

5



Education

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

Call Melissa on 9980 1339

VET CLINIC

WHEN

17-19 APR 2024

WHERE

Town Hall

TIME

7:30am to 5pm



Services

- Vaccination
 - FREE if the dog is being sterilized
 - \$50 (**CASH ONLY**) for vaccinations if not being sterilized
- Micro-chipping
 - FREE if the dog is being sterilized
 - \$55 for micro-chipping if not being sterilized
- Pet Checks (FREE)
- Sterilization (FREE)
- Registrations
 - FREE for one year if pet is being sterilized

NOTE: Surgeries are performed by final year students, under direct supervision of experienced veterinarians.



Concession Card Holders are given priority and must bring their card.

MUST BOOK!

9980 0600 (Shire Office)



Consumer Watch Column

Consumer Protection 140 William Street Perth

Tel: (08) 9920 9803

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

Living by the law: what you need to know before share housing

Splitting a rental with mates or even people you find through an advert can be a smart way to tackle soaring rent prices and low vacancy rates. But before you start dividing up chores and discussing furniture options, it's important to understand your legal rights and responsibilities when it comes to share house arrangements.

In co-tenancies, there is a shared tenancy agreement, but all tenants are jointly responsible for the full rent amount, bond and condition of the entire property. This means if your house mate misses a rent payment, for example, the whole household could be at risk of breaching the tenancy agreement unless they can cover the outstanding amount.

When it comes to paying the bond, each contributor must be listed against the bond as a tenant. The private landlord or agent then has 14 days to lodge the bond with the Bond Administrator. Consumer Protection has recently had two real estate agencies and directors fined and reprimanded for failing to lodge tenancy bonds within the required timeframe. Renters deserve peace of mind knowing their bonds are being handled by landlords and agents in accordance with the law.

It is important tenants receive an immediate receipt of their payment. The Bond Administrator will also send the tenants and the private landlord/agent a record of the payment directly from the department. This also ensures each tenant is returned their correct share of the bond when the tenancy ends.

If you move out of a share house, negotiate to have your name removed from the tenancy agreement. If you fail to do this, you can still be held responsible for the rent and other obligations. Also ensure you are provided with an outgoing property condition report. If anything needs to be addressed the cost will be recovered from your share of the bond.

Similarly, if you move into a share house ask for the tenancy agreement to be varied to list you as a co-tenant and add your name to the bond. The landlord/agent should provide an up-to-date property condition report. As the new co-tenant, you cannot be held responsible for the condition of the property before you moved in.

We advise only entering into shared tenancy agreements with people you trust and communicate well with. We know this can be difficult to gauge when replying to an ad looking for a house mate, so we recommend putting everything of importance in writing to protect yourself. This may include agreements about how and when rent and bills are paid, responsibility for everyday cleaning and maintenance of the property, ownership of any shared belongings and use of common areas.



If one tenant has paid another tenant's share of rent or other money owed to the landlord, the tenant can apply to the court for an order they be repaid by the other tenant. If you need assistance with money owed by a co-tenant or other similar dispute, reach out to your local community legal centre for more advice.

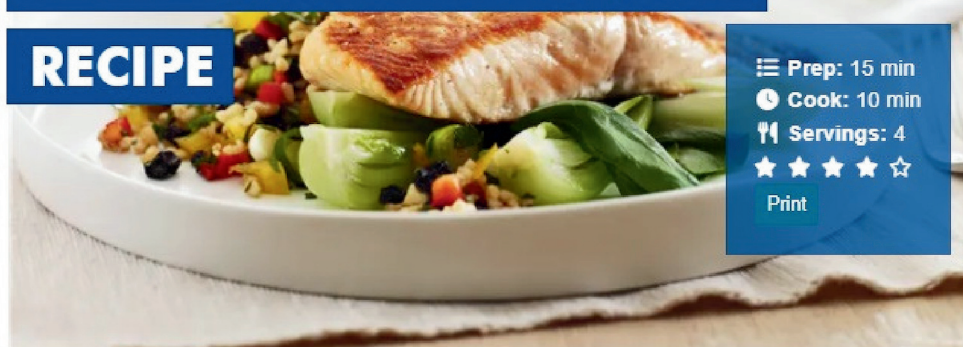
When everyone decides to move out of a share house the tenancy ends in the typical way.

If you do not receive a record of bond payment from the Bonds Administrator in the first few weeks of moving in, please contact us on 1300 30 40 54 or consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au so we can follow up.

HEALTHY GRILLED SALMON

WITH BROWN RICE SALAD

RECIPE



☰ Prep: 15 min
🕒 Cook: 10 min
🍴 Servings: 4
★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Print

Summer-1 Main Seafood Dairy-free Salad Rice DudeFood Autumn
Christmas inspiration

Ingredients

- ▲ 2 cups cooked brown rice (from 1 cup uncooked rice)
- ▲ 6 spring onions (including green tops), thinly sliced
- ▲ 1 medium red capsicum, seeded and finely diced
- ▲ 1 medium yellow capsicum, seeded and finely diced
- ▲ 1/2 cup parsley, chopped
- ▲ 1/2 cup currants
- ▲ 4 x 100 g salmon fillet
- ▲ olive or canola oil spray
- ▲ 1 bunch bok choy, quartered
- ▲ 1/2 cup unsalted roasted cashews, roughly chopped, to serve
- ▲ 1 tbs salt-reduced soy sauce
- ▲ 2 tsp balsamic vinegar
- ▲ 2 tsp honey
- ▲ 1 tsp sesame oil
- ▲ juice of 1/2 lemon

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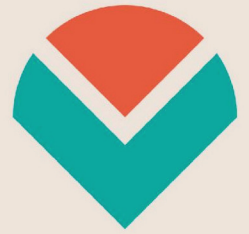
Method

1. In a large bowl, mix together cooked rice, spring onions, capsicums, parsley and currants.
2. To make dressing, combine soy sauce, vinegar, honey, sesame oil and lemon juice in a cup. Pour over salad and stir through well.
3. Place a metal steamer into a large saucepan with a few centimetres of water. Add bok choy and bring to the boil. Steam with lid on for 3 minutes or until tender.
4. Meanwhile heat a griddle, barbeque grill or large non-stick frypan on high. Lightly spray each side of salmon with oil, season with pepper. Reduce heat to medium and cook salmon for 3 minutes each side until golden brown and just cooked.
5. Top rice salad with cashews then spoon onto serving plates.
6. Add bok choy and salmon fillets; serve immediately.

💡 Healthy tip!

Chilli, lemon and herbs add flavour - great alternatives to butter and salt!

Australian
VANADIUM
LIMITED



**REACH OUT
TO US!**



(08) 9321 5594

info@avl.au

www.avl.au

Australian Vanadium Limited and Technology Metals Australia have merged!

We are excited to let the Meekatharra community know that Australian Vanadium Limited and Technology Metals Australia have joined forces through a recent merger. The merged company will continue to be known as Australian Vanadium Limited (AVL).

The merger combines the vanadium orebody into one unified project, on Yugunga-Nya country, avoiding duplication of infrastructure and reducing our environmental footprint, making operations much more streamlined. It will also enable a smoother pathway to financing the project.

Together, we're paving the way for a brighter future.

2024 Markets

- April 13
- May 11
- June 8
- July 13
- August 10
- September 21
- October 12
- November 9
- December 10

If you would like to set-up a stall or have questions, please do not hesitate to speak with Jo at the CRC.



Gifts - Food - Art - Many More!



Core Services

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

FOOD FOR THE MOB

TRANSPORT

SOCIAL
PARTICIPATION
CLASSES

SERVICES FOR
APPOINTMENTS

YARD &
GARDENING
SERVICES

HOUSE
CLEANING



For more information please contact our Community Hub Coordinator
Email: communitycoordinator@yulella.org.au
Phone: 0499 462 829

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



From 1 July 2023

Department of Transport Servicing

Tuesday 9am to 1pm

Thursday 9am to 1pm

And when the Testing officer is visiting.

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

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

-Jo from CRC

Extraordinary Outback Experience



Self contained units

Twin rooms

Camp sites

Camp kitchen

Fuel

Licensed store

Lawns & shade

Mt Augustus

Tourist Park

Heart of the Gascoyne
at the World's
Biggest Rock

0899439527

mtaugustustouristpark@skymesh.com.au

RESPECT THE LAND, PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES

STOP ROCK THROWING

Destroys Lives
Destroys Family
Destroys Property
Destroys Futures
Destroys Harmony



Be Vigilant
Be Smart
Do The Right Thing
Report Suspicious Activity



@MeekaPol



Meekatharra

Commercial Hotel

Photo from: wanderingwarwickswonderment.wordpress.com

Facilities:

- Hotel/ Motel
- Pub
- Bottle'o
- Outdoor Beer Garden
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*We serve excellent
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Lunch

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(Mon-Sat)

Dinner

6-8 pm
(Sun-Sat)



Motel Rooms



Motel Rooms

For bookings and enquiries:

Telephone

99811020

Email

commieh@westnet.com.au

Website

www.commercialmeeka.com.au

Accommodation includes

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



Beer Garden



Pub



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

SHIRE LIBRARY

Rhyme Time

WEDNESDAYS
10 - 10:30 am
For 0-4 years old



Containers For Change

MEEKATHARRA

NEW OPEN HOURS

Wednesday & Saturday

8.00—12.00

BAG DROP OFF AVAILABLE



Meekatharra Corner Store

Corner of Main & High Streets, Meekatharra

Ph: 9981 1151



BP Fuel & Lubricants
Premium Unleaded Fuel now available



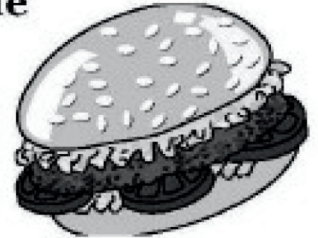
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A range of Asian Ingredients and utensils available for sale



Burgers

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ACCOMMODATION CENTRE

Open Daily 6.00am—9.00pm

Catering for your special function? Email us for a quote on

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or call on 99811253

Arts &



Culture

CREATIVELY FLOWS THROUGH MEEKA!



Youth Art Exhibition

Calling out **all young artists** in Meekatharra to make and join their artworks for a Youth Art Exhibition on the same day as the Visitor Centre Grand Opening on *April 19, 2024*.

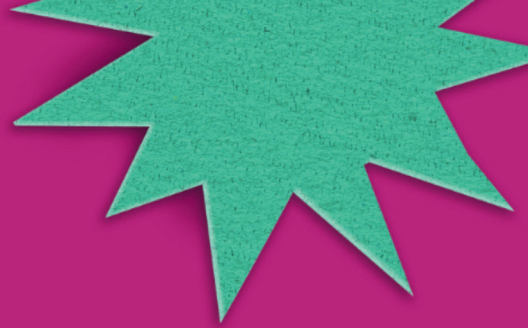
Go to the Youth Centre or Youth Focus to create artworks and ask them to help you prepare for the exhibition, and submit your artwork there by **April 15, 2024**.

Prizes to be won by exhibiting!

FOR AGES 10-25

OPEN TO ANY FORMS OF ART

ARTISTS CAN ALSO SELL THEIR WORK



LEARN ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS AS AN ARTIST!

ART TALK!

- COPYRIGHT
- MORAL RIGHTS
- ICIP
(INDIGENOUS CULTURAL AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY)
- CONTRACTS
- LICENSING
- WILLS AND ESTATES



9AM - LLOYD'S CONFERENCE
13 MAR - WEDNESDAY
EVERYONE WELCOME!
SEE YOU THERE!





Drumming

Djembe Workshop

Open for ALL AGES

FREE WORKSHOP

Drums provided!

JUST BRING YOURSELF

11 March - Monday - 7pm - Town Hall

SNACKS AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

For more information, call the Shire Office at 9980 0600
and speak with Larra.



CALLING FOR Submissions!

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

Send your submissions to PO Box 129, Meekatharra WA 6642 or drop them in at the Shire office. Alternatively, you can email us at: cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au

STRATEGIES FOR AVOIDING BURNOUT

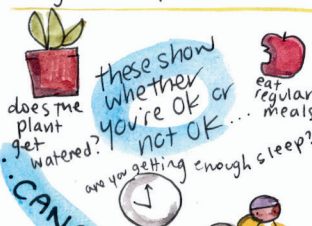
BOUNDARIES..
what are yours? me-time



BUFFERS..

leave enough time to complete tasks

take time to recover after big events



CANARIES..



CELEBRATION..

@brenna-quinlan

"OFF THE BEATEN TRACK" WITH MATTY

98.3 MEEKA FM

Meekatharra, WA

A FAVOURITE TRAVELLING SONG? REQUEST IT FOR THE SHOW.



MONDAYS LUNCH



Classified Ads

& Miscellaneous

OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION ABOUT MEEKA

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Where can I volunteer?

ST JOHN AMBULANCE

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

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 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!



VOL _ NTEER WE NEED U



wa.gov.au/volunteering

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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)

Property for Sale

Exciting news! A wonderful three-bedroom residence is now available for sale right here in our own backyard in Meekatharra. Priced at a reasonable \$85,000, this home offers a fantastic opportunity for those looking to settle into our peaceful community.

Key Features:

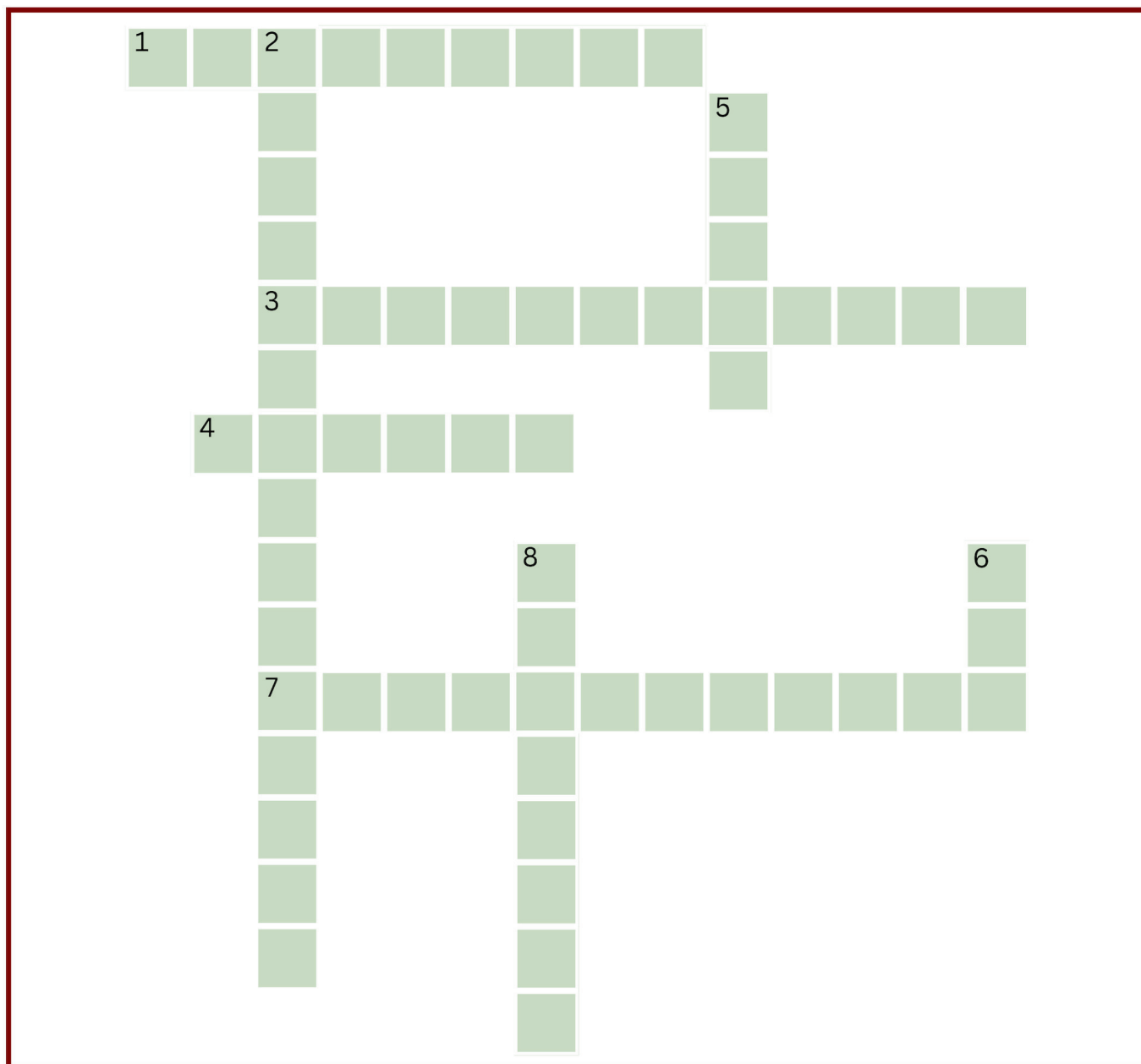
- Air-conditioned bedrooms and living area
- Charming pergola for outdoor enjoyment
- Spacious double garage for convenience
- 1012m2 allotment for ample space

For more details and to make this house your home, contact Murray Fraser at 0407 381 37 or 9921 4455.

Let's keep this gem within our community!



Figurative Language Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. An exaggeration
3. A sound
4. A comparison using like or as
7. repetition of similar sounds

Down

2. Giving human qualities to something not human
5. a phrase with a hidden meaning
6. A humorous play on words
8. A comparison without like or as

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