# MEEKATHARRA DUST





#### 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 THE CDO, OR EMAIL US AT

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OR GIVE US A FOLLOW ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIAS







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#### CEO COUNCIL MESSAGE

Welcome to the April 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 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 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 16 March 2024

#### <u>Item 7.1.1 – Principal Environmental Health Officer and Building Surveyor's Report</u>

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 February 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.

#### <u>Item 7.1.2 – Community Development & Services Manager's Report</u>

#### **Entry Statements**

The design work for the Visitor Centre wall panel explaining the Entry Statement artwork is still in progress

#### Lions Park

Quotes have been requested for 555m2 of Lawn/grass. The Project Officer is working on physical structures with concrete, shade and benches and liaising with local plumbing expertise for reticulation

#### 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.

#### <u>Items from the Shire of Meekatharra Ordinary Meeting 16 March 2024</u>

#### <u>Item 9.3.3 – Murchison Geo Region Constitution</u>

That Council endorse the proposed Constitution for the Murchison Geo Region and Geoparks Incorporated trading as Murchison Geo Region as presented by the Murchison Geo Region Project Working Group.

Council is a member of the Murchison Geo Region comprising of members from each of the participating local governments of Wiluna, Murchison, Yalgoo, Meekatharra, Cue, Sandstone and Mount Magnet. Cr Judy Holden is the Shire of Meekatharra representative. The above resolution reflects Councils commitment to progressing the Murchison Geo Region by endorsing the model Constitution from all participating Local Governments prior to formally lodge with the appropriate bodies for incorporation.

#### <u>Item 11.1 – Donation Request – Meekatharra Youth Darts</u>

That Council agree to the request from Yulella Aboriginal Corporation for a donation of \$500.00 towards supporting the Meeka Girls Darts Team participation in the WA Junior Darts Championships in Perth to be held in July 2024.

Council was pleased to agree to the request for funding assistance towards providing essential equipment, training materials, shirts and opportunities for our budding players to hone their skills. Council would request recognition of its donation.

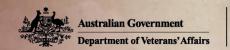
#### **Further Information Snippets**

- ➤ Mama Moon's Bakery as all the community are aware, sadly the Mama Moon's Bakery closed its doors permanently on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2024. Council has now advertised for expressions of interest to attract any possible businesses or individuals who may be interested in leasing the Café/Bakery.
- ➤ Meekatharra airport sealing works the recent airport resealing works at the Meekatharra airport have been successfully completed and Council extends its appreciation to the community for its patience and understanding. The works were completed a few days after the scheduled timeframe.
- ➤ Staff resignation we say a fond and sad farewell to our Community Development Officer (Larra Juab) this month. As most of the community would be aware, Larra has been with us for more than a year and anyone in the community who has interacted with Larra would agree that she has a dynamic, engaging, courteous and professional approach to her work. On behalf of Council and the community we wish her well in her future endeavours.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled for Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2024, so the next CEO *Council Message* column will appear in the May 2024 edition. Until then bye for now!

**KJ Matthews - CEO** 





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Indigenous Service
in the First World War

DAWN SERVICE

AT PADDY'S FLAT (END OF MCLEARY ST)

FROM 6:15 AM ON 25 APRIL 2024

FOLLOWED BY A GUNFIRE BREAKFAST PREPARED BY THE VETERANS LEGION OF AUSTRALIA MEEKATHARRA







# PUBLIC NOTICE MEEKATHARRA AIRPORT OPENING

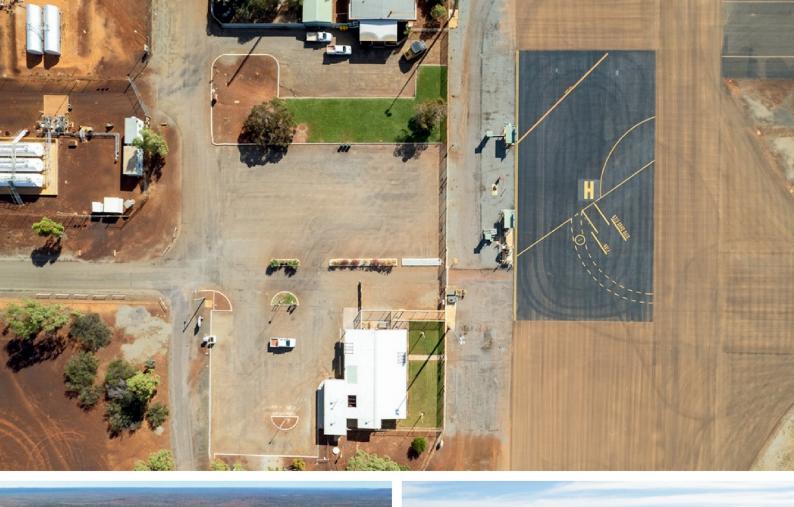
Following the completion of scheduled runway, taxiway and apron that included the RFDS area sealing works at the Meekatharra airport, the public is advised that the airport has re-opened to normal operations from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2024. Council appreciates the understanding of those who have been affected by the closure.

**KJ Matthews** 

**Chief Executive Officer** 

10 April 2024











#### Meekatharra Police

Meekatharra Police continue to engage with our community members and local government and non-government organisations.

We have had a changeover of a few staff with a number of new police officers arriving over the last couple of months and a couple more arriving in the next few weeks.

With these new staff they bring a few extra skills sets to Meekatharra Police, including experience in remote WA communities and working with youth.

The complaint I hear the most about is the off-road motorbikes and quad bikes. Riding off-road bikes and quads on the road is not only illegal and carries some serious consequences it is putting a number of our community at risk. The Police can only do so much to curb this behaviour but ultimately the parents and kids that use these bikes need to understand the risk from not only the law, but the health risk is another crash occurs and they are not wearing suitable helmets and protective clothing.



Its your lives and livelihood if caught riding these around town. We currently have a number of trail bikes that have been seized for this illegal riding and will be crushed. This is a huge cost to those that own them and just part of the fines they can receive from the courts.

Alcohol related anti-social behaviour and family violence are always a concern for Police and our hospital. Getting drunk and stealing, damaging property and assaulting people will never be tolerated. Our family violence incidents are concerning and most stem from alcohol use. When these incidents occur Meekatharra police will always call on our licenced premises to restrict full strength alcohol and keep our community safe.

And last but not least is we hope to start up a few more activities around town with the younger members of the community. These include some BlueLight Disco's and afterschool sporting activities.

With recent support from WestGold we have managed to purchase a trailer to transport all our BlueLight music and sporting equipment. The trailer is currently in Perth getting a wrap and decals added to highlight a local artist and the support from WestGold.

# 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



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.

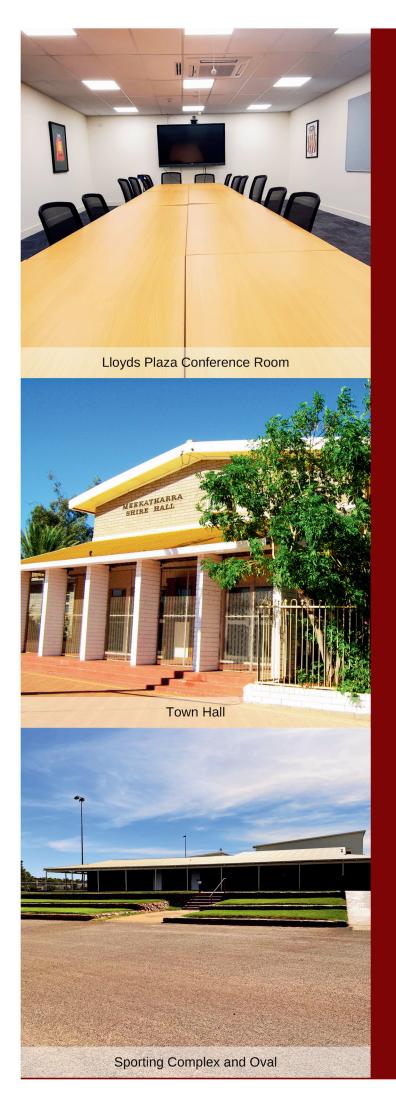
#### **SPORTING COMPLEX AND OVAL**

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.





#### **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. Make sure to sign up and check out the space as we have been upgrading the space and our equipment's so we can deliver the best gym in the region!

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

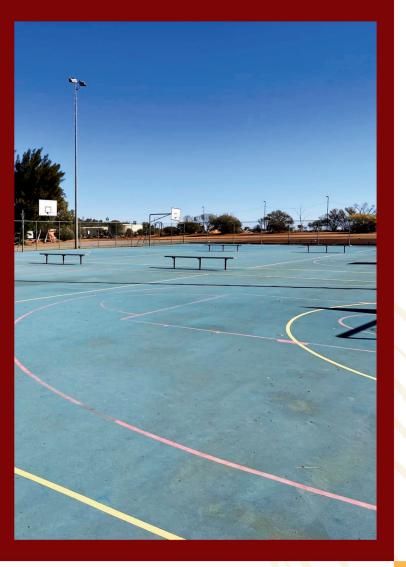
#### Fees & Charges

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

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

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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 5-9 years old, while Youth Centre welcomes youth from age 10 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 yo@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.

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

# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS Easter Celebrations

On Thursday, 28 March 2024, our community came together for a delightful Easter celebration filled with an egg hunt and hampers. Thanks to the generous support of the Shire of Meekatharra, Youth Focus, CRC, Westgold, and Australian Vanadium Limited, the event was a resounding success.

Hundreds of chocolate Easter eggs brought smiles to faces of all ages, and a communal feast capped off the day's festivities.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to these organizations for their invaluable contributions, which made our celebration memorable and joyful.

















# 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\*







# THE MEEKATHARRA DENTAL CLINIC IS CLOSED

THE NEXT CLINIC WILL BE HELD IN MOUNT MAGNET COMMENCING TUESDAY, 21 MAY AND SANDSTONE FROM MONDAY, 27 MAY 2024

IF YOU HAVE A DENTAL EMERGENCY,
PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL GP
CLINIC, HOSPITAL OR NURSING POST
FOR ASSISTANCE.

YOU CAN ALSO CONTACT THE STAFF FROM THE MEEKATHARRA CLINIC ON 0427 386 647 FOR ADVICE





# Ray wins TAFE ATSI Student of the Year Award

Congratulations to Raymond Binsiar who took-out the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award at this week's Central Regional TAFE Graduation and Major Awards night in Kalgoorlie.

Raymond, who late last year completed a four-year apprenticeship with Westgold as a diesel fitter, is now employed full-time at our Bluebird Underground Mine.

Raymond's lecturer at TAFE said he excelled at both theory and practical tasks and finished the unit in record time.

Westgold Project and Planning Superintendent Nian Weary said from the beginning of his apprenticeship Ray demonstrated a willingness to take on challenging tasks even if failure was a possibility. "His adaptability to the evolving demands of the business has been exceptional. Moreover, Ray has exhibited maturity in managing apprentice training in Kalgoorlie far from his home base in Meekatharra whilst balancing family and work commitments.

"We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Ray on being chosen the Aboriginal Student of the Year for 2023."

In 2018, Ray also won the ABC's Heywire storytelling competition, which encourages young people to talk about their life living in rural and regional Australia.











#### Facilities:

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

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#### For bookings and enquiries:

#### Telephone

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#### **Email**

commieh@westnet.com.au

#### Website

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-Located upstairs in original building-









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#### ERM 2 YOUTH SERVICES **APRIL** 19 20 KZ COOKING **KZ SPORTS KZ ART EXPO PREP** KZ ART EXPO PREP **KZ GAMES DAY** YC ART EXPO PREP **ART EXHIBITON** SPORTS SPORTS WITH FOOTY WITH 999 YC ART EXPO PREP KARALUNDI AT OVAL AT OVAL AT LLOYDS PLAZ SMF AT OVAL 24 KZ COOKING **KZ GARDENING** CLOSED **KZ SPORTS KZ MOVIE DAY** MURCHISON MARLU YC DROP IN YC DROP IN YC DROP IN **ANZAC DAY** YC DROP IN JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE **PUBLIC** 10AM-12PM GIRLS NIGHT AT YE FOOTY WITH **HOT CHOC &** IN CUE YC GAMES NIGHT **HOLIDAY BOYS NIGHT AT YC** SMF AT OVAL MOVIE NIGHT 30 KZ COOKING **KZ GARDENING KZ MOVIE DAY KZ SPORTS** KZ GAMES DAY MURCHISON MARLU YC DROP IN UNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE 10AM-12PM FOOTY WITH AT SPORTS WITH **HOT CHOC &** IN CUE SMF AT OVAL KARALUNDI AT OVAL MOVIE NIGHT 8 KZ COOKING KZ GARDENING **KZ MOVIE DAY** KZ SPORTS **KZ GAMES DAY** MURCHISON MARLU YC DROP IN UNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE GIRLS NIGHT AT YE 10AM-12PM FOOTY WITH SPORTS WITH **HOT CHOC &** IN MEEKATHARRA YC GAMES NIGHT SMF AT OVAL **BOYS NIGHT AT YC** KARALUNDI AT OVAL MOVIE NIGHT **KZ COOKING KZ GARDENING KZ MOVIE DAY KZ SPORTS KZ GAMES DAY** MURCHISON MARLU YC DROP IN UNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE 10AM-12PM FOOTY WITH SPORTS SPORTS WITH 999 **HOT CHOC &** IN CUE YC GAMES NIGHT SMF AT OVAL AT OVAL KARALUNDI AT OVAL **MOVIE NIGHT** KZ COOKING KZ GARDENING **KZ MOVIE DAY KZ SPORTS** KZ GAMES DAY **MURCHISON MARLU** YC DROP IN JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE 10AM-12PM girls night at yf FOOTY WITH HOT CHOC & SPORTS WITH IN MT MAGNET SMF AT OVAL **BOYS NIGHT AT YC** KARALUNDI AT OVAL MOVIE NIGHT■ 29 30 28 31 JUNE KZ COOKING KZ GARDENING KZ SPORTS **KZ MOVIE DAY KZ GAMES DAY** MURCHISON MARLU YC DROP IN JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE FOOTY WITH SPORTS WITH 10AM-12PM SPORTS 999 **HOT CHOC &** YC GAMES NIGHT IN CUE SMF AT OVAL KARALUNDI AT OVAL AT OVAL MOVIE NIGHT **KZ GARDENING KZ MOVIE DAY KZ GAMES DAY KZ SPORTS** MURCHISON MARLU **CLOSED** YC DROP IN YC DROP IN YC DROP IN YC DROP IN JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE **WA DAY PUBLIC** 10AM-12PM FAIR GAME FAIR GAME VISIT WITH **FAIR GAME HOT CHOC &** IN CUE **HOLIDAY** KARALUNDI AT OVAL **VISIT AT OVAL VISIT AT OVAL** MOVIE NIGHT 13 12 KZ COOKING **KZ GARDENING KZ MOVIE DAY KZ SPORTS** KZ GAMES DAY MURCHISON MARLU YC DROP IN JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE 10AM-12PM FOOTY WITH SPORTS WITH **HOT CHOC &** IN CUE **OVAL** SMF AT OVAL KARALUNDI AT OVAL MOVIE NIGHT 19 20 KZ COOKING KZ GARDENING **KZ MOVIE DAY KZ SPORTS KZ GAMES DAY** MURCHISON MARLU YC DROP IN UNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE 10AM-12PM GIRLS NIGHT AT YF FOOTY WITH HOT CHOC & SPORTS WITH IN MT MAGNET YC GAMES NIGHT **BOYS NIGHT AT YC** SMF AT OVAL **MOVIE NIGHT** KARALUNDI AT OVAL KZ COOKING **KZ GARDENING** KZ SPORTS **KZ GAMES DAY KZ MOVIE DAY** MURCHISON MARLU YC DROP IN JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE 10AM-12PM FOOTY WITH **SPORTS** SPORTS WITH **HOT CHOC &** 999 IN CUE YC GAMES NIGHT SMF AT OVAL AT OVAL KARALUNDI AT OVAL **MOVIE NIGHT**

#### **TERM 2 YOUTH SERVICES**





For more information please contact
Youth Officer Kadi on 0475 371 517 between 8am and 5pm

The Shire of Meekatharra is committed to providing dynamic youth programs to engage the kids in the community in a positive way, and to promote healthy self-esteem and self-development.

#### KIDZONE

1 Session between 3 and 5pm every week day (except public holidays)
Kidzone activities are for children aged 5-9 years old
Children under the age of 5 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

#### **YOUTH CENTRE**

2 sessions every week day (except public holidays)

Session 1 is between 3pm and 5pm at the Youth Centre including various drop in activities such as art and board games.

Session 2 is between 6pm and 8pm with some sessions taking place at the sports complex/oval.

Youth Centre Activities are for children aged 10-17 years old.

RESPECT.SAFETY.PARTICIPATION.RESPONSIBILITY.LEGALITY







FAIRGAME









#### **Animal Management**

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





#### **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!





#### **Distribution**

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





- 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.





Leigh Bright
Midwest/Gascoyne
Regional Education Officer
Cancer Council Western Australia
Leigh.Bright@cancerwa.asn.au

#### Are you up to date with your bowel cancer screening?

Cancer Council WA is calling for more West Australians to complete the free lifesaving bowel cancer screening test, with figures showing only four in 10 eligible Australians are participating in Australia's National Bowel Cancer Screening Program.

Bowel cancer is Australia's second biggest cancer killer. Many people don't realise it kills more Australians each year than breast, prostate, or skin cancer.

When you receive the test, don't put it in the cupboard and forget about it - delaying can easily become ignoring, forgetting, and ultimately not doing.



The test is quick, simple and you can complete it in the comfort of your own home. Over 90 per cent of bowel cancer cases can be successfully treated if caught in the early stages.

To find out more about the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program or to order a free replacement kit, go to **bowelcancer.org.au** or call **1800 627 701** for more information.





### When UV is 3 or above be SunSmart.

But how do you know when?

#### Use the free SunSmart Global UV App!

The sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation is the major cause of skin cancer. UV cannot be seen or felt and can damage your skin on cool or cloudy days. The sun protection times tell you when UV is forecast to reach 3 and above, that's the time to be SunSmart.







Download the app or go to myUV.com.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 you doctor without delay.

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

Visit <a href="https://www.findcancerearly.com.au/cancer-symptoms/skin-cancer/">https://www.findcancerearly.com.au/cancer-symptoms/skin-cancer/</a> for more information.







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

FOOD FOR THE MOB

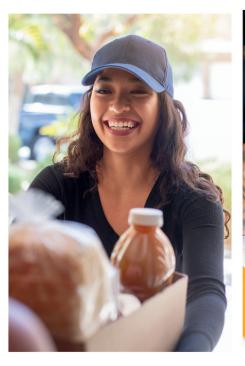
TRANSPORT

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



#### Your voice matters now more than ever!

Cancer Council WA is urging West Australians to get behind new laws that will stop the supply of all non-prescription e-cigarettes. Your voice is powerful. Whether you are a parent, health professional or concerned member of the public, we have all witnessed the insidious uptake of vaping by young people in our community.

Young Australians who vape are three times as likely to take up smoking as those who have never vaped. The most effective way to act is by asking Senators to vote for the new legislation to reduce the devastating harm caused by vapes. The Federal Government plans to introduce a draft law, which, if passed, will end the domestic manufacture, supply, advertising, and commercial possession of non-therapeutic vapes. This means people with a medical prescription would still be able to buy vapes from a pharmacy, but they would no longer be in easy reach for kids and teens.

Now is the perfect time to tell decision-makers that enough is enough. Federal politicians need to hear your voice and understand the devastating impact that vaping is having on our young people.

Use Cancer Council WA's templates to contact your elected representative urging them to support the new laws and share with your networks.

Go to: www.cancer.org.au/critical-action-on-e-cigarettes-needed





#### ANNOUNCEMENTS!



**From 1 July 2023** 

**Department of Transport Servicing** 

Tuesday 9am to 1pm

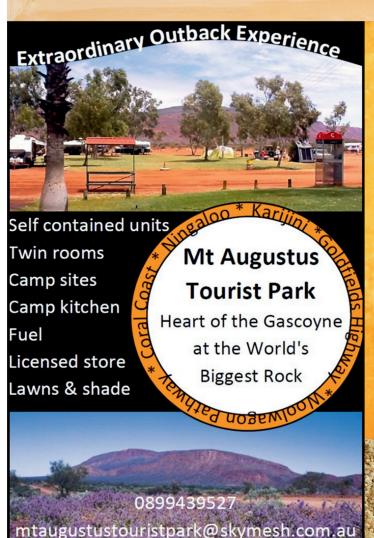
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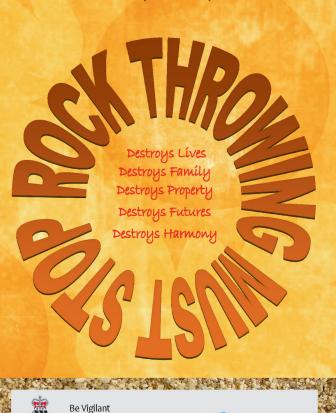
And when the Testing officer is visiting.

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

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

-Jo from CRC





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Be Smart

Do The Right Thing Report Suspicious Activity

RESPECT THE LAND, PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES





#### Consumer Watch Column

Consumer Protection 140 William Street Perth WA 6000

Tel: (08) 9920 9803

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

#### Cracking the code on diesel pricing with FuelWatch

Unleaded petrol (ULP) prices often grab the headlines but for many West Aussie drivers, diesel is the lifeblood that keeps their utes, trucks, 4WDs and family cars running.

Currently, Tuesday is the cheapest day to fill the tank with petrol, but Consumer Protection's FuelWatch team often receives questions asking when the cheapest day is for diesel.

Diesel does not follow a price cycle in the same way ULP does. The ULP price cycle is a deliberate pricing strategy by the fuel companies. So, it's likely not profitable for them to initiate a similar price cycle for diesel given ULP is the primary fuel in the retail market.

So how are diesel prices set? Australia's wholesale diesel prices are driven by benchmark prices set in Singapore, which is the fuel storage and trading hub in the Asia-Pacific region. The diesel benchmark is generally higher than it is for ULP because of bigger demand in the region. Diesel is used extensively in electricity generation, mining, agriculture, and other primary industries. Given the higher wholesale price, and that the wholesale price makes up most of the retail cost of diesel, it's expected to see, on average, diesel prices sitting above ULP.

There are two types of diesel sold in WA – regular diesel and proprietary branded diesel. FuelWatch defines the proprietary branded diesel as simply 'brand diesel', whereas fuel companies market this as 'premium' diesel because it has a fuel system cleaning additive. Consider whether this is something your car needs before paying a higher price.

FuelWatch often receives complaints about high fuel prices in WA. The good news is data shows that year-to-date Perth has had the cheapest diesel on average in the nation. Last year Perth was equal cheapest with Adelaide and in 2022 Perth was the outright cheapest capital city.

On any given day the price of diesel in the Perth metro area can vary by up to 40 cents per litre, this is why it pays to shop around. Buying diesel from the cheapest site rather than the most expensive, at a difference of 40 cpl, means you could potentially save \$34 on an 85-litre tank (average size of a 4WD tank). Over a year, with regular weekly fill ups, you could save \$1,768.

It takes less than 30 seconds to check the FuelWatch website at <a href="www.fuelwatch.wa.gov.au">www.fuelwatch.wa.gov.au</a> to find the cheapest diesel near you. As some retail sites sell both diesels while others only sell one type, Consumer Protection recommends using the purple toggle button on the FuelWatch website to quickly compare regular diesel and brand diesel prices to ensure you're always finding the cheapest option near you.

It's also worth considering signing up for personalised alerts. If you're on a road trip, try using the interactive map, which allows you to expand, contract and scroll along the map to see where your cheap fuel stops could be.



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







10 - 10:30 am

For 0-4 years old



#### Meekatharra Corner Store

Corner of Main & High Streets, Meekatharra



**BP Fuel & Lubricants** 

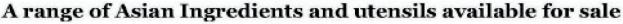
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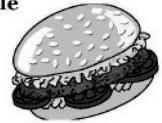
**Key Cutting** 

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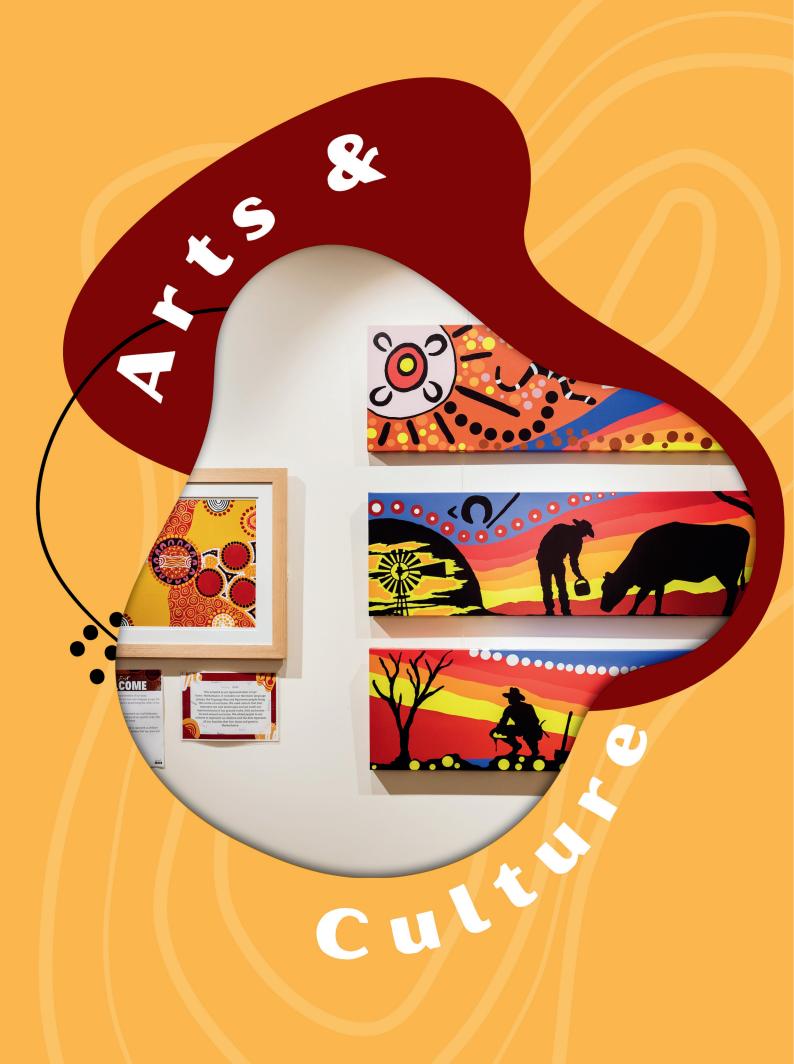
# Containers For Change MEEKATHARRA NEW OPEN HOURS

Wednesday & Saturday

8.00 - 12.00

BAG DROP OFF AVAILABLE









IN CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE

#### VISITOR CENTRE & ART GALLERY

FEATURING THE OPENING OF YOUTH ART EXHIBITION

2024, FILLED WITH ARTWORKS MADE BY THE LOCAL YOUTH IN MEEKATHARRA.

AND CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE

#### RELOCATED CRC!

LLOYD'S PLAZA
THU -18TH APRIL - 6PM

PLEASE REACH OUT TO JO OR LARRA.

SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED





FOR ANY QUESTIONS,







**MONDAYS LUNCH** 





#### Travel the world to pursue your passion!

Would you like to travel overseas for four to eight weeks to explore a topic or issue that you're passionate about, and come back and share your knowledge for the benefit of Australia? Why not apply for a Churchill Fellowship?

Churchill Fellows have created some of the most well-known innovations, and include Questacon, the Playschool Theme song, and Unit Pricing in Supermarkets, Neighbourhood watch, just to name a few.

The Churchill Trust was set up in 1965 after the death of Sir Winston Churchill, when the Australian public gave generously in what was one of the country's largest ever door-knock appeals. Almost six decades ago, on 28 February 1965, the "Churchill Memorial Sunday" doorknock appeal was held across Australia. The doorknock was to raise funds for an unusual type of memorial to Sir Winston. The concept, endorsed by Churchill before he died, was Fellowships, bearing his name, for ordinary people – providing a unique opportunity to travel, learn, and bring knowledge back to their country. Such was the admiration and respect that Australian fighting men and women of World War II held for Churchill, that this became one of the greatest one-day doorknocks in Australian history.

Since then, the Winston Churchill Trust has sent more than 4,600 Australians overseas to pursue their passion and bring what they learned back for the benefit of the community.

2024 application round — opens 1 March 9:00am – 1 May 5.00pm AEST

Would you like to know more? A series of information sessions have been recorded and are available for people to view online.

Applications for the 2024 Churchill Fellowship round open 1 March for travel commencing in November 2024. To find out more visit www.churchilltrust.com.au





# VOLNTEER WAR NEEDU



wa.gov.au/volunteering

#### **VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES**

#### Where can I volunteer?

#### ST JOHN AMBULANCE

When you become a St John Ambulance volunteer, you'll be part of the welcoming team that's changing lives. Training occurs on twice a month on a Wednesday evening. To get involved contact the Midwest paramedic on the email below or sign up online on the St John Ambulance website. We offer different roles such as 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 Secretary/Treasurer Tammie Garrity 0477146007



#### **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 - <u>https://ses-wa.asn.au/</u>

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 and plays regularly on Sundays.

#### **Contact Details:**

Phone - 0428 699 685

#### **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!

# Peter Foster MLC

#### MEMBER FOR MINING AND PASTORAL REGION



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

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Prices (from 1st of July 2022)

# THYME ROAST CHICKEN, SWEET POTATO, SAUTÉED GREENS AND CHICKEN JUS

#### Method

Preheat oven to 220 C.

In a large roasting pan scatter onions and sweet potato, toss with small amount of oil and season.

Stuff chicken with lemon and thyme and then rub with oil and salt, place in roasting pan and roast at 220 C for 30 minutes, turn oven down to 180 C and roast for a further hour or until juices run clear.

When the chicken is cooked, pull out of the oven and allow to rest for about 20 minutes.

While the chicken is resting, heat pan with a little oil, sauté the greens until just cooked.

Strain juices in the bottom of the roasting pan into a saucepan, bring to the boil and whisk in butter until melted and combine with the emulsified juices. Add vinegar and adjust seasoning then serve.

Recipe from: https://www.cancer.org.au/cancer-information/causes-and-prevention/diet-and-exercise/food-and-nutrition/healthy-recipes/thyme-roast-chicken-sweet-potato-sauteed-greens-and-chicken-jus

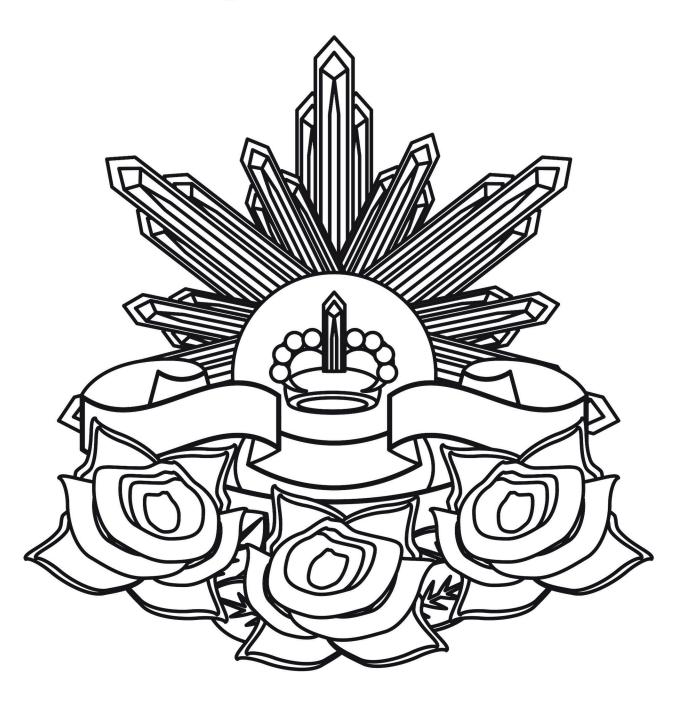
#### Ingredients

- 1 medium sized chicken (organic)
- 3 lemons, roughly chopped
- 1/2 bunch thyme
- 4 brown onions, peeled, halved
- 1 large sweet potato, peeled and cut into 3cm pieces
- grapeseed oil
- 1 bunch silverbeet, stalk removed and chopped
- 1 broccoli head, chopped
- 1 tsp grapeseed oil
- 1 tbs butter
- 1/4 tsp apple cider vinegar
- pepper and salt



## ANZAC DAY

Colour this emblem in remembrance of the soldiers who fought for our freedom.





#### ANZAC Day Word Search

Find and color the hidden words.

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