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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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CEO COUNCIL MESSAGE

Welcome to the May 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 20th of April 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.

<u>Items from the Shire of Meekatharra Health, Building & Planning Meeting 20 April 2024</u>

<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 March and April 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

• Seeds kindly donated by West Gold have now been ordered with arrival expected late April. This project is being incorporated into the Youth programming and activities.

- Large Water tank purchased by the Shire has been successfully installed in the North East area of the park. Consultations and collaboration are ongoing regarding reticulation.
- Mid West Turf from Geraldton have been successful in the quote for 555m2 of Kikuyu. Delivery and installation expected September 2024.

Median Strip – Meekatharra Streetscape Art Project

Repair works for the damaged middle section yet to be completed.

Lloyds Signage

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

Local Planning Scheme & Strategy

Final Version of the Local Planning Scheme and Strategy has been sent to the Department for consideration and for referral to the minister.

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 20 April 2024

<u>Item 9.2.4 – Strategic Rate Review May 2024</u>

That with respect to the Strategic Rate Review | May 2024, Council – 1. Accepts the Strategic Rate Review | May 2024, as attached, 2. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to, in accordance with section 6.33 of the Local Government Act 1995, considers the outcomes and future rating considerations of the Review when preparing the Statement of Objects and Reasons for Differential Rates 2024-2025 and Annual Budget 2024-2025.

The complete Strategic Rate Review document is available by contacting the CEO.

Item 9.3.2 – Health Amendment Local Law 2024

That Council instruct the CEO to give public notification that Council proposes to make the Shire of Meekatharra Health Amendment Local Law 2024 where the purpose of the proposed local law is to amend the principal local law to remove provisions not permitted by the Undertaking to Council from the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

The above resolution recommended that Council formally endorse making the Health Amendment Local Law 2024 and advertise for the mandatory period to close on 17/6/24 that will allow the process to be finalized.

<u>Item 9.3.4 – Annual Review of Councils Delegation Register</u>

That Council adopt the attached amended Register of Delegations 2024 Register and authorize the delegations contained within for use.

Council is required to review its Delegations Register annually in accordance with the Local Government Act that allows delegation of certain functions to the CEO to exercise of any of its powers or the discharge of any of its duties under the Local Government Act 1995, other than those referred to in section 5.43 of The Act. In turn the CEO may also delegate powers or duties to employees.

Item 13.3 – Youth Focus Lease

That Council:

Approve a new lease between the Shire of Meekatharra and Youth Focus for a two year period and a one year extension option period based on the previous lease at no annual rental fee excluding all utilities and insurance and approves the affixing of Councils Common Seal and execution of the Lease by the Chief Executive Officer and the Shire President.

The above resolution confirms Councils commitment to supporting community based agencies in Meekatharra and where Council recognizes the valuable service they provide to the community.

Further Information Snippets

- Landor Meekatharra Road Council received advice from the Commonwealth that its 'Growing Regions Fund' application to seal the remainder of the Landor Meekatharra Road was unsuccessful. This is extremely disappointing advice given the application submitted by Council was very thorough and detailed. Only 5 applications for WA were successful (or 11% of the total funding pool available) and displays a lack of support for regional WA.
- Bakery Lease as all the community are aware, sadly the Mama Moon's Bakery closed its doors permanently on the 1st 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 CRC/VC Opening Council attended the formal opening of the CRC/VC on Thursday 18th of April 2024 that was well organized by staff at the CRC/VC. It was pleasing to note how well the CRC/VC has progressed since relocating to Lloyds Plaza with the display exhibition areas showcasing the wonderful local art talents of the community.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled for Saturday the 15th of June 2024, so the next CEO Council Message column will appear in the June 2024 edition. Until then bye for now!

KJ Matthews – CEO



PUBLIC NOTICE

MEEKATHARRA AIRPORT PROJECT

Following the completion of scheduled runway, taxiway and apron that included the RFDS area sealing works at the Meekatharra airport in March 2024, the airport has resumed normal operations.





COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Meekatharra Airport Gets a Fresh Facelift

If you've flown into Meekatharra Airport recently, you might have noticed something different underfoot. The airport just got a makeover with a fresh reseal project completed this April, thanks to diligent efforts by the Shire and support from the Department of Transport (State of Western Australia).

The last time the airport's pavement had a touch-up was way back in 2010. According to protocol, it's essential to give the pavement some TLC every decade. Recognizing the need for maintenance, in 2021, it was identified that the pavement seal areas including the main runway, taxiway, apron including the RFDS base, all needed some attention.

The journey to the reseal began with a thorough examination. The Shire collaborated with the Department of Transport to determine the existing pavement seal useful life to assess the pavement's condition. Teams of experts rolled in, conducting tests and surveys to ensure everything was up to standard. A geotechnical survey, involving some digging to inspect the structure below the surface, took place in November 2023. The results showed that while the current setup was sufficient for the current aircraft type. Should operation of larger/heavier aircraft be required then a replacement pavement program would need to be explored.

Funding played a crucial role in making this project a reality. The Shire secured support from the Regional Aerodrome Development Scheme (RADS) being the Department of Transport (Western Australia). Funding of approx \$600,000 was awarded from the RADS scheme and an equal contribution from the Shire set the wheels in motion.

The project wasn't without its hiccups. Initially scheduled to kick off in November 2023, logistical challenges pushed the start date to February 2024. But perseverance paid off, and work finally began in March 2024, wrapping up just recently.

But that's not all. The project also saw an expansion of the RFDS apron, making it three times larger than before. This means more room for aircraft parking, including accommodating the new PC-24 Jet Aircraft.

With the reseal project completed, Meekatharra Airport is now primed and ready to welcome travelers with a smoother landing and take-off experience. It's a testament to the commitment of the Shire and the Department of Transport to keep regional airports in top-notch condition for all who rely on them.



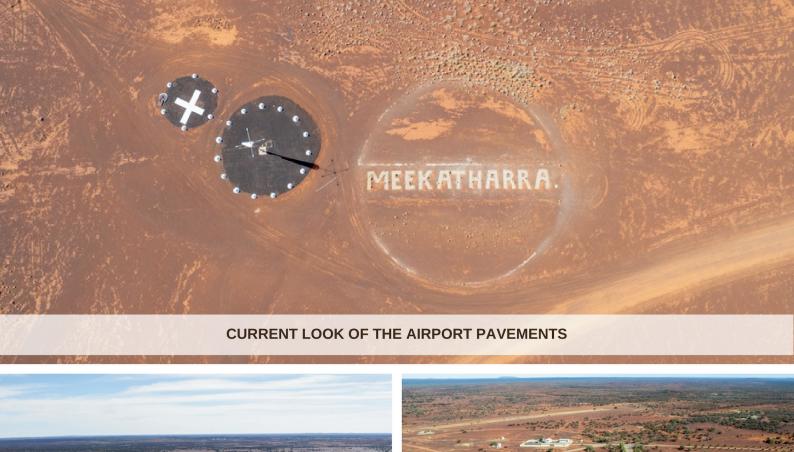






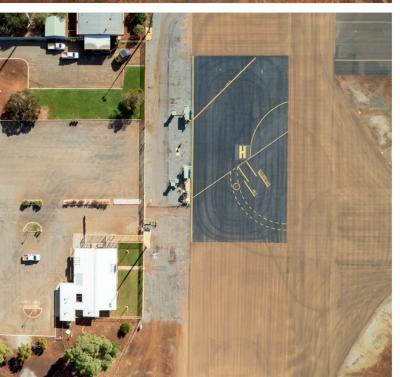














COMMUNITY FACILITIES Available in Town

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.

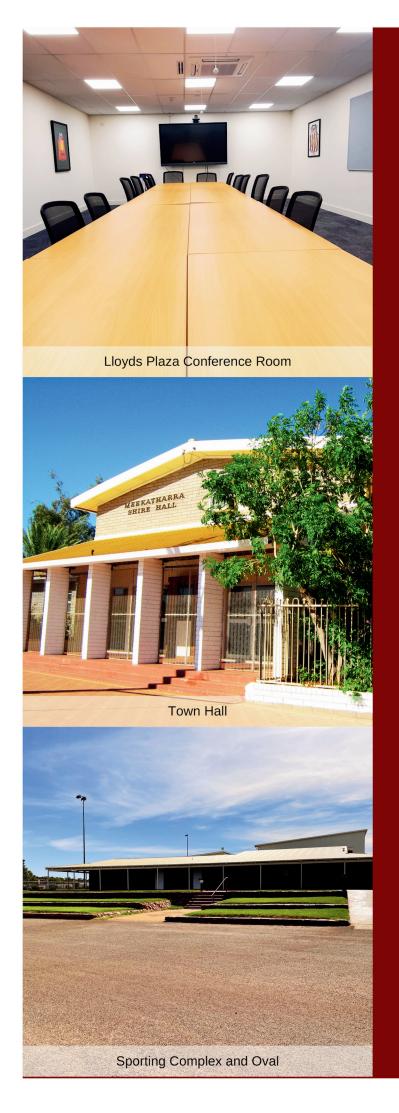
SPORTING COMPLEX AND OVAL

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

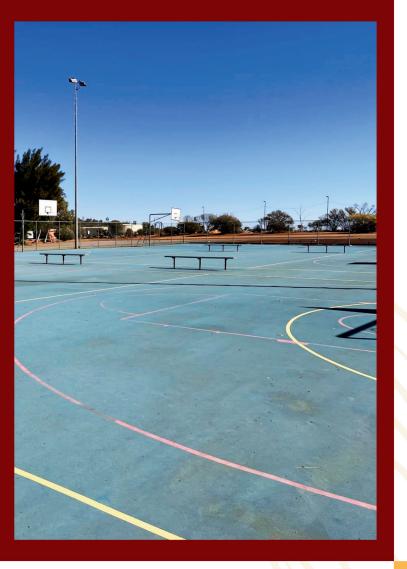
Fees & Charges

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

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

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 5-9 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 youth@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

April 19, 2024



Meekatharra DHS

Address: 77 Savage Street, MEEKATHARRA, WA 6642

Telephone: 08 9981 0800 Mobile Phone: 0474 904 943

Email:Meekatharra.DHS@ education.wa.edu.au

Upcoming Events

April 24 - ANZAC ceremony 12:30pm

April 25th - ANZAC Day Public Holiday

April 30 - Career Tasters visit

May 1st - Assembly

May 9th - School Council

Meeting

May 10 - National Walk Safely to School Day & Breakfast -ECE Mother's Day Brunch

May 13/ Week 5 - On-Country

excursions

May 17 - Little Red in the Hood Performance K-6

May 22 - Assembly

-Tennis Incursion (yr 5-12)

May 28 - Circus Incursion

June 3rd - WA Day Public Holiday

June 12th - Assembly

June 17 / Week 10 - On-Country Excursions

June 20th - School Council Meeting

June 28th - Semester 1 reports distributed

Week 11 - NAIDOC celebrations

Carey Right Track visit week 3,

Pastor Geoff visits week 3, 5, 7, 9 **EON Foundation Visits week** 2,4,6,8,10

School Psychologist visits week 1,3,4,6,8,10

MEEKATHARRA DHS NEWS

'At Meekatharra DHS we have high expectations to become lifelong learners, show respect for culture, ourselves and others, and strive for a strong future'.



A Message from the Principal

Welcome back to Term 2!

We have a full term planned with lots of great learning opportunities for our students!

The first week has started with our teachers and support staff focusing on quality teaching and learning for our students during a School Develoment Day. On Wednesday, our Early Childhood educators made a trip to Mt. Magnet to learn effective strategies to support improved literacy and reading skills as a part of the Scaling Up Success program.

Thanks to Mr. Michael who has attached a new defribrillator to the outside wall of our Front Office building. This is a part of our first-aid equipment to ensure the health and safety of all people on site at MDHS. A defribrillator can be used in an emergency to apply an electric charge to restart the heart (cardiac arrest) or return it to normal rhythm while waiting for emergency services to arrive.

A note has gone home this week (and on our Facebook page), to inform families about a Stopwork action that will be taking place on Tuesday April 23rd. A number of our teachers will be following the State School Teachers' Union advice to stop-work until 12:30pm on Tuesday. Despite this action, MDHS will remain open, however there may be some disruption to normal teaching and learning programs. Remaining staff will provide supervision and modified activities until teachers involved in the stop-work return to classrooms later in the day.

Mrs Narelle Bubb







Staff Spotlight

Today we farewell Miss Lana Rodney who has worked as an educator at MDHS since October 2021. Ms Lana has worked with a number of classes over her time at MDHS, most recently in the Future Endeavours Program with our year 10-12 students. We thank Miss Lana for the meaningful relationships with students she has developed to support student learning and engagement. We wish Miss Lana all the very best for the future.

Welcome to Mr Bradly Hall (Year 10-12), Miss `Aine O'Sullivan (Health and PE) and Mr. Alex McWirther (Education Assistant) who have joined the MDHS educator team this week. Mr. Brad and Miss `Aine come to us from the Flying Squad.

School Uniforms

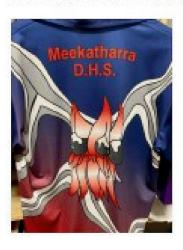
Students are required to wear the MDHS uniform each day at school.

Our School Officers are happy to help families with uniform requirements.

Wearing our MDHS school uniform helps children:

- get into the right mindset for learning
- show school pride and unity
- learn self-management skills and routine

Covered shoes keeps our feet safe and must be worn in the garden, cooking in the home economics room, and on excursions. We hope to use the town oval for more games and sports this term, wearing shoes will prevent prickle injuries!









WA Student Assistance Payment

It's time to claim the WA Student Assistance Payment!

The ServiceWA app is the fastest way to claim the payment.

If you are unable to claim through the Service WA app, you can:

Use an online form:

https://www.education.wa.edu.au/was ap/claim

 Pick up a claim form at the front office.

School Attendance Matters -

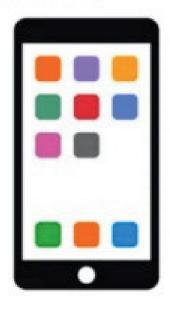
'Every student, every classroom, every day'.

Did you know?

Teenagers need eight to nine hours sleep a night to be healthy and alert. Maintaining a daily routine helps too. This may include monitoring internet, mobile phone and television use at night to ensure sleep is not disturbed. Good sleep supports positive learning at school each day!

Term 2 Attendance Goal

Our goal for Term 2 is to achieve 50% or more total attendance. Attendance at school everyday = the best opportunity to learn and succeed in life.



School Mobile Phone -

0474 904 943

As well as our landline phone, MDHS has a mobile phone you can also ring or text.

If your child is:

- sick
- will be away for family sorry business
- has an appointment out of town please let the school know as soon as possible.

Thank-you for your help!

A trip to the Vet...

Students visited the desex Vet clinic on the 17/04/2024 at the Meekatharra Town Hall. The senior Veterinarian, Nicole, explained to students about the government sponsored program. It was implemented as a strategy to reduce wild dog numbers in outback Western Australia.

On the second day of the clinic, Lerado observed the surgical procedure and was given the opportunity to participate in preparing a dog before the operation. Lerado was highly attentive throughout and enjoyed the experience of young practicing Veterinarians sharing their knowledge on what they were doing.

This has been an an excellent experience for our students which has helped them to think about future career options and what working hard toward achieving goals can look like in practice.





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



MEEKA OUTSIDE OF MEEKA Meeka Reunion

The Peninsula Tavern in Maylands was the gathering place for ex Meekatharra people and friends on 7th April 2024. For many years there have been ex Meeka events held at various places including Geraldton, Pinjarra, Kings Park and Whiteman Park (since 1962).

This year Phil Davidson and Andrew Mitchell (both formerly from the Ag Dept Meeka) were the main organisers taking over from Tupp Biggs (Yeelirrie Station) and Robert Campbell who had been coordinating it for many years.

Over 40 people enjoyed reminiscing about their time in Meekatharra and surrounding areas. Among those enjoying the afternoon of chatting and perusing some amazing historical information about Meeka were Phil and Peta Gerick, Phil and Christine Davidson, Denise Garret, Geoff and Sheila Lacy, Katrina and Andrew Mitchell, Tup and Bob Biggs, Sandra Marron and Charlie Cook, David Steadman, and Raelene and Clyde Hall.

There was no charge to attend but donations were accepted to help cover costs of the event. A wonderful spread of food was available along with tea and coffee or you could purchase a drink from the bar if you preferred.

Photographer Naureen Taylor, who specialises in reunion photography, was on hand to document the occasion and take a group photo, which people had the option of buying if they wished.

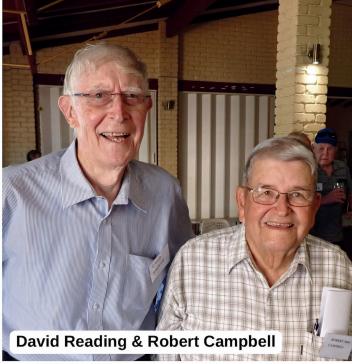
It is hoped that this event will grow bigger and better in coming years as the word spreads that the annual get together is back after the Covid break.

If you would like to be notified of the next get together in 2025 please feel free to send me your name and best contact details to nedscreek1@bigpond.com so we can contact you.

Written by: Raelene Hall

Naureen Taylor can be contacted via her website https://www.reunionphotos.net/ and photographs of current and past reunion events area available on her website.









Facilities:

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

Located at:

77 Main Street, Meekatharra, 6642

For bookings and enquiries:

Telephone

99811020

Email

commieh@westnet.com.au

Website

www.commercialmeeka.com.au



We serve excellent counter meals daily

Lunch

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

Dinner

6-8 pm (Sun-Sat)

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-









Pub

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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.



Gifts - Food - Art - Many More!

PET HEALTH VET Clinic

When Murdoch University comes to Meekatharra every year, it's a big deal. They bring vets and student vets to help with animal surgeries and other important services. Recently, I got to chat with some of the vets about their time here.

This year was extra special. Even though there were some road problems due to the flooding, they managed to stay longer and do more surgeries than ever before. They did 80 surgeries in total in both Wiluna and Meekatharra, which is a lot! And they managed to do over 50 surgeries here in Meekatharra alone! The vets said they felt really welcomed by the people here and had everything they needed to work well, but that's also because of their great resourcefulness and being able to make do with the limited tools and supplies they have being on the road.

One vet mentioned that the student vets usually struggle a bit with the first week in a new place, but this time they caught on quickly. They even managed to do 15 surgeries in just one day! Which is such a great record for them.

Apart from surgeries, the vets also went out to meet people in the community. They gave treatments to pets and talked to pet owners, building trust and friendships along the way which is important as pet owners always would like to know who are caring for their fur babies.

Behind the scenes, there were some important people helping out too. Kathy, Leshelle, and Kadi were there all week, making sure everything ran smoothly and Alita and Nathan were on hand for technical support.

As the week wrapped up, everyone felt good about what they'd accomplished. They're already looking forward to next time! A big thank you goes out to the Murdoch University students, Peter the Ranger, the whole team, and everyone else involved. Their hard work and kindness made a real difference in Meekatharra.

















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







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

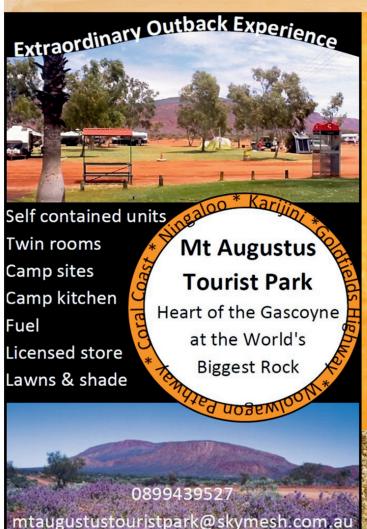
Thursday 9am to 1pm

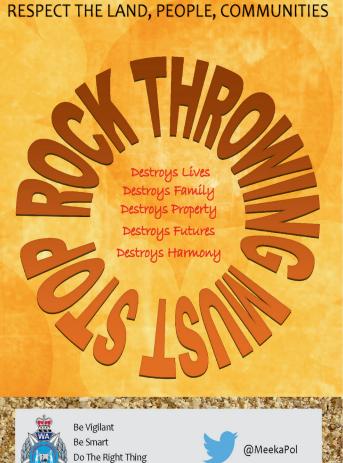
And when the Testing officer is visiting.

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

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

-Jo from CRC





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Report Suspicious Activity

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Amazing Times!

In April, Jo, the manager of CRC, and Larra, the CDO of the Shire, had a busy time preparing for the Lloyd's Visitor Centre and Youth Art Exhibition. They needed to upgrade the wall of the Visitor Centre/Art Gallery with slatwalls to quickly install and remove artworks, showcasing our town's talent. However, their slatwall package took a detour, causing some laughs and sighs as it made its journey to Meeka.

When the package finally arrived, there were cheers and smiles all around. Jo even joked about hugging the truck drivers, a gesture they rarely receive. Roy, who operated the forklift, also deserves thanks for safely handling the heavy delivery.

Big thanks also go to Brendan Hall Carpentry for assembling everything, from the wall to the cabinet and window decals.

Once everything was set up, the team worked hard to coordinate all the components, from installing artworks to setting up tourist displays and preparing videos for the TV.

The Youth Art Exhibition was a success, with 30 paintings displayed and five winners chosen. Kaylarnie won 1st Prize for her creative storytelling, Brainesha took 2nd Prize for her dotwork painting skills, and Maleah-Doro won 3rd Prize for her family tree painting at just 8 years old. Special mention goes to Payton and Zayle for their exceptional use of colors and textures.

The opening night was well-attended, with Jo giving a speech to thank everyone involved in supporting the relocation to Lloyd's, the Visitor Centre, and the Art Gallery. Community members, managers, and representatives from various organizations were present.

Despite the hectic month, CRC is now ready to welcome visitors, and we look forward to seeing more local artworks on display throughout the year.























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

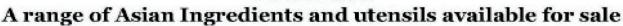


BP Fuel & Lubricants

Premium Unleaded Fuel now available

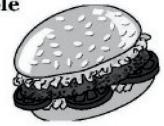


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Open Daily 6.00am—9.00pm

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

or call on 99811253



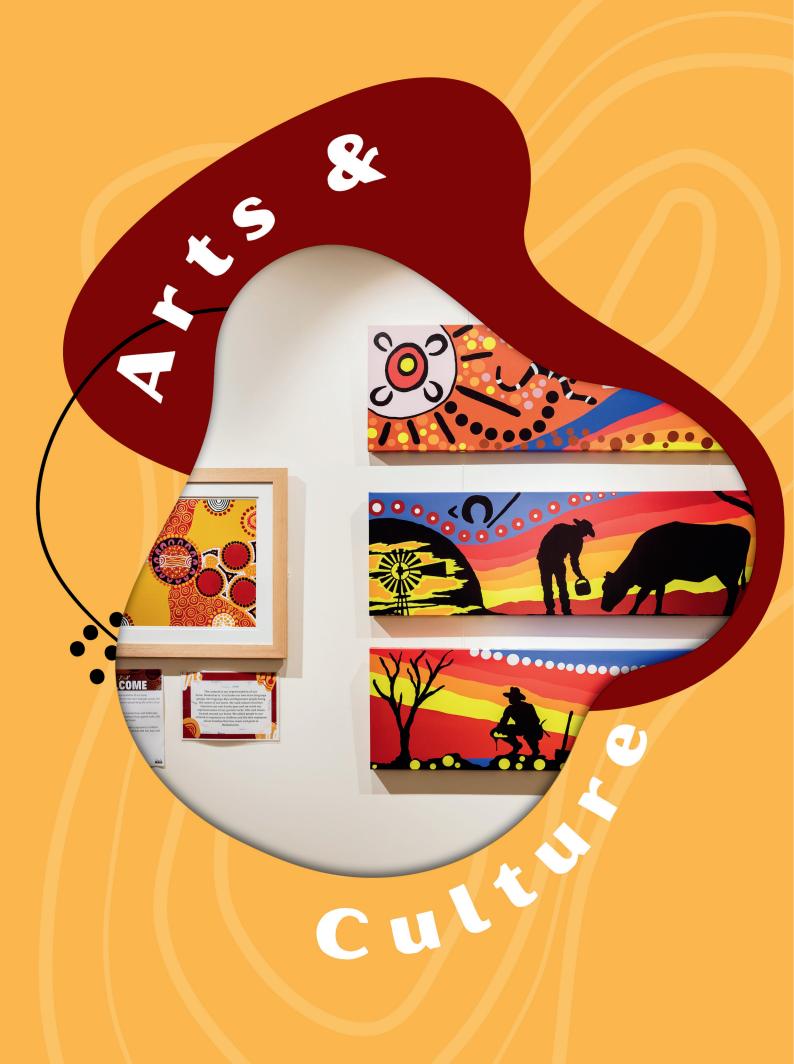
Containers For Change MEEKATHARRA NEW OPEN HOURS

Wednesday & Saturday

8.00 - 12.00

BAG DROP OFF AVAILABLE







Readers and Writers Festival

SHORT STORY PRIZE 2024

Invitation to all local writers

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

Enter for your chance to win \$500, plus VIP access to festival events!

ENTRYIS FREE

Entries open 19 April 2024 Entries close 12 July 2024

For more details on how to enter please visit www.library.cgg.wa.gov.au/bigsky







Readers and Writers Festival

SHORT STORY PRIZE ENTRY FORM 2024

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Do not include your name on your entry, only the title library@cgg.wa.gov.au or submit by mail (Big Sky Shor Contact - 9956 6659 for any further queries.	of your work. Email your story and completed entry form to t Story Prize, Geraldton Regional Library, PO Box 101, Geraldton WA 6531)

TERMS AND CONDITION

- · Open to people aged 18 years plus from across the Midwest and Gascoyne.
- Opens Friday 19 April, closes 4pm Friday 12 July 2024. No late entries accepted.
- · Length Maximum of 3,000 words.
- Entry is free. Maximum of three entries per person. Each entry must be accompanied by a completed entry form.
- · No responsibility is accepted for lost, delayed or late entries.
- · Shortlisted entries announced Wednesday 4 September 2024.
- Entries will not be returned.
- · Winners announced Thursday 10 October 2024.
- Winner: Cash prize of \$500, VIP access to Festival Events, Story published online via Library Catalogue and Certificate.
- · Runner-Up: Cash prize of \$200, VIP access to Festival Events, Story published online via Library Catalogue and Certificate.
- · Highly Commended: Story published online via Library Catalogue and Certificate.
- Employees of the CGG and their direct family members are not eligible to enter this competition.
- · Entries must be unpublished and in English.
- · The entry is written with a mature or adult audience in mind.
- Format must be typed 1.5 line spacing, 12 point font, no contact/name on actual work, only on entry form.









MONDAYS LUNCH





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



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 on **9980 0600** or email us at t **cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au** to get in touch.

Sneak soon

Peter Foster MLC

MEMBER FOR MINING AND PASTORAL REGION



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Half Page	\$43.10	\$26.70
Quarter Page	\$24.65	\$16.50
Eighth Page	\$18.50	\$13.95

The Meekatharra Dust is a newsletter produced by the Shire of Meekatharra each month that highlights local events and helps to distribute news locally. The Newsletter reaches hundreds of people each month through the copies sold around town, copies sent in the mail, and those viewed online.

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)



Ingredients

- 4 large pears, peeled, cored and thinly sliced
- ▲ 1/3 cup date, chopped
- ▲ 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- ▲ 2 tbs grated orange rind
- ▲ 100 mL freshly squeezed orange juice
- ▲ 6 sheets filo pastry, at room temperature
- ▲ olive or canola oil spray
- ▲ 250 g reduced-fat ricotta cheese
- ▲ 1 tsp honey

Cook Mode Prevent your screen from going dark

Method

- 1. Preheat oven to 200°C (180°C fan forced).
- Place pears, dates, cinnamon, 1 teaspoon rind and 60mL juice into a large saucepan over a moderate heat. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes until pears have softened.
- Place a sheet of filo flat on a clean surface. Spray with oil then repeat with two more sheets. Cut the stack in half to form 2 squares and set aside. Repeat with remaining sheets of filo.
- 4. Put ¼ pear mixture into the centre of each filo square. Bring up corners and gently pinch filo above fruit mix to shape into a pouch. Lightly spray with oil. Bake on a tray lined with baking paper for 12-15 minutes until crisp and golden.
- Using a stick mixer or electric beaters, blend ricotta with honey and remaining juice and rind in a medium bowl until smooth.
- 6. Serve parcels immediately with ricotta cream mix on the side.

Comment:

This recipe contains 1/4 tsp of added sugar per serving

YOUR FAMILY HEADSTONE

2 Questíons you never thought you'd ask:

Is it Clean?

Yes - well done 🗸



No - take a cleaning guide and get started!



Is it Legal?

Did you get Shire Permission?





No - This is a problem!

You can solve it by visiting the Shire Office as soon as possible. If someone unauthorised headstone you could be accident involving g Z had



From now on everyone needs to get written permission before ordering and installing your headstone to ensure it meets Health & Safety requirements.

ACTIVITIES

WORD SEARCH

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ZITHER BONGO DRUMS PAN PIPE **PICCOLO** CORNET HARMONICA CLARINET RECORDER TROMBONE **GUITAR** SAXOPHONE OBOE OCARINA FIDDLE BAZ00KA BAGPIPE SNARE **FLUTE** VIOLA

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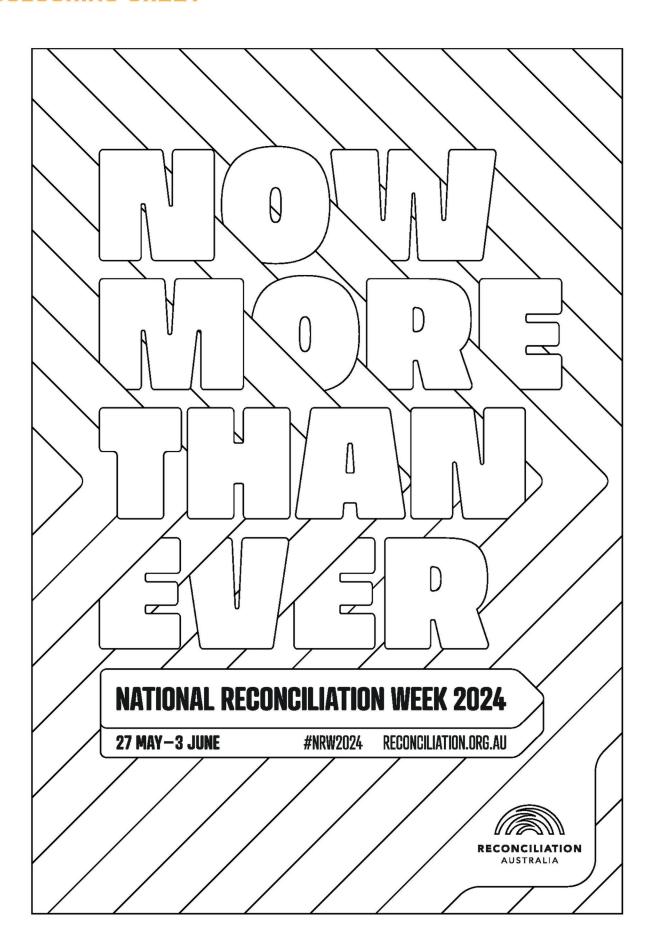
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ACTIVITIES

COLOURING SHEET



IMPORTANT PROPOSED RADIO OUTAGES FOR JUNE

Please note: there will be some radio outages for June as below.

ABC Local Radio ABC Radio National Red FM - Self Help Spirit FM - Self Help	01/06/2024 10:06am	01/06/2024 2:50pm
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