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SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA

SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS

JULY 2024 TO JUNE 2025

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, public notice is hereby given of the days and times of the Shire of Meekatharra Council and Committee meetings for the 2024/25 year:

Saturday, 27 July 2024
Saturday, 17 August 2024
Saturday, 21 September 2024
Saturday, 19 October 2024
Saturday, 16 November 2024
Friday, 13 December 2024
Saturday, 18 January 2025
Saturday, 15 February 2025
Saturday, 12 April 2025
Saturday, 17 May 2025
Saturday, 21 June 2025

All meetings are to be held in Council Chambers located at the corner Main & Savage Streets, Meekatharra with the Council ordinary meeting commencing at 0930 hours except the 13 December 2024 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 June 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 15th of June 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 15 June 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 April and May 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 Services Manager’s Report

Lions Park

- Seeds donated by West Gold have arrived and stored at the depot until final Lions Park design has identified their location.

- Large Water tank has been installed in the North East area of the park. Consultations and collaboration is ongoing regarding reticulation.
- Mid West Turf from Geraldton have been successful in the quote for 555m2 of Kikuyu turf. Delivery and installation has been postponed until the final Lions Park design has identified location.
- Awaiting commencement of new Project Officer to continue project.

Median Strip – Meekatharra Streetscape Art Project

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

Lloyds Signage

Still awaiting Main Roads comments on the latest sign proposal.

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 Services Manager's Report can be found in the Minutes of the Health, Building & Planning Meeting.

Items from the Shire of Meekatharra Ordinary Meeting 15 June 2024

Item 9.3.3– Meekatharra School of the Air Donation 2024

That Council approve a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Meekatharra School of the Air.

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

Item 9.3.2 – Murchison Marlu Junior Football Club Donation

That Council resolve to donate \$1,000 to the Murchison Marlu Junior Football League to assist in costs to conduct the competition.

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

Item 13.2 – Mission Australia Lease

That Council:

Approve the option to extend the current lease between the Shire of Meekatharra and Mission Australia for a further three year term from the 1st of July 2024 to the 30th of June 2027 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the current lease 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

- Council 2024/25 budget – Council is currently finalizing its 2024/25 budget having already advertised its required *Intention to Levy Differential Rates* for the 2024/25 year in accordance with Section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995. Council invited submissions in relation to the proposed differential rates that closed on the 14th of June 2024. Council intends to formally adopt its 2024/25 budget at its ordinary meeting scheduled for 27th of July 2024.
- Council staff appointments – the community are advised that several appointments have been made at Council following the adoption of the Organizational Structure which is required to be reviewed annually. These include the appointment of Mr Alistair Finlayson as Councils Works & Services Manager after having acted in the role for the previous 3 months, confirmation of Ms Kadi King as Senior Youth Officer to be supported by a new full time position of Youth Officer, the appointment of Ms Sonja Shaw as our new Projects & Maintenance Officer, appointment of Ms Suzanne Barret as Council cleaner to replace current contract arrangements and the appointment of Mr Wayne Anderson as our Camp Cook/Chef which is a new appointment following the establishment of our new camp accommodation units for the Road Construction Crew. Applications have just closed for the Community Services Manager vacancy which we hope to fill in the next month.
- Rural Road Closures – a timely reminder to all the community that recent rains have closed some, or all of Councils rural roads especially to heavy truck traffic. Council updates its 'Road Condition Report' regularly when these conditions occur and road users are advised that they are to follow the road closure instructions.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled for Saturday the 27th of July 2024, so the next CEO *Council Message* column will appear in the July 2024 edition. Until then bye for now!

KJ Matthews – CEO

Community



Happenings

WHAT'S CURRENTLY HAPPENING IN MEEKA?

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

The Travels of the Art Gallery Display Walls



A 'behind the scenes' recount, as told by Community Resource Centre Manager, Jo Bonnily

A story that twists and turns but has a happy ending.

Ok so we opened the Art Gallery and Visitor Centre officially on the 18th of April.

As we also know, Easter was 29/3/24 to 1/4/24 this year. We knew we had to take that into account when we ordered the display walls.

The Meekatharra Shire and I worked together and we got our order in.

We were assured that everything would be delivered by Monday the 8th of April.



Ok so that gives us 10 days to have everything installed and set up. We are all good.

But.....

I received notification on Friday 5th of April that our delivery has been sent to delivery company A.

I called them on Monday (expected delivery date), and they said that they had outsourced the delivery to company B.

I called company B and our delivery was sitting in their shed. I asked that it be put on a truck asap as they were supposed to be delivered that day.

On Tuesday I called company B again. I was told that our delivery was on a truck, but the truck was going to Newman. This was at about 10.30am. I asked if the delivery would be made today but they said no, the truck can't stop in Meekatharra (why can't the truck stop- does it blow up if it stops, is the driver unable to push the brake pedal?).



I asked them to intervene and have the delivery made. I called them again at 3.00pm and they hadn't been able to contact the driver (why – they only had about 4 hrs??) and the truck was now nearly at Newman.

So I asked if the delivery could be brought back to Meekatharra. Of course it can.... for an additional fee.



My response "why would I pay an additional fee when your truck drove straight past the delivery point, he didn't even have to turn a corner!!"

After further phone calls back and forth the delivery companies – yes both of them – decided that the best solution was to take the delivery back to Perth – straight past the delivery point again!!! I was also told not to contact delivery company B regarding this delivery, to only deal with company A. As you can imagine, my blood was boiling at the stupidity so far.



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

The Travels of the Art Gallery Display Walls

I called company A on Wednesday and they said that the delivery was in transit back to them.... but they could have it to us a week later.



Feeling slightly exasperated I at this point I explained to them, that a) the delivery was supposed to arrive 2 days ago, b) the delivery had been driven straight past the delivery point twice so far, and c), the art gallery opened on the 18th and the delivery consisted of our display walls so another week was simply not an option.

On Thursday, company A was still trying to work out how to get the delivery to us.

I received a call on Friday to say that the delivery was on a truck and would be delivered that day!!! Woop woop yaaay!!



You think that is the end of the story – well no – it continues.

I was able to get an ETA for the truck with our delivery but needed to have a forklift to get it off the truck. Simple you say.....

I contacted one of our local delivery people and they couldn't do it, the delivery was coming with the opposition so no help here. Ok I understand that.

I checked with the Shire – they could unload in their works yard – at that point I really didn't want it to be unloaded anywhere but to our building.

So I called the gentleman who has the contract to unload for company B. He was having a bad day and did I hear about it.....

I went to the IGA. Those guys were happy to help but..... when they received their delivery earlier that week, the truck driver had taken their forklift keys with him by accident.

By this time there were tears of frustration. How hard is it to get a pallet taken of a truck!!!

The gentleman who had the contract to unload from company B called me and explained his reaction of earlier in the day and was happy to be called when the truck arrived to unload it for me. Thank goodness.

So the truck arrived and I was so happy that I did hug the truck driver. Like, two arms, thank you so much.

He told me that he had picked our delivery up from Tom Price!!! I'm sure my eyes rolled into the back of my head,

But the delivery was here so.....

It took a bit of work to get the pallet off as it was a long skinny pallet but... we had our walls and would open our Art Gallery on time.

And we all lived happily ever after!

With myself (3 478 562 nerve endings down) vowing to never open an Art Gallery again. Jo Bonnily

MEEKATHARRA DHS NEWS

May 17, 2024

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



Meekatharra
District High School

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

May 17 - Little Red in the Hood Performance
Week 6 - On-Country excursions
May 22 - Assembly 12:30 - 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
Week 11 - NAIDOC celebrations
June 28th - Semester 1 reports distributed

Carey Right Track visit week 6, 9
Pastor Geoff visits week 7, 9
EON Foundation Visits week 6, 8, 10
School Psychologist visits week 6, 8, 10



Meekatharra DHS

A Message from the Principal

Check out our new school MDHS logo and artwork. Isn't it fantastic!

We are so very proud of our students (K-12) who were all given the important task to create some special artwork to represent our school. Student artwork was taken to a Graphic Designer who combined different parts of our students' work to come up with this new and colourful design. You might even notice a part of our school uniform artwork hiding in the middle too!

We've had some colourful magnets with the school's contact details printed and I look forward to making home visits over the next few weeks to say hello and hand these out families.

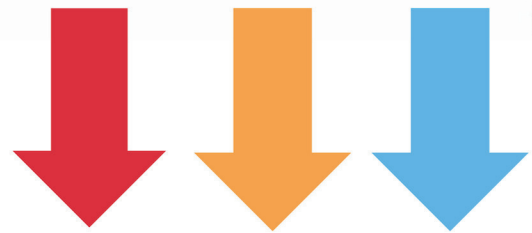
Have you claimed your WA Student Assistance Payment? If you haven't already, using the ServiceWA app is the fastest way to claim the payment. If you are unable to claim through the Service WA app, you can:

- Use an online form: <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/wasap/claim> or,
- Pick up a claim form from the front office.

We look forward to celebrating some more great learning progress and positive behaviour at our Whole School Assembly on Wednesday May 22nd at 12:30pm. The year 2/3 class will be hosting.

We hope you can join us!

Mrs Narelle Bubb



The WA Student Assistance Payment

Helping you get the things you need for your kids.

Get ready to claim by setting up your Digital Identity on ServiceWA. Claims open Monday 15 April.

\$150 For each Kindergarten or primary school student

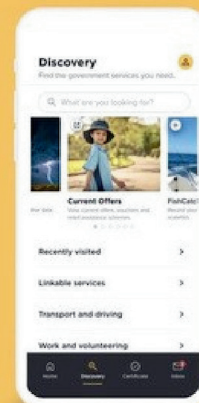
\$250 For each secondary school student

Claim on the ServiceWA app



ServiceWA

WA Student Assistance Payment



The ServiceWA app is the fastest and most convenient way to claim the payment.

Get ready to apply from 15 April 2024.

Download the latest version of the ServiceWA app and log in with your Digital Identity (myGovID) so you're ready to apply for the offer.



For app support, scan the QR Code or visit [WA.gov.au/servicewaapp](https://www.wa.gov.au/servicewaapp)

For more information on the payment, including eligibility criteria, visit education.wa.edu.au/wasap

School Attendance Matters

*'Every student, every classroom,
every day'.*

Did you know?

If you're having trouble getting to school, we want to help! The school bus runs around town from 8:00 - 8:30am in the morning and after school from 2:50pm onwards. Let us know if your child needs a school pick up or drop off.

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.

At the end of Week 5 in Term 2 our progressive Semester 1 attendance sits at:

43.8
%

Which family will earn the May **Family Attendance Award**? We love to recognise excellent attendance and improvements with a \$200 shop at the Meekatharra IGA Supermarket. Will it be your family next?



As the cooler weather and illnesses set in, the Meekatharra GP Clinic currently has **free Flu jabs** for all children and adults aged 5 and above.

Children aged 6 mths - 5 yrs can also have **free Flu jabs** with our local Maternal Child and Health Nurse. Family groups with multi-aged children can also be catered for. **For more information call the GP Clinic on (08) 64 44 79 80**

Mother's Day and Walk Safely to School Fun!



COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Available in Town

LLOYDS CONFERENCE ROOM

Lloyds Plaza Conference Room is a state-of-the-art conferencing facility set to accommodate up to a maximum of 25 people. *Hire fees are \$12.50 (including GST) per hour, minimum of 4 hours hire.*

This facility **can be booked online**. Alternatively, please contact us directly at **9980 0600** or email us at **cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au**



Lloyds Plaza Conference Room

TOWN HALL

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

This facility 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.



Town Hall

SPORTING COMPLEX AND OVAL

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

The Sporting Complex and Oval might be the space for you. With its lush 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 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



GYM

The gym is located at the Sporting Complex off Landor Road behind the Club Rooms and can 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.

We have recently upgraded the facility and equipment, so we can deliver the best gym in the region!

Access is restricted to 16 years of age 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)

\$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 Sporting Complex off Landor Rd. The key and light tokens are available from the Shire Office.

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

Opening Hours

Temporarily out of action, repairs in progress.

Fees & Charges (as of July 2023)

- 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 Sporting Complex off Landor Road and is a free facility to use for the community.

This is an unmanned facility and can 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 Sporting Complex 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 are open on during the School Term and the School Holidays. They provide after school programs for the youth in Meekatharra, and give them a space to connect with others.

Both areas have adults who can supervise and guide the youth in what they want to do. The facilities and resources are well equipped for the youth to use.

Kidzone welcomes children from age 5-9 years, while the Youth Centre welcomes youth from age 10 - 18 years. All youth are welcome to come and even bring their friends or siblings with them.

Opening Hours

Kidzone & Youth Centre:

3pm - 5pm, everyday Monday to Friday

Youth Centre:

6pm - 8pm everyday Monday to Friday

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



Youth Officer: Kadisen King



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 apply 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

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Communities of Focus

Communities of Focus Update & Celebration

Gillian Frew - Communities of Focus Implementation Lead

We're excited to share what we've been doing and celebrate what we have achieved together so far. Here's a quick update:

Over the past few months, we have been focused on hearing through multiple conversation at community meetings and events what is important to Meeka and where would our combined efforts have most impact. We have also been learning about what is already happening in the community and how best we can support it.

Together we created a shared purpose

"Community walking together to make long-term changes, sharing knowledge, and helping each other for a better future for Meekatharra."

We heard what is most important and what community wanted to focus on over the next 2-3 years:

- Bring community together to build strong relationships and strengthening our cultural connections.
- Build positive futures for Young People
- Creating collaborative Services: Making sure services work together the "Meeka way" and provide access and opportunities.

So, what's happening?

Community have started some exciting initiatives that you may already know about or be involved in. Please contact us for more information or if you have any other ideas that will help community work towards our goals.

- Fashion Show: Celebrating our community's creativity.
- Men's Group: A space for men to connect.
- Sun Stop: Promoting community connection and well-being.
- Community Garden: Growing food and strengthening community relationships.

What do we need to be successful?

- We know that building strong relationships and community leading change is critical to making a difference. We are doing this by providing choice and control, being transparent to build trust and by respecting everyone's contribution.

We're proud of our progress and excited about the future. Let's keep walking together, sharing knowledge, and supporting each other.

You can keep up to date with what's happening by following the Meekatharra Communities of Focus Facebook page or put up your hand to be involved by contacting:

Timika King 0498 629 548 or;

Gilliann Frew 0476 664 783 or;

by email on cofmeekatharra@missionaustralia.com.au

Great work by everyone, thank you for being part of this journey!



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Communities of Focus



NAIDOC WEEK

KEEP THE FIRE BURNING! BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD

7-14 JULY 2024

#NAIDOC2024
#BLAKLOUDPROUD

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@naidocweek

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Urapun Muy by Deb Belyea

SAMUAWGADHALGAL, TORRES STRAIT

'Urapun Muy', from the Kalaw Kawayo Ya dialect of the Top Western Islands of the Torres Strait, means 'One Fire'. The title of this work pays homage to Torres Strait Islanders and Aboriginal people everywhere, as we all have that one fire: our passion for our culture. In this work, I have depicted the hands of our ancestors that have carefully dropped a burning ember on to a fire. This ember burns hot with intensity, stoking the flames, as it combines with the new fire. The linear detail shows the energy and power as cultural knowledge is transferred from our ancestors to us today. Culture is the fire that gives us knowledge, wisdom and purpose. It is our responsibility to maintain, practice, and pass on our fire to our future generations. Afterall, Culture keeps us Blak, Loud and Proud.

Aboriginal Flag designed by Mr Harold Thomas.
Torres Strait Islander Flag reproduced by kind permission of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council, designed by the late Mr Bernard Narrok



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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





NAIDOC Week Activities 2024

Join us for a week of activities
celebrating to keep the fire burning! **7 - 14 July**

Monday 8 July

Opening
Ceremony
Flag Raising
Morning Tea

10:00am
Shire Garden

Tuesday 9 July

NAIDOC Themed
Art Activities

9:00am - 1:00pm
Youth Centre

Wednesday 10 July

Head on over to
the Youth Centre
for some fun
activities!

9:00am - 1:00pm
Youth Centre

Thursday 11 July

Traditional
Indigenous
Games
9:00am - 1:00pm
Oval
Community Lunch
1:00pm - 2:00pm
Oval

Friday 12 July

Elders Morning
Tea

10:00am
Art Gallery

Saturday 13 July

J-Milla Music
Workshop

10:00am
Town Hall

Community
Concert
4:00pm

Youth Disco
6:00pm - 9:00pm
Town Hall

Sunday 14 July

Social Media
Workshop with
J-Milla

NAIDOC Closing
10:00am
Town Hall



**KEEP THE FIRE BURNING!
BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD**
7-14 JULY 2024



MISSION
AUSTRALIA
Community
of Meekatharra



Meekatharra
Community
Resource
Centre
Your local connection



youthfocus

NAIDOC 2024



PRESENTS
J-MILLA

CONCERT & WORKSHOPS

WHERE: MEEKATHARRA SHIRE HALL

SAT 13TH JULY: MUSIC WORKSHOP @ 10AM
COMMUNITY CONCERT @ 4PM
DISCO @ 6PM - 9PM

SUN 14TH: SOCIAL MEDIA WORKSHOP @10AM



Life



Style

THINGS WE DO HERE IN TOWN.

10 YEARS AGO TODAY!

A trip back in time

What was happening in Meekatharra ten years ago? Well, we took a bit of a dig through the archives and this is what we found!

Sandfire Meekatharra Golf Open

10 years ago the Sandfire Meekatharra Annual Open Golf Tournament was held and for the first time, a huge cash prize was offered for the Net Men's winner. It was said to have been the largest amateur golf prize in the Mid-West/Goldfields region at that time.

The winner of the cheque for \$1,000 cash was Brendon Stuart who had a score of 70 points from the 27 hole event. Brendon was part of the Leinster Golf Club. Participants also travelled from the Pilbara to attend the tournament.

The prize money for this event was just under the amateur golfing regulations limit for that time!

Mother's Day Lunch at the Granites

Three generations of women and their children spent the day at the Granites celebrating Mother's Day and enjoying some good tucker.

Tasty stew, a good old sausage sizzle and salad with some damper cooked on the fire all made for a great day out in the beauty of the Mid-West.

Meekatharra Gym

Now, you might be wondering why the gym is in this section, but did you know that the Meekatharra Gym was previously located at the Indoor Cricket Centre?

"Where's the Indoor Cricket Centre" I hear you ask? (Well probably the only people who will ask that question are those 'newbies' to town like myself!). The old Indoor Cricket Centre is located on High Street.

If you want more information about the Meekatharra Gym, contact us directly at **9980 0600** or; email **cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au**

Photos and information taken from issue 256 of the Meekatharra Dust.



SANDFIRE MEEKATHARRA GOLF OPEN



Brendon Stuart and Clarrie Lauritsen

Women on the move



Mother's Day Lunch at the Granites

Another day of family and fun celebrating motherhood for

MEEKATHARRA GYM

AT THE INDOOR CRICKET CENTRE ON HIGH STREET





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22 May 2024

With Senior Regional Officer for the Midwest Cheryle Dennis

Stage one of WA's rent reforms are now here.

Rent bidding is now banned, tenants have stronger rights to fight back against retaliatory action by landlords and undercover officers from Consumer Protection will be checking to make sure landlords and agents are doing the right thing.

Welcome to stage one of Western Australia's Rent Reforms, which came into effect on 16 May. The changes to the *Residential Tenancies Act* passed through Parliament last month and here's what it means for renters and landlords.

The ban on soliciting rent bidding means landlords and agents can no longer ask or invite tenants to pay more money to secure an available rental property.

An example of soliciting rent bidding would be, *"there are lots of people interested in this property, you can secure it if you offer more rent."*

Properties must also be advertised at a set amount and cannot include a price range, or 'rent from' figure. Failure to comply with these laws may attract penalties of up to \$10,000 or \$50,000 for a corporation.

Consumer Protection will be keeping a watchful eye on landlords and property managers by sending undercover compliance officers posing as would-be tenants along to property inspections to discuss higher rent offers.

Higher rent offers can be accepted if they are offered freely. If a tenant proposes offering higher rent, the lessor or their agent must respond along the lines, *"that is a matter for you and not something I want to comment on. You need to make your own decision about the value of the property and the rent you wish to pay"*.

While tenants have always been able to challenge an eviction in the Magistrates Court, the new rules around retaliatory action are now broader. If a tenant believes their landlord or agent is taking action against them as payback for exercising their rental rights, they can challenge that action in the Magistrate's Court.

For example, this might be if a tenant thinks their rent was deliberately increased, or their lease agreement not renewed, just because they asked for some basic maintenance or made a complaint about their landlord or agent.



Department of **Energy, Mines,
Industry Regulation and Safety**



This change gives tenants boosted confidence to stick up for their rights and apply to the Magistrates Court to have decisions by the landlord or agent reversed.

It's important to note this new reform only covers actions since the 16 May 2024.

These are just the first two reforms of seven. A second stage of tenancy reforms is expected to take effect in July 2024. These include reducing the frequency of rent increases to a minimum 12-month intervals, allowing tenants to keep pets or make minor modifications in most circumstances and introducing Commissioner dispute resolution processes.

A streamlined bond release process is expected to be introduced in early 2025.

The Consumer Protection website goes into detail about each of the seven reforms - www.demirs.wa.gov.au/warentreforms

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The Parenting Line is provided by Ngala and funded by the State Government through the Department of Communities and Child & Adolescent Health Service.



Meekatharra

Commercial Hotel

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- Pub
- Bottle'o
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TERM 2 YOUTH SERVICES

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8	3-5PM 6-8PM 3 CLOSED WA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	4 KZ GARDENING YC DROP IN FAIR GAME VISIT AT OVAL	5 KZ SPORTS YC DROP IN FAIR GAME VISIT AT OVAL	6 KZ GAMES DAY YC DROP IN FAIR GAME VISIT WITH KARALUNDI AT OVAL	7 KZ MOVIE DAY YC DROP IN HOT CHOC & MOVIE NIGHT	8 MURCHISON MARLU JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE 10AM-12PM IN CUE
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PREVIEW

JULY Week 1

1st - 5th July



3rd - 4th July



JULY Week 2 NAIDOC activities on this week



KEEP THE FIRE BURNING!
BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD

7-14 JULY 2024

Stay up to date on our Facebook page or
check out the Community Notice board!

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.

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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!

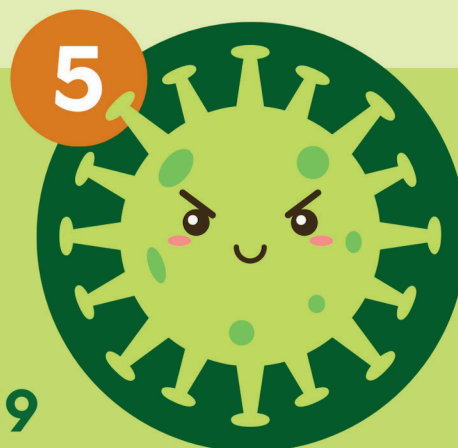


Distribution

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

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

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.

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

THE MONTH THAT WAS, AT THE **Youth Centre**

During May the Youth Centre hosted their first Murchison Marlu Junior Football League game!

There was lots of local community involvement and it was great to have other towns coming to join us in the games.

It was well attended and a highlight for our youth.

Fair Game also came to visit in May and provided a massive range of sports-based activities for all of our youth services children.

Our Tuesday night football sessions with Stephen Michael Foundation are becoming very popular, and well attended. Particularly as we get further into the Murchison Marlu Junior Football League season.

Watch this space as we will have another Saturday session coming to Meekatharra next term.

During our Thursday evening sports sessions with Karalundi, we've been trying new and different games like footy and rugby. This has been keeping the kids engaged and helping them develop new skills. They love it!

Kids Zone continues to have great attendance and participation from our 5 - 9 year-old children. With the colder weather coming in our program will change a little to keep the kids warm.

Keep watching this spot as we look forward to a fun filled June!



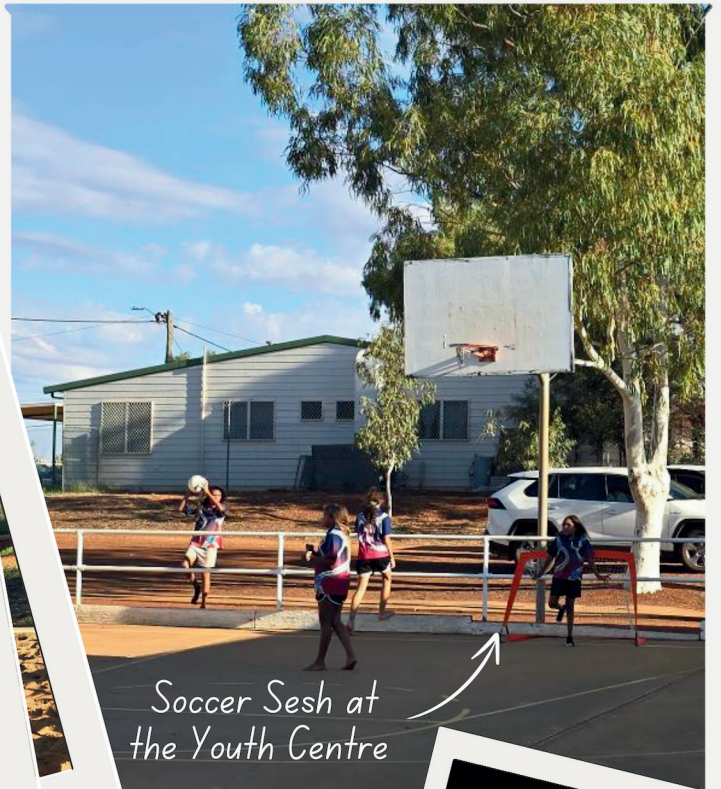
Fair Game and parachute fun!



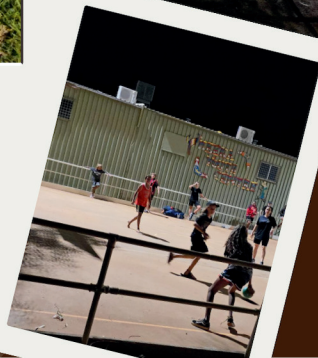
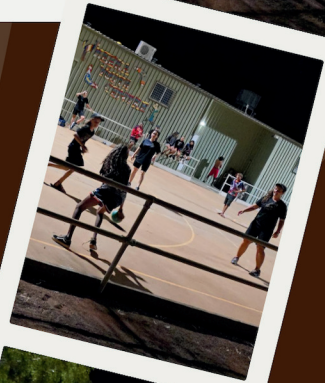
Fair Game hanging out at the Youth Centre



Kids Zone fun!



Soccer Sesh at the Youth Centre



Footy at the oval
- every Tuesday night



Department of
Primary Industries and
Regional Development

Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

July 2024

Splitting the difference



Left: Native longicorn beetle larvae, extracted from jarrah timber. Right: EHB larvae and a cross section of seasoned (dry) pine log showing larvae feeding tunnel.

Larvae in firewood

During the winter period where firewood is often collected and split, our service receives a common enquiry: *"I've chopped some wood and found these grubs! Are these borers? Is this the European house borer? Is my house at risk???"* The first question we ask to split European house borer (EHB) from many other wood borers is: *"What wood are you cutting? Is it pine?"*. If the answer is no, it's not going to be EHB.

EHB larvae will only reproduce in seasoned (dry) coniferous timber and wood, including pine, fir and spruce. Of these, pine trees (*Pinus* species) and pine timbers are abundant in WA.

What if the answer was yes? - If you notice larvae or borer emergence holes in dead pine branches, logs, or untreated pine pallets or timbers, please report this. EHB has the potential to cause major structural damage to buildings constructed with untreated pine timber. Infested wood stored in or around the home is worth investigating.

Who's on the chopping block?

Most firewood burnt in WA is from native hardwood species and pictured in this article are the larvae of native longicorn beetles (*Phoracantha* species) in jarrah. These beetles attack live or recently dead/felled Eucalypt trees

and do not pose a risk to the timbers in your home.

If you have been chopping firewood for years but are only starting to see these borers, it's likely the trees the firewood has come from, were stressed or recently felled. Trees stressed by drought or disease are particularly susceptible to borer attack.

Reporting

We can't all be insect identification specialists, but that doesn't matter. If something isn't familiar to you, it's best to report it rather than ignore it. When reporting, please include as much information as possible about what's occurring. Collect and hold onto any insect samples, and if taking photos, include things like a ruler or a pen so the dimensions of insects, holes or other symptoms can be gauged.

If borers are coming out of furniture, timber, or wooden products like bowls, chopping boards or ornaments – report it as soon as possible and we will provide guidance from there.

For more information on [EHB](#) and other reportable species like the [polyphagous shot hole borer](#) (PSHB), see our webpage agric.wa.gov.au and search EHB or PSHB, or contact us.



Report your observations

MyPestGuide® Reporter via app or online mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au

Pest and Disease Information Service (08) 9368 3080 | padis@dpird.wa.gov.au

LIFESTYLE

Looking After You!



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

Find Cancer Early: Tips when visiting your doctor about a possible symptom.

As we get older, many of us don't often think too much about a change to our body. This can result in us expecting and accepting changes over time as being normal.

But it is important to not be tempted to put something unusual down to 'getting older' before you've told your doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker. Always have a chat and let them know what you've noticed, even if you're not concerned by it. Chances are it is nothing to worry about, but it's better to be on the safe side.

When you decide to make an appointment, lots of different questions and concerns can pass through your mind, such as:

- The doctor is always too busy.
- It's too hard to get an appointment.
- When I get to my appointment my mind goes blank.
- What could happen when I see the doctor or health worker?
- I don't have a doctor.
- I feel embarrassed or shame.

Tips when you are visiting your doctor/health professional:

- Be clear about your symptoms.
- Calling early in the morning is often the best time to arrange an appointment and if you feel it is urgent let the receptionist know this when you call.
- If your usual health professional isn't available that day, ask for their earliest available appointment, or ask to see another doctor.
- Write down why you've made the appointment and what you want to tell your health professional.
- Keep a symptom diary of what's been happening, how long for, and how often it occurs – you can take this with you.
- Health professionals are there to help you – don't be embarrassed to let them know about any unusual changes you've noticed in your body.
- Take someone with you as a second pair of ears to listen & perhaps to take notes for you to clarify what is said at your appointment.

Become familiar with common cancer symptoms.

We encourage adults, especially those over 40 years of age, to be aware of some common symptoms of cancers. You can give yourself the best chance to **Find Cancer Early**, by going to see a doctor straight away if you have symptoms, so that treatment is easier, and you can be around longer to do the things you love doing with the people you love.

Where else can I get advice?

- Cancer Council WA – Information and Support line - **13 11 20**
- Visit findcancerearly.com.au
- GP, nurse practitioner or pharmacist

Have you had any of these...

... for more than 4 weeks?

- ☐ Problems peeing
- ☐ Runny poo
- ☐ Unexplained weight loss
- ☐ An unusual pain, lump or swelling anywhere in your body
- ☐ Becoming more short of breath
- ☐ A persistent cough
- ☐ A new or changed spot on your skin

... once or more?

- ☐ Blood in your poo
- ☐ Coughing up blood
- ☐ Blood in your pee



If you have and you are over 40...

Tell your doctor

The earlier cancer is found, the greater the chance of successful treatment.

Partner:



For more information visit findcancerearly.com.au
or call **13 11 20**



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Health**

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1 in 15 Australians are diagnosed with Bowel Cancer every year.

Living a healthy and fulfilling life is important to us all. But ignoring our health and not seeing a doctor if we have unusual symptoms could have a serious impact on our life and wellbeing. It is important to be aware of cancer symptoms and get checked out by a doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker if you notice anything unusual.

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

Common symptoms of bowel cancer may include blood in your poo (even just one time) or, for more than four weeks: a new pain, lump or swelling in your tummy; feeling tired; looking pale; losing weight without trying; and a change in normal bowel habits, such as runny poo, pooing more often or finding it hard to poo.

Almost half of all bowel cancers can be prevented by leading a healthy lifestyle, which includes:

Eating well – a diet high in fibre, fruit, vegetables and low in red and processed meat

Keeping at a healthy weight

Not smoking

Consuming less alcohol

Moving more – be physically active

And of course, participating in the screening program if eligible

Find out how you can protect yourself and your loved ones by learning about the early symptoms of cancer on our website:

www.findcancerearly.com.au/cancer-symptoms/

Your health is worth it.

**Know the symptoms
of bowel cancer!**



Government of Western Australia
Department of Health

Call us on 13 11 20
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ANNOUNCEMENTS!



From 1 July 2023

Department of Transport Servicing

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-Jo from CRC

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Could you be a 2025 Youth Week WA Ambassador?

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WA 2025**

If you or someone you know is passionate about being a voice for young people and would enjoy being involved in the planning, promotion and delivery of a range of incredible Youth Week WA events throughout the State, then this opportunity could be for you!

Our volunteer ambassadors contribute to events and strategies for Youth Week WA, provide support and guidance to the Young People's Planning Committee and speak about Youth Week in the media and at events.

Applications close 21 July 2024 ★

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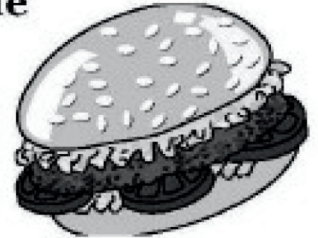
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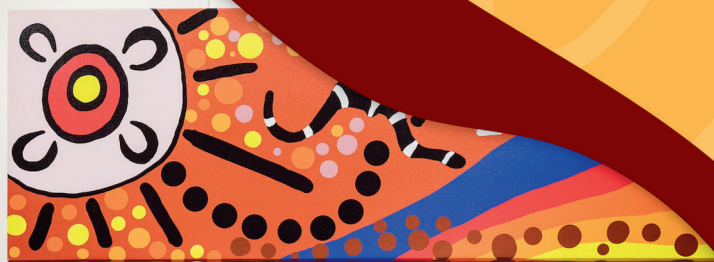
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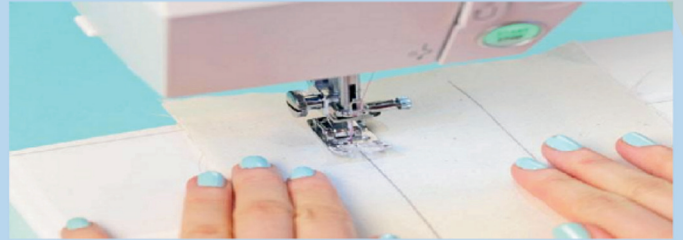
Start preparing now so you can share
your master pieces with the community.
Contact the Community Development
Officer on cdo@eastpilbara.wa.gov.au or
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ART & CULTURE

Come to the Yulella Community Hub for Sewing Group



Sewing Group

If anyone wants to learn how to sew, stitch and dress making come on down to the Yulella Community Hub

Bring your supplies and create your master pieces.

Afternoon tea or Hot Soup will be provided.

Tuesday's Elders 4pm to 6pm

Wednesday's Youth 4pm to 6pm

Thursday's Collaboration 4pm to 6pm



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Invitation to all local writers

Explore your imagination and showcase your talent by
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ENTRY IS FREE

Entries open 19 April 2024

Entries close 12 July 2024

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Readers and Writers Festival

SHORT STORY PRIZE ENTRY FORM 2024

Name:

Address:

Phone: Email:

Title of Story: Word Count:

I advise that my entry is my own work and has not been published previously. Should my entry be deemed the winning entry, I provide my permission for my work to be included in the Geraldton Regional Library collection, including being uploaded to the online catalogue.

Signed: Dated:

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

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.





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



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- **Skills Development:** Our apprenticeships provide practical experience and essential skills for a successful career.
- **Education Requirements:** To qualify, students must demonstrate proficiency in numeracy, literacy, and mathematics while in school.

Recruitment Timeline

- **Application Period:** Starting September 2024
- **New Apprenticeship Intake:** January 2025

Don't miss this opportunity to kick-start your career with Westgold!

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wa.gov.au/volunteering

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Where can I volunteer?

ST JOHN AMBULANCE

When you become a St John Ambulance volunteer, you'll be part of the welcoming team that's changing lives. Training occurs on twice a month on a Wednesday evening. To 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!

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Speak soon!



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Ingredients

- ▲ olive or canola oil spray
- ▲ 1 1/2 cups self-raising flour
- ▲ 1/2 cup wholemeal self-raising flour
- ▲ 1/2 cup sweet potato, peeled and grated
- ▲ 2 tbs Parmesan cheese, grated
- ▲ 1/2 red capsicum, finely chopped
- ▲ 3 spring onions (including green tops), ends trimmed, chopped
- ▲ pepper, to taste
- ▲ 1 cup reduced-fat milk
- ▲ 2 eggs

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Method

1. Preheat oven to 200°C (180°C fan forced).
2. Lightly spray muffin tins with oil or line with paper cases.
3. Sift flours into a medium sized bowl, returning husk remaining in the sieve to the bowl.
4. Mix in sweet potato, cheese, capsicum, spring onion and pepper.
5. In a bowl, whisk milk and eggs together.
6. Add to dry ingredients and mix through until just combined.
7. Spoon into prepared muffin pan.
8. Bake for 25 minutes until muffins are firm and a knife inserted into the centre comes out clean.
9. Allow to cool in the tin for a few minutes then turn onto a wire rack.

Hint

Muffins freeze well in snap-lock bags, but are best eaten on the day they are made.

Healthy tip!

Having a party? Serve veggie sticks and water crackers with salsa rather than high-fat chips and dips.

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Popular Pizza Toppings

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Difficulty: moderate

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For Our Elders, Bobbi Lockyer

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