

# MEEKATHARRA DUST



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The Shire of Meekatharra acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout this region, and recognises the continuing connection to lands, waters and communities.

We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures; and to Elders past and present.





## **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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**CDO@MEEKASHIRE.WA.GOV.AU**

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## CEO COUNCIL MESSAGE

Welcome to the August/September 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 17<sup>th</sup> of August 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 17 August 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 June and July 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 9.1.2 – Community Services Manager's Report**

The Community Services Manager report is now included in the main agenda of Council meeting.

### **Outback Festival 2024 Updates**

- Acquittal documentation for the 2023 Outback Festival Lottery West Grant Acquittal was completed and has been submitted.
- Entertainment and vendors confirmed for the 2024 Outback Festival as follows:
  - i. Monsterball Inflatables
  - ii. Westcoast Fireworks
  - iii. Benny Mayhem Monster Music Truck
  - iv. Zap Circus
  - v. Old McDonalds Travelling Farm
  - vi. Real Moroccan Cuisine
  - vii. Kathmandu Garden

### **Past Activities and Events**

- **8-14 July | NAIDOC Week Activities**
  - The Shire hosted the Opening Ceremony on Monday 8 July, Indigenous Art Activities at the Youth Centre and supported the NAIDOC events throughout the week.
  - The week saw a great turnout with collaboration between Yulella Aboriginal Corporation, Mission Australia, Communities of Focus, Youth Focus and the Community Resource & Visitor Centre.

### **Future Events (Shire led):**

- **! Date change: Thursday 17 October & Friday 18 October | Junior & Senior Youth Formals**
  - In partnership with Meekatharra District High School
  - Free ticketed event
  - Inclusive to all youth in the Murchison district
- **! Date change: May 2025 | Kalyakoorl, ngalak warangka Tour (Forever, We Sing)**
  - Gina Williams & Guy Ghouse
  - A return show from 2023

Other item details from the Community Services Manager's Report can be found in the Minutes of the Council meeting.

### **Items from the Shire of Meekatharra Ordinary Meeting 17 August 2024**

#### **Item 9.3.4 – Westgold Mining Road User & Maintenance Agreement Variation**

*That Council approves the variation request from Westgold Resources Ltd dated 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2024 for use of the Ashburton Downs Road SLK 0 to SLK 76 to haul their mineral products in accordance with the terms and conditions of the attached Road User and Maintenance Agreement between the Shire of Meekatharra and Westgold Resources Ltd.*



The above resolution confirms Councils agreement for a variation to the current Road User and Maintenance Deed Agreement between the Shire of Meekatharra and Westgold Mining Pty Ltd for the use of the Ashburton Downs Road network as requested by Westgold.

**Item 9.3.5 – Stephen Michael Foundation Lease**

*That Council approve leasing the property Lot 832 being a portion of Lot 500 Railway Street on Reserve 3892, Meekatharra on Deposited Plan 69309 Certificate of Title Volume LR3161 Folio 607 to the Stephen Michael Foundation Ltd in accordance with the terms and conditions of the attached lease and for the Shire President and CEO to execute under Common Seal and to seek Ministerial approval.*

The above resolution confirms approval to lease the former Meeka Goes Green shed to the Stephen Michael Foundation at Lot 500 Railway Street, on Reserve 3892, Meekatharra. This will allow the Stephen Michael Foundation to store its equipment at a secure site.

**Further Information Snippets**

- Council 2024/25 budget – As previously advised, Council finalized its 2024/25 budget that was formally adopted at its ordinary meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2024. This will now allow the 2024/25 Rates Notices to be finalized and sent to all landowners. This year Council will not include the budget explanation documentation with the Rates Notices but instead has advertised the information in this edition of the Dust and will also include on Councils website, Facebook etc.
- Shire President Local Government Award – Councillor Harvey Nichols has been awarded the Local Government Merit Certificate for his long and dedicated service to the Shire of Meekatharra. Harvey was first elected to the Shire of Meekatharra in 2003 and elected as Shire President in 2019. The award was presented by the WA Local Government Association and on behalf of the Shire of Meekatharra and the community, we congratulate Councillor Nichols on receiving his well deserved award.
- Citizenship ceremony – the Shire President was pleased to confer citizenship to Mr Mmeli Moyo at a ceremony held after the Council meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024 We congratulate Mmeli on becoming an Australian citizen.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled for Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2024, so the next CEO *Council Message* column will appear in the September 2024 edition. Until then bye for now!

**KJ Matthews – CEO**

## 2024-2025 Budget in Brief

### Snapshot

Council has implemented a new rating model bringing the Shire's rating effort in-line with the other Councils in the Murchison Region.

Rating of townsite properties and pastoral stations is on average with the region, whilst mining has increased from last year it remains below the regional average.

Charges for waste disposal remains the same as last year.

The Shire's total operating revenue is \$11.6 million, of which \$7.2 million comes from rate revenue.

The Shire has estimated \$8.0 million in capital funding, primarily helping to fund improvements to the road network.

No loans are proposed in the budget.

The 2024-2025 Budget includes operating cash expense of \$9.1 million, with a further \$26.0 million allocated to capital works.

Council has also implemented a new model for cash-backed reserves, effectively consolidating many historical reserves into larger, newer reserves.

A net decrease of \$0.9 million in cash-backed reserves is anticipated as funds are directed to the proposed capital works.

Capital works included in the budget are summarised as –

- Buildings - \$3.8 million
- Plant and Machinery - \$1.9 million
- Roads - \$18.3 million
- Pathways - \$0.4 million
- Other Infrastructure - \$1.1 million
- Airport - \$0.5 million

Some of the proposed works include –

### Staff Accommodation - \$1.2 million

Finalisation of two new units for staff accommodation at Lot 304 (135) Darlot Street will occur once planning

approval has been completed. Additional accommodation will also be constructed.

### Lloyd's Plaza Extension - \$1.6 million

Stage 1 of an extension to Lloyd's Plaza will occur following public consultation. Concept plans have been prepared and discussed by Council.



### Recreational and Cultural Facilities - \$0.5 million

Renewal works to the Swimming Pool, Gymnasium, Picture Gardens and Youth Centre are proposed.

### Landor-Meekatharra Road Sealing - \$10.5 million

Roads to Recovery capital funding will be used to assist in sealing the remaining unsealed 29-kilometre section of the Landor-Meekatharra Road.

### Floodway Reinstatements - \$3.2 million

Funding for 4 x Floodway Reinstatements has been included at Gorge Creek, Pingandy River (Little), Pingandy River (Big), and Deverell Creek.

### Flood Damage Reinstatement - \$3.0 million

Flood damage on over 40 Shire roads, caused by significant weather events in recent years, will be reinstated with funding being provided by government.

### Lions Park Development - \$0.3 million

Park development will continue, including pathways, reticulation, tree planting, and other landscaping.



**Community**



**Happenings**

WHAT'S CURRENTLY HAPPENING IN MEEKA?

# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | Meekatharra's newest Aussie!



## Congratulations to our newest Australian citizen.

On Saturday 17th August, we welcomed our newest Australian citizen in Meekatharra, Mmeli Moyo.

Becoming an Australian citizen, whilst rewarding, is not without its hurdles and can often be a long and challenging journey. From meeting eligibility criteria and gathering documentation to preparing for the citizenship test and navigating the application process, prospective citizens must tackle several challenges.

The Australian citizenship ceremony is a meaningful occasion, and symbolises the final step in the journey to becoming an Australian citizen.

It is a moment of pride, reflection, and connection, marking the beginning of a new chapter in the lives of those who have chosen to call Australia home.



New Australian citizen Mmeli Moyo and Shire President Harvey Nichols

As we welcome new citizens into our community, we also celebrate the values and diversity that make Australia a unique and vibrant nation.

The citizenship ceremony is a formal event where new Australian citizens take the final step in their journey to citizenship. It is where they make the Australian Citizenship Pledge, affirming their commitment to Australia's values and way of life. The ceremony is not only a legal requirement but also a significant cultural event, celebrating the diversity and unity of Australia.

We would like to congratulate Mmeli on reaching this milestone and also to thank and acknowledge all of the great work he does within the community of Meekatharra.



Mmeli making his Australian Citizenship Pledge, affirming his commitment to Australia's values and way of life.



# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | The Outback Festival is on its way!

**The Outback Festival is fast approaching and it will be here before we know it!**

The Meekatharra Outback Festival is an annual event held over the King's Birthday long weekend in September.

The weekend commences with the opening of the annual 'Meeka Made' art gallery exhibition, on Friday 20th September. The exhibition showcases artworks from the regions many talented local artists.

Over the weekend there are community markets, art, music and circus workshops, family entertainment such as amusement rides, circus performances, face painting, petting zoo and a fireworks extravaganza.

The weekend ends on Sunday evening with the Meekatharra Outback Ball held at the Town Hall. This year's theme is 'Rock & Roll' so get your tickets from the Shire Office before they sell out!

Enjoy an evening of good food, live music, and dance the night away. Over the next few pages, we have a sneak peek of some of the attractions and entertainment.

The Shire of Meekatharra would also like to acknowledge and thank our major sponsors, Lotterywest and Horizon Power.





## Benny Mayhem's Monster Music Truck comes to Meekatharra for the Meekatharra Outback Festival!

Have you heard of the Monster Music Truck?

Well, the Shire of Meekatharra is excited to bring this fantastic music program to the local community on Saturday, 21st September.

It begins at 1:30pm when musicians of all ages are invited to a Touring Musicians Workshop which will go into detail about ways you can stay in your community and still travel the world to have your own music career.

Young people between the ages of 6 and 18 are then invited to come along and learn practical ways to have a career in music with Benny Mayhem's Youth Music Workshop from 2pm to 3:30pm.

The Workshops are centred around the band's amazing concert truck. With a huge sound system and a big stage with lighting and video screens, it's a great way to get them excited about music.

They can play live instruments on stage and learn from the band how to make their first steps to becoming a professional musician. They even get to write a song together and will be able to learn from touring professionals on drums, bass, guitar and even vocals.

You can register kids for the 90+ minute workshop by simply messaging the band:

[facebook.com/BennyMayhem](https://facebook.com/BennyMayhem)

or

[instagram.com/BennyMayhem](https://instagram.com/BennyMayhem) and they will keep you updated leading up to the event.

Benny Mayhem has spent over 10 years playing around the world and has developed these workshops so anybody can learn the steps to building their own music career the way they want to build it. He'll give you the tools to begin.

The day culminates in a 3 hour Community Concert at 5pm featuring the Benny Mayhem Band with songs from their new double album, along with plenty of songs from other artists such as Oasis, Crowded House, Green Day, the Pogues and more. It's free for everyone to attend and kids are encouraged to come back with family and friends to see where they could be with their music career in the future.





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# THE BENNY MAYHEM BAND

SATURDAY  
SEP  
21st at 5pm

On The Monster Single Launch  
Music Truck Tour

**MEEKATHARRA OVAL** ★ FROM THE BAND'S  
**3 HOURS OF LIVE MUSIC** ★ HEADLINING TOUR  
**HUGE SOUND SYSTEM** ★ ACROSS WA

FREE ENTRY | FREE ENTRY | FREE ENTRY



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BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY  
SMOKE/DRUG/ALCOHOL FREE

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**SONGS BY BENNY MAYHEM PLUS NIRVANA, GREEN DAY,  
OASIS, THE POGUES, THE RAMONES, UK CLASSICS,  
JOHNNY CASH, GRINSPHOON AND MORE ...**



**BENNY MAYHEM  
MONSTER MUSIC TRUCK**

**2024 Outback  
Festival**



**BENNY  
MAYHEM**



**FREE Music Workshops & Community Concert**  
**Saturday 21st September | Meekatharra Oval**

**1:30pm • Touring Musicians Workshop**

*Find out how you can stay in your community and still travel the world to have your own music career.*

**All ages welcome.**

**2pm to 3:30pm • Youth Music Workshop**

*Young people are invited to come along and learn practical ways to have a career in music.*

*Play live instruments on stage and learn from the band!*

**Ages 6yrs - 18yrs**

**5:00pm - 8:00pm • Free Community Concert**

**All ages welcome!**

You can register kids for the 90+ minute workshop by simply messaging the band and they will keep you updated leading up to the event.

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**📷** [instagram.com/BennyMayhem](https://instagram.com/BennyMayhem)



# ZAP CIRCUS RETURNS! TARABELLE & RUSTY

## 2024 Outback Festival



### "Purple People Comedy & Circus" Show | **Saturday 21 September**

Superstars Tarrabelle and Rusty from ZAP CIRCUS return with a contemporary comedy & acrobatics show made for adults, but kids are welcome too!

Be blown away by acrobats, juggling, hula hooping and fire in this awarded comedy show, all leading up to a breathtaking stunt that no-one else in the world performs!



### Circus Workshop at the Oval | **Sunday 22 September**

Come down to the Family Fun Day at the Oval on Sunday and join in a fun FREE interactive workshop.

Learn different circus skills such as juggling, plate spinning, hula-hooping and other cool tricks!



### "Aflame" Show at the Outback Ball | **Sunday 22 September**

Purchase a ticket for the Outback Ball and be entertained and dazzled with Tarabelle and Rusty's "Aflame" show.

Ticket price is \$25 per person and includes dinner. Live music from "Strangers in Town". Cash bar available.

***\*This is an 18+ event***



# MEEKATHARRA AMBULANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



## VOLUNTEER BENEFITS

- Access to free and discounted first aid training and equipment
- Free ambulance officer training
- Free ambulance cover
- New skill development

## Join Now



## WE NEED HELP WITH:

- Driving an emergency ambulance
- Looking after people who call an ambulance
- Transporting patients to RFDS
- Checking ambulance stock

## For more information:

Call us at 0437 681 562  
or send us an email at  
[cp.midwesteast@stjohnwa.com.au](mailto:cp.midwesteast@stjohnwa.com.au)



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au)***

## KIDZONE & YOUTH CENTRE

The Kids Zone and Youth Centre are open 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](mailto:youth@meekashire.wa.gov.au)***



Senior 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

[cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au)



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

Wow! What a busy few months it's been at Kids Zone and the Youth Centre.

The first two weeks of July were bustling with activity during the school holidays. Our annual visit from Storm Co. kicked off the first week with a variety of fun activities and games for the kids.

Storm Co. always bring an energetic atmosphere that our young attendees thoroughly enjoy! Additionally, we were thrilled to welcome Nick from Infinity Skate, who conducted a two-day skate park workshop. The sessions were a hit, with around 40 kids participating each day, ranging from ages 4 to 17.

Nick's workshops are consistently popular, and this visit was no exception, with kids of all skill levels having a blast and improving their skating techniques.

As we moved into the second week of the School Holidays, the focus shifted to celebrating NAIDOC Week.

The schedule was packed with diverse activities both at the Youth Centre and within the broader community. We organized a full day dedicated to Aboriginal art and craft, which saw enthusiastic participation from all age groups.

This was followed by a NAIDOC sports day and a community lunch at the oval later in the week.

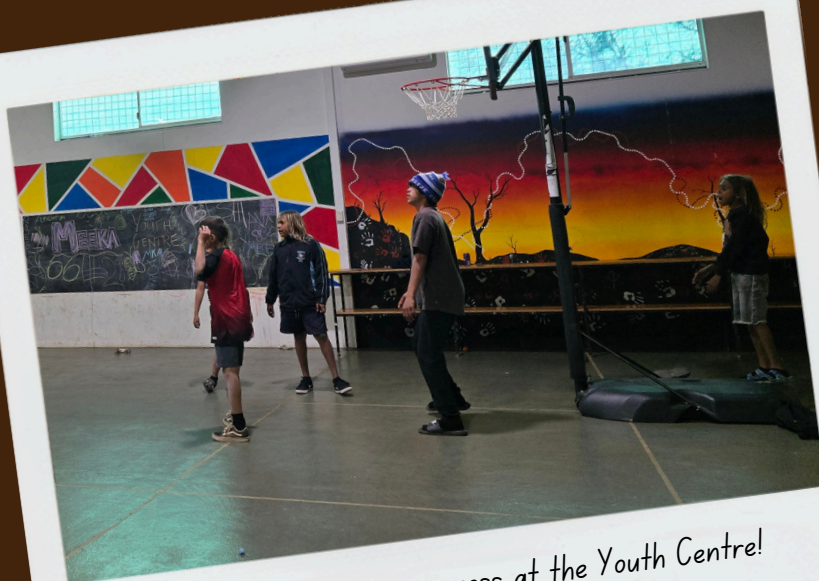
Overall, our school holiday program was a great success, engaging children of all ages with a range of activities designed to be both educational and fun. The following two weeks saw a quieter period for Youth Services due to a temporary staff shortage, leading to the closure of our services for one week.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce the launch of our Term 3 planner. This upcoming term promises a host of new and exciting events and programs.

Stay tuned!



*Indoor basketball in progress at the Youth Centre - Part 1 :)*



*Indoor basketball in progress at the Youth Centre!*



# Arts & Crafts Holiday Fun!

A few snippets of the July school holiday activities going strong.

Canvas painting with the youth, and games and a good feed with some of the Storm Co. crew.



The Shire of Meekatharra &  
Meekatharra District High School present

## Youth Formal 2024 Under the night sky

*All youth of the Murchison District are invited to attend*

### Junior Youth up to Year 8

0-9yrs | 5pm - 7pm  
10-14yrs | 5pm - 9pm

### Senior Youth

Year 9 - Year 12  
6pm - 9pm

Thursday 17th Oct 2024  
Meekatharra Shire Hall

Friday 18th Oct 2024  
Meekatharra Shire Hall

Free  
tickets!

- RSVP for Tickets -  
Contact Kadi on 0475 391 517 before Monday 30th September

Formal Attire  
Dinner & Drinks Provided

*\*Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult*





# TERM 3 YOUTH SERVICES

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**JULY 15**

KZ COOKING  
YC ART

3 - 5PM  
6 - 8PM  
YC DROP IN

**16**

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YC BASKETBALL

FOOTY WITH SMF AT OVAL

**17**

KZ SPORTS  
YC COOKING

TEEBALL AT OVAL

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KZ ART AND CRAFT  
YC ART & CRAFT

TOUCH RUGBY WITH KARALUNDI AT OVAL

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KZ GAMES DAY  
YC DROP IN

YC MOVIE NIGHT

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MURCHISON MARLU JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE 10AM-12PM  
**IN MEEKATHARRA**

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MURCHISON MARLU JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE 10AM-12PM  
**IN CUE**

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**29**

KZ COOKING  
YC DROP IN

3 - 5PM  
6 - 8PM  
YC GAMES NIGHT

**30**

KZ GARDENING  
YC ART & CRAFT

FOOTY WITH SMF AT OVAL

**31**

KZ SPORTS  
YC COOKING

YC DROP IN  
**GIRLS NIGHT AT YF**

**AUGUST 1**

KZ GAMES DAY  
YC ART & CRAFT

TOUCH RUGBY WITH KARALUNDI AT OVAL

**2**

KZ ART AND CRAFT  
YC DROP IN

YC MOVIE NIGHT

**3**

MURCHISON MARLU JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE 10AM-12PM  
**IN CUE**

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KZ COOKING  
YC DROP IN

3 - 5PM  
6 - 8PM  
CAREY RIGHT TRACK FOUNDATION AT YC

**6**

KZ GARDENING  
YC ART & CRAFT

FOOTY WITH SMF AT OVAL

**7**

KZ SPORTS  
YC COOKING

CAREY RIGHT TRACK FOUNDATION AT YC

**8**

KZ GAMES DAY  
YC ART & CRAFT

TOUCH RUGBY WITH KARALUNDI AT OVAL

**9**

KZ MOVIE DAY  
YC DROP IN

YC MOVIE NIGHT

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KZ COOKING  
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6 - 8PM  
YC GAMES NIGHT

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KZ GARDENING  
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FOOTY WITH SMF AT OVAL

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KZ SPORTS  
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KZ GAMES DAY  
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CAREY RIGHT TRACK FOUNDATION AT YC

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KZ GAMES DAY  
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SPORTS WITH KARALUNDI AT OVAL

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KZ GARDENING  
YC ART & CRAFT

FOOTY WITH SMF AT OVAL

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KZ SPORTS  
YC COOKING

YC DROP IN  
**GIRLS NIGHT AT YF**

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KZ GAMES DAY  
YC ART & CRAFT

SPORTS WITH KARALUNDI AT OVAL

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KZ MOVIE DAY  
YC DROP IN

YC MOVIE NIGHT

**31**

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**SEPTEMBER 2**

KZ COOKING  
YC DROP IN

3 - 5PM  
6 - 8PM  
YC GAMES NIGHT

**3**

KZ GARDENING  
YC ART & CRAFT

FOOTY WITH SMF AT OVAL

**4**

KZ SPORTS  
YC COOKING

YC DROP IN  
**BOYS NIGHT AT YF**

**5**

KZ GAMES DAY  
YC ART & CRAFT

SPORTS WITH KARALUNDI AT OVAL

**6**

KZ MOVIE DAY  
YC DROP IN

YC MOVIE NIGHT

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KZ GARDENING  
YC ART & CRAFT

FOOTY WITH SMF AT OVAL

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KZ SPORTS  
YC COOKING

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SPORTS AT OVAL

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**MEEKA OUTBACK FESTIVAL OPENING & ART EXHIBITION**

**21**



# TERM 3 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.



# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | Meekatharra District High School

9 August 2024

## 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.'*



**Meekatharra  
District High School**

**Address:** 77 Savage Street,  
MEEKATHARRA, WA 6642

**Telephone:** (08) 9981 0800

**Email:** meekatharra.dhs@  
education.wa.edu.au

### Upcoming Events

**Aug 16** - National Day of Action  
Against Bullying and Violence

**Aug 21** - Whole School Assembly

**Aug 22** - School Photo Day

**Week 7** - Book Week!

**Aug 26** - Book Week Dress-Up

**Aug 30** - ECE Father's Day Event

**Sept 6** - Yr. 9 Career Taster -  
Hairdressing

**Sept 11** - Whole School Assembly

**Sept 12** - RUOK Day

**Sept 13** - Athletics Carnival

**Carey Right Track:** Visit week 4,  
6, 9

**Pastor Geoff:** Visit week 7, 9

### A Message from the Principal

Barndi gara-gara students, staff, families and community members,

This week we are celebrating NAIDOC week. This year's theme is 'Keep the Fire Burning – Black, Loud and Proud'. This special time is all about honouring, celebrating and learning from the first people of Australia.

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Yugunga-Nya and Ngoonooru Wajarri people, and pay my respect to the land on which Meekatharra DHS is built. I acknowledge the past, present, and future elders for they hold the memories, traditions, the culture and hopes of Indigenous Australia.

NAIDOC is more than just a celebration. It is an opportunity for us to reflect on the contributions and resilience of our Aboriginal community. It's a chance for us to learn, listen and grow together. We commit to a deeper understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal culture and history and encourage our students to engage with and respect the diverse culture that makes up our MDHS community.

Thank-you for the contributions our indigenous staff, students and families bring to our school. You enrich our school community and we are grateful for the knowledge and perspectives you willingly share with us.

Thank-you to Miss Jackie for leading this year's celebrations and for our AIEO's who have contributed some great ideas for activities along the way. Students have been very engaged in a variety of activities including torch making, yesterday's damper competition and today's celebration lunch, activities and sports game.

Thank-you for joining us in this important celebration and a fun afternoon. Let's move forward with respect, understanding and a continual commitment to reconciliation.

Happy NAIDOC week to all!

Mrs Narelle Bubb





# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | Meekatharra District High School

## School Attendance Matters

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

### Did you know?

Coming to school every day make a difference to how much students learn and how well they do. Every day your children learn something new and every day they build on what they know. The more they learn, the better they can achieve, and the more opportunities they create for life.

### 2024 Attendance Goal

Our goal for 2024 is to achieve 50% or more total attendance. Attendance at school everyday = the best opportunity to learn and succeed in life.

Congratulations to the Greaves family who have received this month's Family Attendance Award. Ava and Alira Greaves have been awarded a \$200 food shop from IGA. Congratulations!



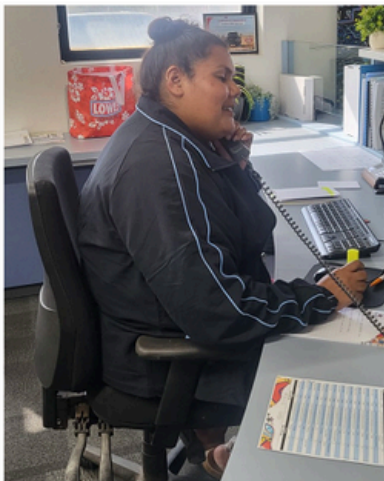
Welcome to our Scaling up Success (SupS) coaches, Michelle Morely, Di Miller and Ross Griffin who are visiting this week!

### Staff Spotlight

My name is **Tiara Nannup**.

I am an Aboriginal woman and have lived in Meekatharra for 11 years, then moved back in November last year and have been in Meekatharra for nine months.

My role at Meekatharra District High School is an Aboriginal Islander Education Officer and I have been at Meekatharra District High School for nine months. I assist with the KindiLink students Monday and Friday, and I am also a School Officer at the front office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.



I enjoy family time, going camping in the bush and my culture.

This year I am looking forward to the holidays and end of the year.

Always feel free to have a yarn with me.



## KINDY 2025

### ENROLMENTS OPEN



**ENROL YOUR CHILD TODAY:**  
08 9981 0800

For children turning 4 by June 30th 2025



# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | Shooting Stars Update

This week during the Shooting Stars health and well-being sessions, participants learnt about the effects of bullying and about managing different emotions.

The participants created these amazing anti-bullying posters to hang around the school for the lead up to national anti-bullying and anti-violence day on Friday 16th August.

*Update provided by Miss Ferne at Shooting Stars*

ShootingStars



Bullying No Way Week, 12 to 16 August 2024, is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative and connects schools and communities to find workable solutions to prevent bullying.

*The theme for 2024 is 'Everyone belongs'.*

*When we all feel like we belong, bullying struggles to find a place. It's about embracing who we are, respecting everyone's differences and standing up together against unkindness.*

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/preventing-bullying/national-week-of-action>



# Community Connectors Bus

Phone Number

0467 953 411

Hours

8am to 1pm

6pm to 9pm

Monday to Friday

(No bus service on weekends or Public Holidays)

**\*Some exceptions if by prior arrangement\***



# Life



# Style

THINGS WE DO HERE IN TOWN.



# 10 YEARS AGO TODAY!

## A trip back in time



This time 10 years ago, here is what was happening in Meekatharra.

### Getting ready for the Outback Festival

Well, we know the Outback Festival is coming up, and so did everyone in town back then as well. It was a little bit different with the addition of the Meekatharra Races over the weekend, bringing lots of tourists into the area and generating a wealth of excitement as the community came together.

We had our first ever 'Colour Run' over the Festival weekend and there was a street parade that took place as well.



### Meekatharra Rifle Club | 2 day Shoot

Meekatharra also hosted its annual 2-day fullbore Rifle Shoot Competition the month prior. Participants and their families travelled from all over Australia to compete in the competition, and for this particular competition, there were 55 competitors!

it's so great to see the commitment of participants from the surrounding areas, coming here to take part.

*Photos and information taken from issue 258 of the Meekatharra Dust.*

## Meekatharra 2 day Shoot 2014





# 2024 Markets

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

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



Gifts - Food - Art - Many More!

## Extraordinary Outback Experience



Self contained units  
Twin rooms  
Camp sites  
Camp kitchen  
Fuel  
Licensed store  
Lawns & shade

### Mt Augustus Tourist Park

Heart of the Gascoyne  
at the World's  
Biggest Rock

0899439527

[mtaugustustouristpark@skymesh.com.au](mailto:mtaugustustouristpark@skymesh.com.au)

## 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



# LIFESTYLE | Daffodil Day



**Leigh Bright**  
Midwest/Gascoyne Regional Education  
Officer  
**Cancer Council Western Australia**  
[Leigh.Bright@cancerwa.asn.au](mailto:Leigh.Bright@cancerwa.asn.au)

## Daffodil Day hoping to raise funds for cancer research.



Cancer Council WA is urging the community to show their support for Daffodil Day on August 22, by donating to life-saving research to give more than hope to those affected by cancer. It's more important than ever to ensure we support the work of our cancer researchers.

An estimated 13,000 West Australians are diagnosed with cancer every year. This means every day another 36 West Aussies will hear the words "you have cancer". Despite advances made in research and improving survival rates for many cancers, we know that almost one in two Australians will be diagnosed by the age of 85.

Thanks to investment in research over many years, amazing advancements have been made in cancer prevention, screening and treatment - helping to increase survival rates from almost 50 per cent in the 1980s to just under 70 per cent today. By supporting Daffodil Day, you will help us invest in cutting-edge, life-saving research to give Australians hope for a cancer free future.

Daffodil Day 2024 is Thursday, 22 August but you can get involved and help support this special day any time throughout the month. To donate online or get involved visit [www.daffodilday.com.au](http://www.daffodilday.com.au)

**For cancer information and support call 13 11 20**





**Leigh Bright**  
Regional Education Officer –  
Midwest/Gascoyne  
Cancer Council Western Australia  
[Leigh.Bright@cancerwa.asn.au](mailto:Leigh.Bright@cancerwa.asn.au)

## Make Smoking History is 'Worried About You'

Even though tobacco smoking rates are declining, tobacco use is still the largest cause of preventable death and disease in Australia. In a bid to prompt people who smoke to quit, Cancer Council WA's Make Smoking History Program will re-run the *Worried About You* campaign, across Western Australia.

This narrative campaign, produced by Gatecrasher, focuses on a daughter who is worried that her father will become ill from smoking. The television advertisement uses an emotive and powerful story to remind people who smoke to think about how their smoking affects their loved ones. Research commissioned by Make Smoking History found that a key motivator to help people quit smoking is to remind them how smoking impacts their relationships with the people who matter most.

The campaign will appear across various media channels including television, radio, audio streaming services, out-of-home, and digital platforms until Sunday 27 October 2024.

### Tips to kick the habit:

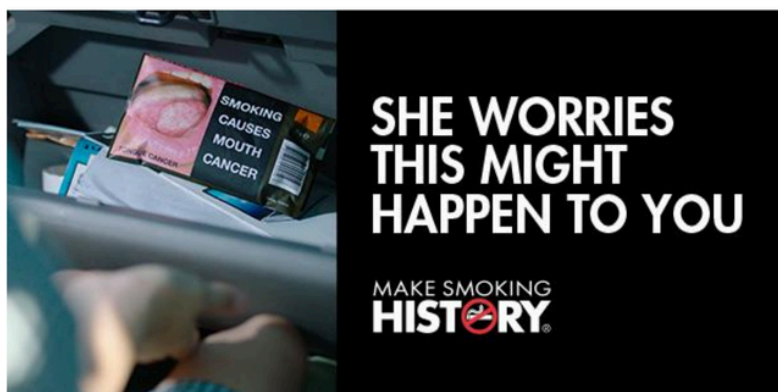
- Visit [makesmokinghistory.tips](https://makesmokinghistory.tips)
- Download the free My QuitBuddy app
- Call the Quitline on 13 7848 or chat online at [quitlinewa.org.au](https://quitlinewa.org.au).
- Chat to your GP, Aboriginal Health Worker, or Pharmacist

For more information about the Make Smoking History Campaign or resources to help people quit smoking, email [makesmokinghistory@cancerwa.asn.au](mailto:makesmokinghistory@cancerwa.asn.au).

*The Make Smoking History Campaign is an initiative of Cancer Council WA and is funded by the Department of Health WA, Healthway and Cancer Council WA*

### Where else can I get advice?

- Cancer Council WA – Information and Support line - 13 11 20
- Visit [findcancerearly.com.au](https://findcancerearly.com.au)







# Regional Pensioner Travel Card

The Regional Pensioner Travel Card provides eligible pensioners with up to \$675 a year toward the cost of fuel and taxi travel from participating providers.

Visit your participating regional post office for an application form.

## Am I eligible?

The Travel Card applies to regional residents in receipt of one of the following:

- Centrelink Age Pension
- Carer Payment
- Disability Support Pension
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Service Pension
- Social Security Age Pension
- Income Support Supplement.



For assistance call the Travel Card Information Line on 1300 666 609 or visit [www.wa.gov.au/travelcard](http://www.wa.gov.au/travelcard).



Department of Energy, Mines,  
Industry Regulation and Safety



## REGIONAL COLUMN

[www.dmirg.wa.gov.au](http://www.dmirg.wa.gov.au) [www.wa.gov.au](http://www.wa.gov.au)

**With Senior Regional Officer, Kevin Collard**

### **New rules crack down on hiding a vehicle's past**

Used car buyers now have more confidence that the vehicles for sale from dealers are safe and reliable, with new regulations taking effect that help protect consumers from making a purchase they may later regret.

As of 7 June, motor vehicle dealers in Western Australia must disclose to prospective buyers whether a vehicle under 15 years old is a repairable write-off.

And there will be penalty of \$2,000 coming to car dealers who fail to reveal whether they are selling written-off vehicles. They must declare this on a form that will be displayed in the window of every second-hand car they are selling.

A repairable write-off is deemed too costly for an insurer to repair but it may be repaired and re-registered subject to the vehicle passing specific safety and vehicle identification inspections. The vehicle must be assessed as roadworthy by an authorised assessor.

Even though a damaged vehicle can be repaired, it may mean there could be other unknown issues. Consumers may also struggle to get full insurance for a vehicle that has been written-off and discover it has a lower market value.

The new regulations help address the growing numbers of consumers who unknowingly purchase used cars that have been written off and repaired, with complaints to Consumer Protection tripling since 2020.

In 71 per cent of the 34 complaints made to Consumer Protection in 2023, the complainants alleged they were not advised that the vehicle they were purchasing was a repairable write off. In many of these cases, the complainants were explicitly told the vehicle had never been in a crash or written-off.

Any false or misleading statement or representation made on the form displayed in the car window may attract a fine of up to \$5,000 under the Motor Vehicle Dealers legislation.





Department of Energy, Mines,  
Industry Regulation and Safety



Every used car buyer has a right to know that the vehicle they have chosen is safe, reliable, and fit for purpose. The new regulations will mean consumers can make an informed choice and this will help improve consumer trust in the dealer industry.

These changes do not apply to private car sales. There's a greater risk for buyers involved in private sales, compared to buying from a dealer.

We encourage consumers to continue to do a \$2 Personal Properties Securities Register check on a second-hand car when buying privately. In addition to revealing whether a vehicle under 15 years old is a repairable write-off – it will also confirm if it has been stolen and is free of outstanding debts.

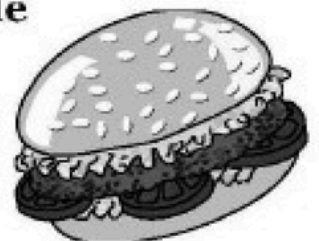
Do this check at [www.ppsr.gov.au](http://www.ppsr.gov.au). Do not use other non-government websites that do the same check but for a much higher fee.

To further protect consumers, there is also Consumer Protection's easy-to-follow used car buyer's checklist - [commerce.wa.gov.au/publications/buying-car-buyers-checklist](http://commerce.wa.gov.au/publications/buying-car-buyers-checklist)

## Meekatharra Corner Store

Corner of Main & High Streets, Meekatharra

**Ph: 9981 1151**



**BP Fuel & Lubricants**  
**Premium Unleaded Fuel now available**  
**Auto Accessories**  
**Kleenheat Gas**  
**Key Cutting**  
**Take-Away Food**  
**Asian Food**

**A range of Asian Ingredients and utensils available for sale**



**Burgers**  
**Rolls**  
**Sandwiches made to order**  
**Bottled water deliveries**



**Tyre Repairs**  
**Driveway Service**





Meekatharra

# Commercial Hotel

Photo from: [wanderingwarwickswonderment.wordpress.com](http://wanderingwarwickswonderment.wordpress.com)

## Facilities:

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

## Located at:

77 Main Street,  
Meekatharra, 6642

*We serve excellent  
counter meals daily*

## Lunch

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

## Dinner

6-8 pm  
(Sun-Sat)



Motel Rooms



Motel Rooms

## For bookings and enquiries:

### Telephone

99811020

### Email

[commieh@westnet.com.au](mailto:commieh@westnet.com.au)

### Website

[www.commercialmeeka.com.au](http://www.commercialmeeka.com.au)



## Accommodation includes

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



Beer Garden



Pub





## 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!

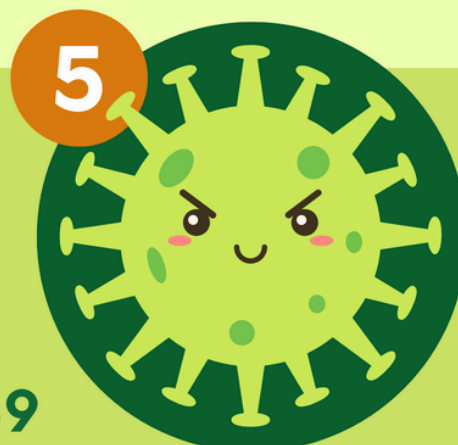


## Distribution

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**



Core Services

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

**FOOD** FOR THE MOB

**TRANSPORT**

SOCIAL  
PARTICIPATION  
**CLASSES**

SERVICES FOR  
APPOINTMENTS

YARD &  
**GARDENING**  
SERVICES

HOUSE  
**CLEANING**



**For more information please contact our Community Hub Coordinator**  
**Email: [communitycoordinator@yulella.org.au](mailto:communitycoordinator@yulella.org.au)**  
**Phone: 0499 462 829**





Department of  
Primary Industries and  
Regional Development

## Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

### 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](http://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](http://mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au)

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



# MURCHISON 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## MURCHISON

Murchison Camp Oven  
Muster

*3rd - 4th August*

## SANDSTONE

Art Show

*17th August*

## WILUNA

Caravan Park Opening  
*August*

## YALGOO

Space Trail

*5th - 7th September*

## Emu Festival

*September School Holidays*

## MEEKATHARRA

Outback Festival

*20th - 22nd September*

## MOUNT MAGNET

Spring Races

*21st September*





We make time to ask  
**RU OK?**<sup>TM</sup>



11 SEPTEMBER

## PAMPER EVENT

TIME: 9.00AM-12.00PM -  
Shire Hall

NAIL PAINTING  
HAND MASSAGE  
ARTS AND CRAFTS  
RAFFLE  
MORNING TEA



## BASKETBALL COMP

TIME: 5.30PM-8.30PM -  
Sporting Complex

BASKETBALL COMP  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
PRIZES TO BE WON



**MISSION  
AUSTRALIA** | together  
we stand



Government of Western Australia  
Department of Communities



SEPTEMBER

2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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23	24	25 Young Women's Group 6pm - 8pm Youth Focus	26 Men's Group 3:30pm - 5:30pm Oval	27	28	29



# LIFESTYLE | Coming Soon!

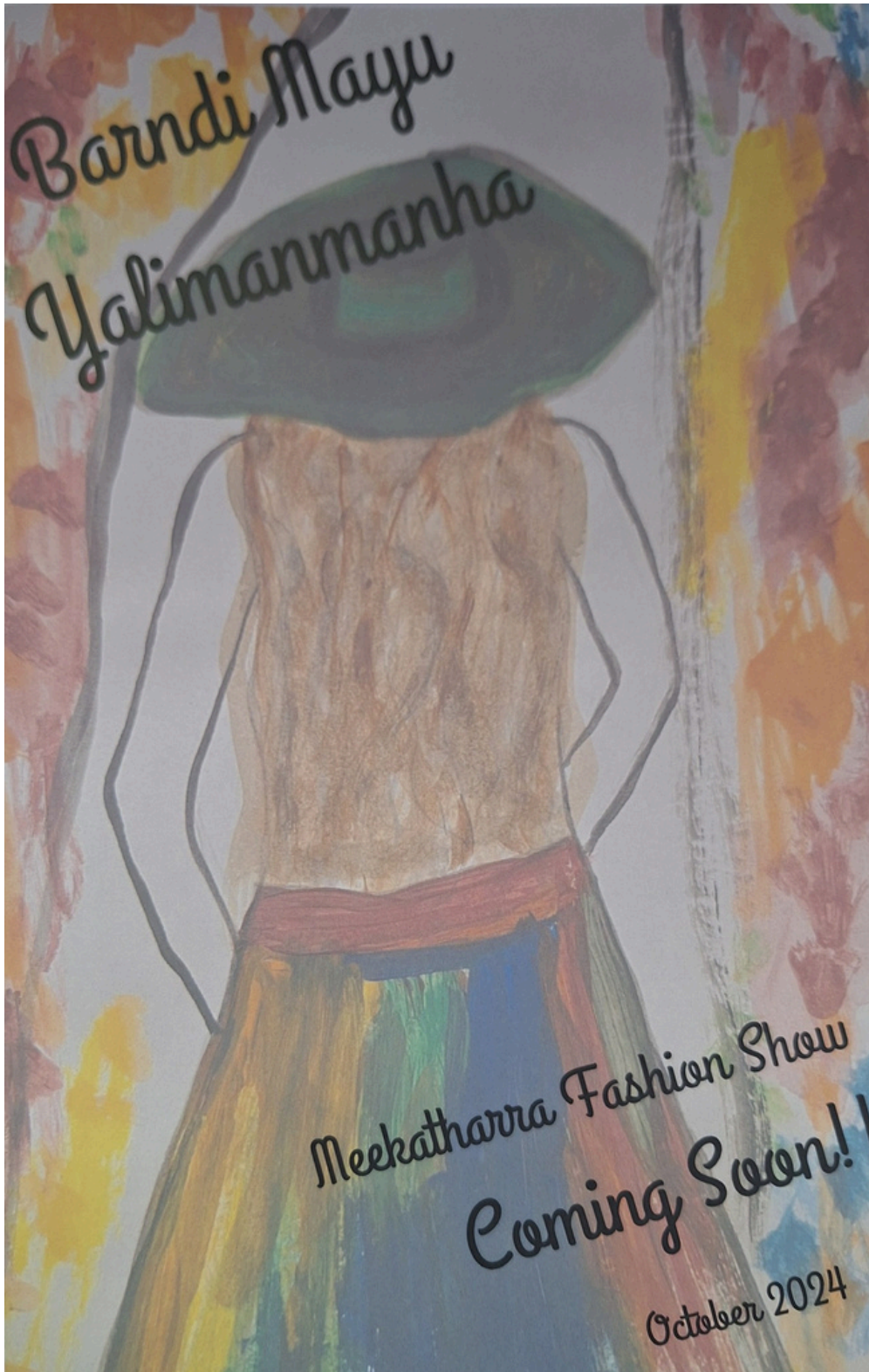
## Barndi Mayu Yalimanmanha Fashion Show | Saturday 26 October

The Communities of Focus Fashion Show Committee are buzzing with excitement as we gear up for Meekatharra's very own Fashion Show on October 26th, and everyone is welcome!

### We're on the lookout for:

- ✦ Models to design and showcase their own outfits
- 🎤 Choir members to perform at the event
- 💃 Dance groups to entertain the audience
- 🔧 People to design and make stage and runway props

**Contact Communities of Focus if you can assist on 08 9956 5100**



# Merome **BEARD** MLA

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*Supporting Meekatharra and the Regions*

## **Get in contact**



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Containers For Change

MEEKATHARRA

**NEW OPEN HOURS**

Wednesday & Saturday

**8.00—12.00**

BAG DROP OFF AVAILABLE



# Arts &



# Culture

CREATIVELY FLOWS THROUGH MEEKA!



ARTS & CULTURE

# 2024 Outback Festival

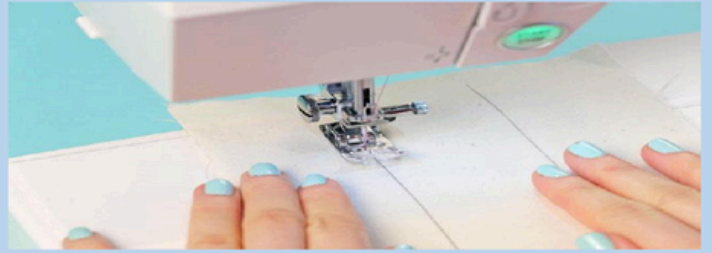


## Local Artists!

*Do you have artworks that you would like to display during the Outback Festival?*

Get your artwork to Jo at the Community Resource & Visitor Centre

Meeka  
**MADE**



## 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





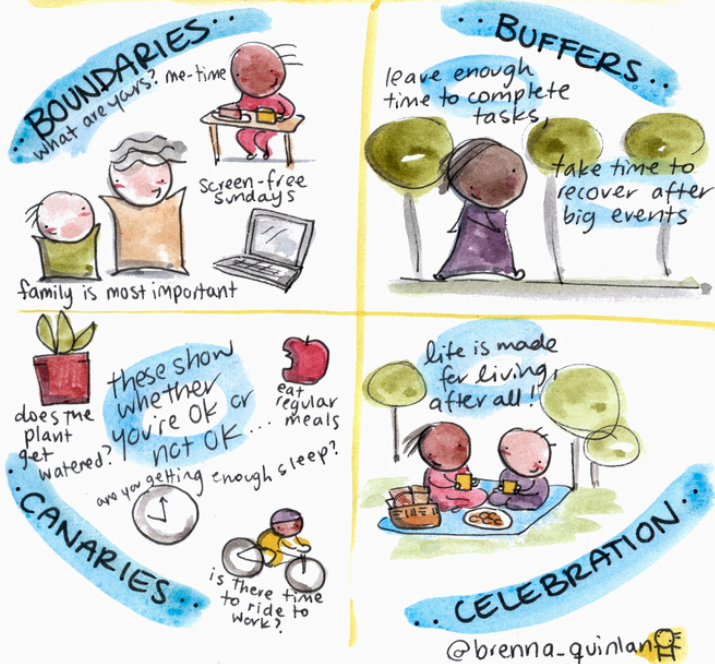


## CALLING FOR Submissions!

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](mailto:cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au)

## STRATEGIES FOR AVOIDING BURNOUT



# "OFF THE BEATEN TRACK" WITH MATTY

**98.3 MEEKA FM**

**Meekatharra, WA**

A FAVOURITE TRAVELLING SONG? REQUEST IT FOR THE SHOW.



## MONDAYS LUNCH



**Classified Ads**

**& Miscellaneous**

OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION ABOUT MEEKA





# **VOL \_ NTEER** **WE NEED U**



**[wa.gov.au/volunteering](https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [tcd@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:tcd@meekashire.wa.gov.au) to get in touch.

*Speak soon!*





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## ADVERTISING IN THE MEEKATHARRA DUST

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

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

If you wish to advertise in the Meekatharra Dust please email [cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au).  
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or call on 99811253



# RECIPE TIME!

LIVELIGHTER

## HEALTHY 10 MINUTE NOODLES RECIPE

Prep: 2 min Cook: 8 min Servings: 1

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### Ingredients

- ▲ 1 cake instant noodles
- ▲ 1 1/2 cups frozen mixed vegetables
- ▲ 2 eggs
- ▲ 2 tsp kecap manis or reduced-salt soy sauce
- ▲ chilli sauce, to taste

☐ Cook Mode Prevent your screen from going dark

### Method

#### Stove-top method

1. Bring a small saucepan of water to the boil. Cook noodles for 90 seconds, then add frozen vegies and cook for another 30-60 seconds, until noodles are tender and vegetables are defrosted.
2. In a small frypan, heat a little oil and fry eggs on medium heat till cooked to your liking.
3. Transfer noodles and vegies to a large bowl, stir in sauces and top with eggs.

#### Microwave/ office method:

1. Put noodles in a large bowl and cover with boiling water and set aside.
2. Crack 1 egg into a mug and add a splash of water (about 2 tbs). Cover with a saucer (IMPORTANT!) and microwave for 30 seconds. Remove from microwave and check to see if the egg white is cooked through, being careful of the steam burst when you take the saucer off. If it needs longer, microwave in 10 second bursts, until cooked to your liking. Repeat with the other egg. **Note:** The size and temperature of the eggs, the size and material the mug is made out of, and the microwave power will all affect how long it takes. Eggs-periment until you figure out your perfect system!
3. Add the frozen vegetables to the noodles. Stir in the hot water, then roughly drain. Microwave for 1-2 minutes, until vegetables are defrosted and noodles are cooked.
4. Toss noodles with sauces and top with eggs.



Ingredients

<https://livelighter.com.au/recipe/817/10-minute-noodles>

# ACTIVITIES

## WORD SEARCH

### Spongebob SquarePants

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 MR. KRABS  
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 SQUIDWARD  
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Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1034/>

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## SOLUTIONS

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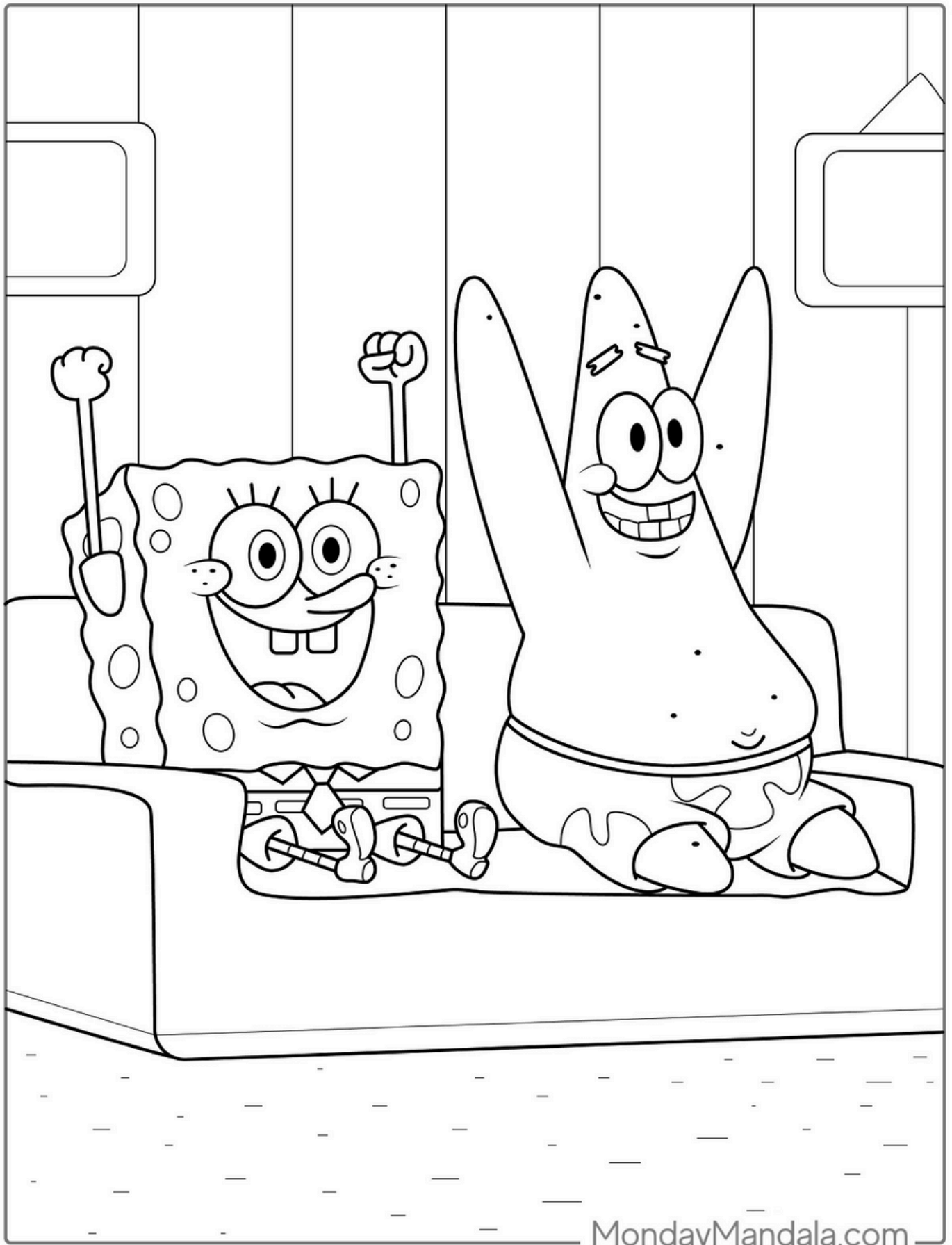
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