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SOCIAL REINVESTMENT & JUSTICE REINVESTMENT

*Updates on what's been
happening with the
Communities of Focus team.*

MEEKA'S WALK FOR SUICIDE AWARENESS

*Brought to the community by
Youth Focus and the Shire
of Meekatharra*

R U OK? DAY ANTICS

*Mission Australia's update
on the recent R U OK? Day
Pamper Day and Basketball
Comp.*

Acknowledgement of Country

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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WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM
YOU SO PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US ON

08 9980 0600

AND ASK FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER,
OR EMAIL;

CDO@MEEKASHIRE.WA.GOV.AU

OR GIVE US A FOLLOW ON OUR SOCIALS



Scan me!



Message from Council

2024 WALGA Merit Award | Shire President Cr Harvey Nichols

The State's peak body for Local Government, the Western Australian Local Government Association, recently awarded Shire President, Councillor Harvey Nichols with a Merit Award in recognition of notable contributions to WALGA, Local Government and the Local Government sector.

Councillor Nichols, who commenced his local government elected career in 2003, was elected to the position of Shire President in 2019.

On behalf of the Shire President, the award was initially received by Acting Chief Executive Officer, Nathan Cain at a formal function in Perth on 2nd August 2024.



At the September 2024 Shire of Meekatharra Ordinary Council Meeting, Cr Nichols was given his Award.

In accepting the Award, Councillor Nichols thanked the community of Meekatharra for allowing him to represent them at the highest level in the Shire of Meekatharra Council and thanked his fellow Councillors and Shire Staff for their ongoing support.

Councillor Nichols is currently the chair of the Meekatharra Roads Group, Deputy Captain of the Bush Fire Brigade, the Shire's delegate to the WA Mid-West Regional Road Group, and a member of the Murchison Regional Biodiversity Association, the Meekatharra Gymkhana Club and the Murchison Region Vermin Council.



Community



Happenings

WHAT'S CURRENTLY HAPPENING IN MEEKA?

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | **Walk for Suicide Awareness**

Meekatharra - Stronger Together, More The Better

Artwork by Tingo Mippy

The Meekatharra community is built on strength, unity, and support. The poster titled "Stronger Together, More the Better" beautifully illustrates this through Aboriginal art, representing a powerful message of connection and hope for those feeling isolated or struggling.

At the heart of this artwork is a group of people in different colours, showing that no matter your background, culture, or identity, we are all walking together on a shared journey. The figures are linked by hearts, showing the deep connection and support that exists among us. The hearts represent the love we have for our family and friends, our community, and the land we all love and share.

Surrounding the figures are dots, circles, and lines, all elements of traditional Aboriginal art. The dots represent the members of our community, while the circles symbolize us coming together in unity. The lines show the path we are all walking in life, reminding us that this journey is shared, and no one should walk it alone.

The message of this painting is simple but vital: you are not alone. Even when you feel like you are carrying too much or are worried about being a burden, there is always someone to talk to. In moments of struggle, our community — your family, your friends, and even those you haven't met yet — stands ready to support you.

No matter how low you may feel, remember that reaching out is a sign of strength, not weakness. In Meekatharra, we are strong together, and there's always someone ready to help.

If you ever need a yarn, don't hesitate to talk to someone. **You are never a burden.**

If you're feeling down, reach out. There are people ready to listen, whether it's a loved one, a friend, or a professional. Three helplines are listed on the poster to ensure you always have someone to turn to:

- **LifeLine – 13 11 14**
- **13 Yarn – 13 92 76 (for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders)**
- **Suicide Call Back Service – 1300 659 467**

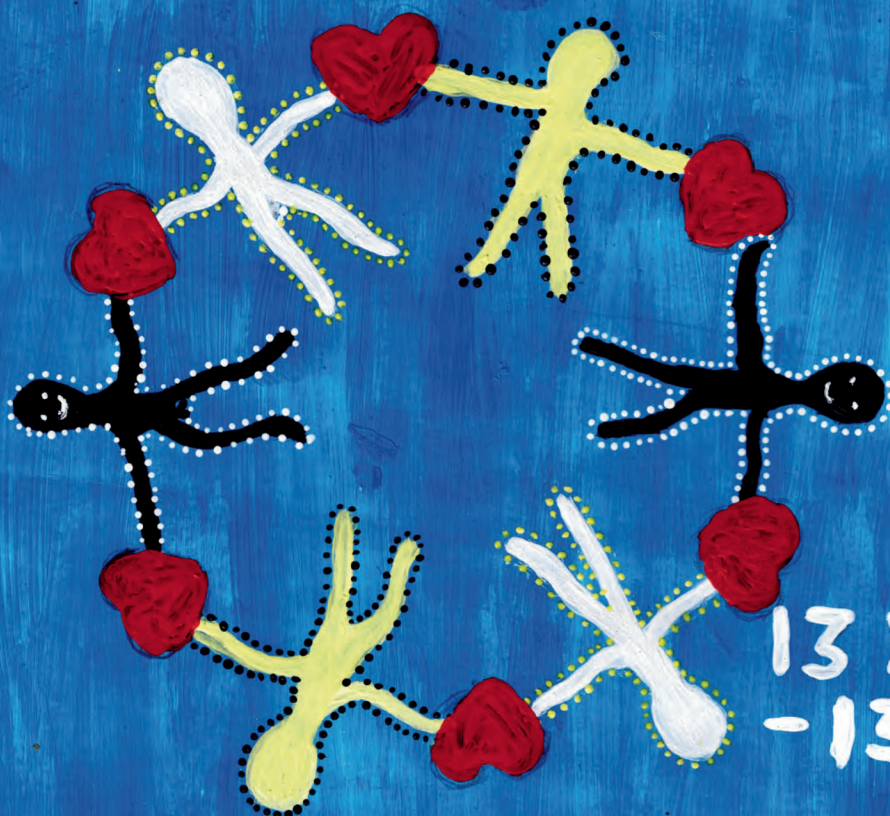
The artist of this painting is Tingo Mippy.

We would like to thank Tingo for this beautiful painting, for the time, thought and energy she put into it. Thank you Tingo.



Stronger Together
MORE THE BETTER

Life.Line - 13 1114



13 Yarn
- 139276

suicide call Back Service
1300 659467



Westgold Community update

Please join Wayne Bramwell, our Managing Director and CEO, for a community update.

A light refreshment will be provided. We hope to see you there.

Location

Meekatharra Town Hall

Date

Tuesday 15 October

Time

5:30pm

Please contact Bonnie Mason, our Superintendent Community and Social Performance, if you have any questions.
0475 473 219 | Bonnie.Mason@westgold.com.au



Choose
Safety



Show
Respect



Deliver
Value

Barndi Mayu

(good kid)

Meekatharra Fashion Show

Catwalk practice

School recess every Monday, Tuesday & Friday's

Catwalk practice & Clothing Fittings

Hub every Wednesday 1pm with afternoon tea

Contact

Ferne - 0417 541 011

Amy - 0450 635 959

Timika - 0498 629 548

Come Join Us!!

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | Justice Reinvestment Forum

Communities of Focus Update |

Attendance at Justice Reinvestment Forum

Recently, several members of the Meekatharra Communities of Focus Working Group attended the Justice Reinvestment Summit hosted by Social Reinvestment WA in Boorloo (Perth).

The summit brought together communities from across Western Australia to connect, share learnings, explore opportunities, and build on the incredible efforts already being made to support positive youth justice outcomes.

It's exciting to see the impact from many communities who are taking the lead in creating their own innovative solutions that build local leadership, capacity and resilience to achieve long-term change.



Everyone is returning home feeling inspired, empowered, and ready to turn ideas into action.

Reach out to the members who attended to find out more about what's happening and how you can become involved.

For more information on Justice reinvestment and Communities of Focus please contact cofmeekatharra@missionaustralia.com.au or follow us on Facebook

Gilliann Frew | Communities of Focus.



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | Social Reinvestment

Social Reinvestment and Advocacy Workshops

Last month, with the support of Social Reinvestment WA the Meekatharra community took significant steps forward in tackling youth justice issues.



Through a series of justice reinvestment and advocacy workshops, local leaders, community members, and youth advocates came together to determine the necessary actions needed to drive change. Discussions focused on tackling the root causes of youth justice issues, with an emphasis on ensuring the well-being for everyone in Meekatharra.

The outcome of these workshops was the development of a comprehensive community advocacy plan. The plan is designed to empower young people and offer families support and guidance where it's needed most.

Key actions:

- **Strengthening community:** Encouraging collaboration between local leaders, families, and youth advocates to provide guidance to young people.
- **Improve access to legal support:** Ensuring that people in Meekatharra can access the legal assistance they need, reducing the likelihood of unfair treatment and disadvantage.
- **Investment in prevention:** Shifting the focus from punitive measures to early intervention, education, and support services that address the underlying issues that result in entering justice systems.
- **Empowering young people:** Giving young people a voice in issues that directly affect them.

A huge thank you to the Social Reinvestment WA team for their facilitation of the workshops and ongoing support. A huge shout out to Meeka community for their passion and ongoing commitment in driving these changes.

Gilliann Frew | Communities of Focus

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | RU OK? Day

MISSION AUSTRALIA

RU OK Day was a great success, filled with laughter and joy. The pamper event was a highlight, with the elderly enjoying hand massages, while the younger crowd got creative with pot painting. The wellness raffle packages were a big hit, bringing smiles to the winners' faces. The basketball competition was lively, with both men and women giving it their all on the court! The day concluded with a shared dinner, sparking meaningful conversations about mental well-being.



Tanya Gukwa | Mission Australia.

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 it's luscious grass and wide field, accompanied with an indoor space to keep shade when needed, this space can accommodate up to 50 people indoors.

This facility 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.)

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





BASKETBALL COURTS

The Basketball Court is located at the 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**

KIDS ZONE & 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**



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

cs@meekashire.wa.gov.au

2024 Meekatharra Outback Festival
| Community Survey



THE MONTH THAT WAS WITH **Youth Services**

During **August**, we ran our usual craft, music, and sports activities at the Youth Centre and Kids Zone.

At the Youth Centre, we had a fantastic time experimenting with our new clay, creating a variety of pottery and craft pieces. The kids' imaginations were in full swing as they shaped their clay into everything from decorative bowls to figurines.

One of the highlights of the month was our Tuesday evening football sessions with the Stephen Michael Foundation. These sessions have quickly become a favourite among participants, thanks to the engaging coaching and the opportunity for everyone to improve their skills while enjoying the game.

Youth Services have remained consistent and enjoyable throughout August, providing a variety of engaging activities and support for our participants.



Snapshots from the Outback Festival - face painting, bungee jumps, drill rigs and Arty Brellas!

In **September** Mission Australia facilitated an R U OK Day Basketball Carnival. This event was a huge success, bringing together young people from the community with their families.

Our regular footy sessions run by Wes at the Stephen Michael Foundation continued to be a hit, every week, our participants gathered to practice their skills and enjoy the competition. Our participants were very excited to have local police officers join us for a game of Capture the Flag also.

The Meekatharra Outback Festival was of course a well attended event for all communities members and was a great opportunity for our youth participants to experience.

September has been a vibrant month filled with engaging activities that promote mental health, physical fitness, community building, and healthy living.

We look forward to our Youth Formals and many other exciting events in October.



WEEK 2

14TH - 18TH OCTOBER

MONDAY

**KIDZONE
CLOSED**

3PM - 5PM
10 - 17 YRS
SWIMMING
POOL
SESSION

TUESDAY

**KIDZONE
CLOSED**

3PM - 5PM
10 - 17 YRS
SWIMMING
POOL
SESSION

WEDNESDAY

**KIDZONE
CLOSED**

3PM - 5PM
10 - 17 YRS
SWIMMING
POOL
SESSION

THURSDAY

**JUNIOR
YOUTH
FORMAL**

**0-9YRS
5-7PM**

**10-14YRS
5-9PM**

FRIDAY

**SENIOR
YOUTH
FORMAL**

**YEAR 9 TO
YEAR 12**

6PM - 9PM

Due to staff shortages and facility renovations our services are currently very limited. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Meekatharra
Youth Services

For more information please contact Kadi on 0475 391 517
between 8am and 8pm



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*



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



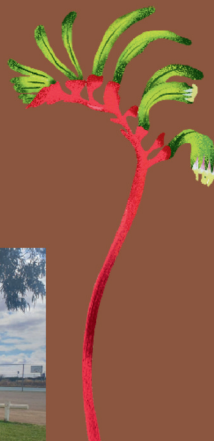
Term 3 2024 NEWSLETTER

ShootingStars



END-OF-TERM REWARDS!

These lucky participants had the opportunity to enjoy a lovely picnic at the park for shooting stars end of term rewards. We all indulged in bacon and egg pie, zucchini slice, fruit kebabs, mexican dip with cornchips and nibblies.



Our new Student Leaders



This term, four of our Shooting Stars participants have been selected as student leaders for Meekatharra District High School. We are excited to support these girls in their leadership roles as they step into new positions and become role models.

REMINDERS

All participants who are committed to being a model at this years Barndi Mayu Yalimanmanha fashion show are required to attend start of term 4.

**Runway practice Mon, Wed and Friday
recess time at shooting stars**

**Dress fittings at the Hub every
Wednesday at 1pm**

Upcoming Events

- Junior Leadership Camp Term 4
- Junior and Senior Ball - 17th & 18th October
- Barndi Mayu Yalimanmanha Fashion Show 26th October
- Shooting Stars Awards night - 29th November



If you are considering upgrading or adding to your water infrastructure Coerco currently have special on 22500L, 32000L and 50000L water tanks. This offer is valid until close of business Tuesday 10th of September. Delivery is free within 800km of Perth.

FIELD DAYS SPECIAL OFFER!

32,000 LTR

SAVE \$500

22,500 LTR

SAVE \$500

50,000 LTR

SAVE \$750

Visit us at Mingenew, Dowerin, or Newdegate Field Days
Place an order onsite for a chance to win
Milwaukee® Power Packs!

1st Prize M18 FUEL™ 10 PIECE POWER PACK 10A3 (worth \$2000 inc. GST)	2nd Prize M18 FUEL™ 2 PIECE POWER PACK 2A3 (worth \$650 inc. GST)
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Call us now!



For orders or enquiries please call Travis Hollins 0427086738 or email t.hollins@deltawa.com.au

Life



Style

THINGS WE DO HERE IN TOWN.

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



Core Services

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

FOOD FOR THE MOB

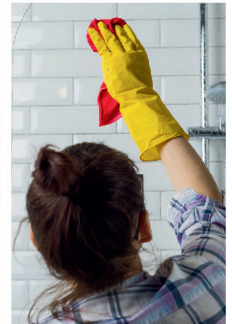
TRANSPORT

SERVICES FOR APPOINTMENTS

YARD & GARDENING SERVICES

SOCIAL PARTICIPATION CLASSES

HOUSE CLEANING



For more information please contact our Community Hub Coordinator

Email: communitycoordinator@yulella.org.au

Phone: 0499 462 829



1 Animal Management

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



2

Pest Control treatments

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



3

Community Housing

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



4

Distribution

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



5

Education

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



Call Melissa on 9980 1339



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





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

Be breast aware this October!



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

so it's an important time to shine a light on the impact that breast cancer has on many Australians. It's also important for people to get to know common breast cancer symptoms.

Women from regional Western Australia (WA) are known to delay going to a medical clinic when they were experiencing symptoms, with many experiencing self-doubt about the existence of the symptom. In 2019, 1,899 women in WA were diagnosed with breast cancer, and 259 women and one man lost their lives to it.

If you're unsure about a possible symptom, you should make an appointment to discuss the change with your doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker as soon as possible. This is particularly important if it's been more than four weeks since you first noticed the change. Cancer treatments have improved in recent years, and it is much easier to successfully treat breast cancer if it is found early. The more it spreads, the harder it is to treat. So, we must Find Cancer Early.

Everyone's breasts are different. It is important that you get to know what your breasts look and feel like, so you know what is normal for you. There is no right or wrong way to check your breasts.

Common symptoms of breast cancer include:

- A lump or hard area in your breast or underarm, especially if it is only on one side.
- A change in the size, shape or feel of your breast.
- Change in the look of your breast, including redness, rash, or your skin looks like the skin of an orange, or is wrinkling in small folds.
- Changes to the nipple, like it's pulled inwards, leaking, itchy or has a sore that won't heal.
- Breast pain or discomfort, especially if it is only on one side.
- An area of the breast that feels different to the rest.



You can give yourself the best chance to Find Cancer Early, by going to see a doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker straight away if you have any of the symptoms above. The benefits to Finding Cancer Early is that treatment is easier, and you can be around longer to do the things you love doing with the people you love.

For more information about breast cancer symptoms, visit www.findcancerearly.com.au or call the Cancer Council Information and Support Line on 13 11 20.



Government of Western Australia
Department of Health

Call us on 13 11 20
findcancerearly.com.au

COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION



PROTECT ME



SCAN THE QR CODE
for more information



PROTECT MY PROPERTY



SCAN THE QR CODE
for more information



PROTECT MY WHEELS



SCAN THE QR CODE
for more information



PROTECT MY BUSINESS



SCAN THE QR CODE
for more information

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION



EYES ON THE STREET
DOWNLOAD THE APP



WA Police Force website
Emergency
Police Assistance
Crime Stoppers

wa.gov.au/police
000 for life threatening situations
131 444 when police attendance is required
www.crimestopperswa.com.au



Meekatharra

Commercial Hotel

Photo from: wanderingwarwickwonderment.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

Website

www.commercialmeeka.com.au



Accommodation includes

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



Beer Garden



Pub



Department of Energy, Mines,
Industry Regulation and Safety



REGIONAL COLUMN

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With Senior Regional Officer, Kevin Collard

From glam to grim: When beauty becomes pain

Nerve damage, scarring, pain, burns, infections and psychological trauma. No, this isn't about medical negligence, it's about injuries received from beauty and cosmetic treatments.

How would you feel if a simple trip to get your eyelashes looking lush for an event ends with red, infected eyes and a course of antibiotics, or your first session of laser hair or tattoo removal results in painful burns that leave a scar?

These are some of the complaints Consumer Protection has been receiving from Western Australians with 29 complaints already received this year. A further 28 people have made enquiries with us about unsatisfactory experiences with operators in the beauty industry. Last year we saw a total of 112 complaints and 111 enquiries. Most problems relate to laser hair and tattoo removal, infections from nail salons, cosmetic tattooing gone wrong, waxing injuries or poor quality lash extensions.

While most operators are experienced and offer a professional service, WA consumers are urged to exercise caution when seeking beauty and cosmetic treatments. Botched procedures can have a significant impact.

If something goes wrong, a refund, credit or other remedy offered by the business would normally resolve consumer complaints, but this may not satisfy in a situation where someone is injured. They could also be seeking damages or compensation, which can only be achieved by taking civil court action.

The Australian Consumer Law (ACL) provides guarantees that the goods and services supplied will be of acceptable quality and be fit for any disclosed purpose as well as a requirement that operators carry out treatments or procedures with due care and skill.

Where a guarantee is breached, the ACL permits consumers to claim what is called "consequential damages", which means the trader is obliged to reimburse the customer's subsequent costs of any remedial care required to treat any injuries and symptoms caused by the original botched treatment.

What about other laws and regulations? This will depend on the treatment being carried out, as different procedures fall under different laws, regulations or codes of practice. Some treatments or procedures, such as eye lash extensions, do not have specific regulations.



Department of Energy, Mines,
Industry Regulation and Safety



You should never assume the person delivering a treatment or procedure has a medical qualification as this may not be required but it's still worth asking about their skills.

Check that the facility is clean and hygienic. Ask to see the products being used and read the label to check for anything you may be allergic to. Consider having an allergy test done first. While allergies aren't common, it's better to be safe than sorry.

Be wary of discounted prices that are far less than competitors – it may suggest counterfeit products or unqualified practitioners.

Importantly, see a health professional if you experience any discomfort, pain or irritation post-treatment. Problems can quickly go from bad to worse, so don't wait.

We urge consumers who have had a bad experience to report it to Consumer Protection, or specific regulators of that procedure, so that the circumstances can be investigated, and appropriate action taken.

Complaints can be lodged on the Consumer Protection website – consumerprotection.wa.gov.au. Enquiries can be made by email consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au or by calling 1300 30 40 54.

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Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

September 2024

A picture's worth a thousand mouldy samples



Photos demonstrating a range of features in focus, thumb for scale, close-up of flowers as well as most of the plant. The only thing missing is a picture in situ - it's important to see how and where the plant is growing. This is an aquatic plant but you wouldn't guess it!

Weird plant, who do you call? DPIRD!

Imagine if we could turn back the clock and stop some of WA's worst weeds from becoming established, saving millions in eradication costs and lost agricultural revenue, not to mention the financial and mental burden of management for landholders.

Well, biosecurity is everybody's concern and here at DPIRD we rely on eagle-eyed members of the public to raise the alarm when they see something out of place. Whether that's a weedy looking, unfamiliar plant growing in your paddock, a patch of plants you've never seen before rapidly overtaking a roadside, or just something suspicious being traded online.

How to take quality pictures

You've found something of concern but what then? A few well taken photos offer advantages; they can be easily submitted from anywhere, allow for a rapid assessment and often negate the need to submit a sample. When photographing, remember the three F's, **Features**, **Framing**, **Focus**.

Features – try to capture as many as you can, **fruit** and **flowers** are especially helpful, but so are the leaves, their arrangement, whether they

are hairy or smooth, differences between the top and bottom surface, any thorns or spines, aim to include as much detail as possible.

Framing – try to also capture the whole plant, it's great to have close ups of leaves etc but what are they from? Is it a tree, is it shrub, is it a vine? Stand back, snap a pic and show us.

Focus – the most important F of them all, there's no point diligently documenting these features if they aren't in focus!

These photography tips will hopefully prevent wasted efforts in submitting inadequate or mouldy samples, which will be unusable for identification.

If a sample is needed, we will advise on how to collect the most useful material (whole plants, flowers, fruit, seeds etc) and how to package and post it to maintain its freshness for our diagnosticians.

How to submit your photos

You can contact our Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS) or report to the MyPestGuide team. Remember to include your contact details, the location of the plant(s) and your concerns when you are reporting. Our teams will review and provide identification and advice.



Report your observations

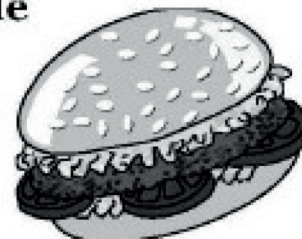
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OR PERHAPS AN ARTWORK
ABOUT MEEKATHARRA?



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The Shire of Meekatharra will pay **\$100** for articles that
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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

YULGA JINNA RCS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

1/11/2024

**LET'S COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE
20TH BIRTHDAY OF OUR SCHOOL!**

ASSEMBLY 11AM

SPEECHES 11.30

LUNCH 12 MIDDAY

BAND FROM 1PM

RSVP SAMANTHA.DALTON@EDUCATION.WA.EDU.AU



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WE NEEDU**

wa.gov.au/volunteering



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

OCTOBER

2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	3	4	5 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	6
7	8	9 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	10	11	12  Meeka Markets 9am - 1pm Community Resource & Visitor Centre Meeka's Walk for Suicide Awareness 4:30pm - 6:30pm Welcome Park 	13
14	15	16 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	17 Youth Formal 5pm - 7pm ages 0-9yrs & 5pm - 9pm 10yrs - 14yrs Shire Hall 	18 Youth Formal 6pm - 9pm Years 9 - 12 Shire Hall 	19 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation Council Meeting 9:30 am	20
21	22	23 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	24	25	26  Barndi Mayu (Good Kid) Fashion Show 3pm - 6pm Everyone Welcome! MDHS	27
28	29	30 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	31	1 	2 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	3

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!

Arts &



Culture

CREATIVELY FLOWS THROUGH MEEKA!

The Meeka MADE Art Exhibition



The 2024 Meekatharra Outback Festival showcased the vibrant creativity of the region with its annual art exhibition, featuring works from 17 talented local artists.

This year's exhibition brought highlight to the unique perspectives and artistic expressions inspired by the breathtaking landscapes and rich culture of the Australian outback and the Murchison Region.

Taking place alongside the festival's other events, the art exhibition aims to foster a sense of community and celebrate the diverse artistic talents within Meekatharra. From stunning landscapes to contemporary pieces, each artwork reflects the artists' personal experiences and deep connection to the land.

Visitors to the exhibition opening were also privy to experience a special Welcome to Country from respected Ngoonooru Wajarri Elder, 'Pop Shorty'.

The artists, ranging from emerging talents to established creators, have each submitted pieces that not only showcase their skills but also tell stories of resilience, beauty, and the spirit of the outback.

The exhibition opened on Friday 22 September, as part of the festival's official launch.

Art enthusiasts and community members alike are encouraged to immerse themselves in the local culture and support the artists who contribute to the vibrant tapestry of Meekatharra before the exhibition ends.



Harvey Nichols, Jo Bonnily, Rebecca Peterson, Merome Beard, Respected Elder, 'Pop Shorty'



Artist Pam Mongoo



Artist Sam Assan

Meeka MADE



Artist Charmaine Burton

Some of Meekatharra's local artists' showcasing their work at the Meeka Made exhibition, Charmaine Burton, Gloria Whitehurst, and Rebecca Peterson.

Shire President Harvey Nichols and other local residents, soaking up the atmosphere and admiring the artwork.



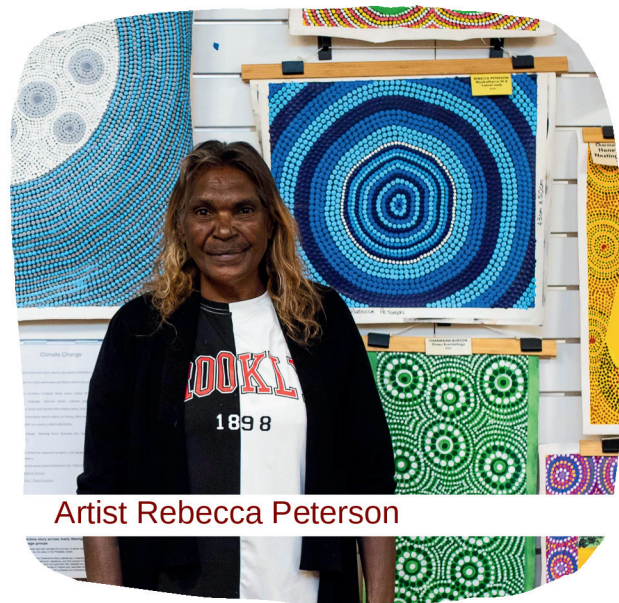
Shire President Harvey Nichols



Artist Gloria Whitehurst



Local residents enjoying the art



Artist Rebecca Peterson

For a full run down of the 2024 Outback Festival with photo gallery, be sure to pick up the October issue of the Dust.

Classified Ads

& Miscellaneous

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HEALTHY BREAKFAST SMOOTHIE RECIPE



Prep: 3 min Cook: 0 min Servings: 2



Ingredients

- ▲ 2 cups reduced-fat milk
- ▲ 1/2 cup low-fat natural yoghurt
- ▲ 1 ripe banana
- ▲ 2 tbs rolled oats

☐ **Cook Mode** Prevent your screen from going dark

Method

1. Place all ingredients in a blender, mixing until smooth and well combined.
2. Serve immediately in a tall glass.

Variation:

Replace banana with ½ cup of drained canned fruit.

<https://livelighter.com.au/recipe/327/breakfast-smoothie>

ACTIVITIES

WORD SEARCH

Harry Potter

F	L	R	J	E	P	H	R	S	A	A	G	R	F
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SCAR
HAGRID
WITCHCRAFT
HOGWARTS
J.K. ROWLING

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/149/>

SUDOKU

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#40063

Difficulty: easy

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#33507

Difficulty: hard

SOLUTIONS

F	L	R	J	E	P	H	R	S	A	A	G	R	F
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Solution of sudoku #40063:

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9	7	4	3	6	2	8	1	5

Solution of sudoku #33507:

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ACTIVITIES

COLOURING SHEET





Barndi Mayu

(Good kid)

Community Fashion Show

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