

MEEKATHARRA DUST

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MEEKA 2025 COMMUNITY AWARDS NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!

*Nominate a person or group
deserving of recognition
Nominations close Friday
6th December*

OCTOBER COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

*Meeka's Walk for Suicide
Awareness
2024 Youth Formals
Barndi Mayu (Good Kid)
Fashion Show*

100,000 TEMPORARY JOBS

*Register to work at the
federal election*

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!



Community



Happenings

WHAT'S CURRENTLY HAPPENING IN MEEKA?

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | 2024 Outback Festival

Meekatharra Outback Festival: A Celebration of Community and Creativity

The 2024 Meekatharra Outback Festival delivered again this year in bringing together locals and visitors for a weekend of fun, creativity, and community spirit. This year's festival featured a variety of engaging activities that aimed to cater to all ages, making it a highlight on the regional calendar.

One of the new offerings this year, was the Youth Music Workshop presented by the Benny Mayhem Band where aspiring musicians had the opportunity to learn from experienced mentors. Participants explored various instruments, and performance skills, culminating in a showcase that highlighted their newfound talents. This initiative not only nurtures creativity but also fosters connections among young people in the community.



With five food vendors this year, we had the biggest selection of food in comparison to the last few festival food offerings which was a huge success. From Moroccan, American BBQ, Thai, hot baked potatoes and delicious donuts, there was something to satisfy every palate.

Zap Circus returned to Meekatharra, bringing their ever popular "Purple People Circus & Comedy Show" on Saturday evening, a Circus Skills workshop on Sunday afternoon, and their new show "Ablaze" at the Outback Festival Ball.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | 2024 Outback Festival

Art enthusiasts and creatives got to try their hand at the Arty Brellas Workshop where participants unleashed their creativity decorating umbrellas with vibrant colors and designs. This hands-on activity resulted in unique pieces that were taken home as souvenirs of the festival.

Families with young children were able to visit Old Mac Donald's Petting Zoo again this year. The interactive experience allowed kids to get up close and personal with a variety of friendly farm animals, fostering a love for animals and nature. It is always a fantastic opportunity for children to learn about wildlife and agriculture in a fun and engaging setting.

Lastly, we were very lucky to have Westgold bring in their brand new drill rig!

The Meekatharra Outback Festival is a celebration of community, creativity, and connection. With its diverse range of activities, creating a memorable experience for everyone involved, reinforcing the bonds that make this region so special.

Thank you to our sponsors who contributed to make this event happen.



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | Walk for Suicide Awareness



The annual Walk for Suicide Awareness was held at Welcome Park on Saturday 12th October on a warm Spring afternoon.

Approximately 250 community members gathered at Welcome Park to participate in the walk. The walk was 2.4 kms long and each step taken represented a life lost to suicide for 2022 – 3429 steps representing each life lost. Statistical information taken from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

The Shire was able to support Youth Focus by providing the registration packs comprising of tote bag, cap, water bottle, notebook and a magnet with information on support numbers to call when in crisis.

The Shire also supported the event by contributing to, and organising, a hot meal for participants at the end of the walk, marketing support in the lead up to the event and resourcing on the day.

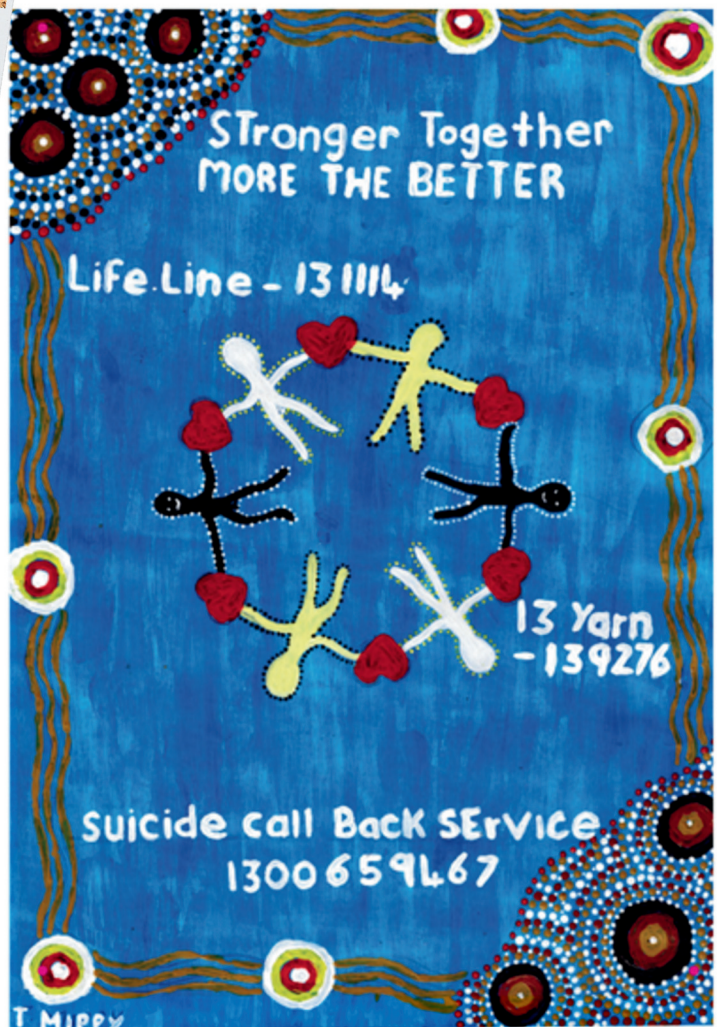
Meekatharra Police provided assistance with road crossings and safety, while the Royal Mail catered the meals provided.

Youth Focus were able to supply the 'Walk for Suicide Awareness polo shirts again this year, showcasing the artwork of local artist Ralli Bero.

Another local artist, Tingo Mippy had her artwork featured in the new helpline signage titled 'Stronger Together More the Better'.



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | Walk for Suicide Awareness



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | **Barndi Mayu (Good Kid) Fashion Show**



Held on Saturday 26th October at Meekatharra District High School, this one-of-a-kind community event was the brain child of Communities of Focus and supported by many local organisations.

The 'Barndi Mayu' (Good Kid) Fashion Show was the first of its kind here in Meekatharra and hugely successful in bringing community members, youth and organisations together to create an inclusive gathering.

It allowed space for youth and elders to work together in the lead up to the event, creating their own eclectic fashion pieces which were then showcased on the day.

Shannon McGuire, a finalist in Australia's top model and co-founder of Miss MAIDOC -Perth, travelled to Meekatharra in the lead up to the event to facilitate workshops and assisted on the day, providing encouragement and support to the youth and fashion show team.

Approximately 150 attendees came to support the participants on the day and the afternoon was finished with a warm meal.

Congratulations to all involved!



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | Community Feedback



Barndi Mayu (Good Kid) Fashion Show - Do you have feedback?

Were you involved in the Barndi Mayu Fashion Show?

Or, did you come along on the day?

Communities of Focus would love to get your feedback.



2025 Meekatharra Outback Festival - Do you have feedback?

We are seeking lots of community feedback and would love to hear from you.

Scan the QR code and take this quick survey today.

~~BUY PRESENTS~~



@brenna.quinlan 

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Available in Town

LLOYDS CONFERENCE ROOM

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

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



Lloyds Plaza Conference Room

TOWN HALL

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

This facility cannot be booked online.

Please contact us directly at **9980 0600** or email us at **cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au** for any enquiries or bookings.



Town Hall

SPORTING COMPLEX AND OVAL

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

The Sporting Complex and Oval might be the space for you. With its lush grass and wide field, accompanied with an indoor space to keep shade when needed, this space can accommodate up to 50 people indoors.

This facility cannot be booked online.

Please contact us directly at **9980 0600** or email us at **cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au** for any enquiries or bookings.



Sporting Complex and Oval



GYM

The gym is located at the Sporting Complex off Landor Road behind the Club Rooms and can be accessed between 5am-10pm.

This unmanned gym has all the equipment you will need and more to complete your workout. To access the gym a swipe card is needed from the Shire Office. Make sure to sign up and check out the space.

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

Access is restricted to 16 years of age and above.

Opening Hours

5am - 10pm

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

Fees & Charges (as of July 2023)

\$20 once-off sign up fee + then only \$32 per month

Concessions available

Fees apply for lost cards

SWIMMING POOL

The Meekatharra War Memorial Swimming Pool is located centrally in town on Main Street. A much loved community asset, it's the perfect place to cool off during summer, socialise with friends or enhance your fitness.

Opening Hours

1 October to 31 March each year

Monday - Friday

12pm to 6pm

6pm to 7pm - Adults Only

Saturday - Sunday

11am to 6pm

Fees & Charges

Daily, weekly & full season passes available for children, adults and families. Concessions available.

'Pool for School' policy in place, rewarding school attendance with free entry to the Pool.

Enquire at the Shire Office for details or on **9980 0600** or email us at **cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au**.





SQUASH COURT

The Meekatharra Squash Court is located behind the Club Rooms at the Sporting Complex off Landor Rd. The key and light tokens are available from the Shire Office.

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

Opening Hours

Temporarily out of action, repairs in progress.

Fees & Charges (as of July 2023)

- Court Hire - \$10 (per hour/token)
- Key Bond - \$50 (cash only)

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

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

TENNIS COURT

The Tennis Court is located at the Sporting Complex off Landor Road and is a free facility to use for the community.

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

Opening Hours

5am - 10pm

Fees & Charges

- Court Hire - No charge
- Lights - \$10 per hour
- Key Bond (lights) - \$50 (cash only)

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

*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***



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

cs@meekashire.wa.gov.au

2024 Meekatharra Outback Festival
| Community Survey



THE MONTH THAT WAS WITH Youth Services

October was a very busy month for our Youth Services participants, starting with our school holiday program which included a Skate Park workshop with Nick from Infinity Skate.

The Skate Workshop ran for two days and attracted a wide range of young skaters eager to improve their skills. This hands-on workshop catered to all skill levels, from beginners learning basic techniques to more experienced riders looking to refine their tricks.

The skate park workshops also encourage family or wider community engagement. Because of its central outdoor location we find that parents regularly attend the sessions with their children.

Tuesday evening sports activities with Wes from Stephen Michael Foundation are always popular. We've changed from Football to Basketball as our main sport for these sessions now that the weather is warming up.

Unfortunately, Kids Zone was closed for the month due to a shortage of staff. This impacted some of our regular programs for our younger children.

The Halloween Disco event at the school attracted around 100 attendees. It was a fun-filled event with costumes, music, and dancing. The youth had a great time, and it was a good opportunity for them to come together in a social, Halloween-themed setting.

Additionally, The Barndi Mayu (Good kids) Community Fashion Show event was a highlight of the season. The show featured a variety of youth-designed outfits, showcasing incredible creativity and talent. The event attracted a diverse audience and provided an exciting platform for young models to express themselves.

It was a fantastic celebration of fashion, community, and self-expression.



Snapshots from the Youth Formals!

Due to the Youth Centre undergoing some new painting and changes to the interior, the facility has been unavailable for some of October. However, we were still able to run sports sessions from the swimming pool between 3pm - 5pm and from the Sports Complex between 6pm - 8pm weekdays.

Looking ahead, we are focused on addressing staffing challenges and planning more events to engage and support our youth community.



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | Under the Night Sky | Youth Formals

“Under the Night Sky” was the theme for this years Junior & Senior Youth Formals.

Held on Thursday 17th October (Junior - ages 0yrs - Year 8) and Friday 18th October (Senior - Years 9-12), the formals were inclusive to all youth in the Murchison District.

Attendees enjoyed a memorable evening of music, dancing, and socialising. The event was well-received, and the decorations and overall atmosphere created a fantastic experience for the youth.

These two events saw over 200 youth and their families attend over the two evenings.

In conjunction with Meekatharra District High School, the Youth and Community Services team worked together to create two magical evenings in the theme of ‘Under the Night Sky’.



The first night was the Junior Youth Formal, and catered to all youth up to 14 years of age, or Year 8. This first evening was the largest of the two nights and saw approximately 150 attendees over the evening.

The Senior Youth Formal, held on Friday night was notably smaller but still held a special atmosphere for the older youth who were adorning elegant ball gowns and attire.

Catering was provided in house by the Youth Services team and was highly commended by all who attended.

The 2025 date is set and will be held on Thursday 18th September with all age groups attending at staggered times over the evening. Save the date!

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | Under the Night Sky | Youth Formals



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



Mission Australia helps people move towards independence by standing together with Australians in need until they can stand for themselves

Mission Australia provides a range of community services in the Midwest and Gascoyne regions of Western Australia.

Family and Domestic Violence Service

Monday to Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm Call “000” or Local Police on 08 9918 7120 24-hour service through Police.

Public Tenancy Support Service

Monday to Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Remote Education and Learning – Ijaba

Monday to Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Monday to Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Mental Health Support Service

Monday to Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Meekatharra Housing Support Service –

Gumbarra Urda

Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Emergency Relief

Monday 9:00am – 11:00am

Phone for an appointment on the day, walk-ins accepted

Mission Australia Meekatharra

61 Main Street/PO Box 59

Meekatharra WA 6642

08 9956 5100

Midwest and Gascoyne Services Meekatharra



Family and Domestic Violence Service

This service offers a community response to women and their children (if present) who are experiencing domestic violence or are concerned about their safety.

Support includes:

- Crisis accommodation up to 72—hours or with a Police Order
- Arranging transportation and alternative accommodation
- Essential emergency items such as food
- Links to counselling and other culturally appropriate services

Meekatharra Housing and-Support Service—Gumbarra Urda

Transitional Accommodation will provide a pathway for families, women and children who have a desire to transition out of unsafe and/or unstable housing situations with support. MHSS will provide medium term accommodation combined with case management and community development.

Remote Education and Learning—Ijaba

This service works with families and community to increase school attendance in Meekatharra.

Our team acknowledges that school attendance is a ‘whole of community’ responsibility and has adopted a family focused model to work specifically with parents, carers and other family members as well as Elders, the school, local residents, community organisations and government agencies.

Our aim is to identify and address the short and long term challenges that families encounter, which may impact on children and young people attending and staying at school.

Public Tenancy Support Service

This service supports people living in Public Housing who face difficulty maintaining their tenancy.

Our team aims to support tenants to increase their ability to avoid reaching the point of eviction, debts and property standards.

Mental Health Support Service

This service provides information support, advocacy, referral and counselling to Aboriginal people living in Meekatharra, Cue and Mount Magnet who experience and live with mental ill health.

Our team adopts a recovery-orientated model, placing significant emphasis on the choices and decisions of the individual. We aim to support people to make positive changes and reach their goals while continuing to participate fully in the community.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

This service supports grandparents living in Meekatharra, Cue and Mount Magnet who are the sole or primary carer of their grandchildren.

Emergency Relief

This service is offered to people experiencing significant financial distress, homelessness and other life challenges.

Immediate relief is available once every three months in the form of food hampers. In addition to referrals to other services. Appointments to Emergency Relief are essential.

Life



Style

THINGS WE DO HERE IN TOWN.

**Community
Member
of the Year**

SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA

COMMUNITY AWARDS 2025

**Nominations
Open!**

*Closing Friday,
6th December 2024*



*Do you know an individual, a
group of people, or an event which
has which has made an impact or
positive change in the community?*

*If yes, nominate them now so they
get the recognition they deserve!*

**Community
Contributor
or Event
of the Year**

**Young
Person
of the Year**

(24yrs and under)

**Senior
of the
Year**

(60yrs and above)

MEEKA COMMUNITY AWARDS | **Nominate Now!**

Awards Category Description

Community Member of the Year

The Community Member of the Year provides outstanding contributions to the Meekatharra community. They are consistently responding to the needs of the community and providing support where needed.

This person can be a volunteer or a paid employee in the work that they are being nominated for.

Young Person of the Year (under 24 years of age)

The Young Person of the Year award is for those under 24 years of age.

This award shines a light on young people who have made a big personal achievement or have been actively involved in the Meekatharra community in the last year, showing initiative and making significant contributions.

Senior of the Year (over 60)

Senior of the Year is for those aged 60 years and above, who have delivered outstanding value to the Meekatharra community.

This person may be a role model to younger generations, provides leadership and support or has brought about significant positive change to Meekatharra.

Community Contributor or Event of the Year

The Community Contributor of the Year can be a local group, organisation, or business who goes above and beyond for the town.

You can also nominate an exceptional event that has created positive impact within the community and generated outcomes that lead to long-term benefit.

Whether that be providing extra support, creating opportunities for engagement, putting on a great event or ensuring everyone is part of their work.

**An individual can be nominated multiple times for different awards. All nominees must permanently reside in the Shire of Meekatharra and can be in paid employment, unemployed or a volunteer.*

***The Community Awards ceremony will be held at 10am on January 26, 2025 at the Meekatharra Shire Hall.*

****Nominees will be notified after the voting period has closed.*

MEEKA COMMUNITY AWARDS | Nominate Now!

Meekatharra Community Awards

Nomination Form

First Name of Nominee:

Last Name of Nominee:

Phone Number of Nominee:

Email or Street Address of Nominee:

Does the nominee permanently reside in Meekatharra:

YES / NO

Category (Select one or multiple):

- ☐ ***Community Member of the Year***
 - ☐ ***Young Person of the Year (24yrs and under)***
 - ☐ ***Senior of the Year (60yrs and above)***
 - ☐ ***Community Contributor or Event of the Year***

Reason for Nomination:

Full Name of Person Nominating:

Contact Number of Person Nominating:

*Please return this form to the Shire Office or;
email cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au before 5pm, Friday 6th December 2024.*

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

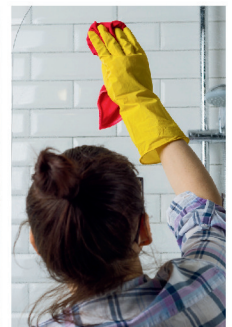
TRANSPORT

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



Animal Management

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

1



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

November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Did you know?

Lung cancer is one of the most common cancers affecting both women and men in Western Australia.

In 2019, 693 Western Australian men and 564 Western Australian women were diagnosed with lung cancer.

Common symptoms of lung cancer include:

- Coughing or spitting up blood (once or more)

Or, for more than four weeks:

- A new cough or change to your usual cough.
- A lot of chest infections
- Finding it hard to breathe
- Losing weight without trying
- Not feeling hungry
- Pain in your chest and/or shoulder
- Feeling tired or lacking energy
- Changes to your voice, such as hoarseness or croaky voice

If you have coughed up blood, **even if it was just once**, it's important to tell your doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker straight away.

If you have had any of the other symptoms for more than four weeks, tell your doctor, clinic nurse or health worker. It doesn't mean you've got lung cancer – often these symptoms turn out to be something less serious. But it's important to tell your health professional and get checked out to be safe.

If it is lung cancer, the earlier it's found, the earlier it can be treated.

SYMPTOMS OF LUNG CANCER



Have you had any of these...

... for more than 4 weeks?

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

... once or more?

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



If you have and you are over 40...

Tell your doctor

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

Partner:



Department of Health



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

10/2018

For more information about lung 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



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for more information



PROTECT MY PROPERTY



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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

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With Senior Regional Officer Kevin Collard

Tenant termination: Breaking your lease

Ending a tenancy agreement early, or 'breaking lease' can be stressful, but renters should find it easier in the current tight rental market given it probably won't take long to find new tenants.

While there are potential costs involved with breaking lease, you cannot be asked to pay the usual end of tenancy expenses such as the final inspection fee that an agent may charge and the landlord cannot impose other additional fees.

Landlords are also not entitled to be compensated for losses that could have been avoided, such as lost rent via a delay in reletting the property because they decide to undertake some renovations. They must do everything reasonable to find a new tenant as quickly as possible and keep their losses to a minimum.

Additionally, your bond should be returned to you as normal, minus any costs for repairs, and you will need to leave the property clean and tidy.

It's best to notify your landlord in writing as soon as possible that you intend to break lease. This will help reduce any costs you may have to pay.

But what costs will you be liable for? You must continue paying rent until your lease officially ends (even if you've moved out), or until a replacement tenant is able to move in, whichever happens first.

If you can, give a specific moving out date as this can make it easier to secure a new tenant. You are entitled to stay in the property as long as you're paying rent as per your tenancy agreement.

Besides the lost rent, you may be asked to cover other costs as a result of you breaking lease, for example the cost of advertising the property. However, the landlord must do what they can to reduce these costs, including advertising the property quickly.

There are circumstances where you can end a tenancy agreement early without breaking lease or incurring costs, such as if the property is destroyed in a natural disaster or circumstances of family violence. Check the Consumer Protection website for the specific conditions that need to be met in these cases.

What about if your landlord wants to break lease? You don't have to agree with the request to break lease but if you do agree, you can ask the landlord to cover some costs of having to move house unexpectedly. Landlords can also apply to the Magistrates Court for an order to end the tenancy.

Consumer Protection wants landlords to appreciate that tenants breaking lease can be experiencing a lot of stress, which can include a need to relocate at short notice for work or a change in financial



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circumstances. In a tight rental market, landlords are unlikely to experience much of a loss of income and it's always best to address these situations amicably.

If the situation cannot be resolved, Consumer Protection may be able to help – go to consumerprotection.wa.gov.au or call 1300 30 40 54.

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Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

October 2024

Not mushroom for error



Photos of various fungi collected by Department staff and MyPestGuide® users. Left to right, Rhubarb bolete (*Boletellus obscurecoccineus*), a native bracket fungi (Polypore fungi), and Fly agaric (*Amanita muscaria*).

Spring has arrived here in the south-west. The weather is mild, the bush is exploding with flowers, and many Western Australian's are venturing out to experience the natural wonders of our region. Although past their peak, those with keen eyes will still spot what the intrepid winter bushwalkers have been enjoying for months, weird and wonderful specimens from the captivating kingdom of fungi!

Fantastic fungi

When you think of south-west WA's biodiversity, fungi might not be the first thing that comes to mind. However, it's estimated that fungal species may outnumber plant species 10:1, which means there could be as many as 140,000 different species in this region, the majority yet to be discovered. These often-overlooked lifeforms play crucial roles in our ecosystems, from the forest floor to the treetops, they are hard at work, decomposing organic matter, forming symbiotic relationships with plants, nourishing wildlife and even glowing in the dark. One of the most enchanting fungi you might encounter is the ghost fungus (*Omphalotus nidiformis*). These bioluminescent beauties can be found growing on dead or dying wood, emitting an eerie green glow in the darkness. Look but don't touch - ghost fungi are toxic.

The dangers of foraging

While the world of fungi is fascinating, and some species are safe and tasty to eat, it's crucial to remember that foraging for wild mushrooms can be

extremely dangerous. Many poisonous species closely resemble edible ones, and misidentification can lead to severe illness, organ damage or even death. Never eat wild mushrooms unless you're an expert or have had them identified by an expert. Sadly, fungi experts are hard to find, and even experienced foragers can make mistakes. It's best to admire fungi in their natural habitat without taking them home for dinner. For cases of suspected poisoning call 000. For general information, the poisons information centre: 13 11 26.

Livestock and pet concerns

Occasionally we receive enquiries from the public concerned about the risk of poisonous mushrooms to their animals. Though not common, ingestion of mushrooms has caused accidental poisoning of livestock and companion animals. If you are concerned your animal/s have consumed wild mushrooms, please contact your local veterinarian in the first instance.

Fungi resources

Unfortunately, the Department has limited expertise in the identification of mushrooms and fungi species outside of our plant pathology expertise. However, some helpful resources include the Fungimap website (fungimap.org.au), the WA Naturalists' 'Fungi books and resources' webpage, social media fungi interest groups, and various fungi book resources including publications from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation, Attractions (DBCA) and CSIRO.



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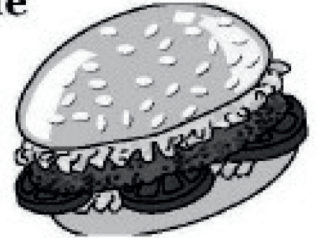
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-Jo from CRC

NOVEMBER

2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1 YULGA JINNA RCS 20TH ANNIVERSARY 1/11/2024 LET'S COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE 20TH BIRTHDAY OF OUR SCHOOL! ASSEMBLY 10AM SPEECHES 10:30 LUNCH 12:00PM BAND FROM 2PM RSVP: SARANTHA.SULLIVAN@MEELK.ASICOM.NSW.EDU.AU	2 CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE	3
4	5	6 CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE	7	8	9 Meeka Markets 9am - 1pm Community Resource & Visitor Centre CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE	10
11	12	13 CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE	14	15	16 Council Meeting 9:30 am CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE	17
18	19 Shooting Stars - Long Table High Tea 12pm - 2:30pm Shire Hall	20 Yulella - Youth & Elders Activity Day 2pm - 4pm Sports Complex Craft & Sip 7pm - 9:30pm Community Resource & Visitor Centre CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE	21	22	23 CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE	24
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DECEMBER

2024

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2024 Markets

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

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HEALTHY CAULIFLOWER & BROCCOLI CHEESE RECIPE



Prep: 10 min
 Cook: 25 min
 Servings: 4
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Ingredients

- ▲ 1/2 head cauliflower, cut into florets
- ▲ 1 head broccoli, cut into florets
- ▲ 1/3 cup water
- ▲ 2 tbs plain flour
- ▲ 2 cups reduced-fat milk
- ▲ pepper, to taste
- ▲ 1/2 cup reduced-fat cheese

Back to Basics Sides Vegetarian Gluten-free EBLL Green EBLL Whites and Brown
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Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C.
2. Place cauliflower, broccoli florets and water into a microwave safe and ovenproof dish. Microwave on HIGH (100%) for 5 minutes. Carefully drain off the water and set aside.
3. Put flour into a tall microwave safe jug. Add 2 tablespoons of milk and whisk to a smooth paste with no lumps. Season with pepper. Add the remainder of the milk and stir.
4. Microwave the milk mixture on HIGH (100%) for 1 minute. Stir. Heat again for 1 minute and stir. If needed, heat again for 30 seconds intervals and stir until thick and creamy.
5. Add grated cheese and stir until melted through.
6. Top cauliflower and broccoli with cheese sauce.
7. Bake in oven for 15 minutes or serve immediately.

💡 Healthy tip!

Try mustard instead of mayonnaise to add extra flavour to your salads and sandwiches.

<https://livelighter.com.au/recipe/482/cauliflower-broccoli-cheese>

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WORD SEARCH

Types of Dog

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SUDOKU

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#209285

Difficulty: easy

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#143918

Difficulty: moderate

SOLUTIONS

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Solution of sudoku #209285:

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6	5	2	4	8	9	1	7	3
4	8	9	7	1	6	3	5	2
1	2	5	9	3	8	7	4	6
7	3	6	5	4	2	9	8	1

Solution of sudoku #143918:

5	4	3	7	9	1	2	6	8
8	7	1	6	2	3	9	5	4
6	9	2	8	4	5	1	3	7
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7	6	4	9	1	2	3	8	5
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