



MEEKATHARRA WELCOMES YOU!

*Sundowner Event for
newcomers, organisations
and friendly locals*

*Brought to you by
Shire of Meekatharra
and the
Meekatharra Community
Resource & Visitor Centre*

**EASTER FESTIVITIES
AT THE OVAL**
*Easter Bunny Antics and
Eggs Galore at the Oval*

ANZAC DAY
*Dawn Service at
Meekatharra Veterans
Legion*

SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS

JANUARY – DECEMBER 2025

ORDINARY MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

In accordance with section 5.25(1)(g) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 12 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* the scheduled Shire of Meekatharra Ordinary Meeting dates for 2025 calendar year are as follows:

Saturday, 18 January 2025

Saturday, 15 February 2025

Saturday, 15 March 2025

Saturday, 12 April 2025

Saturday, 17 May 2025

Saturday, 21 June 2025

Saturday, 26 July 2025

Saturday, 16 August 2025

Saturday, 20 September 2025

Saturday, 18 October 2025

Saturday, 15 November 2025

Friday, 12 December 2025

All meetings are held in Council Chambers located at the corner Main & Savage Streets Meekatharra and commence at 11.30am (except the 12 December 2025 meeting which commences at 4:00pm).

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Audit Committee Meetings will be arranged as required in consultation with the Shire President.

Nathan Cain
Chief Executive Officer

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.

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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



COUNCIL MESSAGE | CEO Report



Well, the season has certainly turned as we welcome cooler nights, tourists, and prospectors to the region.

I, too, have been swinging the detector and am happy to say I am doing my part to clean up the area of tin cans, bullet casings, and screen wire ...

Recent Shire happenings include –

Rubbish Collection

The Town Maintenance Crew have commenced operating the rubbish collection service. After a few hiccups and learning about the intricacies of the truck the service is operating very smoothly. Please ensure you have your bins out by 6am each Tuesday and Friday.

Town Street Sweeping

The Shire recently purchased a street sweeper, and the Town Maintenance Crew have been busy learning the correct usage of the machine and determining the most appropriate roster for most impact. In the first trial, approximately 7 tonnes of dirt, glass, and other material was removed from 3 streets ... an instant impact!

Rear Laneways

Rear laneways are in the process of being cleared and renewed. Overhanging vegetation is also being trimmed to ensure service and emergency vehicles can have full access.

Safer Meekatharra Strategy

A trial CCTV facility is being established at the Meekatharra Golf Course. It is hoped this facility will give a good indication of suitability of devices and power supply for future installations.

Meekatharra-Sandstone Road Re-sheeting

The Road Crew are in the process of finalising 30 kilometres of re-sheeting on the Meekatharra-Sandstone Road. The works are partially funded by the State Government's Regional Road Group program.

COUNCIL MESSAGE | CEO Report



Meekatharra Welcomes You

The Shire and volunteer organisations warmly welcomed newcomers to Meekatharra. Light snacks and beverages were enjoyed by all along with a live music performance from Geoff Udy. We hope to make this a more regular event so be sure to keep a look out for the notices.

ANZAC Day Service

The recent ANZAC Day Service was the first time the Shire's Community Services team coordinated the service. The service was attended by over 200 people. A warm thank you to Gary Hammer for his leadership on the day and thank you to Chris Atkins for his many years of commitment in coordinating the day.

Remote Outreach Animal Desexing Program

The Shire once again hosted the Murdoch University 2025 Veterinarian Program to deliver free sterilisation services to concession card holders. A total of 26 castration and spaying surgeries were completed by final-year university students.

Until next time ...

Nathan Cain

Chief Executive Officer

Community



Happenings

WHAT'S CURRENTLY HAPPENING IN MEEKA?

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION | Where the Gidgee trees grow.

A Poem By John McDougall | 2024

In the mid-west of nowhere,
There's names for all things,
Bobtail and lizards and perenties and skins.
Brolgas and mulgas, wedgetails and kites,
Gidgees and midgees, mosquitos and mites.
A place for all animals as bizarre as the zoo,
Emu's and dingos and red kangaroos,
Bright colored parrots and stripy li'l finches,
A playground for wonderment,
No place for grinchies.

Puddle duck lakes surrounded by trees,
Beefwoods towering and flowering for bees,
Spoonbills and swans in wettest of years,
A paradise peaceful can bring you to tears.
Gibber plains open,
With mulga thicket hedge,
The driest of deserts,
With green lined lush edge.

Grey-green phyllodes
And cogla bush pears,
People would pay,
To watch it from chairs.
Golden blossom in springtime,
Followed by grey summer storms,
With sunsets majestic,
No colours forlorn.

Wild stars at midnight,
Never ending flats,
Flat lying sandstone,
Forming mesa and caps.
Breakaway granites,
With Kaolin white face,
Talus on foothills,
Relieving the space.

Well heads and stockyards
Rusting away,
Telegraphs and windings,
And old horse shoes dray.
An unfinished story
Of riches and gold,
Minerals and swindles
And fortunes untold.

Sand blown from elsewhere,
Iron stained red,
Windgrass and wanderrie grass,
Forming frequent seed head,
Junga and flowers,
Purples and pinks,
Erimophila trumpets
And broad banded skins,
Mudlarks and puddles,
Muddy Crab holes.
Currajong, pigeon,
And Bunagarra holes.

A place so damned lovely,
You don't walk on top,
Mountains float above you,
When covered in fog.
Warm wind from the desert,
Cool air from the south,
Willy-willys on hot days
Peeling off from the North.
Far away stations,
On cart tracks of old,
Wheelbarrows and pickaxe,
In search of old gold.
This place is no dreamaland,
A homeland to some,
An expansive great beauty,
Well scorched by the sun.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | Meekatharra Welcomes You

A Wonderful Evening of Connection

Friday, 11 April saw the return of the Meekatharra Welcomes You sundowner (formerly known as Welcome to Meeka), and it was a great success! Approximately 40 attendees gathered for a relaxed and welcoming evening that brought together newcomers, service providers, and friendly local faces.

Guests enjoyed a mellow musical performance by Geraldton artist Geoff Udy, whose soothing tunes set the perfect tone for the evening. Light refreshments and delicious platters—generously prepared by the Meekatharra Community Resource & Visitor Centre—were enjoyed by all.

The event made great use of the Centre's Café space, adding extra atmosphere and plenty of room for conversations to flow. It was a fantastic opportunity for people to connect, share stories, and learn more about the services and opportunities available in Meekatharra.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the evening such a success. We look forward to welcoming even more community members at the next event!



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | Meekatharra Welcomes You



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | Easter Egg Hunt

Egg-cellent Fun at the Easter Egg Hunt!

Friday, 18 April was filled with big smiles, laughter, egg-citement, and plenty of chocolate as more than 100 community members—young and old—gathered at the Meekatharra Sports Complex for a free Community Easter Egg Hunt.

This vibrant event was made possible through a fantastic collaboration between several local organisations. Westgold Resources Ltd generously provided unique teddy bears made from recycled PPE, bringing joy and an eco-friendly twist to the day. Yulella Aboriginal Corporation contributed over 100 Easter eggs, ensuring every child had a chance to take home a treat.

Youth Focus offered hands-on support throughout the event, helping to coordinate activities, support families and cook the delicious dinner that was supplied by the Shire of Meekatharra. Attendees were treated to delicious beef burgers packed with fresh salad and a classic sausage sizzle—always a crowd-pleaser!

Adding to the fun, the Meekatharra Police played a vital role, even helping the Easter Bunny find the venue and distribute eggs to the egg-cited children!

The event was a huge success, bringing the community together for a fun-filled afternoon of celebration and connection.

A big thank you to all the partners, volunteers, and families who made the day so special.

We look forward to hopping into more community events just like this in the future!



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | Easter Egg Hunt



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BIG SKY

geraldton regional library



Readers and Writers Festival

SHORT STORY PRIZE ENTRY FORM 2025

Name:

Address:

Phone: Email:

Title of Story: Word Count:

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

Signed: Dated:

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

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Open to people aged 18 years plus from across the Midwest and Gascoyne.
- Opens Friday 18 April, closes 4pm Friday 11 July 2025. No late entries accepted.
- Length - Maximum of 3,000 words.
- Entry is free. Maximum of three entries per person. Each entry must be accompanied by a completed entry form.
- No responsibility is accepted for lost, delayed or late entries.
- Shortlisted entries announced Wednesday 3 September 2025.
- Entries will not be returned.
- Winners announced Friday 24 October 2025.
- Winner: Cash prize of \$500, VIP access to Festival Events, Story published online via Library Catalogue and Certificate.
- Runner-Up: Cash prize of \$200, VIP access to Festival Events, Story published online via Library Catalogue and Certificate.
- Highly Commended: Story published online via Library Catalogue and Certificate.
- Employees of the CGG and their direct family members are not eligible to enter this competition.
- Entries must be unpublished and in English.
- The entry is written with a mature or adult audience in mind.
- Format - must be typed 1.5 line spacing, 12 point font, no contact/name on actual work, only on entry form.
- Entrants should not submit stories which have been edited by AI in any way.



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

The Shire of Meekatharra led the ANZAC Day Dawn Service this year which has historically been hosted by the Meekatharra Veterans Legion. The service ran successfully and was a true community collaboration led by the Community Development Officer.

The Royal Mail Hotel provided the traditional Trench Breakfast, which was very well received. Local community members Gary Hammer, Mitch Fialkowski, Raymond Small 'Stickman', Adrian Doyle and Timika King were integral in assisting with the smooth running of the proceedings on the day.

The ANZAC Day Dawn Service saw over 200 attendees come to pay their respects on the day and to enjoy the breakfast in the company of colleagues and community members.

The success of this year's ANZAC Day Dawn Service reflects the strength and unity of Meekatharra's community spirit, honouring the past while bringing people together in the present.



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | ANZAC Day



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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | Youth Services

What's been happening at the Youth Centre & KidZone

April was an active and engaging month for Youth Services. Regular weekly sessions at KidZone and the Youth Centre continued to provide safe, welcoming spaces for young people to connect, learn, and have fun.

The school holiday program was a standout, featuring a well-attended sports day with Shire of Wiluna visiting us to play a game of football, fostering regional friendship and teamwork. Skateboarding workshops with Nick from Infinity Skate were also a big hit, encouraging confidence at the small wheels park.

The month ended on a high note with the Community Easter Egg Hunt, which brought families together for a fun and festive event including a special visit from the Easter bunny.



Wiluna and Meekatharra youth playing footy.



Wiluna supporters cheering on the team!



The friendly team from Wiluna serving up a healthy lunch!



Wiluna and Meekatharra youth and adults.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | Youth Services



School Holiday Skate Workshop - youth practicing hard and showcasing their skills with Nick from Infinity Skate!

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | 2025 Pool Survey Update

MEEKATHARRA
WAR MEMORIAL POOL

SURVEY WINNER!

Congratulations!

A big congratulations to Doris Woods who was the lucky winner of the \$200 voucher.

Doris, along with many other community members participated in our 2025 Pool Survey over the month of April.



*\$200 voucher winner!
Congratulations Doris!!*

We received a great response from the community and lots of helpful feedback.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide us with valuable insights. We look forward to keeping you updated on what's coming for the next pool season!

COMMUNITY FACILITIES | Available For Hire

LLOYDS CONFERENCE ROOM

Lloyd's Outback Plaza Conference Room is a state-of-the-art conferencing facility set to accommodate a maximum of 25 people.

Location: Lloyd's Outback Plaza, 64 Main Street, WA 6642

Amenities include kitchenette, external toilets to conference room (incl. disabled access toilet) and on-street parking.

Fees & Charges

\$50.00 per 4 hour block

\$80.00 per whole day



Lloyds Plaza Conference Room

TOWN HALL

One of the most important buildings in town, our beloved Meekatharra Shire Hall is a multi-purpose space where your team, or family can utilise for almost anything.

This space accommodates a maximum of 250 people.

Location: Savage Street, WA 6642

Amenities include: kitchen, walk-in cool room, toilets, outdoor twin BBQ, separate bar area, equipment hire, projector, inflatable screen and on-street parking.

Fees & Charges

Please contact us for a full break down of charges dependent on your needs.



Meekatharra Shire Hall

SPORTING COMPLEX AND OVAL

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

The Meekatharra Sporting Complex and Oval might be the space for you. It boasts a lush green oval with peaceful views of the area. It is accompanied with an indoor function space that accommodates a maximum of 50 people.

Location: Landor Meekatharra Road, WA 6642

Amenities include: kitchen, internal & external toilets, outdoor twin BBQ, equipment hire and ample parking.

Night Light Usage

\$10.00 per hour - Basketball, Tennis Courts, Oval

Night light key bond \$50.00



Sporting Complex and Oval

Please contact us
directly for any queries,
or to book a facility.



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COMMUNITY FACILITIES | Sport & Recreation



GYM

The gym is located at the Sporting Complex off the Landor Meekatharra Road behind the main building and can be accessed daily.

This unmanned gym has all the equipment you will need to complete your workout.

Access to the gym is with a membership which can be purchased from the Shire Office. Make sure to sign up and check out the space.

Access is restricted to 16 years of age and above.

Opening Hours: 5:00am - 10:00pm

Fees & Charges: (as of July 2024)

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

Concessions available with proof of eligibility.

Fees apply for lost cards

MEEKATHARRA WAR MEMORIAL POOL - CLOSED UNTIL OCTOBER

The Meekatharra Swimming Pool is located in the heart of town. A much loved place to cool off and socialise with friends or family.

**SURVEY
WINNER!**



*\$200 voucher winner!
Congratulations Doris!!*



Fees & Charges

Daily, weekly & full season rates available to suit all needs.

Concessions available with proof of eligibility.
'Pool for School' policy in place, rewarding school attendance with free entry to the Pool.

Please contact us directly for any queries, or to book a facility.



08 9980 0600



cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au



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COMMUNITY FACILITIES | Sport & Recreation

SQUASH COURT

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

This is an unmanned facility.

Unfortunately we do not hire equipment (racquets, balls etc.)

Opening Hours: 5:00am - 10:00pm

Fees & Charges: (as of July 2024)

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



BASKETBALL COURTS

The basketball courts are located at the Meekatharra Sporting Complex off the Meekatharra Landor Road and is a free-usage community space.

This is an unmanned recreational space.

Opening Hours: 5:00am - 10:00pm

Fees & Charges: (as of July 2024)

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



TENNIS COURT

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

This is an unmanned recreational space.

Unfortunately we do not hire equipment (racquets, balls etc.)

Opening Hours: 5:00am - 10:00pm

Fees & Charges: (as of July 2024)

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



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | What's On!

MAY




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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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5	6	7 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm <small>Yulella Aboriginal Corporation</small>	8	9	10 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm <small>Yulella Aboriginal Corporation</small>	11
12	13	14 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm <small>Yulella Aboriginal Corporation</small> Girls Group 6pm - 8pm Youth Focus	15	16	17  Meeka Creatives 9am - 11am Lloyd's Plaza Council Meeting 11:30am	18
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26	27 Reconciliation Day Walk & Emu Bob 9:30am - 12pm Meekatharra Creek	28  Girls Group 6pm - 8pm Youth Focus  NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025 Bridging Now to Next	29  NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025 Bridging Now to Next	30  NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025 Bridging Now to Next	31 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm <small>Yulella Aboriginal Corporation</small>  NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025 Bridging Now to Next	

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | What's On!

JUNE

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | What's On!

JULY

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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 NAIDOC Week Opening 7pm - 9pm Sports Complex Function Room 	8 NAIDOC Week Activities More details to come!	9 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	10 NAIDOC Week Activities More details to come!	11 NAIDOC Week Activities More details to come!	12  Meeka Markets 9am - 1pm Community Resource & Visitor Centre	13
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2025 Meekatharra Community Events Calendar

January

Sun 26 Jan | **Meekatharra Community Awards**

February

UPCOMING
EVENTS

SCAN
ME!



March

Sat 8 Mar | **Meeka Markets**

Sat 15 Mar | **Meeka Creatives**

Sat 15 Mar | **Movie Night**

Weds 19 Mar | **Craft & Sip**

April

Fri 11 Apr | **Meekatharra Welcomes You**

Sat 12 Apr | **Meeka Markets**

Weds 16 Apr | **Craft & Sip**

Thur 17 Apr | **Easter Festivities**

Sat 19 Apr | **Meeka Creatives**

Fri 25 Apr | **ANZAC Day Dawn Service**

May

Sat 3 May | **Meeka Markets**

Thur 8 May | **Blue Light Disco**

Sat 17 May | **Meeka Creatives**

Weds 21 May | **Craft & Sip**

Thur 22 May | **Gina Williams & Guy Ghouse**

Tues 27 May | **Reconciliation Day Walk & Emu Bob**

June

Sat 14 June | **Meeka Markets**

Weds 18 June | **Craft & Sip**

Sat 21 June | **Meeka Creatives**

July

Mon 7 July - Sun 14 July | **NAIDOC Week Activities**

Sat 12 July | **Meeka Markets**

Sat 19 July | **Meeka Creatives**

August

Sat 9 Aug | **Meeka Markets**

Sat 16 Aug | **Meeka Creatives**

Sat 16 Aug | **Bogan Bingo**

September

Thur 11 Sept | **R U OK? Day Event**

Sat 20 Sept | **Meeka Creatives**

'The Spirit of Meekatharra'

Weds 24 Sept | **Community Workshops**

Thur 25 Sept | **'Under the Night Sky' Paint & Eat**

Sat 27 Sept | **'Meeka Made' Art Exhibition & Markets**

| **Live Music**

October

Sat 11 Oct | **Meeka Markets**
Meeka's Walk For Suicide Awareness

Sat 18 Oct | **Meeka Creatives**

December

Fri 5 Dec | **Community Christmas Party**

Sat 13 Dec | **Meeka Markets**

Sat 20 Dec | **Meeka Creatives**

Updated: 12/05/2025

November

Sat 8 Nov | **Meeka Markets**

Sat 15 Nov | **Meeka Creatives**



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 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 format, large print, 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 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. Items can be borrowed for three weeks.

Opening Hours:

9:00am - 4:00pm

Monday - Friday

**closed Public Holidays*

75 Main Street
08 9980 0600
cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au

KIDS ZONE & YOUTH CENTRE

Kids Zone and the Youth Centre are open most of the year round. Both facilities provide after school programs for youth from ages 5yrs-17yrs and give them a safe space to connect with others.

Both areas have staff trained to supervise and guide the youth in what they want to do. The facilities are well equipped to provide a broad range of resources and activities to keep young minds busy.

Kids Zone welcomes children from age 5yrs-9yrs years, while the Youth Centre welcomes youth from age 10yrs-18yrs.

All youth are welcome to attend.

Opening Hours

Kids Zone: 3:00pm - 5:00pm | Monday to Friday

Youth Centre: 3:00pm - 5:00pm | Monday to Friday
6:00pm - 8:00pm | Monday to Friday

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



Senior Youth Officer: Kadisen King

**SERVICE PROVIDER | Meekatharra
St John Ambulance**



St John

We need you

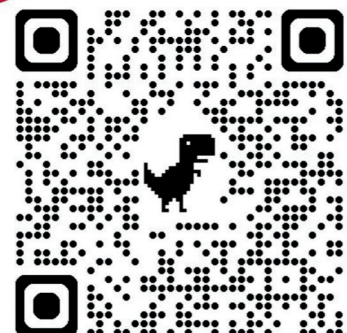


New Volunteers Urgently Needed

- Help with attending and driving to 000 calls
- Checking ambulance stock
- Transporting to RFDS

For more information call or email the
community paramedic
0437681562
cp.midwesteast@stjohnhwa.com.au

Join Now



Life



Style

THINGS WE DO HERE IN TOWN.

SERVICE PROVIDER | Mission Australia



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

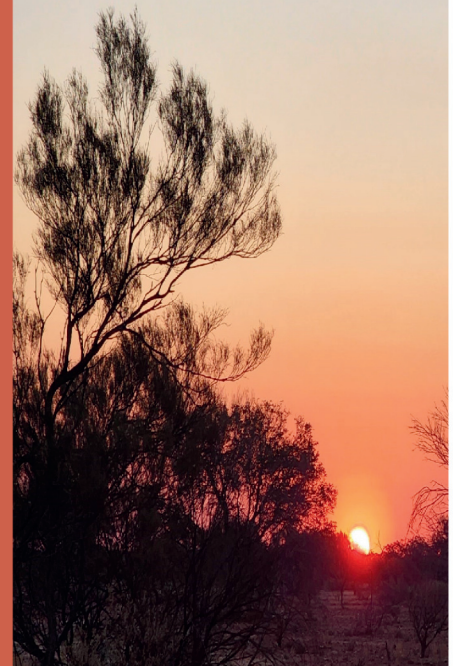
Mission Australia Meekatharra

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.

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Snake Bites

What to do:

1. Follow DRSABCD St John WA Action Plan.
2. Urgent medical aid. Call Triple Zero (000) for an ambulance.
3. Ensure the casualty does not move.
4. Lay the casualty down, rest and reassure.
5. If the bite is on a limb, apply a broad pressure bandage over the bite site as soon as possible.
6. Then apply a further elasticised or firm bandage - start at fingers or toes and move up the limb as far as can be reached. Apply tightly but without stopping blood flow.
7. Splint the limb including the joints on either side of the bite.
8. Write down the time that the casualty was bitten and when the bandage was applied.
9. If the casualty becomes unconscious and not breathing normally, Commence CPR and Defibrillation.

Signs and symptoms

- Visible in an hour or more after the person has been bitten.
- In children, signs and symptoms may appear within minutes.
- Paired fang marks, but often only a single mark or a scratch mark may be present. Marks or scratches may bleed.
- Nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea.
- Headache, drowsiness, giddiness or faintness.
- Double or blurred vision, drooping eyelids.
- Voice changes, trouble speaking or swallowing. Pain or tightness in the throat, chest or abdomen.
- Breathing difficulties, respiratory weakness or arrest.



Do not wash the venom off the skin (it may aid in identification).

Do not cut the bitten area and try to suck the venom out.

Do not use a tourniquet.

Do not try and catch the snake.



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With Senior Regional Officer for Midwest – Natasha Pirrottina

Gas safety for campers

The Easter break and school holidays are a wonderful opportunity to spend time with family and friends, so what could be better than a camping trip in our great State?

The range of creature comforts you can take on the road with you – like portable gas cookers, heaters, fridges and barbecues – means there's no need to rough it. It's just important to take a few simple steps to ensure everyone stays safe.

Portable gas appliances are safe to use, as long as they are in good condition and operated correctly.

The number one tip from WA's gas safety regulator, Building and Energy, is to never use these appliances inside tents, caravans or other enclosed spaces, even if the doors or windows are open.

Portable gas appliances need a lot of air to burn cleanly and efficiently. If the appliances are not used outdoors in the open air, carbon monoxide can build up and, worryingly, because this potentially lethal gas is colourless and odourless, you may not even be aware you've been exposed until it's too late. It's sometimes called the "invisible killer".

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headaches, dizziness, weakness, nausea and confusion. If you experience these, try to move to a well-ventilated area and seek medical attention immediately.

Remember, portable gas appliances are great outdoors, but potentially lethal indoors.

If you are purchasing a new appliance, make sure it carries a compliance badge that shows it has been approved for sale in Australia. When you install or set it up, always follow the manufacturer's instructions and take note of any safety warnings.

It's important to know that two types of LPG cylinder and appliance connections are now available. The older Type 21 (POL) is being phased out in favour of a safer design called LCC27.

Older Type 21 (POL) gas appliance connectors can be used with either cylinder type, but new gas appliances purchased since April 2022 must only be connected to an LCC27 gas cylinder. If you try to connect an LCC27 appliance to a Type 21 (POL) cylinder, it can cause gas to leak.

People have suffered serious burns after using incompatible cylinders and connectors with their barbecue. Adapters have also been banned for safety reasons.

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Building and Energy also recommend having gas appliances serviced regularly by a licensed gas fitter and checking the equipment before use. Your LPG cylinder should be in good condition and its most recent test date should be within the past 10 years. If not, the cylinder should be replaced.

A soapy water test can detect gas leaks. Apply soapy water to the cylinder, hose and appliance connections. Open the cylinder valve, but don't turn on the appliance. Bubbles or gas smells can indicate a leak. Turn the cylinder valve off immediately and don't use it until the leak is fixed.

During travel, transport cylinders in an upright position, secured firmly and outside the passenger area. Don't carry cylinders in the car boot or any unventilated space for extended periods.

More information, including a handy brochure on [Camping Safely with LP Gas](#) is available at the Building and Energy website (wa.gov.au/organisation/building-and-energy)

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The Huntsman and the Wolf

Terrifying or Terrific?

There are hundreds of species of Wolf spiders (Lycosidae) and Huntsman spiders (Sparassidae) in Australia, and they are two of our most feared spiders - inside or outside of the home. But they really don't deserve a bad reputation or our fear and loathing.

Huntsman spiders conjure up images of big hairy Tarantulas terrifying people when they scuttle out from behind curtains or crawl along the ceiling, and Wolf spiders seem to be everywhere - roaming in the garden or running along the floor, disappearing under the lounge.

The fact is these spiders, although sometimes frightening, are completely harmless, and if found in the house it is either by accident or they are only there to help you control insects like moths, crickets and flies, or even other spiders.

Huntsman spiders

These long-legged spiders, measuring up to 100mm or more across the legs, are grey to brown, sometimes with leg banding. They are nocturnal and are known for having keen eyesight making them excellent hunters - hence their name. Huntsman spiders are very sure footed and quick, often running down or leaping onto prey. They are known for their flattened bodies and sideways, crab-like arrangement of their legs, appearing wider than they are long.

They are found Australia wide, huddled in family groups (Eastern states species), or solitarily in wood piles, under the bark of trees, on rock walls, under leaf litter and logs - and

occasionally inside the house. Huntsman spiders have eight eyes in two rows of four- all the better to see you with!



Wolf spiders

These spiders measure between 10-80mm across, they are smaller and stouter than Huntsman spiders, with shorter legs. Unlike Huntsman spiders, their legs extend straight out from the body rather than being angled and positioned sideways. Their bodies appear longer than they are wide. They live on the ground and are usually dull brown with white, black or grey variegated markings or radiating bands. Wolf spiders are found Australia-wide in all habitats and are vagrant hunters making temporary retreats in vegetation, although some build burrows, either open or with a trapdoor. Wolf spiders have eight eyes in three rows of 4, 2, and 2. The 4 rear eyes are greatly enlarged and form a square making them very recognisable. They have excellent eyesight and chase down their prey, much like a wolf - and this is where they get their common name.



Remarkably, both these spiders also show some endearingly human traits. For example, Huntsman spider breeding pairs have lengthy courtships

involving mutual caressing and dancing. Wolf spiders demonstrate incredible maternal care for their young. You may have seen the little spiderlings being carried on the mothers back until they are able to fend for themselves. Wolf spiderlings are aerial dispersal specialists, where they spin a silken thread to catch the wind and fly away in an act of dispersal called ballooning. Although they do spin silk, neither Huntsman nor Wolf spiders create a web for catching prey but will spin silk for their egg sacs.

We hope you've gained an appreciation for these remarkable creatures, understanding the differences between them and the differing roles they play in our ecosystem.



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Servings: 9
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Ingredients

- ▲ olive or canola oil spray
- ▲ 4 ripe bananas, peeled
- ▲ 1/4 cup sugar
- ▲ 1/2 cup reduced-fat milk
- ▲ 2 eggs
- ▲ 1 cup self-raising flour
- ▲ 1 cup wholemeal self-raising flour
- ▲ 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- ▲ 1 cup frozen blueberries

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Method

1. Preheat oven to 220°C (200°C fan forced). Spray a 20 x 10cm loaf tin with oil; line base and sides with non-stick baking paper.
2. Reserve one whole banana for presentation and mash remaining 3 bananas in a large bowl (1½ cups mashed).
3. Add sugar, milk and eggs and mix with a fork until well combined.
4. Sift flours and cinnamon on top of banana mixture, returning husks from the sieve to the bowl. Mix ingredients together until just combined, taking care not to over-mix, then gently fold through blueberries.
5. Spoon mixture into prepared loaf tin and smooth the surface. Slice remaining banana thinly and overlap slices through the centre of the loaf.
6. Bake for 35-40 minutes then cover with foil and bake for a further 20 minutes. Centre of loaf will remain moist but not wet when tested with a skewer. Allow to cool in tin for 5 minutes then turn onto a wire rack.
7. Cut into 1 cm slices and toast before serving, if desired.

Variation:

Replace blueberries with raspberries or dried fruit such as figs, cranberries, currants, sultanas, apricots or chopped dates. Substitute a grated apple or pear for one of the mashed bananas to vary the flavour.

<https://livelighter.com.au/recipe/424/blueberry-banana-bread>

Comment:

Once completely cooled, place in an airtight container and keep for up to 3 days. Slice and freeze individual pieces in snap lock bags and keep for up to 3 months.

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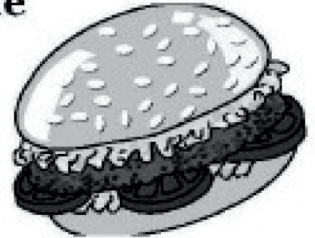
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Solution of sudoku #66452:

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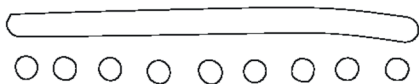
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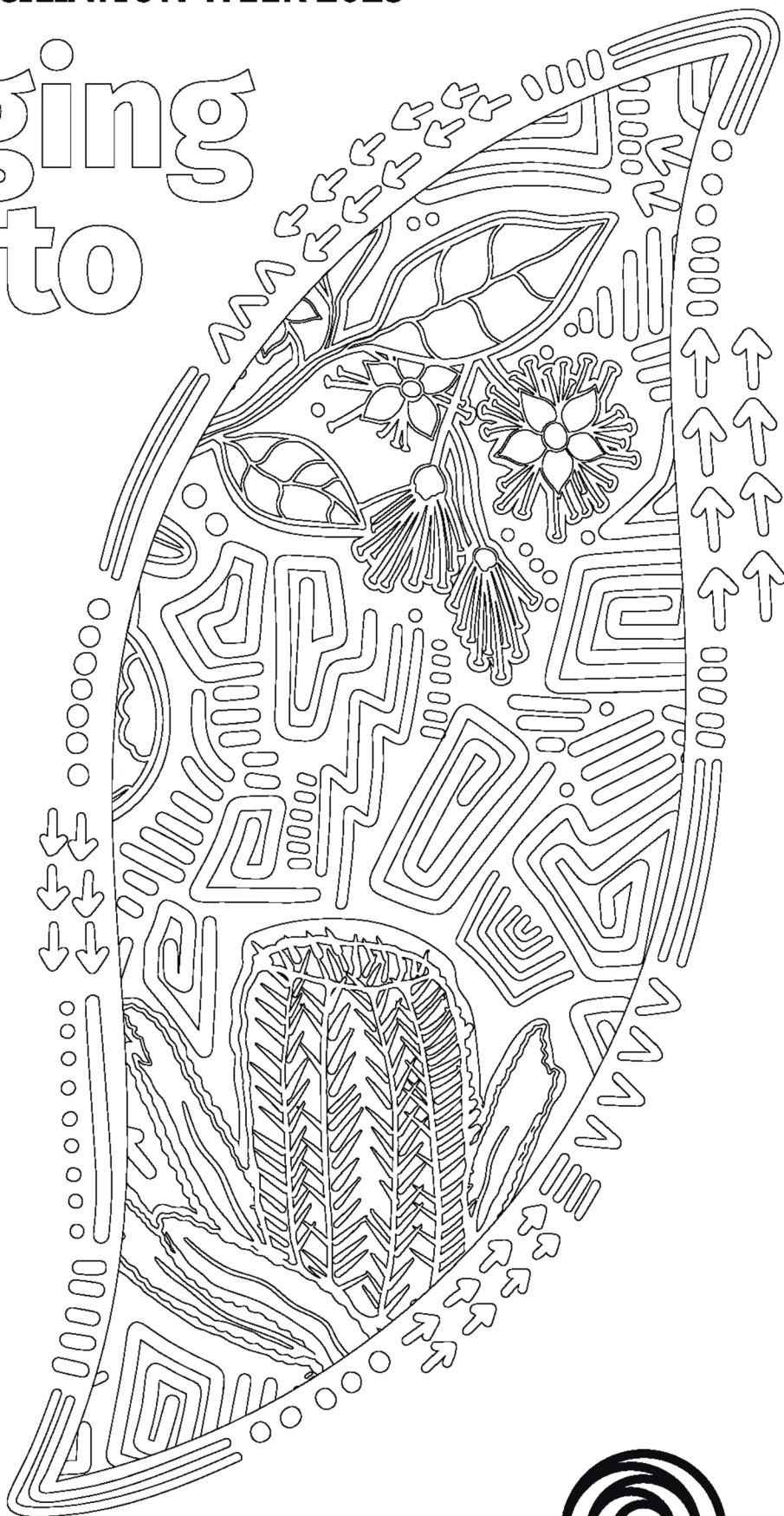
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