

MEKATHARRA DUST

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MURDOCH UNIVERSITY VET CLINIC

*Murdoch
University's annual
visit to town*

GINA WILLIAMS & GUY GHOUSE ON TOUR

*Gina Williams & Guy
Ghouse return trip
brings a packed out
performance*

BLUE LIGHT DISCO

*Fantastic turnout for the
first Blue Light Disco of
the year.*

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.



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

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YOU SO PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US ON

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AND ASK FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER,
OR EMAIL;

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OR GIVE US A FOLLOW ON OUR SOCIALS



WELCOME MESSAGE | June Update



Welcome to the June Edition of the Meekatharra Dust.

As we roll into winter, Meekatharra has been buzzing with activity and creativity over the past two months. Our community spirit was on full display at the Youth Centre with the exciting 'Design a NAIDOC Shirt' competition. Our local youth brought colour, culture and powerful stories to life through art. It was incredible to see our young people engage so proudly with this year's NAIDOC theme; The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy.

Our youth also danced the night away at the Blue Light Disco, which was a hit with the kids and a great way to kick off the school holidays. A big thank you to everyone who helped make it a fun and safe night for all!

In a special treat, we were fortunate to welcome back Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse to town. Their beautiful performance brought Noongar language and storytelling to life through song and music, leaving audiences moved and inspired and packing out the Sports Complex.

Looking ahead, there's no slowing down! We're gearing up for our biggest event on our calendar – the Spirit of Meekatharra Festival (formerly the Meekatharra Outback Festival), from Wednesday 24 September - Saturday 27 September.

This year promises to be the best yet, with community workshops from The Storyteller Chef, Bobbi Lockyer and Rhythm Fix.

Our opening event will feature a mouth-watering dining under the stars experience from The Storyteller Chef, Zach Green, live acoustic music and the chance to participate in a collaborative mural with renowned artist Bobbi Lockyer.

And finally we have the return of the sideshow alley, food vendors, community markets, Old MacDonalds petting zoo, the 'Meeka Made' art exhibition opening, fireworks and live music from Aussie country star Adam Brand and others.

We look forward to updating you with more exciting activities as we get closer to the date!

It's shaping up to be a season full of energy, culture and celebration. Stay tuned, and as always – thank you for being part of what makes Meekatharra such a special place to call home.

NAIDOC Week 'Design a Polo-Shirt' Competition Winner

Latiah Gilla-Mow
11 years old

This is the winning design from the Youth Services NAIDOC Shirt competition held earlier this year.

Latiah's art includes people, water, hills, sun and stars.

The inspiration for Latiah's art is; 'When it rains in Meekatharra, we all (her family), pack up and go bush to see or camp by the fresh water flowing and the green hills and landscape growing.

Pictured: Latiah Gilla-Mow with Senior Youth Officer Kadi King



**Limited stock,
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Monday - Friday
9:00am - 4:00pm



Size	6	8	10	12	14
Half chest (cm)	40	42	44	46	48
Centre back (cm)	49	52	55	58	61

Size	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
Half chest (cm)	53	56	59	62	65	68	72
Centre back (cm)	72	73.5	75	78	81	84	86

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M	8
L	10
1XL	12
2XL	14
3XL	
4XL	

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | Murdoch University Vet Clinic

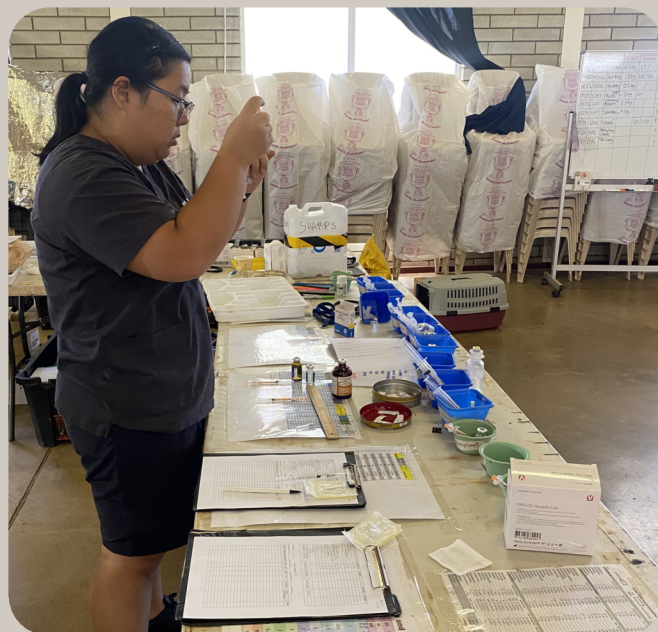
Murdoch University 2025 Vet Program

In April 2025, Meekatharra once again welcomed the Murdoch University "On the ROAD" (Remote Outreach Animal Desexing) program. This initiative brings veterinary staff and final-year vet students into regional communities to deliver free and subsidised veterinary services. The visit represents an ongoing and highly valued partnership that contributes meaningfully to animal welfare outcomes and community wellbeing.

The outreach clinic ran from Monday 7 to Wednesday 9 April 2025 at the Shire Hall, operating from 7:00am to 5:00pm daily. Services offered included free sterilisation, free pet health checks, free vaccinations (if sterilised; otherwise, \$50 cash), free Microchipping (if sterilised; otherwise, \$55), one-year free pet registration (with sterilisation), tick prevention treatments and low-cost vaccinations for concession card holders.

In total, 76 surgeries were conducted across Meekatharra, Wiluna, and Tjuntjuntjara, with 38 microchips implanted and 40 animals vaccinated free of charge. Meekatharra accounted for 26 surgeries and 17 microchipped pets alone. All surgeries were performed by final-year Murdoch University veterinary students under the close supervision of senior veterinarians, ensuring both quality training and high standards of care.

Thanks are extended to Dr Nicole Laing and her team from Murdoch University, the Shire's team, and all residents who supported the initiative.



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | Gina Williams & Guy Ghouse on Tour

Gina & Guy Return to Meekatharra

Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse returned to Meekatharra this year with a heartfelt performance that packed out the Meekatharra Sports Complex.

Over 60 community members attended the free event to enjoy the enchanting and soulful voice of Gina Williams, accompanied by the acoustic melodies of Guy Ghouse. Gina and Guy use the art of storytelling to spread knowledge and understanding of the rare Noongar language through their music and song.

The event commenced at 7pm and attendees enjoyed some hot beverages and finger foods during the performance.

Community members were also treated to a special appearance and performance from talented community member, Timika King.

Timika made a solo appearance and performed an original song she had recently finished writing. She also performed a duet with Gina Williams and it was a fantastic end to a wonderful evening of live, soulful music and storytelling.

We look forward to seeing Gina & Guy again on their next tour!



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | Blue Light Disco!

Exciting “Blue Light’ fun for the Youth of Meekatharra!

On 8 May 2025, the Western Australia Police Force held the iconic Blue Light Disco at the local Meekatharra Shire Hall, with a total of 99 kids attending.

The focal point of many WA Police Force events is to build positive relations with members of the community, as well as to demonstrate the commitment and care WA Police Force officers have for the community.

This Blue Light Disco was fortunate enough to have food sponsored by West Gold, drinks and entry sponsored by Yulella Aboriginal Corporation and the Hall was kindly provided by the Meekatharra Shire.

The night would not have been possible without these sponsors and the members of the community who volunteered themselves.

The volunteers from Yulella Aboriginal Corporation, Youth Focus, Meekatharra Shire and CAMHS, made the night possible.

The event showed the importance of having the different community organisations coming together for a specific goal to achieve a positive outcome.



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | Blue Light Disco!



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | Youth Services

What's been happening at the Youth Centre & KidZone

Youth Services facilitated and assisted with the Local Police Blue Light disco at the beginning of May, attracting 99 children and providing a fun, safe environment for social interaction.

We welcomed a visit from the Trachoma Health Promotion team at both KidZone and the Youth Centre, supporting health education and awareness around the spreading of germs and keep clean to reduce the risk of Trachoma.

Fair Game visited and assisted with our regular youth sessions, enhancing our activities through their resources and expertise also providing some sports equipment for Youth Services.

Overall, May was a successful month with strong participation and positive engagement across all programs.



Basketball fun on the outdoor court



Fair Game playing Dodgeball with the youth

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

THE

Spirit of Meekatharra

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PREVIOUSLY
MEEKATHARRA
OUTBACK
FESTIVAL



24-27 SEPTEMBER

2025

Shire of
Meekatharra
A Golden Prospect

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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 luscious 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 War Memorial Swimming Pool is located on Main Street in the center of town. A much loved community asset, it's the perfect place to cool off during the warm summer months, socialise with friends or improve your fitness.

Seasonal Hours: 1 October to 31 March each year

Monday - Friday: 12:00pm to 6:00pm
6:00pm to 7:00pm - Adults Only

Saturday - Sunday: 11:00am to 6:00pm

Fees & Charges

Daily, weekly & full season passes available for a variety of 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.



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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!

JULY

2025

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 Ceremony 10am - 11am Shire Garden Open Day at Youth Focus 2pm - 4pm	8 NAIDOC Week Community Cook-up 12pm - 2pm	9 NAIDOC Week Elders Morning Tea 10am - 12pm Community Resource & Visitor Centre 	10 NAIDOC Week Youth Ball More details to come!	11 NAIDOC Week Adult Ball More details to come!	12 Meeka Markets 9am - 1pm CRC & Visitor Centre NAIDOC Week Community Concert 	13
14	15	16 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	17	18	19 Meeka Creatives 9am - 11am Lloyd's Plaza 	20
21	22	23 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	24	25	26 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation Council Meeting 11:30am	27
28	29	30 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	31			

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS | What's On!

AUGUST

2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation		1	2 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	3
4	5	6 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	7	8	9 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	10
11	12	13 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	14	15	16  Meeka Creatives 9am - 11am Lloyd's Plaza Council Meeting 11:30am	17
18	19	20 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	21	22	23 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	24
25	26	27 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	28	29	30	31



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



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THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY

6-13 JULY 2025

**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



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

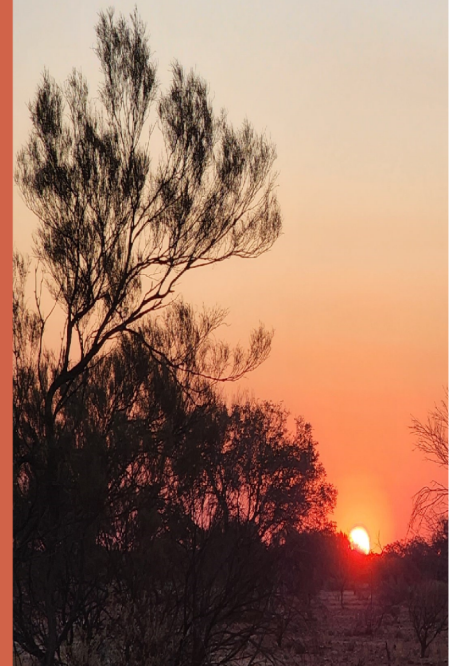
Mission Australia Meekatharra

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.

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.



St John





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1 June 2025

With Senior Regional Officer for Midwest – Natasha Pirrottina

Simple tips to stay safe at home this winter

As temperatures drop, families are being reminded to take simple precautions to stay safe while keeping warm this winter.

Whether it's switching on a heater, using an electric blanket or lighting a fire, following a few key safety steps can help prevent injuries and accidents at home.

Remember to place heaters on a flat, stable surface and keep them at least one metre from flammable items like bedding, curtains and clothing. Never use outdoor heaters or barbecues indoors. If you're using a fireplace, check the chimney is clean and use a mesh screen to stop sparks or logs falling out.

Before you make your bed warm and cosy, inspect electric blankets for frayed cords or damaged wires before use. Always turn them off before going to sleep and never place heavy items on them.

Fill hot water bottles with hot tap water, not boiling water, and always use a cover or wrap to avoid burns. Allow wheat packs to cool fully before reheating and stop using them if they smell burnt.

Children's nightwear such as pyjamas and dressing gowns can be highly flammable so check the fire labelling to understand the fire risk rating for each garment. It's always best to keep children away from heaters, fireplaces and open flames. It can be tempting to save a few dollars buying sleepwear from overseas websites, but these may not meet Australian safety standards.

Candles can create a lovely atmosphere but if left unattended, they could burn your house down. Make sure you blow them out before going to bed or leaving the house, don't burn them close to curtains and bedding and keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.

As the temperature drops, fire risks from heating devices rise. Test smoke alarms monthly, replace the battery every year, and replace the entire unit every 10 years.

Preventing mould is a top priority this season as rain, cold weather, and indoor heating can create condensation, which leads to mould growth. It thrives in areas with moisture and poor ventilation and can cause nasty health issues, particularly for people with asthma or respiratory conditions. To help keep your home mould-free open windows and doors daily to allow airflow and clean up any mould as soon as you notice it.

Before using any winter product, check whether it has been recalled by visiting www.productsafety.gov.au.

LIFESTYLE | Service Provider



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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



Core Services

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

FOOD FOR THE MOB

TRANSPORT

SOCIAL PARTICIPATION CLASSES

SERVICES FOR APPOINTMENTS

YARD & GARDENING SERVICES

HOUSE CLEANING



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

ADVERTISING IN THE MEEKATHARRA DUST



The Meekatharra Dust is a monthly newsletter produced by the Shire of Meekatharra. It highlights local events and helps to distribute information relevant to the area. Distribution channels are via postal subscriptions, online views on the website and local distributors.

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

To advertise in the Meekatharra Dust, please contact the Community Development Officer on cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au.

SIZE	COLOUR	B & W
Full Page	\$77.00	\$49.50
Half Page	\$44.00	\$27.50
Quarter Page	\$27.50	\$16.50
Eighth Page	\$16.50	\$11.00

Prices (from 1st of July 2024)



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LIFESTYLE | Regional Events



Murchison Settlement

1 - 2 August 2025

Get ready to gather 'round the campfire, cook up some delicious dishes, and enjoy a weekend of fun at the Murchison Camp Oven Muster!

MEET OUTBACK MIKE
As seen on ALONE Australia Season 1

2 DAYS - 19 EXPERIENCES - 1 TICKET

Secure yours at murchison.wa.gov.au



About the Muster

The Murchison Camp Oven Muster is a weekend celebration of outback cuisine, community spirit, and authentic local experiences. Attendees will enjoy:

- **3-night unpowered dirt camping site** included with each ticket.
- **19 unique local experiences** curated by community members.
- **Long Table Dinner on Saturday night** – participants must prepare a camp oven dish to share with themselves and two others.



How to Book Tickets

Scan the QR Code:

For More Information:

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Department of
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Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

June 2025

Compost buddies – nema-totally fabulous



From left to right: Juvenile pratylenchus x 4000 magnification, Sting nematode head region, carrot with root knot nematode.

A fabulous, food-fertilizing foundation!

Nematodes are a type of invertebrate roundworm. They are the most abundant animals on earth and are in every ecosystem; from our oceans to lava fields, Antarctica and yes sometimes even inside us and our animals. Soil nematodes are usually microscopic, and most are amongst the 'good guys' that are crucial for the making of healthy soils. There are probably billions of them thriving in your compost bin. One of the amazing roles they perform in the soil is converting organic matter into mineral forms that can be taken up and used by plants. Life would be at a loss without those types of nematodes helping to circulate nutrients in the environment and there are many undescribed species still to be found!

They are what they eat

Scientists like to classify living things and group them together based on similarities. Nematodes are so diverse that we often put them into groups based on what they eat. For soil nematodes we tend to identify them based on these feeding groups: Bacterivores eat bacteria, Fungivores eat Fungi, Predators eat other nematodes and animals, Plant Parasites feed from plants, Plant Associates eat algae, lichen, mosses and roots of plants, and Omnivores have a variety of food sources. Identifying numbers of nematodes by feeding groups in a soil sample is a good way to estimate a soils biological diversity and to indicate the rate of nutrient cycling occurring. Healthy soil has a higher abundance and diversity of free-living nematodes and low numbers of plant parasites.

Some nematodes are pests

Those of us who have cats or dogs (or children!) will be familiar with needing to provide regular worming treatments to stop parasitic nematodes in the gastrointestinal system. Other parasitic nematodes may live in different organs of a variety of animal species or humans and when travelling it is important to avoid them. Parasitic nematodes that attack plants can have huge impacts for growers and we must protect our state to prevent the introduction of exotic pest species. Even turf can be affected. When a patch of 'hallowed ground' was moved from the Melbourne Cricket Ground to the Brisbane Cricket Ground for the 2020 AFL grand final it carried a plant parasitic nematode in the turf and accidentally introduced 'Southern Sting' nematodes to Queensland!

How can you help?

Good garden hygiene practices are important. When buying or moving plants or seeds, check up on quarantine requirements - you may need to remove soil from the roots or have seeds tested. If you are growing vegetables in the garden, purchasing nematode-resistant varieties and avoid planting the same plant family in the same location in consecutive years. And finally, backyard composting is a wonderful way to put our 'good' nematodes to work so that soil can be brought into good health too. They may be microscopic, but nematodes are mighty. They make nutrient cycling possible. Thanks nematodes!



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HEALTHY CINNAMON APPLES

RECIPE



Prep: 2 min Cook: 2 min Servings: 1



Ingredients

- ▲ 1 apple, cored and chopped
- ▲ 1/2 tsp water
- ▲ 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
- ▲ 1/4 tsp sugar, optional
- ▲ 1/4 cup reduced-fat plain yoghurt

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

Method

1. Place apple, cinnamon, water and sugar (if using) in a microwave safe mug or bowl and mix.
2. Cover with a plate or cling film with holes in it and microwave on HIGH (100%) for 1 minute. If you want softer apples, microwave in 30 second bursts until you get the right texture.
Note: if there are several mugs in the microwave it will take longer to cook.
3. Serve with low-fat yoghurt.

Serving Suggestion:

This is delicious on cereal or pancakes.

<https://livelighter.com.au/recipe/484/cinnamon-apples>



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EVENTS

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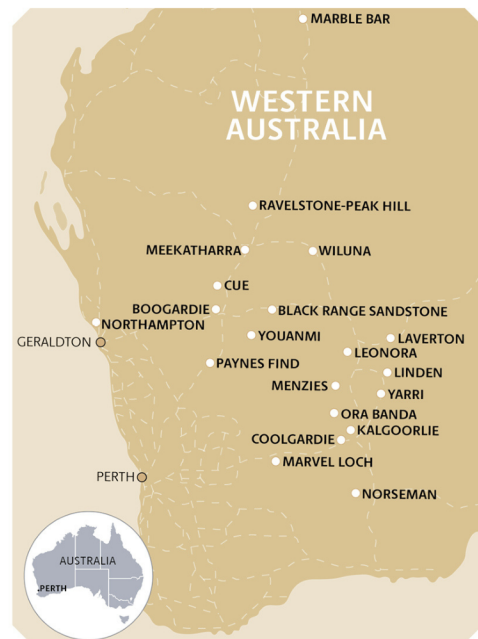
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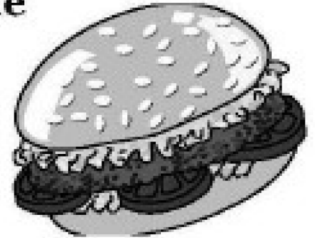
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ACTIVITIES

WORD SEARCH

Metals, Common

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COPPER
TITANIUM
SILVER
MAGNESIUM
LITHIUM
MERCURY
IRIDIUM
MANGANESE
PLATINUM
NICKEL
IRON
ZINC
LEAD
GOLD
COBALT
CADMIUM

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/29/>

SUDOKU

		3	7	1		6	2	
				9		3		5
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		9						
2		1	3					
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		6			7		1	
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#141031

Difficulty: easy

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#35130

Difficulty: moderate

SOLUTIONS

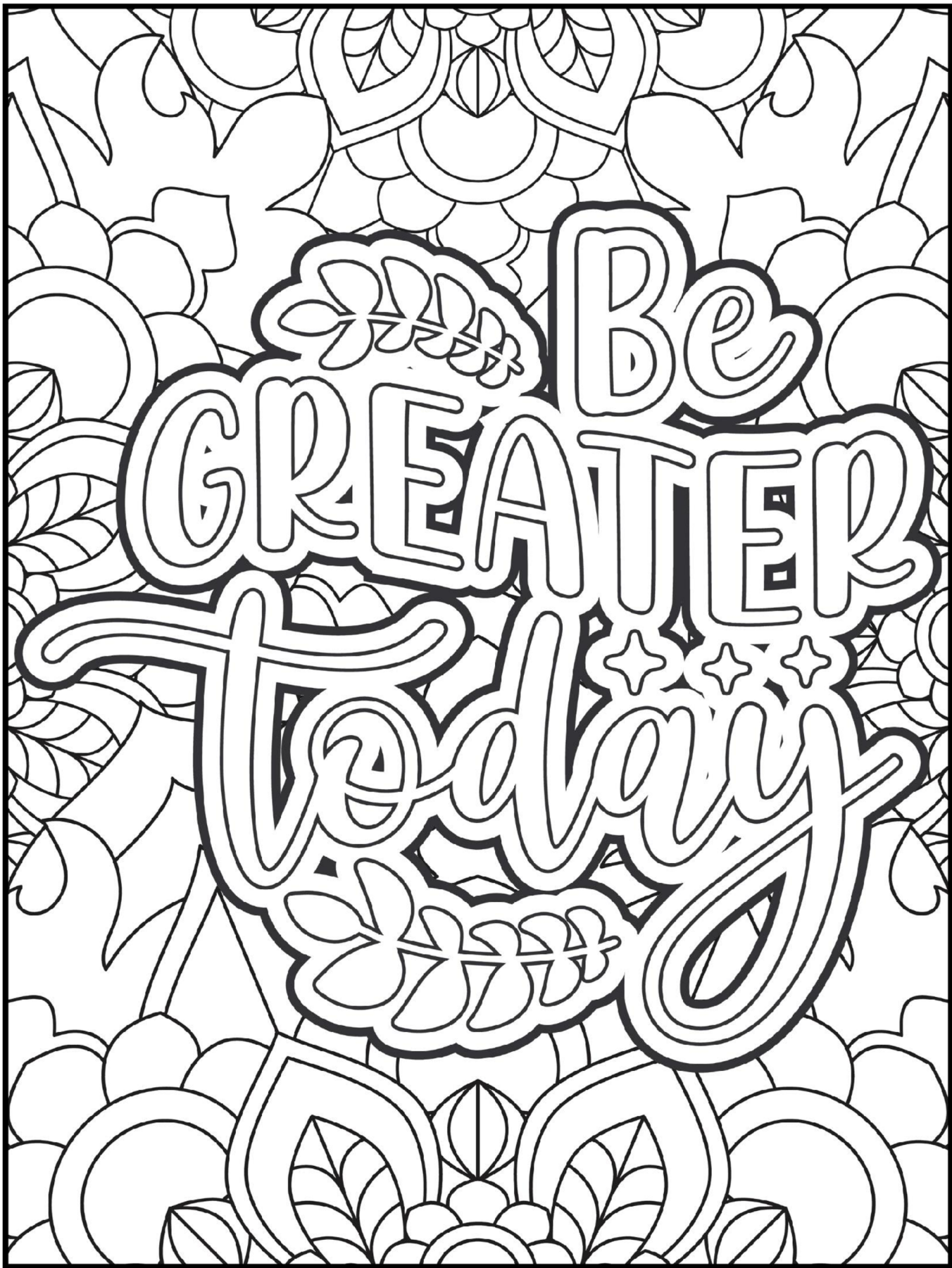
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Solution of sudoku #141031:

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

Solution of sudoku #35130:

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





**FREE
EVENTS**

NAIDOC Week Activities 2025

**The Next Generation:
STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY**

6 – 13 July

Monday 7 July

**Welcome
Ceremony
Morning Tea**

10:00am
Shire Garden

Monday 7 July

**Open Day at
Youth Focus**

2:00pm – 4:00pm
Youth Focus

Tuesday 8 July

**Big Community
Cook-up**

12:00pm – 2:00pm
Yulella
Community Hub

Wednesday 9 July

**Elder's Morning
Tea**

10:00am – 12:00pm
'Meeka Made'
Art Gallery

Thursday 10 July

Youth Ball
12yrs and under
5:00pm – 7:00pm

13yrs – 17yrs
7:30pm – 9:30pm
Town Hall

Friday 11 July

NAIDOC Adult Ball
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