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#### COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

*Christmas Lights Competition  
Community Pool Party  
Community Bike Build & Ride Event  
Research in the Red Dust  
Easter in Meekatharra  
Infinity Skate Workshop*

#### VISITING HEALTH SERVICES

*Dental Health Services  
Lung Cancer Screening*

## **SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS**

*JANUARY – DECEMBER 2026*

### **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 2026 calendar year are as follows:

**Saturday, 17 January 2026**

**Saturday, 21 February 2026**

**Saturday, 21 March 2026**

**Saturday, 18 April 2026**

**Saturday, 16 May 2026**

**Saturday, 20 June 2026**

**Saturday, 25 July 2026**

**Saturday, 15 August 2026**

**Saturday, 12 September 2026**

**Saturday, 17 October 2026**

**Saturday, 21 November 2026**

**Friday, 18 December 2026**

All meetings are held in Council Chambers located at the corner Main & Savage Streets Meekatharra and commence at 11.30am (except the 18 December 2026 meeting which commences at 4:30pm).

### **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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We would love to hear from you.  
Please contact the Community Development Officer to provide  
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08 9980 0600  
[shire@meekatharra.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@meekatharra.wa.gov.au)

and follow us on our socials!



# Welcome to 2026!



## Welcome to the first edition of The Meekatharra Dust for 2026

As we begin a new year, the Shire of Meekatharra extends a warm welcome to residents, visitors, community groups and partners who contribute to making our town a vibrant and connected community.

2025 end of festive season brought great community spirit, highlighted by the Community Christmas Lights Competition, where residents decorated their homes and brightened the streets across town. Congratulations to all participants and the winners of the People's Choice and Judge's Awards. Events like these help bring the community together and create a wonderful atmosphere for families and visitors alike.

Community activities continued into the new year with the Community Pool Party, which welcomed more than 170 attendees. The event provided a fun and safe environment for families and young people to celebrate the end of the school holidays, with music, activities, a sausage sizzle and raffle prizes enjoyed throughout the day.

Another highlight was the Community Bike Build & Ride Event, where volunteers worked alongside children and families to repair bikes before heading out for a group ride around the oval. The event showcased the strong spirit of community collaboration in Meekatharra and was proudly hosted by the Shire of Meekatharra in partnership with Malya Mayu, with support from Meekatharra Police, Community Resource and Visitor Centre, Youth Focus, Mission Australia, Westgold Resources Limited, Communities of Focus, and Bicycles for Humanity.

Important infrastructure improvements are also continuing across the region. Recently, the gravel runway resheeting at Meekatharra Aerodrome was completed, improving the condition and long-term performance of this key regional asset supporting aviation services and connectivity for the Murchison region.

Looking ahead, Council meetings and community initiatives will continue throughout the year, and residents are encouraged to stay involved in local events and activities.

We thank our community members, volunteers, organisations and partners for their continued support. We wish everyone a safe, healthy and successful year ahead and look forward to another great year in Meekatharra – A Golden Prospect.

# Community Happenings | Christmas Lights Competition

## Community Christmas Lights Brighten Meekatharra

The festive season in Meekatharra was made even brighter with the Community Christmas Lights Competition, held from Monday 18 November to Wednesday 17 December 2025. The initiative encouraged residents to decorate their homes and share the Christmas spirit with the wider community.

A total of nine households entered the competition, bringing colourful lights and festive decorations to streets across town.

Two prizes of \$400 were awarded as part of the competition; a People's Choice Award, voted on by the community, and a Judge's Award, selected by the Shire.

Congratulations to the 2025 winners:

- People's Choice Award: Takilisi Vilikokohu
- Judge's Award (tie – prize shared): Kerry Salmon and Deon Councillor

The competition created a wonderful festive atmosphere throughout Meekatharra, with beautifully decorated homes adding colour and cheer to the community during the Christmas period.

The Shire of Meekatharra thanks everyone who took part and those who supported the competition through their votes and encouragement. Participants shared positive feedback about the event and many have already expressed interest in taking part again next year.

Initiatives like this help bring the community together and add a little extra sparkle to the holiday season. The Shire looks forward to seeing even more homes lighting up Meekatharra next Christmas.



# Community Happenings | Community Pool Party

## Community Pool Party Event

The Community Pool Party held on Monday 26 January 2026 at the Meekatharra War Memorial Swimming Pool, was a fantastic evening that brought the community together to enjoy the summer weather.

With 172 people attending, the pool was full of laughter, music and activity as families, children and friends gathered to enjoy a warm summer evening. The pool provided the perfect place to cool off, with many young people diving straight in to enjoy the refreshing water and spend time with their friends.

A range of fun activities kept everyone entertained throughout the evening. Games such as Limbo and Musical Statues proved especially popular with the kids, with plenty of laughter and friendly competition as participants joined in. Music from the DJ helped create a lively and welcoming atmosphere across the pool area.

To keep everyone refreshed during the warm weather, a selection of fresh fruit, icy poles and water was provided throughout the event. Guests also enjoyed a BBQ meal with salads, ensuring everyone was well catered for while spending time together.

Prizes added extra excitement to the evening, with Malya Mayu sponsoring children's prizes, while the Community Resource and Visitor Centre facilitated four \$50 Westcoast Seafood vouchers for adult door prizes.



# Community Happenings | Community Pool Party

The Shire of Meekatharra also thanks local Police and community volunteers who assisted with food service and activities, helping make the event a great success.

Events like the Community Pool Party provide a wonderful opportunity for residents to come together, connect and enjoy the facilities our town has to offer.



## Community Happenings |

# Community Bike Build & Ride Event



## Community Bike Build & Ride Event

On Friday 27 February 2026, the Shire of Meekatharra in partnership with Malya Mayu and supported by several community organisations, hosted the Community Bike Build & Ride Event.

Around 130 community members came together for an afternoon of building, repairing and riding bikes. The Youth Centre workshop was full of activity as volunteers worked alongside young people and families to repair bicycles — pumping tyres, tightening chains, decorating and getting bikes ready to ride.

Once the bikes were ready, the kids, along with their parents and the volunteers, proudly rode together up to the oval. Laughter echoed as they zoomed around, enjoying their newly fixed bikes. Meanwhile, the staff and volunteers fired up a classic sausage sizzle, filling the air with the smell of sizzling sausages and adding the perfect finishing touch to a truly memorable community day.



The event was about much more than bikes. It created opportunities for young people and adults to learn practical repair skills, build confidence and work together as a community. Cycling also supports physical health, reduces stress and strengthens social connections.



All the refurbished bicycles were gifted to young people and families in need, ensuring the positive impact of the day continues well beyond the event itself.



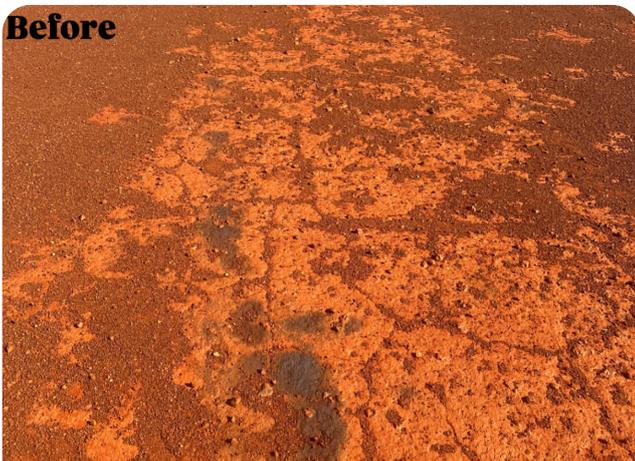
The Shire of Meekatharra extends sincere thanks to all volunteers and organisations who made the event possible, including Bicycles for Humanity WA, Meekatharra Police, Youth Focus, Mission Australia, Westgold Resources, Communities of

# Community Happenings | **Community Bike Build & Ride Event**

Focus, Community Resource and Visitor Centre, and Malya Mayu.

Most importantly, thank you to the Meekatharra community for your enthusiasm and support in making the Community Bike Build & Ride Event such a success.

## **Meekatharra Aerodrome Gravel Runway Resheeting Completed**



The Shire of Meekatharra is pleased to share that the gravel runway resheeting works at the Meekatharra Aerodrome were successfully completed in February 2026. Carried out over the course of one week, the works have significantly improved the condition of the runway surface, helping ensure safer and more reliable aircraft operations for the community and the many services that rely on the aerodrome.



The Meekatharra Aerodrome is an important part of the town's infrastructure, supporting medical flights, emergency services, mining operations and general aviation across the region. Maintaining the aerodrome to a high standard helps ensure these essential connections remain safe and dependable for our community.



The Shire would like to thank Anthony Madden (Spud), Manager - MTF Services Pty Ltd, and his team for completing the works and delivering a high-quality result. Projects like this keep Meekatharra Connected and ensure our local infrastructure continues to support the needs of residents, visitors and regional services.

# Community Happenings | Research in the Red Dust

**Amberley Laverick**  
**School of Environment and Agriculture**  
**University of Western Australia**

‘The red dirt just gets into your blood’ was how someone described the Murchison to me last year. After spending six months in the Mid West, interviewing people for research on how communities have experienced mining transitions, this statement pretty much sums up my experience.

I was back in Meekatharra in December to talk to people about the project and ask for opinions about what comes next. Some of you would have stopped by the market to have a chat with me.

Mining transitions are all those changes that happen during a mining project – transitions into, through and out. People’s experiences and knowledge are essential for how communities navigate these transitions.

I interviewed 22 people across the region – from the agricultural and coastal towns through to the Murchison.

From those interviews I learnt that people want community-centered, practical ways to connect with other people, communities and regions experiencing similar things.

What came to mind was a mining communities hub, built from the ground up. So, I put together a few questions to ask people how it might work: how involved communities should be, what would make a hub valuable and if mining companies should be included.

Thanks to everyone who has already responded.

**The survey will be open until the end of January** and can be accessed at [tinyurl.com/3y3hkvc2](https://tinyurl.com/3y3hkvc2) or by scanning the QR code. It takes less than 5 minutes to complete.

This year I will be working on how to turn the hub into a reality. If anyone is interested in having a chat about the project you can contact me at [amberley.laverick@research.uwa.edu.au](mailto:amberley.laverick@research.uwa.edu.au)



## Voices from the Mid West

### Community experiences of mining transitions

Do you have a connection to the Mid West and an opinion on how communities navigate mining transitions in the region?

*seeking community feedback*



scan to share your thoughts

Researcher  
Amberley Laverick

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL CORPORATION

# Community Happenings | Youth Services

## SCHOOL FOR POOL POLICY REMINDER

Meekatharra War Memorial Swimming Pool has a **No School – No Pool** policy in place.

This means all school-aged children and youth who permanently reside in Meekatharra must go to school to receive pool entry for each school day.



### Go to school each day to earn your pool band

Only students with a pool band get to enjoy afternoon swims!



### No School - No Pool

School aged children and youth are not permitted to use the pool during school hours, regardless of age.



We thank everyone for helping to support our children and youth to attend school.



## 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 5yrs - 9yrs, children under 5 years must be accompanied by an adult.

The Youth Centre welcomes young people from 10yrs -17yrs. 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

**At the oval** 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Tuesday & Thursday

For any enquiries, please contact us directly at **9980 0600** or email [shire@meekatharra.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@meekatharra.wa.gov.au)



03 March 2026

## MEEKATHARRA DHS NEWS



*'At Meekatharra DHS we have high expectations to become lifelong learners, show respect for culture, ourselves and others, and strive for a strong future.'*



### Meekatharra District High School

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

**Telephone:** (08) 9981 0800

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

### Upcoming Events

**2 March:** Public Holiday  
(Labour Day)

**5 March:** World Book Day  
Whole School  
Assembly 12:30 PM

**Week 6:**  
Swimming Lessons (PP-6)  
NAPLAN years 3,5,7, & 9

**Week 7:**  
Swimming Lessons (PP-6)  
NAPLAN years 3,5,7, & 9

### Visitors

**Pastor Geoff:** Week 5 & 7

**EON Foundation:** Week 6 & 8

**School Psychologist:** Week 6

**Shine / Shimmer:** Every  
Wednesday & Thursday



### From the Principal

#### Welcome Back to School – 2026

It has been a busy and exciting start to the year at MDHS. We have welcomed several wonderful new teachers to our team and many new student enrolments, while also completing our 2026 Public School Review in Week 3.

Our Term 1 Snapshot

- 135 students currently enrolled
- 11 students starting school for the very first time in Kindy

A strong start to attendance, with over 75 students attending each day in Weeks 1 and 2. We are proud of the positive start to the year and look forward to building on this momentum throughout the term.

#### New staff at MDHS

The start of the year has seen several new permanent teachers join MDHS.

We warmly welcome:

- Miss Melissa – Year 7–12 Maths and English Specialist
- Miss Amanda – Year 7–12 Science Specialist
- Miss Katrina – Year 5/6 Teacher
- Mr Arni – Education Assistant (Year 2)

We also welcome Miss Melinda and Miss Leanne, who have joined us from the Flying Squad for Term 1. Miss Leanne is teaching Year 3 and Miss Melinda is teaching Year 4. We are also very fortunate to have Miss Vanessa staying on with us. From Tuesday this week, Vanessa will be taking over Miss Carly's PP/1 class.



We are pleased to welcome Miss Gail Bell as our new permanent Associate Principal.

*I'm a high school teacher trained in Physical Education, though most of my teaching experience has been in Mathematics. Over the years, I've also spent significant time working in Student Services, supporting students beyond the classroom. I'm passionate about individualised progress and believe every student can succeed when they're understood, supported, and challenged in the right way. I am very grateful for the warm welcome and can already see that MDHS is a special school and community to be part of.*



#### School Council:

We continue to strengthen our partnerships with families and the wider community. One of the most important ways our community has a voice in the school is through our School Council.

The School Council plays a vital role in supporting the strategic direction of the school. Working alongside the Principal, Council members contribute to discussions around school priorities, planning and governance.

Please reach out if you are interested in joining our School Council this year

Our first meeting for 2026 will be held later this term, with the exact date still to be confirmed.

#### Swimming Notes

Swimming lessons will begin in Week 6 for all students from Pre-primary to Year 6. Permission slips were sent home with students in Week 2. Please return these by Friday 6 March to ensure your child receives a place in the program.

**Mr Ross Griffin**  
Principal



## School Attendance Matters

‘Every student, every classroom,  
every day’.

### 2026 Voluntary Contributions and Charges

Earlier this week, the 2026 Voluntary Contributions (School Fees) for families were sent out to families. The School Council has approved a 50% reduction this year to support families as much as possible.

While contributions for Kindy to Year 10 students are voluntary, payments greatly assist the school in providing essential classroom resources and learning materials for students each day.

You may be able to contact your Trust for assistance with payments.

If you have any questions, please contact Dani in the office or our Manager Corporate Services, Natalie Partington, on 9312 4902 or via email at [Natalie.Partington@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Natalie.Partington@education.wa.edu.au)

### From the Deputy—Secondary

We have certainly had a busy and productive start to the term. Our Secondary students have set an impressive standard for the whole school community, with strong attendance and a positive, focused approach to learning. They have also shown genuine care and responsibility in welcoming new staff, helping to foster the inclusive and supportive culture we value so highly. Their smooth transition from the Big Picture Learning framework into a more traditional classroom model of Explicit Teaching has been particularly commendable, with students embracing new routines and expectations with maturity and resilience.

Beyond the classroom, students have been actively exploring real and meaningful pathways for their futures. A recent presentation from Westgold Resources Limited sparked strong interest in local opportunities within the gold mining industry, with students given the opportunity to discuss career options and training pathways close to home.

At the same time, we were delighted to welcome Miss Briar back through the EON Aboriginal Foundation program, with students enthusiastically engaging in the garden and kitchen from day one, developing practical skills, teamwork, and healthy habits (and generously sharing their creations with staff!). It has been a dynamic start to the year, and we look forward to continuing to build authentic, useful pathways that connect learning with real-world opportunities.

Thank you for a wonderful start to the year. We are looking forward to all that 2026 is going to bring for our thriving secondary school!

**Miss Gail Bell**

**Associate Principal—Secondary**



## Meeka Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 4-5pm  
at the Youth Centre  
Followed by a Blue Light Disco  
at the Shire Hall  
Lots of Easter eggs to find!

Find the golden egg to win an Easter Hamper full of goodies

Please call the Patrol Bus if you need a lift - 0467953411



Meekatharra  
Blue Light WA™  
Unit presents



# EASTER DISCO

### INFO

Disco dancing! Join us for an eggciting evening of music, fun and dance!



Food & drinks provided

### WHO

Ages 3-17 years  
Children under 14 years to be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

### WHEN

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
5.00-7.00pm

### WHERE

Meekatharra Town Hall

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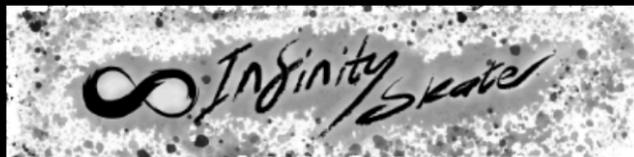
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**14TH & 15TH APRIL**  
*at the Lions Skatepark*

*From 10am*

**SKATEBOARDING  
WORKSHOP**  
with Nick from





*Looking for*  
**LEGENDS**  
**YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU**

Supporting your Meekatharra community is one of the best ways to get to know it. Join a social, inclusive and committed team, and you'll be surprised by the friendships you'll make, which can be as rewarding as the good you're doing for your town.

- Full training provided in a friendly, supportive environment.
- No medical experience required – all you need to get started is a police check, a clean driver's licence, and a can-do attitude.
- Not all callouts are emergencies – help with routine patient transport.
- Commit to shifts to suit your schedule – a minimum of 60 hours per annum.
- Uniforms and ambulance cover provided free of charge.

### **Your next move.**

If this sounds like something you'd like to explore, visit [stjohnchangelives.com.au](http://stjohnchangelives.com.au) or call St John Meekatharra on 0437 681 562, or email [cp.midwesteast@stjohnwa.com.au](mailto:cp.midwesteast@stjohnwa.com.au)

🔍 **search** St John Volunteer



**St John**





# RUBBISH COLLECTION

## Every Tuesday & Friday

Please ensure your bins are out by 6:00am on collection days.

- Bins not presented by this time may not be collected.
- To avoid missing collection, we recommend placing your bins out the night before.



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## Meekatharra War Memorial Swimming Pool



# FREE POOL ENTRY FOR THE 2025/26 POOL SEASON

The Shire of Meekatharra is happy to announce that public entry is free to the public for the 2025/26 pool season.

The **School for Pool** policy still remains in place.



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**Contact Us**

-  (08) 9980 0600
-  [shire@meekatharra.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@meekatharra.wa.gov.au)
-  [www.meekashire.wa.gov.au](http://www.meekashire.wa.gov.au)

## Dental Health Services

### MEEKATHARRA DENTAL CLINIC AND MURCHISON MOBILE SERVICE

#### TRAVEL DATES FOR 2026

- Meekatharra - Tues 03 March - Fri 13 March
- Mount Magnet - Mon 20 April - Fri 1 May
- Cue - Mon 18 May - Wed 27 May
- Meekatharra - Mon 15 June - Fri 26 June
- Mount Magnet - Mon 17 August - Fri 28 August
- Sandstone - Mon 14 September - Fri 25 September
- Meekatharra - Mon 12 October - Fri 23 October
- Yalgoo - Mon 16 November - Fri 27 November
- Meekatharra - Mon 7 December - Fri 18 December

Please book an appointment:

- Phone: 0427 386 647
- Email: [MeekatharraGDC@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:MeekatharraGDC@health.wa.gov.au)

Patients experiencing pain or requiring urgent care will be prioritised.



Talk to your doctor or health worker  
about lung cancer screening on the  
Heart of Australia truck

Find us parked outside Meekatharra GP Clinic

ACCEPTING REFERRALS NOW

See your GP for more information or  
contact Heart of Australia:

P: 07 3162 5310 E: [reception@heartofaustralia.com](mailto:reception@heartofaustralia.com)



Heart of Australia is the official provider for the  
Australian Government for mobile lung cancer  
screening in rural and remote communities

# 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.

**Contact the Meekatharra Community Resource & Visitor Centre to hire this venue.**

 (08) 9980 1811

 hello@meekacrc.com.au



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.

 08 9980 0600

 shire@meekatharra.wa.gov.au

 www.meekashire.wa.gov.au



# 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

### Open: October - March

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

**Community usage is now FREE for the 2025/26 pool season.**

The 'Pool for School' policy still remains in place during school terms.



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ME!**



**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

# Community Happenings | What's On!

# MARCH

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	Public Holiday Labour Day					1
2	3 Dental Clinic Visit Commences	4 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	5	6	7 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	8
9	10	11 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	12	13 Blue Light Pool Party 4pm - 6pm  Dental Clinic Visit Ends	14	15
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# Community Happenings | What's On!

# APRIL

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1	2 School Term 1 Ends Easter Egg Hunt and Disco 4pm- 7pm	3 Public Holiday Good Friday	4	5
6 Public Holiday Easter Monday	7 School Holiday Program - Youth Centre & Kids Zone	8 Containers for Change 8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	9	10	11 Meeka Markets 9:30am - 1:00pm Main Street	12
13	14 School Holiday Program - Youth Centre & Kids Zone Lung Cancer Screening (Heart of Australia)	15 Containers for Change	16	17	18 Council Meeting 11:30am Meeka Creatives 9am - 12am Lloyd's Plaza	19
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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.

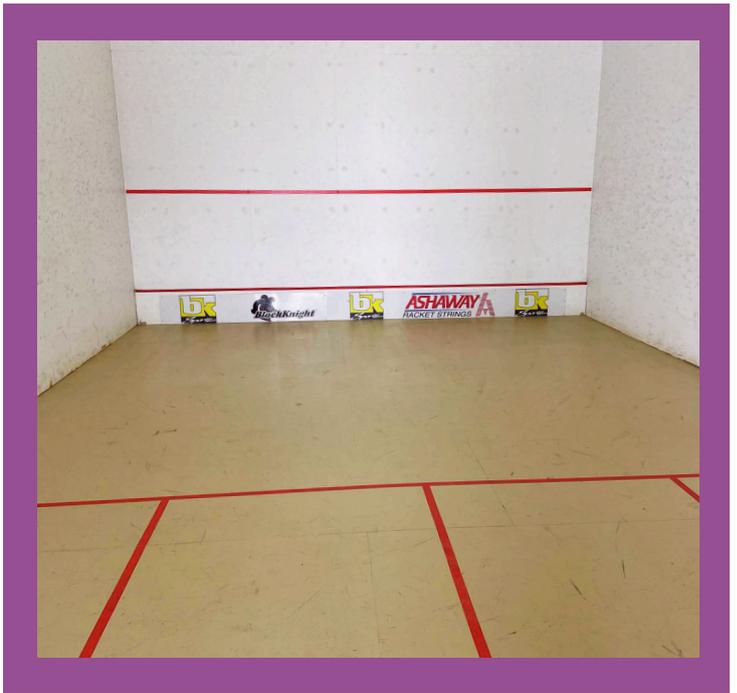
This is an unmanned facility.

Unfortunately we do not hire racquets or balls.

**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 racquets or balls.

**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)



# 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

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shire@meekatharra.wa.gov.au



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**Meekatharra**  
A Golden Prospect

## Advertising in the Meekatharra Dust

The Meekatharra Dust is a community 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 [shire@meekatharra.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@meekatharra.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 2025)

# 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

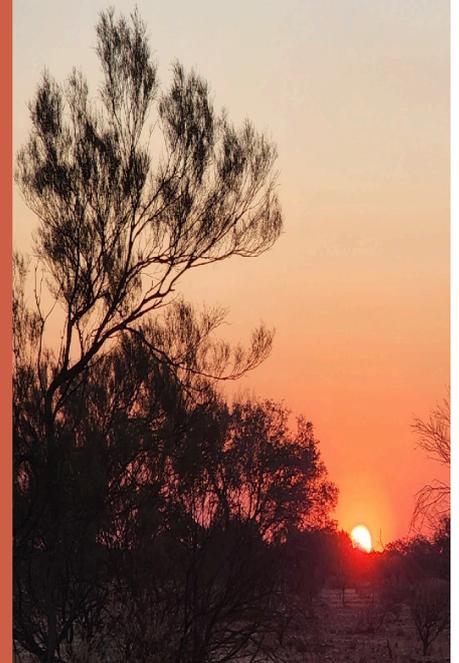
#### Mission Australia Meekatharra

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**





Department of **Local Government,  
Industry Regulation and Safety**



## Regional Column

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12 February 2026

**With Senior Regional Officer for <insert region> <insert name>**

### How to avoid a holiday house horror

Staying in a holiday house can be like a home away from home. Unlike hotels and motels, holiday properties are often regular homes or apartments that haven't been designed specifically for accommodation. They may be hosted, where the owner lives onsite, or un-hosted, where guests have exclusive use of the property during their stay.

Travellers usually book these holiday houses through online "sharing economy" platforms like AirBnB and Stayz.

Just like with any product or service you buy, your rights are protected by Australian Consumer Law if things go wrong. This means your holiday accommodation must be safe and of acceptable quality, match the advertised description, provided with due care and skill and be fit for purpose. These rights don't change if you booked through a sharing platform, an app or directly with a provider, and they can't be taken away by terms and conditions.

However, it is important to still take the time to read the platform's terms and conditions and check how complaints are handled if something goes wrong and to know what your rights are should you need to cancel. Also make sure you agree with the house rules the host sets out in the listing before you hit the "confirm booking" button.

When you arrive at the holiday house take the time to look around and make sure everything is in order before you start unpacking the bags. If something is broken or not working, take a photo and send it to the host straight away.

Depending on what is wrong, the host should fix the issue within a reasonable time or offer you a remedy. A broken wine glass may not matter but it might be a different story if the pool is out of service.

The remedy you're entitled to depends on whether the problem is major or minor. A problem with a holiday house could be considered "major" if it creates an unsafe situation, or where an issue or series of issues can't be easily fixed or can't be resolved within a reasonable time. In these cases, you could be entitled to a refund or to cancel without losing any money.

If you paid extra for something like a highchair or beach towels and they're not there, contact the host in the first instance and if they can't resolve this quickly you may be entitled to a refund of that hire fee.

If you break something during your stay, honesty is always best and you should also let the host know.

If contacting the host doesn't resolve the issues, you should raise the matter through the platform's dispute resolution process, if one is available. The sharing economy relies on customers reviews, so leaving a factual review can also help warn other consumers.

When all other avenues have been exhausted and the issue remains unresolved, you can lodge a complaint with Consumer Protection for further assistance – 1300 30 40 54.

Since 1 January 2025, providers of short-term rental accommodation within WA must register their property and display the registration number on the listing. You can easily check the holiday house is correctly registered via <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-local-government-industry-regulation-and-safety/check-if-short-term-rental-accommodation-register-stra-registered>

# Composting Basics For Beginners

If you're a beginner at composting, this article has some useful tips for getting started. Using the correct materials is essential to the composting process. Your compost pile should be layered, with green materials on the top and straw on the bottom. Turn it regularly to make sure the pile breaks down properly. When it's ready, it should smell like dirt and break down quickly. Keep in mind that compost piles need a few weeks to a year to break down.

Compost is a wonderful way to add nutrients to the soil. Not only will it make your garden or lawn healthier, but it will attract beneficial nitrogen-producing bacteria to your compost pile. It will also act as a mulch, blocking out weeds, and will save you money by reducing your garbage bill. By the end of the year, you'll have saved yourself 52 garbage bags! And it's fun! Even your kids can help. Compost piles can be made from kitchen scraps, like eggshells or even chickpeas.

## Making Compost

If you want to make compost at home but hate the smell, you can use a bin. Place your bin on a wide plastic tray to catch the liquid that comes out of the lower air holes. Outdoor composting is also an option if you have a lot of lands. For those who don't mind the smell, composting is a great way to recycle household waste. Not only is compost a great organic fertilizer for your garden, but it also improves the soil's composition and water retention. If you're a beginner, you'll find the process of composting to be overwhelming at first. Not everyone has the time to sort through piles of decomposing material. But the benefits of composting are worth the effort, and this hobby will also improve your wallet. There are several simple tips to get started and keep your composting project going smoothly. Just make sure you follow these five tips for beginners. You'll be well on your way to having a beautiful composting project!





# Australian Guide to Healthy Eating

Enjoy a wide variety of nutritious foods from these five food groups every day.

Drink plenty of water.



Grain (cereal) foods, mostly wholegrain and/or high cereal fibre varieties



Vegetables and legumes/beans



Lean meats and poultry, fish, eggs, tofu, nuts and seeds and legumes/beans



Milk, yoghurt, cheese and/or alternatives, mostly reduced fat



Fruit



Use small amounts



Only sometimes and in small amounts





### Animal Management

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



### Pest Control treatments

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



### Community Housing

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



### Distribution

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



### Education

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

Call Melissa on 9980 1339



Core Services

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

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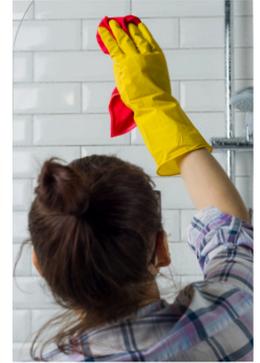
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HOUSE CLEANING



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Meekatharra

# Commercial Hotel

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## Facilities:

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

## Located at:

77 Main Street,  
Meekatharra, 6642

## For bookings and enquiries:

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## Lunch

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## Dinner

6-8 pm  
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Motel Rooms



Motel Rooms



Beer Garden



Pub

## Accommodation includes

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

# Activities

## Word Search

### Types of Dog

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- BULLDOG
- TERRIER
- COLLIE
- SHEPHERD
- BOXER
- HOUND
- BEAGLE
- CORGI
- ROTTWEILER
- PINSCHER
- DALMATIAN
- SETTER
- MASTIFF
- DACHSHUND

## Sudoku

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# Meekatharra Corner Store

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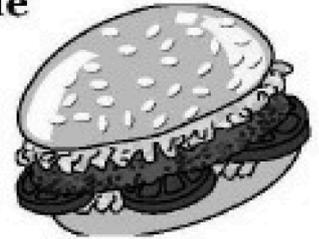
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# 2026 MEEKA MARKETS

## 2026 MARKET DATES:

-  Saturday 28th March
-  Saturday 11th April
-  Saturday 9th May
-  Saturday 13th June
-  Saturday 11th July
-  Saturday 8th August
-  Saturday 26th September
-  Saturday 10th October
-  Saturday 14th November
-  Saturday 12th December

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If you would like to set-up a stall or have questions, contact Jo at the **Community Resource & Visitor Centre**.

**PHONE**

08 9980 1811

**EMAIL**

[manager@meekacrc.com.au](mailto:manager@meekacrc.com.au)



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