



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
submissions on

08 9980 0600
shire@meekatharra.wa.gov.au

and follow us on our socials!



Welcome to the August 2026 Edition

August has been another active month across the Shire, with Council and staff continuing to deliver works, services and community initiatives across Meekatharra.

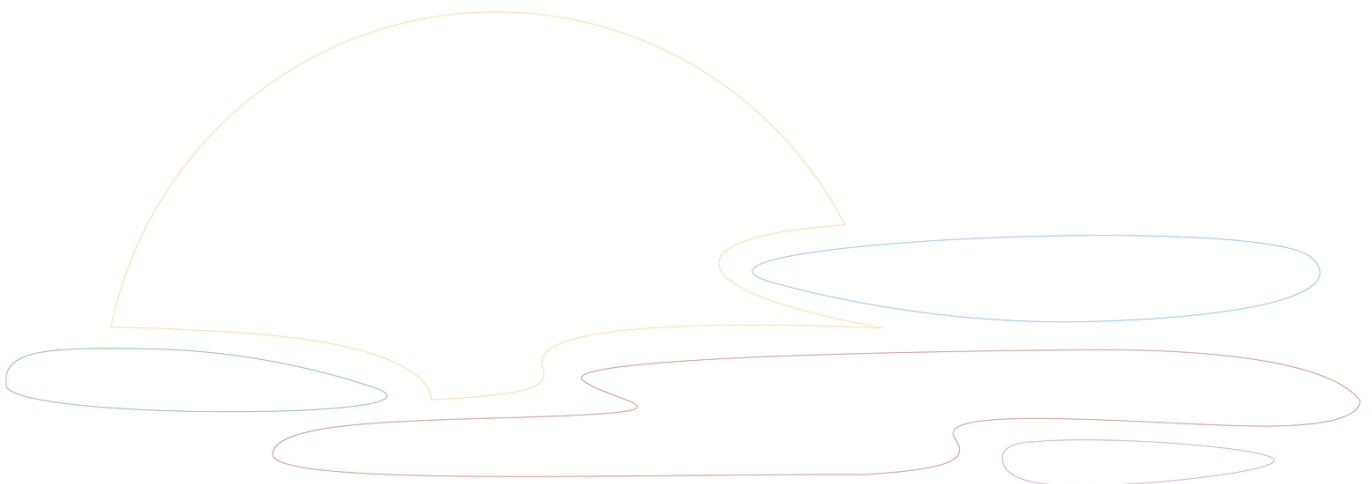
Road works have continued during the month, including works at the intersection of Murchison Downs Road and Queens Road (Airport Road). We thank motorists and the community for their patience and cooperation while these works are undertaken.

The Shire was also pleased to welcome Danielle Gallano as an Australian citizen at a Citizenship Ceremony held in the Council Chambers. We congratulate Danielle on this significant milestone.

Community and youth programs have continued throughout August, providing opportunities for participation, recreation and connection across the community.

Looking ahead, preparations are well underway for the Spirit of Meekatharra Festival 2026, with four days of activities and events planned for September. Preparations are also continuing for the reopening of the Meekatharra War Memorial Swimming Pool for the upcoming summer season.

Thank you to our staff, community organisations, service providers, local businesses and volunteers for their ongoing contribution to Meekatharra.





The Shire of Meekatharra was delighted to welcome Danielle Gallano as an Australian Citizen during a Citizenship Ceremony held in the Council Chamber.

The ceremony was presided over by the Shire President Cr Harvey Nichols, with Danielle making the Australian Citizenship Pledge and receiving her Citizenship Certificate.

Danielle is a valued member of the Meekatharra community and works as a Business Support Officer at the Meekatharra District High School.

The Shire congratulates Danielle on this significant milestone and wishes her all the best for the future.

From top left: Danielle Gallano with her Australian Citizenship Certificate; Danielle with Shire President Cr Harvey Nichols during the Australian Citizenship Ceremony; and Danielle with her spouse, John Gallano, following the ceremony.

Community Happenings | Active and Connected



Community Yoga

The community enjoyed a relaxing yoga session, followed by tea and refreshments. The session provided an opportunity for participants to unwind, connect with others and support their health and wellbeing in a welcoming environment.

Youth Activities

A highlight of the month's youth activities was the Blue Light Disco, organised by Meekatharra Police with support from Youth Focus, Westgold, Yulella and the Shire of Meekatharra. The evening featured a variety of games and prizes, followed by a meal for the young participants.

A youth basketball session was also held at the Meekatharra Oval in partnership with the Stephen Michael Foundation. The session provided young people with an opportunity to develop their basketball skills, learn new techniques and enjoy an active afternoon together.



Community Happenings | Meekatharra DHS

14 Aug 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

Visitors

Pastor Geoff:

Week 3, 7 & 9

EON Foundation:

Week 4, 6 & 8

School Psychologist:

Week 5, 7 & 9

Stephen Michael:

Week 4, 6 & 8

Shine / Shimmer:

Wednesdays & Thursdays

Upcoming Events

School Photo Day

Thursday Aug 27

Athletics Carnival

Thursday Sept 3

R U Ok? Day - Mission

Thursday Sept 17

From the Principal

As we reach the halfway point of Term 3, it is wonderful to reflect on just how much has already been happening across our school. Our students have been busy learning, participating in a range of activities and making the most of the many opportunities available to them. We are looking forward to another busy and productive few weeks ahead. With plenty still to come this term, here are some key dates and information for parents and families.

Staff Development Day

There will be no school for students this **Friday, 21 August**, as all staff will be taking part in professional development. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday, 24 August.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN reports for our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students were sent home with students last week. I encourage you to look through these reports with your child/ren, recognise their efforts and talk about their learning and next steps.

School Photo Day

Our School Photo Day will be held on Thursday, 27 August. As in previous years, all photos will be taken during school hours. We ask that all students come to school wearing their school uniforms, including appropriate shoes, and with their hair neat and tidy, ready for their photo. School photo order forms will be sent home with students this week.

Ms Aaliyah

We are pleased to welcome Miss Aaliyah to MDHS this term. Aaliyah is currently in her second year of Uni, studying to become a Secondary Health and PE teacher. It has been fantastic to see Aaliyah enthusiastically building our students' skills and sportsmanship during their PE lessons. She will also play an integral role in the organisation of our 2026 Athletics Carnival, which will be held in Week 7 on Thursday, 3 September.

Kidzone Drop-Offs

Kidzone is a wonderful afternoon initiative provided to our children by the Shire. If you would like your child to be dropped off at Kidzone, please contact the school office on the day to let us know they will be attending Kidzone that afternoon. We require verbal permission from a parent or carer before a child can be dropped off anywhere other than their home address. For the safety of our students, children in K-6 are not able to make their own decision about where they are dropped off. Any changes to drop-off arrangements must be communicated to the school by a parent or carer.

Book Week

Book Week is coming up, and this year's theme is Symphony of Stories! It's time to start planning those costumes. As always, we will have a range of dress-up options available at school for students who may not have a costume at home, so everyone will have the opportunity to join in. This year, our Book Week Parade will be held on Tuesday, 25 August, in the early afternoon, followed by a family BBQ. More information, including times, will be sent home soon.

**Ross Griffin
Principal**



Community Happenings | Meekatharra DHS

From the Deputy - Primary

It has been a busy and exciting start to Term 3, with plenty happening across our school! Our ECE playground is continuing to take shape, with a new lawn area recently installed. This has created a great open space for our younger students to run around, play games and enjoy sporting activities. There are still more upgrades in the pipeline, and we look forward to seeing the space continue to develop. The lunchtime bikes have been a huge success! It has been great to see so many students getting active, having fun and enjoying the bikes with their friends during designated lunch breaks throughout the week.

This week students from Years 3 to 12 headed to Mount Magnet to participate in the Stephen Michael Sports Day. A big well done to everyone who represented our school and modelled our COOL behaviours throughout the day. We were very proud of the way our students participated, supported each other and represented Meekatharra DHS. I look forward to seeing what the rest of Term 3 brings and sharing more great moments with our students, families and community.

Ms Ange Laverty
Deputy Principal

Stephen Michael Sports Carnival



Upcoming Events

Meekatharra Blue Light WA Unit presents

DISCO NIGHT

FREE EVENT

INFO
Disco dancing! Join us for an evening of music, games, fun and dance!
• Food & drinks provided

WHEN
Tuesday 18th August 2026
5:00pm - 7:00pm

WHO
Ages 3 - 17
Children under 12 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

WHERE
Meekatharra Town Hall

Supported by

Blue Light Disco
Tuesday 18 Aug 2026
5pm-7pm

MEEKATHARRA DHS BOOK WEEK

Community Lunch & Parade

PROCES FOR THE BEST DRESSED IN EACH CLASS

DATE: THURSDAY 25 AUGUST
TIME: 1:00PM
WHERE: BHS BASKETBALL COURT

2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

22-28 August 2026

SYMPHONY OF STORIES

Meekatharra DHS Book Week



School Photo Day



Your School Photo Day Is

Thursday 27 August 2026

- Remember to look your best in correct school uniform
- Collect your **Shooting Order Envelope** from the school office
- Please bring your completed **Photo Order Envelope** on photo day

Bring your Smile & your Envelope to **fatworks**.



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

Patients experiencing pain or requiring urgent care will be prioritised.

WESTPAC REMOTE SERVICES



Our **Community Engagement Team** will be visiting Meekatharra to help with your banking needs.

Monday 14 September

9:00am - 4:00pm

Mission Australia Building: 65 Main Street Meekatharra
Monday 14th Sep 12pm -4pm
Tuesday 15th Sep 9am -4pm
Wednesday 16th 9am-4pm
Friday 18th Sep 9am -12pm

No cash will be available. If you have any questions, contact the Indigenous Call Centre on **1800 230 144**.



Service Provider | Rubbish Collection

A notice for rubbish collection set against a background of green recycling bins. The text is centered in a dark grey box with orange and white text. At the bottom left of the box is the Shire of Meekatharra logo.

**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

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.



THE SPIRIT OF MEEKATHARRA FESTIVAL 2026

24-27 SEPTEMBER



IMPORTANT INFO

FIRST AID:
St John Volunteers
(Oval FRI & SAT)

MEDICAL EMERGENCY:
Call 000

ACCOMMODATIONS:
Commercial Hotel
Auski Motel
Royal Mail Hotel
Caravan Park

FOOD VANS:
Bratwurst Van
Kamal's Quarters
Carnival Delights
Real Moroccan Cuisine



THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

YOUTH CENTRE	free	Kids songwriting Class	3-4:30 PM
SHIRE TOWN HALL	book it!	Cooking Demo	6-9 PM
SHIRE TOWN HALL	book it!	Block-Printing Workshop	5-9 PM

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

OVAL	free	Adults songwriting Class	3-4:30 PM
OVAL	book it!	Chair-based Pilates	4:30-5:30 PM
OVAL	free	Sideshow Alley	5-9 PM
PEACE GORGE	ticketed	LONG DINING UNDER THE STARS	6-10 PM

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

LLOYDS PLAZA	book it!	Mat-based Pilates	10-11 AM
LLOYDS PLAZA	book it!	Tetra-Pak Printing Workshop	9 AM-12 PM
LLOYDS PLAZA	free	Meeka Markets	9 AM-12 PM
LLOYDS PLAZA	free	Meeka Made Art Exhibition	9 AM-12 PM
OVAL	free	Sideshow Alley	12-9:30 PM
OVAL	free	AFL Grand Final on big screen	12-4:30 PM
OVAL	+18 yo	Restricted Bar Area	12-9 PM
OVAL	free	Finders Keepers Stall	12-7 PM
OVAL	book it!	Gardening Workshop 1	2-3 PM
OVAL	free	Jewellery Workshop	3-5 PM
OVAL	book it!	Gardening Workshop 2	4-5 PM
OVAL	free	Petting Farm	1-5 PM
OVAL	free	Face painting, Big Bubbles, Kite decoration, Balloon Twisting	2-6 PM
OVAL	book it!	Community Games	4-7 PM
OVAL	free	Pony Rides	1-6 PM
OVAL	free	Dj Set	6-7 PM
OVAL	free	Live Music	7-9:30 PM
OVAL	free	Fireworks	9:30 PM

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

SHIRE TOWN HALL	ticketed	COUNTRY MUSTER BALL	6-10 PM
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Scan the QR code to book your workshop and to find out more.

Plan your trip and visit our website on www.meekashire.wa.gov.au

For any other information please contact:

CDO Eleonora at 0448 563 663 or CAO Deki at 0448 359 957



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THE SPIRIT OF MEEKATHARRA FESTIVAL 2026



THURSDAY 24TH SEPT

YOUTH CENTRE	3-4:30 PM	free	KIDS SONGWRITING CLASS
SHIRE TOWN HALL	5-9 PM	book it!	BLOCK-PRINTING WORKSHOP
SHIRE TOWN HALL	6-9 PM	book it!	COOKING DEMO

To book your experience **scan** the QR codes or **call** Eleonora at 0448 563 663.



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THE SPIRIT OF MEEKATHARRA FESTIVAL 2026



FRIDAY 25TH SEPT

OVAL	3-4:30 PM	free	ADULTS SONGWRITING CLASS
OVAL	4:30 - 5:30 PM	book it!	CHAIR-BASED PILATES
OVAL	5-9 PM	free	SIDESHOW ALLEY
PEACE GORGE	6-10 PM	ticketed	LONG DINING UNDER THE STARS

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Community Happenings |

The Spirit of Meekatharra Festival 2026

LONG DINING UNDER THE STARS

PEACE GORGE

6-10 PM

FRIDAY

25TH SEPT

2026

**AMBERLEY MARYELLEN,
TESS FAPANI
& CHRIS COBB**



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A Golden Prospect

ticketed

+18 only



Scan the QR
code or walk in
the Shire Main
Office

**BOOKINGS
OPEN FROM
17 AUG 2026**

For more info
call Eleonora at
0448 563 663

Seated and served premium pastoralist
themed culinary experience;
Live acoustic music and mini workshop;
Return bus transportation from the Shire Town Hall.

**THE SPIRIT OF
MEEKATHARRA
FESTIVAL 2026**

AM - SATURDAY 26TH SEPT

LLOYDS PLAZA	10-11 AM	book it!	MAT-BASED PILATES
LLOYDS PLAZA	9 AM - 12 PM	book it!	TETRA-PAK PRINTING WORKSHOP
LLOYDS PLAZA	9 AM - 12 PM	free	MADE IN MEEKA MARKETS
LLOYDS PLAZA	9 AM - 12 PM	free	MEEKA ART EXHIBITION

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PM - SATURDAY 26TH SEPT

OVAL	12-9:30 PM	free	SIDESHOW ALLEY
OVAL	12-4:30 PM	free	AFL GRAND FINAL
OVAL	12-9 PM	adults	RESTRICTED BAR AREA
OVAL	12-7 PM	free	FINDERS KEEPERS STALL
OVAL	2-3 PM	book it!	GARDENING WORKSHOP 1
OVAL	3-5 PM	free	JEWELLERY WORKSHOP
OVAL	4-5 PM	book it!	GARDENING WORKSHOP 2
OVAL	1-5 PM	free	PETTING FARM
OVAL	2-6 PM	free	FACE PAINTING, BIG BUBBLES, KITE DECORATING & BALLOON TWISTING
OVAL	4-7 PM	book it!	COMMUNITY GAMES
OVAL	1-6 PM	free	PONY RIDES
OVAL	6-7 PM	free	DJ SET
OVAL	7-9:30 PM	free	LIVE MUSIC
OVAL	9:30 PM	free	FIREWORKS



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Community Happenings |

The Spirit of Meekatharra Festival 2026

COUNTRY MUSTER BALL

SHIRE TOWN HALL

6-10 PM

SUNDAY
27TH SEPT
2026

DJ REV CB
LIZZY ROBINSON

DJ SET
GOLF SIMULATOR
EMBOSSING WORKSHOP
BUFFET DINNER
BAR SERVICE



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ticketed

+18 yo



Scan the QR
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the Shire Main
Office

**BOOKINGS
OPEN FROM
17 AUG 2026**

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**THE SPIRIT OF
MEEKATHARRA
FESTIVAL 2026**

RU OK?

A CONVERSATION COULD CHANGE A LIFE.

COME ALONG FOR A NIGHT OF CONNECTION,
FUN, AND WELLBEING!



WHEN:
Thursday
17th September



WHERE:
Youth Centre,
Meekatharra



TIME:
4pm – 8pm

DINNER PROVIDED

DINNER AT 6PM

MENU:

- ✓ Hamburgers
- ✓ Sausages
- ✓ Coleslaw



ACTIVITIES



**DODGYBROS
DODGEBALL**



**MOSAIC
MAKING**



**COLOURING
BLANKET**



**3 ON 3
HALF COURT
BASKETBALL COMP**



**CUPCAKE
DECORATING**

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Join us for an evening of activities, connection, and community,
Take the time to check in with each other and ask
the important question:

RU OK?



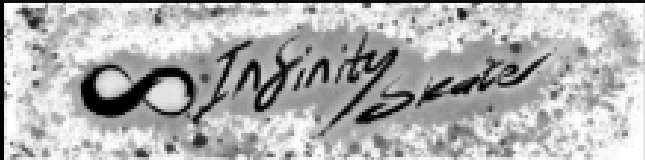
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01-02 OCTOBER 2026
at the Lions Skatepark

**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 or call St John Meekatharra on 0437 681 562, or email cp.midwesteast@stjohnwa.com.au

 **search** St John Volunteer



St John



Community Facilities | Available For Hire

Lloyds Conference Room

Lloyds 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

The Meekatharra Shire Hall is a multi-purpose community space suitable for a range of events and activities.

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 breakdown of charges based on your requirements.



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 views of the surrounding area. It is accompanied with an indoor function space that accommodates a maximum of 50 people.

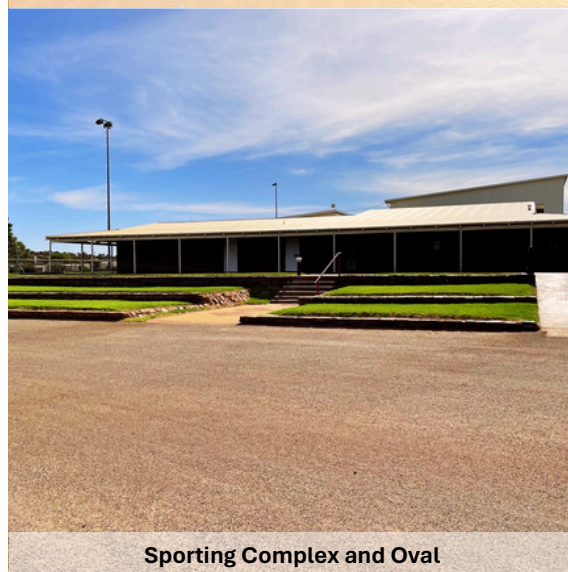
Location: Landor Meekatharra Road, WA 6642

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.

Open 24/7

Fees & Charges: (as of July 2026)

\$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 centre 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 pool season.

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



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**SCAN
ME!**



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

SEPTEMBER

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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	8	9 Containers for Change	10	11	12 Containers for Change COUNCIL MEETING 11:30AM	13 KARALUNDI COLLEGE COMMUNITY CLEAN UP, 10AM- 12PM & YEAR 10 CAR WASH, 2PM-5PM
	COF: COMMUNITY CONVERSATION & JUSTICE REINVESTMENT EVENT					
14	15	16 Containers for Change 8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	17 MEEKATHARRA R U OK? DAY 4PM - 8PM YOUTH CENTRE	18	19 Containers for Change MEEKA CREATIVES 9:00AM - 12:00PM MAIN STREET	20
WESTPAC REMOTE SERVICES						
21	22 BURANYMARD A MARUGUNDI PROGRAM LAUNCH 12PM - 2:30PM SWIMMING POOL OUTSIDE LAWN	23 Containers for Change 8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	24	25 SCHOOL TERM 3 ENDS	26 Containers for Change MEEKA MARKETS 9:30AM - 1:00PM MAIN STREET	27
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28	29	30 Containers for Change 8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation			Containers for Change 8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	

Community Happenings | What's On!

OCTOBER

2 0 2 6

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	1 INFINITY SKATE WORKSHOP Meekatharra War Memorial Swimming Pool Reopens	2	3 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	4 MURDOCH
5 UNIVERSITY VET PROGRAM	6	7 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	8	9	10  MEEKA MARKETS 9:30AM - 1:00PM MAIN STREET	11
12 SCHOOL TERM 4 STARTS	13	14 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	15	16 Community BBQ & Music Swimming Pool	17  COUNCIL MEETING 11:30AM	18
VISITING DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES						
19	20	21 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	22	23	24 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	25
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26 Badminton Game for Adults Youth Centre	27	28 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	29	30 Halloween Party & Quiz Night Town Hall	31 Containers for Change  8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	

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 2026)

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



Basketball Courts

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

This is an unmanned recreational space.

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

Fees & Charges: (as of July 2026)

- 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-to-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 2026)

- 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 on public holidays*

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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 not-for-profit organisations are eligible to receive free advertising.

To advertise in the Meekatharra Dust, please contact:
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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

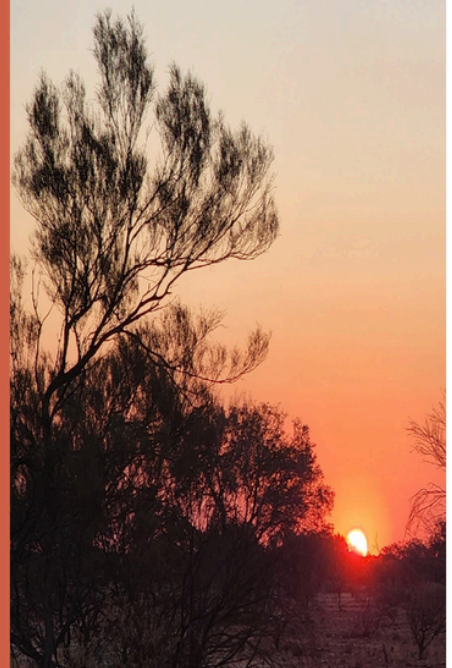
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Meekatharra WA 6642

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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.



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13 August 2026

Don't let gift cards become a scammer's payday

Most of us have picked up a gift card at some point. They're a quick and easy way to celebrate a birthday, say thank you, or mark a special occasion. Unfortunately, scammers are increasingly using gift cards to steal money, and older Western Australians are among those being hit the hardest.

One of the biggest concerns is romance scams. These fraudsters can spend weeks or even months building trust and developing what feels like a genuine relationship before asking victims for financial help.

Others take a different approach, pretending to be from a government agency, a business or even a CEO or manager from your workplace. They might claim gift cards are needed to pay bills, fees, taxes or some other urgent expense. Investment scammers have also been known to use the same tactic.

One woman lost more than \$17,000 a few weeks after starting a new job. Believing she was following instructions from her company's CEO, she purchased Apple and Microsoft gift cards over three days before becoming suspicious and discovering the emails were fake.

Cases like this show how scammers use publicly available information and professional networking sites to impersonate CEOs and senior executives. They often target employees and create a sense of urgency to pressure them into buying gift cards.

Another woman lost \$77,000 after sending gift cards to someone posing as her overseas love-interest. Despite being warned by store staff, she continued sending the gift cards because she thought she could trust the person who had requested them. A man in his late 70s' lost around \$50,000 in a similar scam.

Consumer Protection has been working with major retailers for many years to help prevent these scams. Stores have been encouraged to display warning signs and train staff to be aware and speak with customers who are buying large numbers of gift cards.

However, scammers continue to adapt. Some now coach victims on what to tell staff if they are questioned. Victims may be instructed to say the cards are for a family member, a birthday or another special occasion. They are also sometimes told to visit several different stores to avoid raising suspicion.

Lifestyle | Consumer Protection



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Once victims' hand over the gift card serial numbers, scammers quickly sell or use the cards, leaving victims with little chance of recovering their money.

Don't assume a person you are dealing with on the phone or online is who they say they are. Many of these criminals operate from overseas and are highly skilled at what they do. They can even make calls appear as though they're coming from an Australian phone number.

It's important to know that no legitimate employer, business or government agency will ask for payments using gift cards. Treat any unexpected request for gift cards, whether it comes from a supposed boss, family member or online partner, with caution until it can be verified in person.

If you work in retail and someone tries to buy an unusual amount of gift cards, talk to your manager or ask the customer to talk to Consumer Protection.

You can report scams and scam attempts to WA ScamNet via the website (scamnet.wa.gov.au) or call 1300 30 40 54 or email consumer@lgirs.wa.gov.au

H5 bird flu detection – Key Messages

Current as at 3 August 2026

- Australia has **62 confirmed detections** of H5 bird flu in wild seabirds:

State	Number of confirmed detections
Western Australia	10
South Australia	42
New South Wales	2
Queensland	1
Victoria	7

- DPIRD is responding to **10** confirmed detections of H5 bird flu

Location	Number of confirmed detections
Esperance	3
Denmark	1
Seabird	1
Quindalup	1
Mullaloo	2
Northampton	1
Lancelin	1

- All **10** detections in WA have been in individual, migratory seabirds.
- In line with overseas experience, the increase in detections and further spread in wild birds is not unexpected.**
- With further potential spread among wild birds, nationally agreed arrangements have been activated to support ongoing management and response efforts focused on minimising impacts on wildlife, animal and human health, communities and agricultural industries.
- All confirmed detections of H5 bird flu have been tested by CSIRO's Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness.

Lifestyle | Health

- These are Australia's first cases of the highly infectious H5 bird flu that has spread rapidly around the world in recent years.
- There have been no detections in poultry and no evidence of other significant mortalities.
- There is no evidence that H5 bird flu is established across Australia. A national surveillance plan is in place to find and track ongoing detections.
- Bird flu is not a food safety risk for chicken meat and eggs if they are handled and cooked correctly.
- Bird flu is a low risk to people. Transmission requires close contact with infected birds or animals, or contaminated environments.
- Stay up to date with recommended influenza vaccination. The seasonal flu vaccine won't protect against bird flu but minimises the risk that people become unwell with both seasonal and bird flu viruses at the same time. For more visit [Australian Centre for Disease Control](#).
- WA is well prepared to respond quickly to H5 bird flu to protect our poultry production and reduce impacts on wildlife and communities.
- DPIRD is leading the State response working with the departments of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and Health, and the WA Local Government Association.
- Enhanced surveillance for H5 bird flu is continuing and we are engaging with the community, poultry industry, veterinarians and wildlife carers.
- The State Government is engaging with First Nations people and community leaders. Culturally and economically important species could be impacted.
- The Australian Government is actively working through regulatory and policy arrangements for the potential vaccination of some priority native bird species.
- A national surveillance plan is in operation to monitor for any further detections and facilitate rapid, coordinated response. This includes wildlife mortality monitoring. Some targeted surveillance will also occur for water birds without visible signs of sickness and local non-migratory shorebirds.
- The community is asked to assist with surveillance for H5 bird flu.
- Anyone who sees sick or dead birds or marine mammals should **AVOID** and not handle the animals but **RECORD** and take photos or a video and **REPORT** to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on **1800 675 888**.
- There have been over 2400 reports to the WA EAD Hotline since 19 June.
- While not every report will result in birds needing to be collected or tested, every report plays an important role in helping understand what is happening in the environment.
- People should also take steps to keep pets away from wildlife, including preventing cats from roaming and keeping dogs on leads in wildlife areas.
- If you own, care for, or work with birds, you should:

- prevent wild birds from mingling with your birds, and accessing their feed and water
- keep pens, aviaries, feeders and equipment clean
- wash hands thoroughly with soap before and after handling birds
- More information about H5 bird flu is available at birdflu.gov.au
- General enquiries about H5 bird flu can be emailed to H5birdflu@dpird.wa.gov.au

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Cancer Council WA urges participation in life-saving National Bowel Cancer Screening Program

Don't put it off—Your free bowel cancer screening test could save your life. Cancer Council WA is urging more West Australians to take part in the **National Bowel Cancer Screening Program**, with only four in 10 eligible Australians currently completing the free test.

Bowel cancer is the **second leading cause of cancer death** in Australia—claiming more lives each year than breast, prostate or skin cancer. Yet, it's also one of the most treatable if detected early, with **over 90 per cent of cases successfully treated** when caught in the initial stages.



The screening kit is **free, quick, and easy to use** in the privacy of your own home. But too often, it's tucked away and forgotten, delaying action that could make all the difference – let's change that!

For more information about [the program](#), or to order a **free replacement kit**, visit [Cancer Council WA](#) or call **1800 627 701**.

If you or your organisation would like to collaborate with Cancer Council WA to boost participation and support your community, reach out via RCPCMidwest@cancerwa.asn.au



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



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

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STOVE

TOASTER

FRIDGE



Activities

Sudoku

Puzzle 1 - Easy

3			8	6	5	1		2
	6		1				9	3
2						8	6	5
	2		6	3	8	4		
1		4						
		6		5	1	9	2	7
6		3	5			2		9
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Puzzle 2 - Easy to Medium

	4	7		9	6			
				2	8	7	3	4
2	8		7	3	4	1		
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Puzzle 3 - Medium

	8					5	7	
2		1		5	3	6		
	7	3						
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	3	2					1	6
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Puzzle 4 - Challenging

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

Puzzle #1

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

Puzzle #2

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

Puzzle #3

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

Puzzle #4

4	1	3	9	2	8	6	7	5
7	5	6	1	4	3	8	2	9
2	9	8	5	7	6	3	4	1
1	8	2	6	9	7	4	5	3
9	6	7	3	5	4	2	1	8
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8	7	9	4	6	5	1	3	2
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DO YOU HAVE A
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OR A PHOTO?
OR PERHAPS AN ARTWORK
ABOUT MEEKATHARRA?



CALLING FOR Submissions!

The Shire of Meekatharra will pay **\$100** for published articles relating to Meekatharra.

Submissions can be posted to PO Box 129, Meekatharra WA 6642, dropped off at the Shire Office, or emailed to:

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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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