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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

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and follow us on our socials!

Welcome to the September 2026 Edition

Shire of Meekatharra
A Golden Prospect

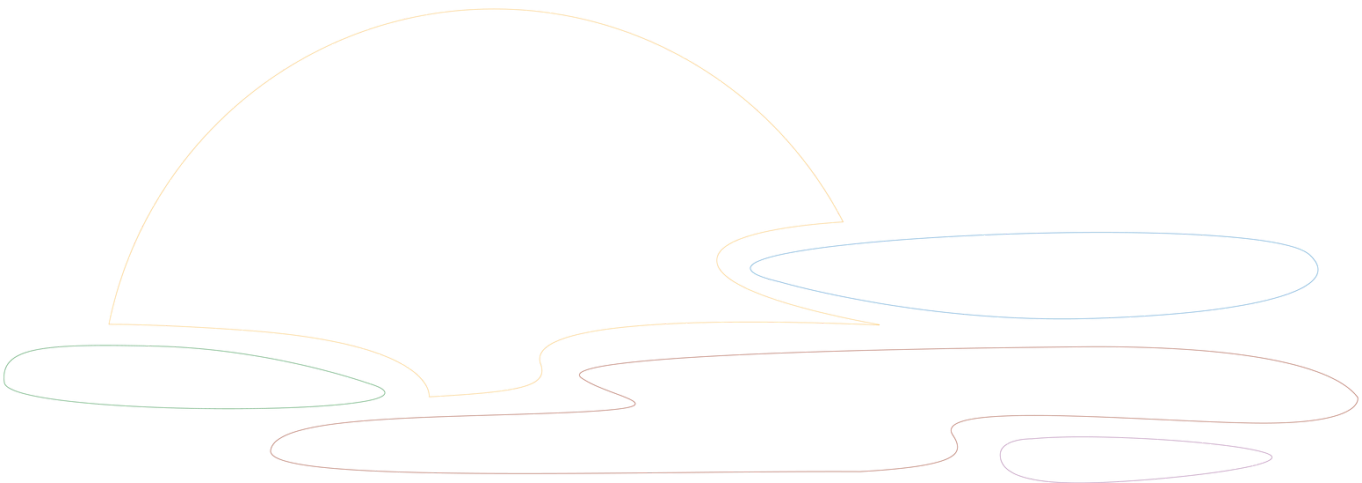
September has been a busy month across the Shire, with community celebrations, creative activities and ongoing work to support local services and emergency preparedness.

A highlight was the four-day Spirit of Meekatharra Festival, held from 24 to 27 September 2026. The festival brought residents and visitors together for workshops, family entertainment, live music and fireworks. Long Dining Under the Stars at Peace Gorge and the Country Muster Ball provided memorable opportunities to celebrate our community and pastoral heritage. Thank you to the sponsors, volunteers, performers, local businesses and Shire team who helped bring the festival to life.

Road maintenance works were scheduled along Landor–Meekatharra Road during September. We thank motorists and the community for their patience and cooperation around work sites.

The Meekatharra Aerodrome emergency exercise brought emergency services and community volunteers together to practise a coordinated response and identify opportunities to strengthen preparedness.

We look forward to more opportunities to come together, connect and celebrate our community in the months ahead.



Community Happenings | R U OK? DAY





R U OK? Day encourages us to check in with the people around us and start a conversation with someone who may be going through a difficult time. A simple question and a listening ear can make a difference.

On Thursday, 17 September, our community came together at the Meekatharra Youth Centre for an evening of activities, including dodgeball, basketball, mosaic making, cupcake decorating and a shared meal.

Thank you to Mission Australia for coordinating the event, to Youth Focus and DodgyBros for their support, and to everyone who joined in. The Shire was pleased to support this evening of community connection.

Checking in on each other matters every day. Take a moment to ask “R U OK?” and make time to listen.













Community Happenings | Meekatharra Aerodrome Emergency Exercise

Working Together to Keep Meeka Ready

Meekatharra Aerodrome became the scene of a simulated aircraft emergency on Saturday, 19 September 2026, as local emergency services and community volunteers came together to put their response skills to the test.



The Shire bus stood in for an aircraft that had overrun the runway following an aborted take-off, with volunteers playing injured passengers. The exercise provided a valuable opportunity to practise emergency procedures, passenger evacuation, casualty assessment and coordination between agencies.



Led by Aerodrome Manager Mike Cuthbertson, the exercise brought together Meekatharra Police, Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service, St John Ambulance and Westgold Resources' Emergency Response Team.

The exercise demonstrated the importance of working together while identifying opportunities to improve communication, emergency notifications and passenger care. These lessons will help strengthen future emergency preparedness.



The morning concluded with a debrief and sausage sizzle, giving everyone an opportunity to share feedback and reflect on the exercise.

The Shire thanks all participating emergency services, Westgold Resources and community volunteers for their valuable contribution to keeping Meekatharra safe and prepared.



Community Happenings | Creative Tunes, Active Fun & Arts



Getting Active with Fair Game

Fair Game's visit brought opportunities for kids to get moving, join in games and spend time together. The sessions encouraged teamwork and participation, with activities helping spark greater interest in visiting the Youth Centre.



Finding Our Voices with Tess Fapani

The songwriting workshop with Tess Fapani gave children an opportunity to explore music and express their ideas creatively. Creating songs together offered a different way to connect, with music bringing participants together.



Creative Connections with Lizzy Robinson

Lizzy Robinson's block painting workshop brought community members together to explore patterns, colour and design. The hands-on session gave participants a chance to try creative skills, share ideas and enjoy conversation as they worked on their prints.



Cooking Demo with Creative Catering

Creative Catering's cooking demonstration brought community members together to watch, learn and share a meal. The session offered an opportunity to pick up cooking tips, enjoy a delicious dinner and connect over a shared interest in food.

Community Happenings | Spirit of Meekatharra Festival 2026

Long Dining Under the Stars

Peace Gorge provided a beautiful setting for Friday's Long Dining Under the Stars, where community members and visitors gathered to share a meal beneath the outback sky. Live performances by Amberley Maryellen, Chris Cobb and Tess Fapani added to the atmosphere, bringing music and conversation together for a memorable evening.



Creativity and Community Fun

Saturday began at Lloyds Plaza with Meeka Markets, the Meeka Made Art Exhibition, Tetra-Pak printing workshop and mat-based Pilates. The celebrations continued at Meekatharra Oval with sideshow alley, pony rides, a petting farm, workshops and children's activities, alongside the AFL Grand Final on the big screen. DJ Rev CB kicked off the evening concert, followed by Chris Cobb and Tess Fapani, whose performances had children and families dancing along. Fireworks lit up the sky to round off the celebrations.



Country Muster Ball

The Country Muster Ball brought the festival to a close on Sunday evening, transforming the Town Hall into a celebration of country style and Meekatharra's pastoral heritage. With the Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists theme, guests dressed for the occasion and enjoyed an evening of music, dancing and community connection. DJ Rev CB kept the atmosphere lively, providing a fitting finale to the festival.



The Shire extends a heartfelt thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, local businesses, Shire staff and community members who helped make the Spirit of Meekatharra Festival 2026 possible. Your support and enthusiasm brought the festival to life and made it a memorable celebration of our community.

Community Happenings | Spirit of Meekatharra Festival 2026











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Community Happenings | Meekatharra DHS

11 Sep 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

School Hours: 8:30am - 2:40pm
Office Hours: 8:00am - 4:00pm

77 Savage Street, Meekatharra, WA 6642
meekatharra.dhs@education.wa.edu.au
(08) 9981 0800
Absences: Please notify the school via Compass

Principal	Associate Principal	Deputy Principal
Ross Griffin	Gail Bell	Ange Laverty

Visitors

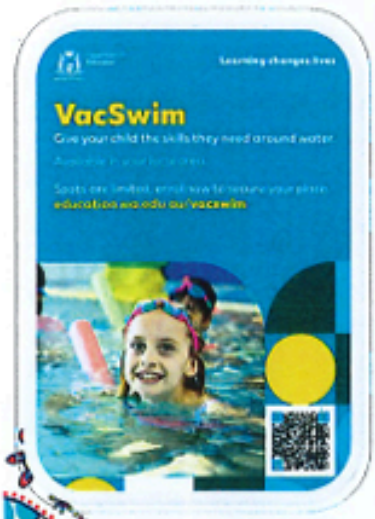
Pastor Geoff:
Term 3: Week 9

EON Foundation:
Term 3: Week 10

School Psychologist:
Term 3: Week 9

Stephen Michael Foundation:
T4: Week 2, 4, 6 & 8

Shine / Shimmer:
Wednesdays & Thursdays



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars!

Be involved
Be connected
Belong

WEEK 9
THU 17-18 SEP
Year 7–12 Jambinu Carnival
(Selected 7-12 student)

WEEK 9
THU 17 SEP
R U OK? Day
A reminder to check in, listen and support one another.

WEEK 10
FRI 25 SEP
Last Day of Term
Finish strong!

TERM 4
MON 12 OCT
Students Return for Term 4
We look forward to welcoming everyone back!





Athletics Carnival 2026

What a fantastic day we had at our Athletics Carnival last week. It was great to see so many students participating, having fun and showing teamwork, sportsmanship and faction spirit throughout the day.

A big thank you to our staff for making the day possible, our students for their fantastic sportsmanship, and all the families and community members who came along to support them. We also thank Mission Australia for providing lunch for our students and community on the day.

Ross Griffin
Principal

The WA Student Assistance Payment

Helping you get the things you need for your kids.

$150
For each Kindergarten and primary school student

$250
For each secondary school student

To help ease cost-of-living pressures on families with school-aged children, a third round of the WA Student Assistance Payment is now available.

This payment is to help you get the things you need for your kids. From new school shoes, backpacks and sports equipment to uniforms, healthy meals, school excursions and more.

Claim now
Claim through the ServiceWA app or visit education.wa.edu.au/wasap for other claim methods.

What you need
Each student's 8-digit WA student number (WASN).

You'll find it on:
- school reports
- previous NAPLAN results
- student SmartRider cards

If you cannot locate the WASN, contact your school for assistance.

Claims close
Friday 25 September 2026

For more information about the WA Student Assistance Payment and how to claim, go to education.wa.edu.au/wasap

Claim on the ServiceWA app

CARNIVAL RESULTS

Kindy / Pre-primary

Winners
1. Ciara Pearce-Mongoo
   Robert Wongawol

Runner-ups
2. Lailah Gilla-Mow
   Bunna Kyanga

Year 1/2

Winners
1. Azaleigh Councillor
   Dexter Mongoo &
   Krayden Dickerson

Runner-ups
2. Lanae Robison
   Curtley Gilla-Mow

Year 3/4

Winners
1. Rharvella Walsh
   Byron Gillespie

Runner-ups
2. Melea Stretton
   Kyrie

Hod-

Year 5/6

Winners
1. Katarina Gilbert
   Torrence Gillespie

Runner-ups
2. Deondre Councillor
   Kita Smith (YJRCS)

SECONDARY

Winners
1. Justina Kyanga-Simpson

Winners
1. Sachin Hoare

"At our school, we play fair, show respect and celebrate each other's success."

FACTION CHAMPIONS



Bungarra takes the win with a whopping **111-point lead!** What a finish!



Marlu put up a great fight, finishing strong with **1121 points!**



Yalibirri was right on their heels, finishing with **1108 points** — only **13 points behind Marlu!**

















MEEKATHARRA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

SHIMMER & SHINE

Semester 1 in Meekatharra has focused on building relationships, creating a sense of belonging, and developing a safe and welcoming SHIMMER & SHINE space for students.

We began the semester by getting to know the school, faculty and students, developing a group agreement and decorating our space to make it feel like our own. Students explored identity, values, likes and dislikes, future aspirations and self-expression through a range of creative activities. Jillian also spent time in students' regular classrooms to better understand their individual strengths, personalities and engagement across different environments.

Building on these relationships, students focused on healthy relationships, kindness, respect, anti-bullying and the impact of our words and actions. Shimmer students explored friendship, kindness and responsibility, culminating in a mock assembly where they presented awards to one another. Online safety was also explored, including recognising when something doesn't feel right and knowing how to respond. Shine students explored healthy relationships in greater depth, including coercive control, domestic and family violence, unhealthy behaviours and how to seek support.

Students also had opportunities to engage with the wider community through incursions from WestGold, Aboriginal Legal Service, Mission Australia and Boogie Bounce. We spent time out on Country with Youth Focus, Shooting Stars and Mission Australia, exploring the winter landscape and learning about bush medicine with the support of local Elders. These experiences provided valuable opportunities for connection to Country, culture and community, while creating space for students to learn outside of the classroom.

Throughout the semester, we prioritised opportunities for fun, creativity and connection, including making sensory slime, arts and crafts, and finishing the semester with a Nintendo Mario Kart party and shared treats.

Semester 1 provided a strong foundation of connection, trust and belonging, while supporting students to develop important skills around identity, relationships, safety, respect and seeking support.

Rebecca Higgins – SHINE CEO & Jillian Cain – MDHS SHINE Coordinator

Community Happenings | What's On!

OCTOBER

2026

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
5 MURDOCH UNIVERSITY VET PROGRAM	6	7	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 3PM - 6PM SWIMMING POOL	17 COUNCIL MEETING 11:30AM	18
VISITING DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES						
19	20 COMMUNITY YARN & BBQ BREAKFAST 10AM COF HOUSE	21 Containers for Change 8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	22	23 HALLOWEEN DISCO NIGHT - BLUE LIGHT 5PM - 7PM TOWN HALL	24 Containers for Change 8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	25
VISITING DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES						
26 BADMINTON GAME FOR ADULTS 5PM- 6PM YOUTH CENTRE	27	28 Containers for Change 8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	29	30	31 Containers for Change 8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	

Community Happenings | What's On!

NOVEMBER

2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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		Containers for Change 8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation			Containers for Change 8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
COMMUNITY YOGA 5PM- 6PM TOWN HALL		Containers for Change 8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation			MEEKA MARKETS 9:30AM - 1:00PM MAIN STREET	
SENIORS WEEK						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		BINGO NIGHT 6PM - 8PM TOWN HALL		COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION REGISTRATIONS OPEN	COUNCIL MEETING 11:30AM	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
BADMINTON GAME FOR ADULTS 5PM- 6PM YOUTH CENTRE		Containers for Change 8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation			Containers for Change 8am - 12pm Yulella Aboriginal Corporation	

Service Providers | Visiting Dental and Rubbish Collection

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 1May
- 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.



FREE POOL ENTRY

for the 2026/27 pool season

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THE SCHOOL FOR POOL POLICY IS IN PLACE

School for Pool applies on school days to school-aged children and young people who permanently live in Meekatharra.

Attend school each day to receive your pool band

Only students with a pool band can swim in the afternoon.

No School - No Pool

School-aged children and young people are not permitted to use the pool during school hours.



Thank you for supporting school attendance among our children and young people.



Contact Us

(08) 9980 0600

shire@meekatharra.wa.gov.au

www.meekashire.wa.gov.au



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

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www.meekatharra.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

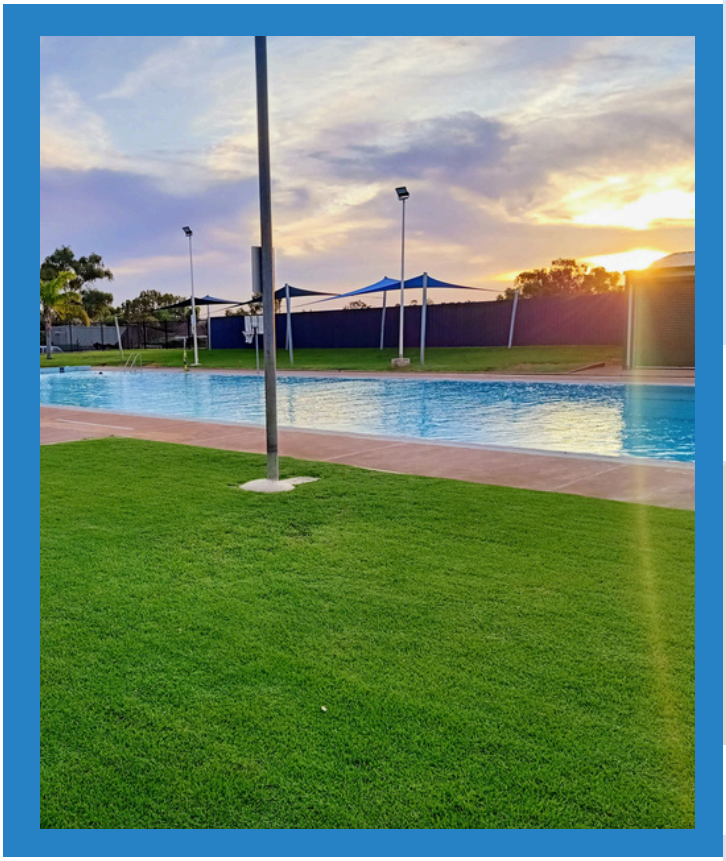
The Meekatharra War Memorial Swimming Pool is located on Main Street in the centre of town. A much loved community asset, it's the perfect place to cool off during the warm summer months, socialise with friends or improve your fitness.

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
Entry is free for the 2026/27 pool season.
The 'School for Pool' policy remains in place during school terms.



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SCAN ME!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Facilities | Sport & Recreation

Squash Court

The Meekatharra Squash Court is located behind the Club Rooms at the Sporting Complex off the Landor–Meekatharra 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 Landor–Meekatharra 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 Landor–Meekatharra 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*

75 Main Street
08 9980 0600
shire@meekatharra.wa.gov.au

VOL_NTEER
WE NEEDU
wa.gov.au/volunteering

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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:
Eleonora Zibetti – Community Development Officer
eleonora.zibetti@meekatharra.wa.gov.au

Deki Dema – Community Activation Officer
deki.dema@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 effective 1 July 2026

Service Providers | 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

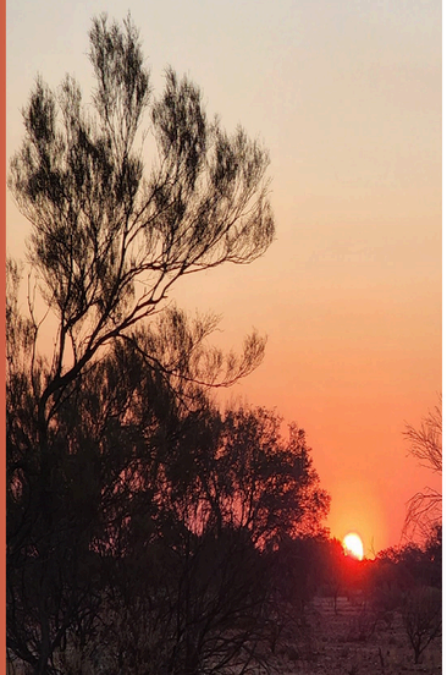
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Midwest and Gascoyne Services Meekatharra



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 identity and address the short and long term challenges that families encounter, which may impact on children and young people attending and staying at school.

Public Tenancy Support Service

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

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

Mental Health Support Service

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

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

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

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

Emergency Relief

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

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

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Snake Bites



What to do:

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



Signs and symptoms

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

Do not wash the venom off the skin (it may aid in identification).
Do not cut the bitten area and try to suck the venom out.
Do not use a tourniquet.
Do not try and catch the snake.

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8 October 2026

With Senior Regional Officer for the Midwest and Gascoyne, Barb Thompson.

Don't let the price tags fool you: check the unit price

With many households looking for ways to stretch their grocery budget, it's more important than ever to know how to spot genuine value. And you might be surprised to learn that the cheapest item on the shelf isn't always the best deal.

One of the easiest ways to compare value is by checking the unit price. Usually displayed in smaller print on the shelf label, the unit price shows the cost per kilogram, litre, 100 grams or item. This makes it easier to compare products fairly, even when they come in different sizes or brands.

For example, you might be trying to choose between two boxes of cereal. One costs $4.50 and has a unit price of $1.13 per 100g. The larger box costs $6.00 and has a unit price of 86 cents per 100g. Even though the larger box costs more at the checkout, it's better value in the long run because you're paying less for the same amount of cereal.

The same applies to everyday items such as coffee, pasta, snacks, cleaning products and toiletries. Taking a moment to check the unit price could help you stretch your grocery budget further.

Unit pricing can also help you see through special offers and marketing claims. A product advertised as being on sale isn't always the cheapest option. Sometimes a similar product sitting right beside it has a lower unit price and provides better value for money.

Most supermarkets, large grocery stores and online grocery retailers are required to display unit prices in-store, online and in advertising for many common grocery items, including food, drinks, cleaning products and personal care items. The unit price should be clearly displayed near the selling price so shoppers can compare products quickly and easily.

However, not all businesses are required to provide unit pricing.

Smaller stores and retailers that don't sell a wide range of groceries may choose whether to display it. Some products, including clothing, furniture, appliances, hardware, toys and alcohol, are also exempt from unit pricing requirements.

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It's also worth remembering that the same type of product may be sold in different sections of a supermarket at different prices. For example, nuts and dried fruit might be available in both the baking aisle and the health food section. Comparing unit prices can help you identify the better deal.

While you're shopping, it's also a good idea to keep your receipt and check that items have scanned at the advertised price. Businesses must display clear and accurate prices. If a product has more than one displayed price, or scans at a higher price than advertised, the retailer must either sell the item at the lowest displayed price or remove it from sale until the pricing is corrected.

When every dollar counts, knowing how to compare prices can help you shop smarter. Taking a few seconds to check the unit price could save you money every time you visit the supermarket.

For more information about unit pricing, visit the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) website: www.accc.gov.au/consumers/groceries/grocery-unit-prices

Cancer Council WA

Find Cancer Early 'It is time to act'



If you've got lungs, you can get lung cancer. June thought the pain in her side was just a stitch. It turned out to be lung cancer. If you notice any symptoms, see a doctor or Aboriginal health worker straight away. Finding cancer early gives people the best chance of successful treatment and more time with family and friends.

Where to go for more information:

- Visit findcancerearly.com.au to learn about other lung cancer symptoms
- Contact your Midwest Regional Cancer Prevention Coordinator – RCPCMidwest@cancerwa.asn.au to arrange presentations or educational strategies most appropriate for you or your group.
- Phone 13 11 20 to speak with a qualified professional.

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2

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4

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5

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

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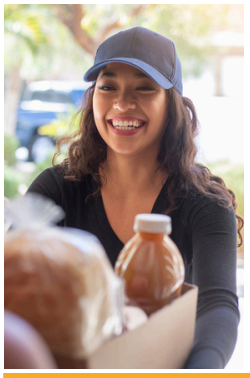
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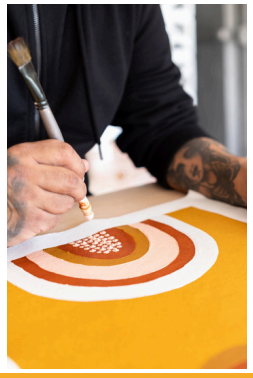
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Mining Word Search

Easy | 12 words

Words go across and down.

C	S	N	T	R	U	C	K	B	A	C	G
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WORDS TO FIND

GOLD
MINE
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TRUCK
HELMET
BOOTS
DIG
DUST
SHAFT
MINER

Activities

Sudoku

Puzzle 1

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Puzzle 2

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Puzzle 3

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Puzzle 4

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Solutions

Puzzle 1

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Puzzle 2

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Puzzle 3

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Puzzle 4

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

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