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PO Box 129, Meekatharra WA 6642

or drop them in at the Shire office.

Alternatively, you can email us at:

cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au

Council Dates

Dates for Ordinary Meeting of the
Shire of Meekatharra for 2020 are -

Meeting Date	Last Date for Items
18 January	3rd
15 February	31st
21 March	6th
18 April	3rd
16 May	1st
27 June	5th
18 July	3rd
15 August	31st
19 September	4th
17 October	2nd
21 November	6th
11 December	27th

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A FRIENDLY REMINDER ABOUT DOG CONTROL

When walking your dogs on the town oval, please ensure you are in complete control of your animal at all times and dispose of any waste in the rubbish bins provided by Council.

The Shire of Meekatharra provide the Town Oval as the only off-lease exercise area in town—at all other locations your dog must, according to law, be collared and restrained.

To allow your dog to be unrestrained in public is an offence in the Dog Act 1976.

Being responsible for a dog that attacks a person causing injury is also an offence which attracts a significant penalty of up to \$10,000.

Please be a responsible pet owner—keep your dog restrained when exercising them to avoid both injury to bystanders, and significant penalties, and please pick up any droppings left behind. Nobody wants to step in that!!

The Shire of Meekatharra support the neutering and desexing of pets to reduce the number of strays, and provide sponsorship to the Murdoch Veterinary Clinic to attend Meekatharra to provide this service at no cost to health care card holders. Additionally, the Shire fund regular visiting vet service—Newman Veterinary Clinic—to the value of \$5,000 to neuter the pets of health care card holders at no cost to the owner.

Local residents can access this service by attending the Shire Office to present your Health Care Card and prove registration. You will be issued with a voucher for the appropriate service at the visiting clinic.

Further info, contact Tralee at the Shire—99800609



STREET LIGHT FAULTS & OUTAGES

If you notice any issues with street lights, faults or damage
call Horizon Power's 24/7 Fault Line on
1800 264 914

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Note from the Editor

Wow, it is hard to believe that the festival has come and gone for 2020. It was an amazing weekend packed with all sorts of fun activities for the kids and the adults.

We had the Carey Right Track Team, Monsterball Amusements, Tasty J's catering, Humpy Camels, Old MacDonald's Travelling Farm and many more wonderful businesses that came up for the weekend.

The weekend went so smoothly thanks to the incredibly dedicated staff supporting the whole event, the Youth Services Team and the group of casual employees made the weekend extra special by repeatably going out their way to support all aspects of the events.

One of the many highlights was the opening of the revitalized Lloyd's Plaza. The opening was well attended by locals, families and tourists. This plaza will soon be home to the CRC, Museum, Café and other shops. We have already been able to access the hairdresser thanks to Nikie and Jen who came up for the week to give us a little bit of pampering before the weekend.

The Art Exhibition and Cocktail Night showed off the local talent we have in Meeka with many artists selling their work and those who attended were able to marvel in the beauty these artists had created.

The Masquerade Ball was a wonderful evening with delicious food, talented dancers and incredible company.

October will not disappoint either, this month the pool has opened, we have the Djuki Mala Dancers coming to Meeka and of course school holidays.

Enjoy the warmer weather everyone!

The Editor



OPPORTUNITY

**The Shire of Meekatharra are calling for
Registrations of Interest from any person
or business to trade from the new Lloyds
Building**

**There are two retail/office options - 34 and 27 square meters
respectively, available January 2020**

**For more details, or to register your interest
Contact Tralee Cable at the Shire on 99800600**



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meekatharra
a golden prospect



Your Council News

October 2020 • by Anna Johnson on behalf of the Shire of Meekatharra

Aerial Amazements and Outback Festival Fun

Camels, chooks, slippery slides, bungee runs, helicopters, stunning art pieces, fireworks, sloppy joes, a masquerade ball and ice skating were just a few of the highlights of this year's Outback Festival. Yulella and the Royal Mail kicked things off with a free community breakfast, and local musicians at the Commercial Hotel got toes tapping at the end of the busy first day.

Photographer Svenja Clare captured some wonderful moments which can be viewed on The Dust's Facebook page, and many locals shared their footage of Meeka from the air, courtesy of Coral Coast Helicopters. We hope that pilot Justin isn't feeling dizzy after circling Meeka so many times!

A feature of this year's events was the hiring of locals rather than relying solely on volunteers, a welcome initiative that saw a solid response from the community. The Shire and Council extend a big thank you to the many helping hands who made it all possible, including the hard working Carey Right Track team. The shaded tables and chairs at the SideShow Alley location provided an opportunity for more sedentary festival-goers to sit and yarn while the kids wore themselves out on the inflatable amusement activities, with the food, ice cream vans and Yulella's sausage sizzle keeping hungry tummies content – we thank the traders who made the trek. Thanks also go to the ever-patient camels and petting zoo critters who gave Meeka kids plenty of fun and cuddles. More than one adult expressed a wish for a grown-up Dinosaur Train ride around town next year...

The town-centered festivities encouraged passing visitors to stop and take part. The Light Horse Brigade display and art exhibition provided some welcome adult diversions, and Sunday's ice skating rink at the Indoor Cricket Centre was a big hit with all ages. Some of our European-born locals showed off their ice dancing skills, once again proving that you never know what's going to happen next in Meekatharra!

Quite a few visitors expressed their intention to add the annual Outback Festival to next year's itinerary. Local hotels are already taking bookings for next tourist season, and Meeka remains a popular spot for multi-day stays, shopping stopovers and family research even as the weather warms up. The Shire is pleased to see the Outback Festival continue its tradition of fun for all, putting big smiles on little faces and adding to the many attractions of our region.

Plaza Gala

On Saturday the 26th of September, the long-awaited opening of the Lloyd's Plaza brought together a mob of our local politicians, members of the Lloyd and Gerrick families, old mates from near and far and a bevy of keen-eyed locals sporting their new haircuts courtesy of visiting hairdresser Nikki. You will find plenty of photos and press notes on the Dust Facebook page and in this hard copy edition to mark the occasion, which featured the inaugural Art Exhibition.

Hon. Melissa Price, Minister for Defence Industry, cut the ribbon while Vince Catania MP rolled up the doors, with locals wasting no time in exploring the historic space and marvelling at the blend of old and new. The Shire and Council would like to thank all the staff, contractors, locals and contributors who helped it all happen, and look forward to the opportunities offered by the new facilities.

The CRC is slated to move into the rear section, and expressions of interest are invited for engagement of the street front café, hairdresser and internal shop spaces. The new Plaza offers a spacious conference room with all the mod cons, a pleasant and shady rear outdoor area, a wide central street-front public mall with tree-planter seating, free WIFI and plenty of easy parking in central Main Street.



Dr. Damien from the Meeka GP clinic with his newly purchased painting by Meeka-based artist Sam Assan. The inaugural exhibition at Lloyd's Plaza gave many local artists and makers the opportunity for sales and publicity. There were so many entries that the exhibition had to spread out into the adjoining rooms – we're a talented bunch!



Many people are buried all over the outback, but many early graves are lost to the sands of time. It was often the case that the only marker was a hand-carved piece of wood, which soon crumbled away, leaving no trace. At some historic cemeteries, it is sadly the case that people will steal turn of the century iron grave markers. In these modern times, Ground Penetrating Radar is used to confirm cemetery burial sites, sometimes with an occasional surprise when an unmarked underground tenant appears on the screen. Local records, archives and living memory are then brought into play so that the person can be identified and the plot correctly recorded for posterity.

The Plots Thicken

The burial list at the historic Meekatharra cemetery has been updated, and once again our visitor season has brought several amateur genealogists through the freshly painted gates. The Shire is pleased at the progress of works at the cemetery, where a number of improvements are under way as well as an ongoing tidy-up of the surrounds.

Every year we receive quite a number of visitors researching their family pasts, and it is always rewarding when we are able to locate records, plots and even living memories to contribute to their efforts. Friday evening at one of our pubs can be a rich source of tales tall and true if you are looking up family members or old mates, and you'll be surprised at what you can find at our small but fascinating Museum, currently located at the Shire Office.

Meekatharra also has a number of Facebook pages where you can enquire about connections, and the Shire is always happy to help spread the word on your behalf. The Meekatharra News and History Hub Facebook page is a wealth of old photos, names and memories, and The Meekatharra Dust offers more recent photos and events.



A cheerful entrance to a sombre place – the historic Meekatharra cemetery could tell a hundred tales of outback generations. The new paint scheme is based on the Shire's theme colours of our soil and sun. The burial list, located in the left hand shelter, has been recently updated, with plenty of space for more. As they say, "Such is life!"



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www.meekashire.wa.gov.au

You're welcome to attend the monthly Council meetings (dates and times are listed in The Dust) and have your say. You can also obtain a copy of the Council Minutes to find out about the many other projects, discussions and improvements that the Shire is undertaking on behalf of the Meeka community. All items or letters for Council should be addressed and sent to the Shire of Meekatharra CEO, at the Shire address (see right).

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A MESSAGE FROM MEEKATHARRA POLICE



Gunja – Messes
with your mind –
A Message from
Meekatharra
Police

The trick to lead-
ing a happy and
healthy life, is
engaging in activ-

ities, being with your family, country and community.

Meekatharra Police want to encourage young people to join in on any community activities, family hunting trips, sports and school activities, rather than coping in less healthy ways.

If you know a young person or a family who is affected by cannabis use, please help them to understand the harm that this can cause, direct them to seek help and encourage any young people you know to have a yarn or join in on any family or group activities so that they are aware of the alternatives to cannabis use.

Cannabis use can increase the risk of mental health problems, especially in young people. This risk increases with frequency and amount of cannabis use and can cause anxiety, depression, paranoia and psychosis in those people who have a vulnerability to mental health problems. Cannabis can affect the brain by decreasing the user's ability to concentrate and remember things, and can also impact on learning ability. Frequent use of cannabis can increase the risk of cancer and respiratory disorders such as asthma, bronchitis and emphysema.

Because cannabis is harmful, it is against the law for people in Western Australia to cultivate, possess, use, sell or supply cannabis. The possession of even small amounts of cannabis is still an offence. People apprehended for simple cannabis offences by police may be issued a Cannabis Intervention Requirement, where the person is required to book and complete a Cannabis Intervention Session or elect to have the matter heard in court. More serious cannabis offences may result in a person being sent to court.

There are a variety of treatment pathways available for people with cannabis related problems. In town, we have a drug and alcohol counsellor who may be able to help, Tracey Saylor at the Community Alcohol and Drug Service on 99810635.

We need the community to work together to help minimise the harm. If you know someone who supplies a prohibited drug to a young person or sells to anyone, you can call Meekatharra Police on 99811007 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Information for this article has been sourced from www.drugaware.com.au and <https://strongspiritstrongmind.com.au>. If you wish to access further information about cannabis or other drugs call the Alcohol and Drug Information Service on 1800 198 024 or visit www.drugaware.com.au. Alternatively, if you are a parent and are concerned for your child or wanting support, call the Parent Drug Information Service on 1800 653 203, live chat www.dau.health.wa.gov.au or visit <https://adf.org.au>.



CRC News

Workshops Encourage Entrepreneurs

On Friday the 11th of September we held the first Business Local workshop for enterprising entrepreneurs and small business in Meekatharra. Tony Emmott from RSM came up and provided us with some excellent and very practical information that was helpful to both newbies and old hands alike. We also thank Meekatharra Volunteer Fire and Rescue for providing their training room and monitor for the course.

More workshops are coming, aimed at feedback from the group and including new resources such as the free WAVE online bookkeeping tool - check it out yourself to see what a difference it can make to your "shoebox" of receipts!

Opportunity for Artists

If you're a local artist and would like to work on, and sell, your art at the CRC, come on in. You need to be completely self sufficient and all financial transactions are your own responsibility. We have a table and seating and you are welcome to come in any time to do your work and engage with our many visitors. We are not doing commission sales at the present time, but you are bound to find that our local and visitor traffic can generate sales of your work while you are here. If you want some advice or help on how to manage your artwork sales, come and see us any time.

Men's Health Online Focus

Last week we shared a number of online resources for blokes - have a look at our Facebook page for the links. There are some great initiatives that any fella will find useful, whether you're doing it tough or doing just fine. The Men's Health Directory is amazing, and even has a link for chatting online with other guys - <https://www.menshealthwa.org.au/directory/> is the overall website link, where you will find a heap of phone numbers, links and information to help you with life's journey. You're not alone, and as you'll discover through men's health resources, there's no shame in reaching out.

Aiming High - Chopper Flights Inspire

Meekatharra's Outback Festival helicopter flights inspired at least one young local to declare that she wants to be a chopper pilot, and from there a seed was planted. It's early days yet with lots to sort out, but the CRC is hoping to organise a program for local kids interested in taking to the skies. It's not often that you get a chance to discover something that's a passion rather than just a job, and there are plenty of opportunities for pilots in tourism, mustering, exploration and search and rescue in WA. We'll keep you posted as we move ahead with this exciting project.

How Can We Help?

Many locals are taking advantage of our in-house ordering service for books, craft supplies and more. What do you need? We can get bulk or individual supplies in for you.



Second Saturday Each Month
This Month: October 10
From 9:30 am
In Meekatharra's Main Street

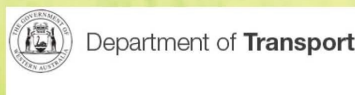
Department of Transport

Visiting Meeka:
Tuesday October 6th
BOOK IN ADVANCE



Meekatharra CRC & Visitor Centre
Lot 55 Main Street
(Opposite the Pool)
08 9980 1811
welcome@meekatharracrc.com.au
Mon - Fri 9:00am to 3:30pm

VISITOR INFORMATION
ART & CRAFT SUPPLIES
MAPS & BOOKS
LOCAL SOUVENIRS
YARN, PAINT & MORE
LOVELY GIFTS
POSTCARDS
LOCAL ART CARDS



REFRIGERATION & AIR CONDITIONING MEEKATHARRA

43 MAIN STREET

PH: 9980 1212

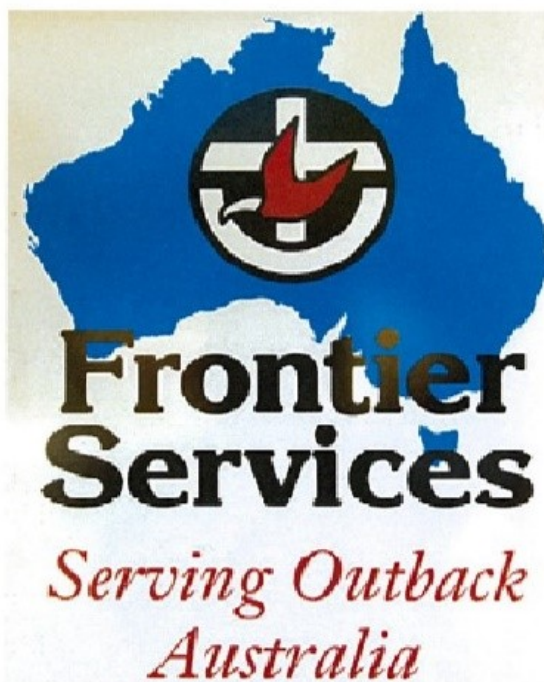
GET YOUR COOLING SYSTEMS WORKING THEIR BEST BEFORE THE HOT WEATHER

IMPROVE PERFORMANCE AND REDUCE ELECTRICITY COSTS BY CARRYING OUT PRE SUMMER MAINTENANCE – FOR ADVICE OR TO BOOK A SERVICE,
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**WE CATER TO ALL REQUIREMENTS -
REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND NEW INSTALLATIONS for
DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL AND MINING.**

ALL AREAS – KUMARINA, WILUNA, CUE, MAGNET, SANDSTONE and SURROUNDS

Meekatharra Community Church (Uniting Church)



**Services held 9.30am
every 2nd & 4th
Sunday of the Month**

**Contact:
Rev Mitch Fialkowski
9981 1053
0419 547 175**

WORKSHOPS

**UPCYCLING – REUSING – CRAFT –
HOMESTEADING – "MAKING DO"**
(turning ordinary things into awesome things)

**@ RECYCLING CENTRE RAILWAY STREET
FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH 11 AM**

All Welcome!

Gold Coin Donation Entry

New Date &
Time: Now
Saturdays!



MEEKATHARRA CHRIST THE KING

CORNER OF DARLOT & HIGH
STREETS

**LITURGY TIMES
OCTOBER 2020**

MASS

SATURDAY 17TH OF
OCTOBER AT 6:30PM

**CELEBRATION OF THE
WORD WITH
COMMUNION**

SATURDAY 24TH OF
OCTOBER AT 6:30PM

RECONCILIATION TIMES BY
REQUEST BEFORE OR AFTER
MASS

CONTACT CATHY JONES ON
08 9963 4176



**For if a kangaroo jumps out
on John's drive home.**

Every beat of this ordinary life is an extraordinary thing.
And we need your help to protect it.

St John urgently needs volunteers.

If you'd like to help the people of Meekatharra, visit
stjohnchangelives.com.au. Or, give Meekatharra Sub Centre a call
on 9980 1467, or email sjameekatharra@westnet.com.au.



Life goes on.
Volunteer with St John.



LLOYD'S PLAZA OPENING

As I sat out the front of the revamped Lloyds shop, waiting for the official opening to begin, I tried to imagine what it looked like inside. Nothing my imagination could have come up with would have equalled what we saw when the ribbon was cut, the key turned, and the doors opened to the new 'Meekatharra Plaza'.

This has been a long-term project which began with the Shire's purchase of the building back in 2011. Since then numerous people have contributed in so many various ways to the culmination of what is the most incredible facility in our town.

I'm sure the Shire will be acknowledging all those involved so I won't because I'm not a full bottle on it and I would hate to miss anyone out. Suffice to say these people had a vision, dreams for our town and the passion to make it happen. We all know getting anything done in remote areas is never an easy task, let alone a project of this size so I was just want to extend my thanks and that of my family to all those who have been involved in any way, large or small, since the very beginning. Take a bow and be proud.



Walking inside after the official opening took place, I immediately felt like I'd been transported to the city or some large regional town. The space, the light, the décor and fittings were just amazing. It was so lovely to see the old cement floor had been retained and polished to bring it to life. What stories it could tell of the people whose feet had trodden across it. It was so wonderful to see members of the Lloyd and Gerick families repre-

sented. Both have had a long history with the building housing various enterprises of their

families over many, many years. It was quite an emotional time for them, and for quite a few locals as well, I suspect.

However, if we thought the Plaza looked impressive then it had another surprise in store for us when it's very first function consisting of an art exhibition and cocktail function was held Saturday evening. Fairy lights, flowers, hors d'oeuvres, art and a live band -was this really Meekatharra? Waiters and waitresses serving drinks and food and not a hot chip in sight!!

The joy on people's faces as they mingled and chatted, drank, ate and discussed art and a million other topics was something I wish we could bottle and sprinkle around our town every day.

'Meekatharra Plaza' offers opportunities in our town which, hopefully, will see locals or newcomers make the most of what is on offer and bring something new and beneficial to our town.

Let's remember the 'Meekatharra Plaza' was built for Meekatharra and its people. Let's make the best possible use of it whilst taking care of it to preserve it for decades to come. Well done Meekatharra. You've done us proud.

Raelene Hall

Neds Creek Station





Left: Before 1990

Below: After 2020



Left: Before 2004

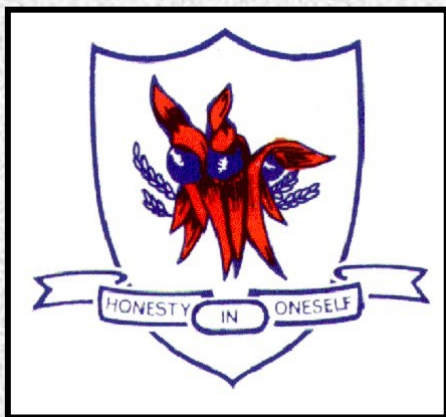
Below: After 2020



Left: During Construction 2019

Below: During Construction 2020





MDHS

Term 3 was a big term for MDHS! Here are some of the activities the students and staff got up to..

- **Pastor Geoff** - always a student favourite. Pastor Geoff fly's to Meekatharra to teach pastoral care to our students. A big thankyou from all of us.



- **Scitech & Aspire** - Thank you to Scitech and Aspire who visited our school to take our students to another dimension of learning with their innovative and hands on approach

- **4 Phase Athletics Carnival** -

Meekatharra DHS had a 4 Phase Athletics extravaganza consisting of Jumps and Throws, Track & Field, Cross Country and culminating in the Interschool Athletics Carnival at Mt Magnet. Marlu were the over-all school based winners with Cue winning the Interschool. Well done to all participants, it was amazing!!!

Country Week -Meekatharra DHS sent their intrepid team of basketballers to Perth for the Country Week experience. After grading they were put into Division A and are holding their own and enjoying the competition. Well Done, Meeka kids!!







Containers for Change is coming to Meekatharra and **Yulella Aboriginal Corporation** and the **ABC Foundation Ltd** is bringing it here from **Saturday October 3!**

A new state-wide container deposit scheme, Containers for Change lets you cash in eligible containers for 10-cents each.

Your local refund point in Meekatharra is: **18 Marmont Street, Meekatharra.**

Open: **Wednesdays 1.00pm-5.00pm & Saturdays 8.00am-12.00pm.** (From Sat Oct 3)

You will be able to cash in up to 800 containers and receive up to \$80 cash-in-hand during these times. You can also have the money deposited straight into your bank account by signing up for a Scheme ID at www.containersforchange.com.au.

Anything more than \$80 will be deposited directly into your bank account via your Scheme ID, so make sure you sign up for one today!

Most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard drink containers between 150ml and 3L are eligible for a refund.

There are some drink containers that are not eligible for a refund. Generally, excluded containers are those that are less than 150ml and greater than 3L. Containers excluded include:

- Any plain milk containers
- Any glass containers which have contained wine or pure spirits
- Containers 1L or larger which have contained flavoured milk, pure fruit or vegetable juice
- All cordial or syrup containers
- Registered health tonics.

Any containers that are presented as either broken glass or damaged/cut containers will NOT be eligible for a refund. Light crushing of cans, plastics and liquid paperboard is acceptable.

Please remember when coming down to exchange your containers:

- Make sure they are CLEAN and cleared of any contamination. Contamination includes: sand, cigarette butts, sharps and lemon/lime, plus much more.
- Sort and count your containers before into their types (glass, aluminium, plastic etc) as this will assist us in processing your containers quicker.
- Be nice – we are just starting out, so please be patient if we are a bit slow in the first days.

If you would like to bag up your containers for us to count and process later so you don't have to wait, just make sure to mark your bag clearly with your Scheme ID, Full Name and Contact Number. Alternatively, put your details on paper inside a sealed plastic sleeve and pop that in your bag.

To find out more about Containers for Change in Meekatharra contact Leanne Sharrock from Yulella Aboriginal Corporation via email at admin@yulella.org.au or on 08 9980 1339.





Above: Carey Right Track Foundation's Community Fun Run



Left: Youth Services Team at the Stephen Michael Foundation's Competition in Yalgoo

Vincent Catania MLA
Member for North West Central

MEEKATHARRA PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH

We're here to help you

It's important to share any concerns, issues or ideas you may have to allow us to work together to find solutions as we all travel through difficult times

CONTACT US & STAY in TOUCH



Email - northwest@mp.wa.gov.au



Telephone - 99412 999



@VinceCataniaMP

Regular updates will be available via facebook & email

**Let's Stay Safe, Stay Well
& Keep our Distance...**



THE NATIONALS *for Regional WA*

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BEAT MAGAZINE

BOND CREATIVES PRESENTS

DJUKI MALA



HEART, MARGARET RIVER *	FRI 2 OCT	TUE 20 OCT	CUMMINS THEATRE, MERREDIN
MANDURAH PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE	SAT 3 OCT	THU 22 OCT	MOORA PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
HARVEY RECREATION & CULTURAL CENTRE	SUN 4 OCT	SUN 25 OCT	PEACE GORGE, MEEKATHARRA
NARROGIN TOWN HALL *	WED 7 OCT	SAT 31 OCT	QUEENS PARK THEATRE, GERALDTON
BUNBURY REGIONAL ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE **	FRI 9 OCT	WED 4 NOV	CARNARVON CIVIC CENTRE
SANDRA DONOVAN SOUND SHELL, MANJIMUP	SAT 10 OCT	THU 5 NOV	NINGALOO CENTRE
ALBANY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE	SUN 11 OCT	SUN 8 NOV	NEWMAN RECREATION CENTRE, WILDBACK ARENA
RAVENSTHORPE TOWN HALL	WED 14 OCT	THU 12 NOV	RED EARTHS ARTS PRECINCT, KARRATHA
ESPERANCE CIVIC CENTRE	FRI 16 OCT	SAT 14 NOV	NGURIN CENTRE & ROEBOURNE CULTURAL COMPLEX
GOLDFIELDS ART CENTRE, KALGOORLIE	SAT 17 OCT	FRI 20 NOV	BROOME CIVIC CENTRE

* PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR WORKSHOP DETAILS DAY PRIOR TO PERFORMANCE

** MATINEE & EVENING SHOWS

BOND
CREATIVES

BOOKINGS VIA VENUE OR WWW.DJUKIMALA.COM



THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN ASSISTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE AUSTRALIA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS, ITS ARTS FUNDING AND ADVISORY BODY.

St John



**4 out of 5 people
can't save a life.**



Are you one of them?

Book a first aid course today

**Upcoming First Aid courses
HLTAID003 Provide First Aid 1 Day
October 2020**

**Meekatharra Tuesday 27th Oct
Mt Magnet Wednesday 28th Oct
Yalgoo Thursday 29th Oct**

To book your course call **9938 0900** email Geraldton@stjohnwa.com.au
St John Ambulance – Geraldton Sub Centre



SUSTAINABLE EVENTS

How good was the festival! It was so great seeing the kids' radiantly happy faces and the swish adults all dressed up nicely for the Art Exhibition Cocktail Night and the Ball. Well done to Amy, Tralee and their team for pulling this off! It was great!

It was nice to be able to use reusable, proper crockery and cutlery at the Ball and for soup and dessert they had single use bowls that were made out of bamboo (a very fast, re-growing and compostable option) rather than plastic.

If you want to run your own event or party here are some great ideas to not only have a great time but to also try and be more sustainable:

Basically try and swap single use for reusable – it's easier on the planet and also easier on your wallet in the long term. If you don't want to buy it all outright see if you can borrow or hire it. Collectively we probably already have everything you'd need.

wards or the next morning. If doing the dishes is really not possible then see if you can get compostable paper plates made out of bamboo.

Same goes for drinks: using proper glasses is so much nicer than the chuck away plastic variety.

Recycle beer stubbies and aluminium cans – either drop them off at your favourite local recycling centre or from now on you can also get 10 cents back through the container deposit scheme! Yippee!

Rather than using plastic water bottles, use tap or filtered water and add a slice of lemon.

Make your own candle holders – either just use a glass jar or food tin, perhaps paint or decorate it with some ribbons (you can drill some holes into the tin to create patterns and to let the light through), or you can use a Tetrapak (the packaging of long life / plant based milks, coconut water and stocks etc), peel the outer layer off, use a needle and toothpick to prick some holes in it and then stick a candle in it. The waterproof inner layer is wonderfully reflective and will enhance the candle light nicely and the whole packaging will keep the wind off the candle. Look up Tetrapak upcycling online, it's so good!

Make your own decoration: you can easily make bunting out of colourful magazine pictures or Tetrapak material. The very talented Kadi once cut out heaps of pretty butterflies and stuck them up on the walls – so simple and yet it adds such a nice touch – and she also made colourful streamers out of leftover fabric. Clever!



Use local suppliers as much as possible – it's easier said than done when you live in a remote Outback town such as Meekatharra but we do actually have a lot of stuff in town that we can use without having to drive to or order from the big smoke. Consider the travel miles of the products you're using. Coming all the

way from China or the US? Can you do without? Sometimes less is more.

Gone through a lot of trouble to make it all look nice and serve delicious food? Give it the honour it deserves and serve it on proper plates with proper cutlery rather than plastic. Yes it might mean having to do the dishes after-



Paint your own signage: grab a pallet and write on it – this could be the menu or a greeting to your guests. Easy!

Swap balloons for bubbles. So much more fun plus getting soaped up can't hurt in corona virus times. (No, please do not take this as official health advice! Listen to the experts.) Or if you use balloons make sure you pop them and put them in the bin so they don't end up flying away and littering the environment. Be mindful of greenwashing – some brands of balloons are sold as biodegradable but they actually



hang around for a long time; do your research.

You (or your kids, put them to good use) can make confetti by hole punching dry leaves and scrap paper.

Organise the right amount of food. If you happen to over-cater big time enable your guests to take the leftovers home – you might have some takeaway containers in the cupboard that can be re-used, or you can make little snackpaks out of Tetrapak (notice a trend here? Tetrapak upcycling might be the newest favourite hobby... :)) If your guests are stuffed and there is so much food leftover see if you can give it away, e.g. to Mission Australia to be distributed in the town. Or if it's just scraps find someone with chickens or pigs or compost them. Food waste in landfill is a big contributor to greenhouse gases not to mention all the money and effort that went into making the food, so getting as much use as possible out of it is best for everyone – the people, the planet and the chickens.

If you're using flowers see if you or a friend can grow them yourself. That way they're as local as possible, have beautified the neighbourhood and supported the bees for a little bit. You can also consider using greenery – gum leaf branches can make great Australian themed decoration. Or just use whole potted plants and flowers rather than chopping them off. If you're buying flowers ask the florist if they can send long lasting flowers – that way they can keep on giving for a

while. At the end of their life compost them or find a friend who has a compost.

Use jars, Tetrapaks or bottles as vases. Finally that wine drinking habit is turning out to be useful!

Have some great green party ideas? Just wanna have a chin wag about the environment? You can leave a post on Facebook/meekagoesgreen, send us an email at meekagoesgreen@gmail.com or pop into the Recycling Centre on Railway Street Saturdays 9-11am. Also, come to our monthly Upcycling Workshops. They're awesome.



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It's easy to join up. Come and see us or get in touch below:

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You're Invited
Community Breakfast

Please join Meekatharra Mental Health
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Mental Health Week on
Wednesday 14th Oct 2020 at 0830
at Peace Gorge

for a community breakfast.

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Meekatharra CRC/Visitor Centre

Phone: 08 9980 1811

Email: meekatharracrc@gmail.com

Applications are invited with a current Resume and letter addressing the selection criteria:

Please mark your application 'CONFIDENTIAL' and **EMAIL** to:

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Sat 12 December

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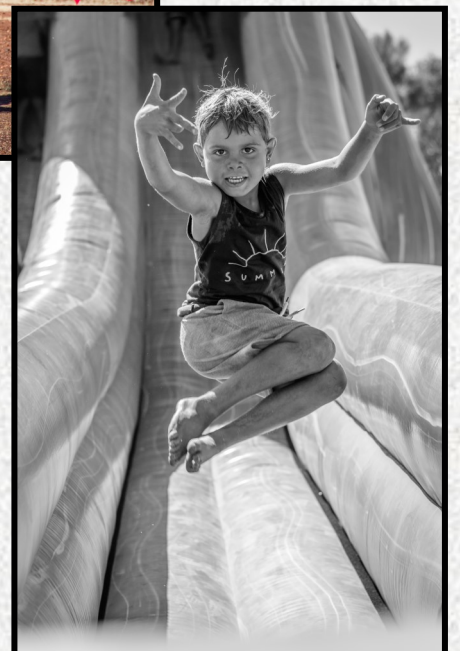
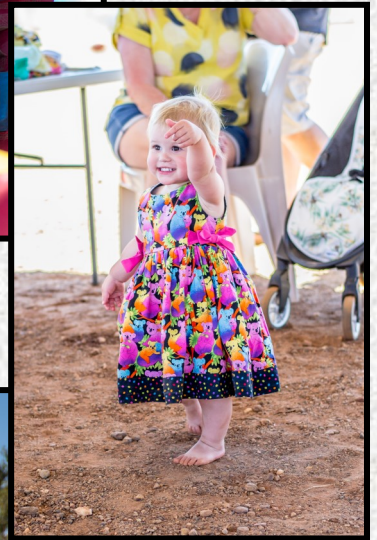




SIDE SHOW FUN









MASQUERADE BALL













Kangaroo in Oyster Sauce with Stir Fried Vegetables



Feeds 10 people



Kangaroo Fillet (kg) 1



Onion 2



Capsicum 1



Broccoli (Head) 1



Cauliflower (Head) ½



Zucchini 2



Carrot 2



Garlic (Tablespoon) 1



Ginger (Tablespoon) 1



Mixed Herbs (Tablespoon) 1



Cumin Powder (Optional) 1



Oyster Sauce (Cup) 1



Soy Sauce (Cup) 1



Vegetable Oil (Tablespoon) 2



Good Tucker



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1



Chop vegetables and gather all ingredients.

2



Mix the thinly sliced kangaroo fillet with the ginger, garlic, herbs, cumin and soy sauce. Allow to marinate for 30 minutes.

3



Heat a pan with oil to a high heat and add kangaroo fillet. Stir quickly, allowing it to brown. Remove kangaroo fillet from the pan and set aside.

4



Add vegetables to a pot with vegetable oil and stir through with a little water.

5



Add kangaroo fillet to the pot with vegetables.

6



Stir in the oyster sauce. Serve with rice, pasta or bread.



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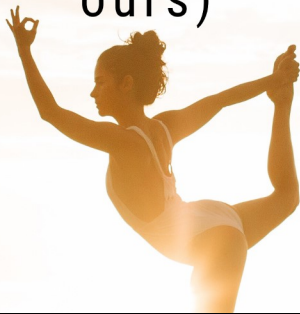
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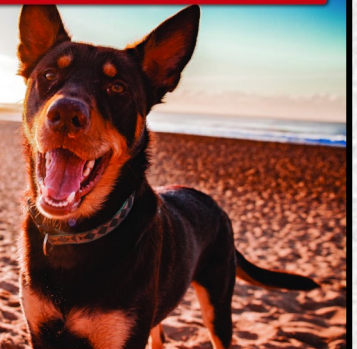


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- ✓ Ensure your dog is healthy.
- ✓ Treat your dog for ticks in the 7 days before the movement and maintain a record of the treatment for 6 months.
- ✓ Call 1800 675 888 if your dog becomes ill after moving out of northern WA.

**Help keep your dog healthy and stop the spread of ehrlichiosis.
Control ticks on your dogs and call a vet if you see disease signs.**

More information
agric.wa.gov.au/ehrlichiosis
agric.wa.gov.au/dogmovements

Contact
Movement conditions: 9368 3929



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Individual paver

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The Meekatharra Festival Committee needs your support!**





Hon Robin Scott MLC

Member for Mining and Pastoral Region



I am the VOICE for YOUR thoughts!

For those of you that don't know me I am Hon Robin Scott MLC. I was sworn in on 22 May 2017 as a Member of the Legislative Council of Western Australia, representing Mining and Pastoral Region for Pauline Hanson's One Nation.

I would like to start by saying for the past thirty years I have been interested in politics, and just like you I have been forced to vote at every election for the best of a bad bunch. Being a father of two and grandfather of six it motivated me to maximize my contribution as a parliamentarian. I'm here for the people of my electorate not the people of the house. I am here help repair our political system, defend our Australian way of life and maximize opportunities for fellow West Australians. The major parties have condoned the deterioration of our manufacturing industries and are slowly strangling our mining, agriculture and pastoral industries. We have every natural resource the world wants and we still can't eliminate poverty in Australia, due to poor management by politicians."

✓ Achievements

- ✓ **Blocked - The State Government's proposal to raise the gold royalty** - In 2017 I was Successful with the Disallowance Motion which defeated the Government's attempt to increase the Gold Royalty by 50%. Which I think is an absolutely fantastic win. I am determined to protect and promote mining and lead the defence against water charges for prospectors and small miners.
- ✓ **Granted - License for an MRI Machine in Kalgoorlie-Boulder** - Alongside Senator Georgiou we secured the Medicare license for the MRI machine in June 2018 after leading a strong advocacy campaign alongside WA One Nation. Although our town is still waiting for the MRI Machine i reassure you that I will continue to ask the question and update my electorate as to when we can expect it to be operating.
- ✓ **Granted - Funding for Palliative Care** - I accomplished a desired result with obtaining a multi-million-dollar funding injection for Palliative care in regional WA. I was disappointed to hear that the government had again let our people down with in the health department and knew that people deserved to die with dignity.
- ✓ **Blocked Removal of Education components with School of the air** - I won the fight with members of the cross bench when the state government proposed that they wanted to remove critical education components with School.

My To Do List

- Advocating the PHON plan to subsidise apprenticeships by 75% in the first year, 50% in the second year and 25% in the third year.
- **Investigate unfair Native Title Claims**
- **Create Suitable accommodation in regional towns for remote community visitors.**
- Continue to follow up on the current status of the MRI machine for the Kalgoorlie Health Campus.
- **Begin the construction on the Kimberly Water Pipelines.**
- **Bring Royalties for Regions back to Regional WA.**
- **Continue to push for the Wiluna to Meekatharra road to be sealed.**

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

October 2000

MEEKATHARRA RACE WEEKEND

Saturday September 30th and Monday October 2nd.



As with every long weekend in September/ October the traditional race round meeting at Meekatharra was held. Saturday September 30th proved to be a great day. The crowd numbers were more than usual with extra people from Wiluna joining in with our race weekend. The weekend brought many old faces back to Meekatharra, which also added to the crowd numbers. It was nice to see that they still remember Meekatharra. The temperature couldn't have been better. In previous years everyone would be searching for their jumper and jeans by around 4pm but Saturday's weather was exceptional, if not even a bit on the warm side.

There were seven races on the Saturday and the Monday, but horse numbers were limited to the number of Jockeys available. Apparently one of the Jockeys fell off and was injured during one of the first races, making him unable to race. This was disappointing as there was a healthy selection of horses this year. As with every year Punters had a choice of betting on the tote or with the bookmaker. I did notice some have more luck than others. I wasn't one of the extra lucky ones this year.....

The kiosk was run by the Murchison Health Service, providing a huge assortment of goodies. The scones jam and cream seemed to be a bit of a hit amongst the crowd.

The Meekatharra Surf club held a chocolate wheel to tempt those who were not so lucky with the horses.

On Sunday the Gymkhana took place. Apparently this was a small meeting taking place for the Sandstone Gymkhana, which was postponed earlier in the year.

Monday was the final of the long weekend and of the races. The crowd wasn't as big as Saturday with many punters putting away their wallets while they still had change to take home. The weather was just as nice as Saturdays.

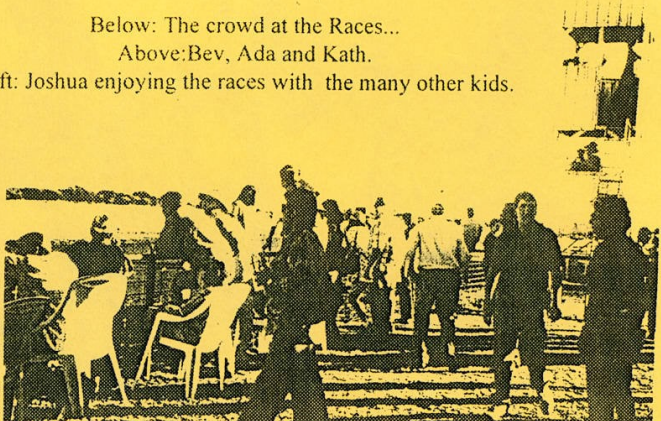
The weekend proved to be a great success with the majority of the community supporting it in some way or another.



Below: The crowd at the Races...

Above: Bev, Ada and Kath.

Left: Joshua enjoying the races with the many other kids.



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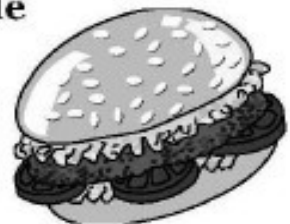
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October 2020

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12 Yoga 6pm	13	14 Community Break- fast at Peace Gorge Adult Sport 6pm	15	16	17 Meeka Goes Green 9am-11am Ordinary Council Meeting	18
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