



# Meekatharra Dust

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**SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA**  
**SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS**

**JULY 2022 TO JUNE 2023**

**ORDINARY MEETINGS OF COUNCIL**

In accordance with section 5.25 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 2022/23 are as follows:

Saturday, 16 July 2022

Saturday, 20 August 2022

Saturday, 17 September 2022

Saturday, 15 October 2022

Saturday, 19 November 2022

Friday, 16 December 2022

Saturday, 21 January 2023

Saturday, 18 February 2023

Saturday, 18 March 2023

Saturday, 15 April 2023

Saturday, 20 May 2023

Saturday, 24 June 2023

All meetings are held in Council Chambers located at the corner Main & Savage Streets Meekatharra and commence at 9:30am (except the 16 December 2022 meeting which commences at 2:00pm).

**AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Audit Committee Meetings will be arranged as required by the CEO in consultation with the Shire President.

**KJ Matthews**  
Chief Executive Officer

## Advertising in the Meekatharra Dust

The Meekatharra Dust is a newsletter produced by the Shire of Meekatharra each month that highlights local events and helps to distribute news locally. The Newsletter reaches hundreds of people each month through the copies sold around town, copies sent in the mail, and those viewed online. If you wish to advertise in the Meekatharra Dust please get in contact with us on [cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au).

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## Calling for Submissions

The Meekatharra Dust is always looking for new submissions to be added to the community newsletter. We are chasing articles about things happening around town. If you have any articles with information about any upcoming community events then we want to hear from you!

The Shire of Meekatharra will pay \$100 for articles that are related to Meekatharra. Articles include short stories, poems, photos or similar. Get in contact to find out more about this opportunity.

"The Meekatharra Dust" is a non-profit community newspaper. The Meekatharra Dust is published during the first week of each month. The deadline is the 24th of the previous month.

If you have an article, a photo you would like to share or an advertisement, you can post them to: *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](mailto:cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au)



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The Shire of Meekatharra



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# OUTBACK ★ FESTIVAL ★

MEEKATHARRA

23<sup>RD</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>  
COUNTRY  
BALL

SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>  
HORSE  
RACES



SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>  
SIDE SHOW &  
FIREWORKS



## CONTACT

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# NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

Welcome back to another edition of the Meekatharra Dust!

In this edition you will find photos from the mural painting, AstroTourism star gazing event, NAIDOC Week and information for ratepayers about the Shire's budget.

In August we have the new Youth Focus Young Men's Program starting up, more information on page 10. The Youth Centre and Kids Zone are back to their normal school term program, the term three program is below, don't miss out on the awesome activities they have planned.

It is hard to believe that the Festival is on again next month, make sure you are in town for the weekend. The Friday night (23rd of September) is the Country/Western themed ball and the Sunday afternoon is fireworks, rides and other fun activities for the family at the Side Show. This is not to be missed. More information on these events is on the Shire's Facebook page and in the Dust on page 3.

Until next time, stay safe everyone.

*The Editor*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3:00pm – 5:00 pm</b> 	<b>3 on 3 Basketball @ the Youth Centre</b>  Kidzone	<b>Music @ the Youth Centre</b>  Kidzone	<b>Arts &amp; Craft @ the Youth Centre</b>  Kidzone	<b>Game day @ the Youth Centre</b>  Kidzone	<b>Drop in @ the Youth Centre</b>  Kidzone
<b>6:00 – 8:00 pm</b> 	<b>12+ indoor cricket @ indoor cricket centre</b> 	<b>AFL for all ages</b> 	<b>10+ Mixed Sports @ the indoor centre</b> 	<b>Basketball vs Karalundi</b> 	<b>Movie night @ the Youth Centre</b> 

**Youth Services 2022 Term 3**



# CEO COUNCIL MESSAGE

Welcome to the August 2022 edition of *The Dust CEO Council Message* Report that provides information for all residents regarding the Council ordinary meeting that was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 as well as the Health, Building and Town Planning Committee meeting that was held on the same day. This section of *The Dust* is intended to provide a snapshot of the issues discussed at Councils Ordinary Meetings that are held each month.

The unconfirmed minutes of Council Meetings are placed on the Council website as soon as possible within the prescribed time limit whereby they are confirmed at the next scheduled Council Meeting. Furthermore, items listed on the agenda when published for the community may not include all the items that were discussed at the Council Meeting, as provision is made for councillors and/or staff to introduce late items for consideration as permitted by legislation and Councils Standing Orders. Therefore, the following resolutions are only an extract of the full meeting agenda with the entire meeting proceedings being available in the official Council Minutes that are confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

## **Items from the Shire of Meekatharra Health, Building & Planning Meeting 16 July 2022**

### **Item 7.1.2 – Community Development & Services Manager Report**

*That the Community Development & Services Manager's report be accepted.*

The above resolution included an update on several projects that the Community Development & Services Manager and staff were engaged in, such as:

- \* Entry Statement
- \* Mural Town Wall
- \* Lions Park
- \* Town Planning Scheme revision
- \* Picture Gardens
- \* Swimming Pool Works, and
- \* Median strip in town main street

## **Items from the Shire of Meekatharra Ordinary Meeting 16 July 2022**

### **Item 11.1 – Excision of Land from Reserve 15815 for Power Generation**

*That Council:*

- \* *Support the excision of a portion of land from reserve 15815 as the preferred site to support the creation of*

*a new Crown reserve for the purpose of 'Electricity Generation' and issue a management order to Regional Power Corporation, otherwise known as Horizon Power;*

- \* *Should this land be unsuitable, Council agree to the excision of a portion of land instead;*
- \* *Make this decision subject to the condition of an Easement in Gross being granted for access to the effluent waste pipeline traversing this land;*
- \* *Advise Horizon Power and the Department of Planning, Land and Heritage of the above decision accordingly.*

The above resolution confirms Councils endorsement of the application from Horizon Power for the excision of part of Reserve 15815 that extends the current facility and will further support the energy generation facility.

## **Further Information Snippets**

- \* Annual 2022/23 budget adoption – Council has completed its 2022/23 budget process with Ministerial Approval for the proposed differential rating having been granted on 20/7/22 that allowed Council to formally adopt the 2022/23 budget at a Special Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July 2022.
- \* Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act Workshop – the Shire President and staff members attended the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act workshop held on 20/7/22 that provided an update on the new Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 and community consultation input to the draft Regulations being developed. It is expected that the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act will be proclaimed by parliament in July 2023.
- \* Meekatharra Airport Pavement Works – Council will undertake major airport runway, apron and taxi way pavement works towards the end of this year. Assessment of the airport pavement areas is currently underway that will inform the extent of works required. The community will be informed of when the works are expected to commence and expects little disruption to flight schedules at the airport.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled for 9.30am on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of August 2022 and the next *CEO Council Message* column will appear shortly after this meeting in the September 2022 edition of *The Dust* to provide information from this Council meeting as well as general information updates to the community. Until the next edition Bye for Now!

**KJ Matthews – CEO**



## The Online Hub for Family and Local History in the Central Goldfields of Western Australia



Discover more about people's lives in the Central Goldfields of Western Australia or explore more about the history of places in this vast region. FREE resources and information for all family and local history researchers.



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Stories of people and places

WA Virtual Miners Memorial website:

[www.wavmm.com](http://www.wavmm.com)

A profile page for every person



[@OutbackFamilyHistory](https://www.linkedin.com/company/outbackfamilyhistory) | Email: [moyasharp@westnet.com.au](mailto:moyasharp@westnet.com.au)



## We're improving your water.



You can expect to notice a difference every time you turn on the tap. Upgrades to Meekatharra's water treatment facility are now complete. Now that's refreshing news.


 Murchison Water Treatment Plants

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service for all ages from  
10am Saturday mornings



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or call on 99811253

# BE RESPONSIBLE



Please ensure whilst exercising your dog to pick up any waste and dispose of in the bins provided.

**FREE Waste Bags are available at the oval.**

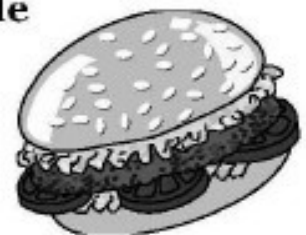
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Corner of Main & High Streets, Meekatharra

**Ph: 9981 1151**



**BP Fuel & Lubricants**  
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# Thugarri Group

Strong, young man

Young Meeka men are invited to come to the  
Youth Focus building every  
second Monday starting at 6pm  
(starting 1st August 2022)

Just bring your manners and respect

We might stay at the office or we might head out  
somewhere like Peace Gorge

We will put on a feed

**This group is for young men only.**

For more information please speak to  
Uncle/Pop Junior  
phone: 0436 336 345



# Grounds Maintenance Officer



**Location:** Meekatharra



**Work Type:** Casual



**Closing Date:** 2022-08-28 5:00 PM



**Salary:** Negotiable

## Pilbara Meta Maya Regional Aboriginal Corporation

### Job Description

#### Position Description:

Pilbara Meta Maya Regional Aboriginal Corporation (PMMRAC) is an indigenous organisation in South Hedland with responsibilities to provide both essential and community services to remote Indigenous communities within the Pilbara, Gascoyne, and Mid-West regions of Western Australia.

Under the Municipal Services program, we service 18 of the Remote Aboriginal communities within the Pilbara and Mid-West regions.

#### AUTONOMY, TRAVEL AND FREEDOM

Do you love travelling and spending time in the Australian outback driving through breathtaking scenery? Then this could just be the perfect role for you!

The job involves day trips, and three days per week spent away from home staying on communities in various locations dependent on which communities we are servicing that week.

#### Responsibilities include:

- Grounds keeping
- Weed and pest control management
- Maintaining fire breaks
- Providing household, waste, & recycling of plastic services
- Basic maintenance & gardening/landscaping
- Educating local residents on the above

#### Required Skills/Knowledge:

#### What you will bring to the role:

- A hard-working positive attitude
- Physically fit to meet the inherent requirements of the role
- Manual driver's license (HR desirable)
- Excavator ticket (or willing to obtain)
- Skid steer ticket (or willing to obtain)
- Loader ticket (or willing to obtain)
- Full Covid vaccination status (3 doses)

#### How to Apply:

Send your resume to [hr@metamaya.com.au](mailto:hr@metamaya.com.au) For any queries, contact Scott Kaufmann (Manager MUNS) 0427 439 872

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
10 - 25 YEAR OLDS



WE WANT TO  
HEAR FROM  
YOU!

Are you aged 10-25 and live in Western Australia?

We would love to hear about how climate change affects your wellbeing, and how children and youth services can better respond to these impacts.



SCAN HERE TO COMPLETE



Contact Dr Naomi Godden  
[n.godden@ecu.edu.au](mailto:n.godden@ecu.edu.au)



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## ABOUT OUR SURVEY

**We invite children and young people aged 10-25 to do a 20-minute online survey.**

The survey will ask about how you feel about climate change, and if you are involved in any actions to address climate change.

All responses are anonymous, and all information we collect will be private and confidential.

The organisations involved in this project include Edith Cowan University, Telethon Kids Institute, Australian National University, Youth Affairs Council of WA, Climate Justice Union, Aboriginal leaders, and young people involved in climate advocacy.

**If you would like more information, please contact Dr Naomi Godden on [n.godden@ecu.edu.au](mailto:n.godden@ecu.edu.au) or phone 9780 7670.**



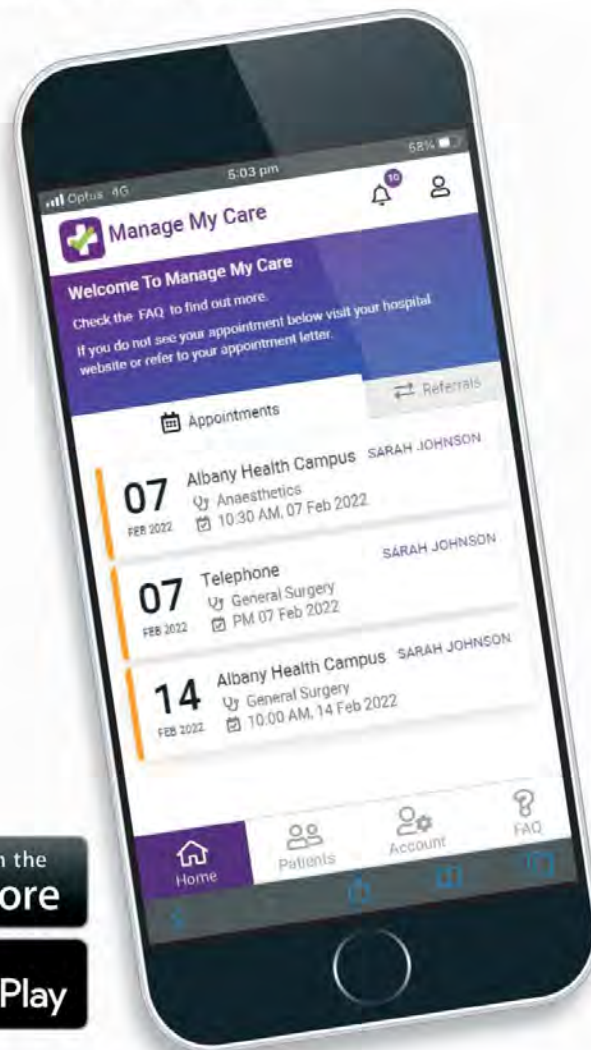
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## MEEKATHARRA ABORIGINAL REFERENCE GROUP MEETINGS

2022

(Second week of each month mostly)

Community MARG Members 9:30 a.m.

Invited Stakeholders to attend from 11:00 a.m.

February	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Face to Face
March	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Face to Face
April	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Cancelled Covid
May	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Face to Face and ZOOM
June	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	ZOOM Online
July	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Face to face and ZOOM
August	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	ZOOM Online
September	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Face to Face and ZOOM
October	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	ZOOM Online
November	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Face to Face and ZOOM
December	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	? TBC



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COVID-19

Stay COVID safe

# Stop the spread of COVID

No big mobs

COVID spreads easily when big mobs get together.

Keep your distance.



Wear a mask when required

Masks help to stop COVID spreading.



Get vaccinated



Call the clinic if you're sick



Wash your hands



Two big steps (1.5m)  
Keep your distance



Cover coughs and sneezes



Clean shared surfaces

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# MURCHISON DENTAL TEAM ROSTER 2022

Meekatharra: 2nd February - 11th of February

Mount Magnet: 23rd February - 4th March

Cue: 23rd March - 1st April

Meekatharra: 27th April - 6th May

Mount Magnet: 23rd May - 29th May

Sandstone: 29th May - 3rd June

Meekatharra: 22nd June - 1st July

Yalgoo: 20th July - 29th July

Mount Magnet: 17th August - 26th August

Meekatharra: 14th September - 23rd September

Mount Magnet: 12th October - 21st October

Meekatharra: 9th November - 18th November

Mount Magnet: 7th December - 16th December

## CONTACT NUMBERS:

MEEKATHARRA - 9981 0640 OR 0427 386 647

YALGOO PRIMARY SCHOOL - 9962 8029

MOUNT MAGNET, CUE, SANDSTONE - 0427 386 647

## MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY



Youth Focus	6266 4333	youthfocus.com.au
Headspace	9274 8860	headspace.com.au ehspace.com.au
Lifeline WA [24 hrs]	13 11 14	lifeline.org.au
Kids Helpline [24 hrs]	1800 551 800	kidshelp.com.au
Suicide Call Back Service [24 hrs]	1500 659 467	suicidecallbackservice.org.au
Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service [CAMHS]	1800 048 636	cahs.healthwa.gov.au/our-services/mental-health
Mental Health Emergency Response Line [24 hrs]	1500 555 788 Metro 1800 676 822 Peel 1800 720 101 TTY	nrmahsmh.healthwa.gov.au
Ngala Parenting Helpline	9368 9568 Callback Service 1800 111 546 Rural	ngala.com.au

## ONLINE RESOURCES

Black Dog Institute	blackdoginstitute.org.au
Bite Back	biteback.org.au
Reach Out	au.reachout.com
Beyond Blue	beyondblue.com.au

## AWESOME APPS

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## 5 TIPS TO BE MENTALLY HEALTHY...





Left to right: Shire CDSM Svenja Clare, MWDC Senior Executive Assistant Kylie Paine, Board Member Hayley Wells, Shire CEO Kelvin Matthews, Shire President Harvey Nichols, Board Member & Acting CEO Anne Finlay, Chair Rob Houwen, Board Member Caris Collard, Board Member Emma Foulkes-Taylor and (not in photo) Board Member Andrew Greaves Jr.

## MWDC VISIT

Meekatharra hosted the Mid West Development Commission's (MWDC) board meeting in June.

Following their board meeting in the Council Chambers, the group went for a tour around town to view current and upcoming projects and sites.

Merewyn Templeton, Director of Nursing, provided a guided tour around the Meekatharra Hospital highlighting the current capabilities and future plans encompassing the new hospital that's due to be built in the next few years.


The Goldfields Highway, the last remaining partially unsealed state highway, was the next stop on the list before the board members were shown a number of locations in town such as the Picture Gardens, the

Lions Park area and the proposed medium term domestic violence accommodation.

The board then had the pleasure of meeting local Buttah Windee artist Andrew Binsiar and viewing his extensive portfolio of paintings.

The next and last stop for the day was Peace Gorge, one of the Murchison Georegion sites that is popular with locals and visitors alike.





Give animals a 'brake'

## SLOW DOWN AT DUSK AND DAWN

You might know the road like the back of your hand, but you don't know when an animal might suddenly appear in front of your car. Remember to give animals a 'brake' and slow down at dusk and dawn. Livestock collisions can be fatal for drivers, passengers and animals.

To find out more, or to report a hazard, visit [mainroads.wa.gov.au](https://mainroads.wa.gov.au) or call **138 138**

**LIVESTOCK COLLISIONS CAN BE FATAL**





# WA PLASTICS BAN

Business Engagement Program

To reduce plastic pollution, the WA Government is implementing a ban on certain plastic items.

From **1 July 2022**, it is illegal to supply:



Any Plastic Shopping Bag with Handles



Disposable Plastic Straws & Stirrers



Disposable Plastic Cutlery



Disposable Plastic Plates



Disposable Plastic Bowls (without lids)



Disposable Plastic Food Containers (without lids)



Expanded Polystyrene Food Containers & Trays



Disposable Plastic Cups for Cold Drinks\*

\*Banned from **1 Oct 2022**

Releases of balloons will also be banned in WA from 1 July 2022.

\*Some exemptions and other banned items apply. See [plasticsbanwa.com.au](https://plasticsbanwa.com.au) for details



# COVID-19: Symptom guide

**With COVID-19 in the community it is important to know what the symptoms are and when to seek medical advice.**



Fever



Headache



Loss of taste and/or smell



Fatigue



Dry cough



Sore/scratchy throat



Shortness of breath



Muscle aches



Vomiting



Runny nose



Chills/night sweats



Diarrhoea

## Mild symptoms

Most people will have mild symptoms for up to 2 weeks. Avoid high-impact activities, weights, running and workouts.

**Recover at home**

## Worsening symptoms

Symptoms worsen and you are unable to take care of yourself such as showering, putting on clothes or making food.

**Call your GP**

## Severe symptoms

Symptoms become severe such as difficulty breathing when resting. Do not wait, call 000 immediately and let the operator know you have COVID-19.

**Call 000**

**WA.gov.au/symptoms**

We're all in this *together.*

# MURAL



brighten up the this are of town for the community to enjoy.

The mural is located next to the pool where the old mural of the school bus was. Its really brightens up the space and is a new, vibrant part of Meekatharra.

The Youth Centre as part of their school holiday program came down each morning to help out. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and got to make their mark on Meeka in

Helen Ansell, an artist currently living in Mullewa, came to Meekatharra in the middle of July to paint the amazing mural of a bungarra, coglas, pink and white everlastings, eremophilas, sennas, flannel bush flowers, spinifex and cotton bush.

Helen grew up in Meekatharra and based the mural off what she experienced while living in this region. The mural was painted by Helen, her team, the youth centre, local people and tourists. Everyone came together to

such a positive, creative way.

An art exhibition was held by Helen, catered by Mama Moon's Bakery, after the mural had been completed. It was a great way to end the week of painting by admiring Helen's work and having the chance to buy prints, original paintings, picnic blankets, tea towels and more.











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## Consumer Watch Column

Consumer Protection 50-52 Durlacher Street, Geraldton WA 6530

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Email: [candice.evans@dmirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:candice.evans@dmirs.wa.gov.au)

### Watch out for rogue removalists

Moving house is widely considered to be one of life's most stressful events, so we always urge consumers to choose their removalist carefully to avoid any extra drama on the day.

Consumer Protection has recently received a growing number of complaints about the conduct of removalists advertising on social media. Initially the trader quotes an hourly rate and requests a small deposit, however upon arrival they demand a large lump sum be paid up front with a promise to return any unused money once the job is complete.

In some cases, the traders have refused to return or deliver the furniture until the higher fees have been paid. Neither are the promised refunds forthcoming and belongings are often damaged during the move for which a remedy is never provided.

Damage to property accounted for just over half of the 262 complaints we received about removalists in the past 18 months. Disagreements over costs was another top issue, along with removal trucks turning up late.

Consumers are urged to be wary when sourcing removalists on social media, as they may be using someone else's ABN to appear legitimate. It can also be tricky to identify the individual behind a business that is only advertised on social media, meaning consumers may struggle to enforce their rights should they wish to pursue legal action.

When sourcing a removalist, we recommend giving preference to removalists that are members of the [Australian Furniture Removals Association](#) or get recommendations from family and friends.

It is best to make sure all the details are worked out and agreed to before the move. Consumers should get a proposal on company letterhead that contains a copy of the terms and conditions and clearly sets out an hourly rate or a fixed price for the job.

Like other traders, removalists must exercise due care and skill by doing all they can to prevent damage or loss, and the consumer has the right to claim compensation if they fail to do this.

Consumers who are having issues with a removalist that cannot be resolved can lodge an online complaint on the [Consumer Protection website](#) or email [consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au).

# ★ FIGHT *the* BITE ★



## COMMON SYMPTOMS OF ROSS RIVER VIRUS:

- ★ PAINFUL, SWOLLEN JOINTS ★
- ★ PAINFUL, ACHING MUSCLES ★
- ★ SKIN RASH ★ FEVER ★



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## "OFF THE BEATEN TRACK" WITH MATTY



**98.3 MEEKA FM**

Meekatharra, WA

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**MONDAYS LUNCH**



### NAIDOC Sneaker Project Youth Focus x 1OFF Store

The Future Endeavours students at Meekatharra District high School finished their NAIDOC Sneakers and Limited-edition NAIDOC Shirts were sold at 1OFF Store. Thank you to everyone who submitted their designs and participated in this project. We are all so proud of the young people's hard work and commitment to this project. We are also so thankful for the stakeholders and community for your support on this project.

**Check Out The Deadly Designs Below:**



Tristan Flanagan



Asharnta Anderson



Marissa Thorne



Ralli Bero



Ashlyn Binsiar



Ebony McCormick



Seskep Bero



Keeley-Bob-Scott-Callow



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Community members selected two designs. The two artists who will have an opportunity to design the sneakers for the AFL players are.....

**Jo-Nique Anderson**



**Joella Rodney**



Congratulations to you both!!

#### **NAIDOC BALL**



Youth Focus partnered alongside Youth Services - Meekatharra Shire and Yulella to host our 2022 Youth NAIDOC BALL. We had an amazing night! Thank you, Meekatharra Community, and Stakeholders for Getting Up! Standing Up and Showing Up! For Meekatharra Youth. The night was filled lots of smiles, dancing, and giveaways (Vouchers and Sneakers!) We had special guests from Wiluna that travelled to celebrate NAIDOC with us. What an amazing night.

#### **NAIDOC Shirt Design**



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The NAIDOC shirt design has been finalised and went on sale during NAIDOC week. The young people have done a fantastic job with the design, with all but a few small sized shirts left. We look forward to negotiating with the Future Endeavours class what they will do with the profits from the sale of the shirts!



#### **From Jamal at 1OFF Store**

1OFF Store partnered alongside Youth Focus WA on a journey to Meekatharra for the NAIDOC Sneaker Project. The aim of this project was to create an opportunity for young people in Meekatharra to express their cultural and heritage through art and sneakers. NAIDOC is celebrated by people from all works of life, Indigenous and Non-Indigenous. 1OFF Store is grateful for the opportunity to be welcomed by the Meekatharra community and stakeholders to inspire young people to believe in their artistic talents and embrace their full selves.

1OFF is a boutique store with a unique concept we carefully select some of the best and most sought-after street brands in our store. 1OFF is more than a store, we always keep community and culture at the heart of what we do. Our aim is to use our brand to inspire and encourage, to create change and represent the values we believe in. We are honoured to have all the work submitted by the Meekatharra District High School- Future Endeavour Class School featured on our merchandise. Their spectacular and unique artwork will be printed to create limited-edition NAIDOC T-shirts. All proceeds from the shirts will go back to the Meekatharra Community.



### **From Nicholah at Youth Focus**

The NAIDOC theme for 2022 Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! resonates with me as an ally for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. As a Black African woman working in Meekatharra, I embed cultural and intersectional practices in my work. This project was inspired by the NAIDOC theme for 2022, and a drive to amplify young local artist voices through art and creating an opportunity for recognition to help promote hope and resilience. Meekatharra might be a place of little water, however, it's a community rich in cultural heritage. Through this project, we had the opportunity for community members, elders and local artist Mr Andrew Binsiar to come in and share their stories and knowledge with the young people.



We saw services unite and collaborate to help make an impact on young people's lives. The highlight of this project was working alongside the Meekatharra District High School-Future Endeavours class, Jamal Diallo and Dean from 1OFF Store. Jamal's story of hope and resilience, and the impact 1OFF Store made on the community and young people was inspiring. What makes 1OFF Store unique is through fashion and sneakers, they promote culture, community and hope by creating a platform for creative artists and partnerships with Indigenous communities and People of Colour. As an ally I believe NAIDOC isn't only something we celebrate once a week yearly. Every day need to honour, respect and acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and the land we all live and work in. As mental health services it's important we acknowledge and respect traditional cultural healing and wellness practices that have been passed on from many generations.

### **From Deanne at Youth Focus**

NAIDOC to me is about the whole community getting together and sharing and acknowledging and being proud of our culture and who we are. We do this by cooking and sharing traditional foods and activities. It is a celebration of the whole community.

### **From Paulette at Youth Focus**

NAIDOC Week is about celebrating the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Over the last few months Youth Focus has been working with the young people in the Future Endeavours class to design sneakers for two AFL players. Their commitment to the project has been outstanding; we have some truly talented young people in this town. Congratulations to Joella and Jo-Nique for their outstanding designs.

This year I want to celebrate and recognise the achievements of each and every young person in the Future Endeavours class, and their teachers, Miss Emily and Mr Shannon. It has been wonderful to learn from them and witness their amazing talents.



### **Thugarri Group**

Strong young man

Uncle/Pop Junior is running a men's group every second Monday.

All young men are welcome to attend – contact Youth Focus or Uncle/Pop Junior for more information 0436 336 345

All you need to do is bring your manners and respect.

This group is for young men only.

Come and have a feed and a yarn



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**R U OK?**

**R U OK CELEBRATION**

**WHEN: 8<sup>TH</sup> September 2022**

**WHERE: Welcome Park-Main Street Meekatharra**

**TIME: 10.30am – 1.00pm**

**FREE!**

**Morning Tea**

**Burger Lunch**

**Open to the community.....Come and say Hi**

**Bus available if transport is needed – call 99 565 100**

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You'll help with patient transfers, inter-hospital moves and RFDS transfers. And while this is mainly a driver-only role, you will still receive the training you need to assist an Ambulance Officer in an emergency.

We always need help, so to see how people exactly like you can contribute head to [stjohnchangelives.com.au](http://stjohnchangelives.com.au) or give our Community Paramedic Michelle Fyfe a call on 0437 681 562, or email [Michelle.Fyfe@stjohnwa.com.au](mailto:Michelle.Fyfe@stjohnwa.com.au)

Help keep your ambulance service strong in Meekatharra.

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Disease and would like to make changes to improve your health,  
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# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT THE YOUTH CENTRE

As usual the school holidays were packed with activities for the youth centre participants.

The holidays started off with NAIDOC Week, a week of activities put on by Youth Focus, Yulella, Mission Australia and the Shire to celebrate. Youth Focus put on a Youth Ball for the kids to get all dressed up, dance, play games and eat dinner together. Yulella put on a community day with lunch and bouncy castle. Mission Australia put on a traditional lunch at Welcome Park. So many events were held over the week for

the whole community to enjoy.

Nick from Infinity Skate came up to host

skating lessons at the skate park. Nick has been to Meekatharra several times over the years and has built great relationships with the staff and kids. The skate program teaches the kids the importance of safety, keeping the skate park clean and the basics of skating.

The Youth Centre joined in on the mural painting with Helen Ansell and had a blast creating the latest art work in Meeka. Helen was able to help the kids learn how to paint within the lines and new techniques to create the amazing work.

Storm Co came up to support the Youth Centre for a week of fun activities with the young people. Storm Co have been involved with the Youth Centre for a number of years and have been a big part of the school holiday programs. The Storm Co volunteers come in to build relationships with the kids and run activities alongside the Youth Centre staff.



**VOTE 1**

**MEROME BEARD**

**CANDIDATE FOR NORTH WEST CENTRAL**



**Merome Beard**  
North West Central

**Hon Mia Davies MLA**  
Leader of the The Nationals WA

Hi, I'm Merome Beard, but most people call me Mem. I'm your Nationals WA candidate for the North West Central by-election.

My family and I have a long connection to the region, and we call Carnarvon home. It's where my husband and I run our business the Port Hotel for nearly 20 years, raised our kids and volunteered in the community.

As a fourth generation local, raised in the region and a proud School of the Air graduate - I know first hand what makes this region great. Whether you live in the Gascoyne, the Pilbara or the Murchison, I understand the issues, challenges and opportunities across North West Central.

The Labor Government is failing to tackle important issues to you such as health services, crime, housing, staff shortages and the cost pressures of doing business and living.

Meanwhile they've decimated regional representation in Parliament and under spent in regional WA, all while boasting a \$5.7 billion budget surplus.

That's why I'm asking for your support, so I can continue to take up the fight in Parliament on your behalf.

Thanks, *Mem!*

"Your vote can send Mem to Parliament to be the strong voice your community needs - part of the team dedicated to regional WA. She's the right person for the job."

**Hon Mia Davies MLA**  
Leader of The Nationals WA



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*for Regional WA*

Authorised by Paul Dixon, 39 Gascoyne Road, Carnarvon WA 6701

## MEEKATHARRA GP CLINIC

Due to an increase in COVID in the WA community, we ask that everyone please stay safe and healthy.

Please take the time to look after yourself, and others, and to recognise any health issues early to ensure you receive the best healthcare that we can offer.

We now have new measures in place to ensure we are all safe. When visiting our GP Clinic, we ask that you wear a mask, and ring the doorbell at the front door.

This is to prevent our Clinic closing due to an outbreak.

A friendly reminder that we are not a walk-in Clinic, and you will need to call and book.

Meekatharra GP Clinic: 6444 7980

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WEDNESDAYS 6PM-8PM  
AT THE OVAL



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ALL ADULTS WELCOME



## CAPPED AIRFARES HAVE LANDED IN REGIONAL WA

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ONE WAY

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ONE WAY

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Now it's even easier for regional residents to stay connected to family, friends and access essential services in Perth. In a joint initiative between the State Government and our aviation industry, capped airfares are now available for regional residents travelling to Perth and back. Affordable, everyday air travel is one way of helping regional WA get a fare go.

Flights begin on July 1, so for booking details or more information, contact the airlines, your travel agent or visit [farego.wa.gov.au](http://farego.wa.gov.au)

Terms and conditions apply.

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## MEEKA GYM

The Shire gym has all the equipment (plus more) that you will need to achieve your fitness goals. Come into the Shire Office to sign up.

More information is on our website.

Access restricted to adults 18 years or older

Unmanned gym open 5am-10pm daily

Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination is required to enter



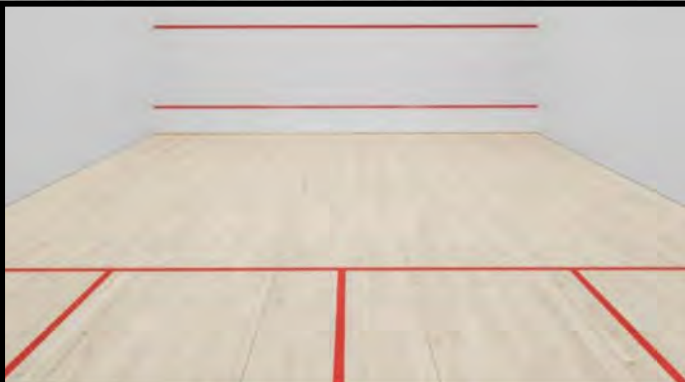
**Meekatharra AA Meetings - Wednesdays 7.00pm**

**Seventh Day Adventist Church - Mc Cleary Street**



# ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

**Contact - 0472686962 for more information**



## SQUASH COURT

LOCATED AT THE SPORTS COMPLEX

Keys available at the Shire Office  
\$50 Cash Key Bond  
\$10 Per Game

More information on our website  
[www.meekashire.wa.gov.au](http://www.meekashire.wa.gov.au)



## NAME PAVERS

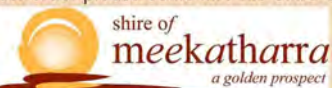
Be apart of this fundraising activity for the  
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### NAME PAVERS ARE:

- A unique and lasting record of your support;
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Your donation entitles you to have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your valued support. The paver will be permanently installed on the footpath outside the Shire Administration Building proudly showing your donation. To place your order please come into the Shire Office.



# SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA 2022/2023

## MUNICIPAL BUDGET

\* WHERE YOUR RATES GO

\* BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

\* CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE

Alternative payment arrangements for ratepayers suffering financial hardship may be available.

### RATING INFORMATION

Council resolved to increase the rates in the dollar for the 2022/23 financial year for all categories. After Three years of no increase in the rate in the dollar.

The interest rate for overdue rates and service charges remains at 7% for the 2022/23 Financial year. Interest charged on instalments is 5.5%

### REFUSE COLLECTION CHARGES

Rubbish service charges have not increased.

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

Instalment options offered are in accordance with both Local Government Act 1995 Sections 6.45 and 6.50(3) and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations Sections 58 to 69.

Option 1: Payment in full by a single instalment

Due date is 02 September 2022

Option 2: Payment by four equal instalments

(plus interest and administration charge of \$15)

Instalment Due Date: 02 September 2022

Instalment Due Date: 06 November 2022

Instalment Due Date: 12 January 2023

Instalment Due Date: 18 March 2023

Option 2 is only available if previous rates have been paid in full. Rubbish charges are spread over all instalments.

Note: if first payment is not received within 35 days of issue date, the instalment option cannot be utilised. Administration charges do not apply to pension card holders.

Payment can be made via bank transfer, EFTPOS, Cheque or Cash. Please refer to the rate notice for details.

### OBJECT OF RATES

The Shire of Meekatharra works to ensure that the local community runs smoothly. We administer various laws and regulations to help maintain and improve services and facilities for the community. These services include infrastructure, community services, sporting and recreation services, town planning, public health, environmental protection and waste collection. The rates you pay allow the Shire of Meekatharra to fund these services.

Some projects that Council have approved for the 2022/23 budget are:

- An additional \$1m has been allocated to the Maintenance Grading program to lift the quality of our roads .
- Over \$8M in Road Construction - including \$2.1M for Ashburton Downs Road and \$4M for the continuation of road works on Landor Road (both partly funded by the state and federal government)
- \$1.1M for upgrading the Airport Runway
- \$103k in Picture Garden upgrades (new toilet block, upgrading electrics, surface for kids to sit on)
- \$190k for landscaping, seats and tables and BBQ for the Lions Park area
- \$100k for Indoor Cricket Centre upgrades
- Nearly \$170k for Youth Centre and Kids Zone upgrades
- Over \$3.4m for new plant purchases and replacements including a camp accommodation, roller and various vehicles and plant are budgeted for sale/trade-in in this financial year.
- \$266k for repairing and repainting swimming pool basins.

### INTEREST ON OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES

An annual interest rate of 7%, calculated on a daily basis will apply to all overdue rates. If no election has been made to pay by instalment, interest on unpaid rates will accrue after 35 days from issue of rates notice. Penalty interest of 5.5% is also charged for late payments on instalments.

## ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Ratepayers experiencing difficulty in paying rates and charges are asked to contact Council's Finance Officer as soon as possible before the due date to discuss alternative arrangements (e.g. Centrelink deductions). Special payment plans may be able to be arranged to suit your situation.

## OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS

Appeals can be lodged against the accuracy of Council's rating details or the rating valuations used in assessing rates. The appeal procedures vary but do not negate the normal responsibility to meet payment within the prescribed time limits. The Valuation of Land Act sets out the manner in which objections may be instituted as regards valuations. Objections must be lodged with the Valuer General's Office within 60 days of the issue of a Notice of Valuation and Rate. Regardless, rates must be paid, but are subject to adjustment if an objection is successful. Further information regarding rate valuations and lodging an objection can be found on the Rates link on the Shire website [www.meekashire.wa.gov.au](http://www.meekashire.wa.gov.au)

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR OWNERSHIP

It is a responsibility of the owner to ensure that the Council is notified in writing within 22 days of the sale/disposal of property. Advice as to changes of address are necessary to ensure correct service of rates notices.

## RATE NOTICE QUERIES AND PENSIONER ELIGIBILITY

If you have any queries relating to your rate notice or would like to know more about pensioner eligibility please contact us.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) is a State Government charge applicable to all properties in WA, which is invoiced and collected by local governments on behalf of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES). The ESL provides the majority of funding required for career and volunteer Fire & Emergency Service brigades, DFES multi-function brigades/units, Bush Fire brigades and State Emergency Service units.

The amount of ESL to be collected, and the applicable rates and charging parameters, are declared annually by the Minister for Emergency Services.

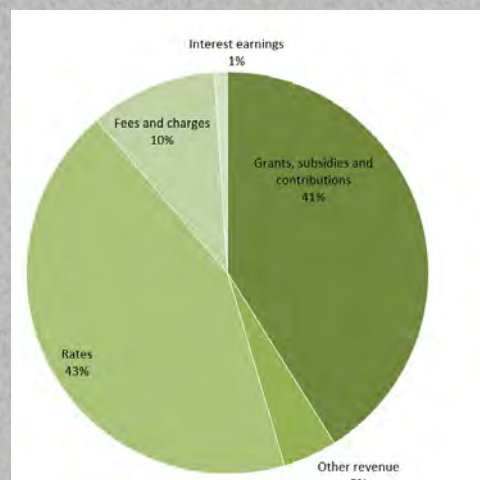
For more information please refer to the ESL section of the DFES website [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au) or call 1300 136 099.

## WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM

### AND HOW IS IT SPENT?

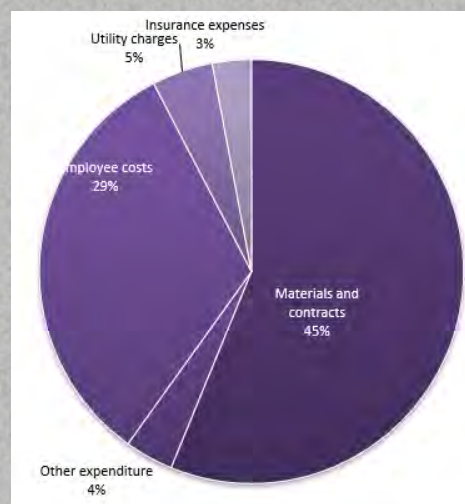
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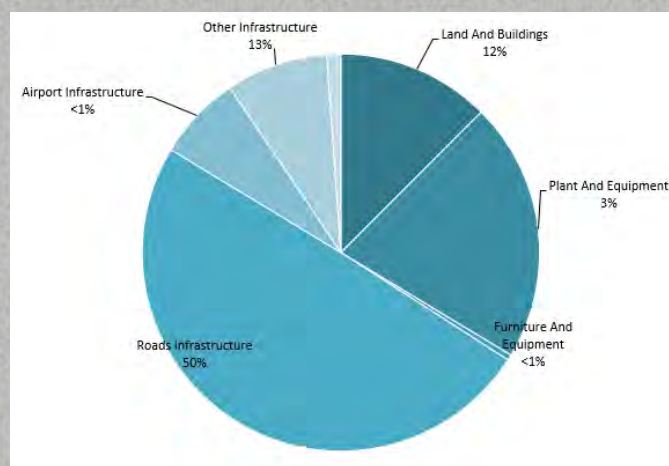
#### Operating Expenditure

(\$7,644,907)



#### Capital Expenditure

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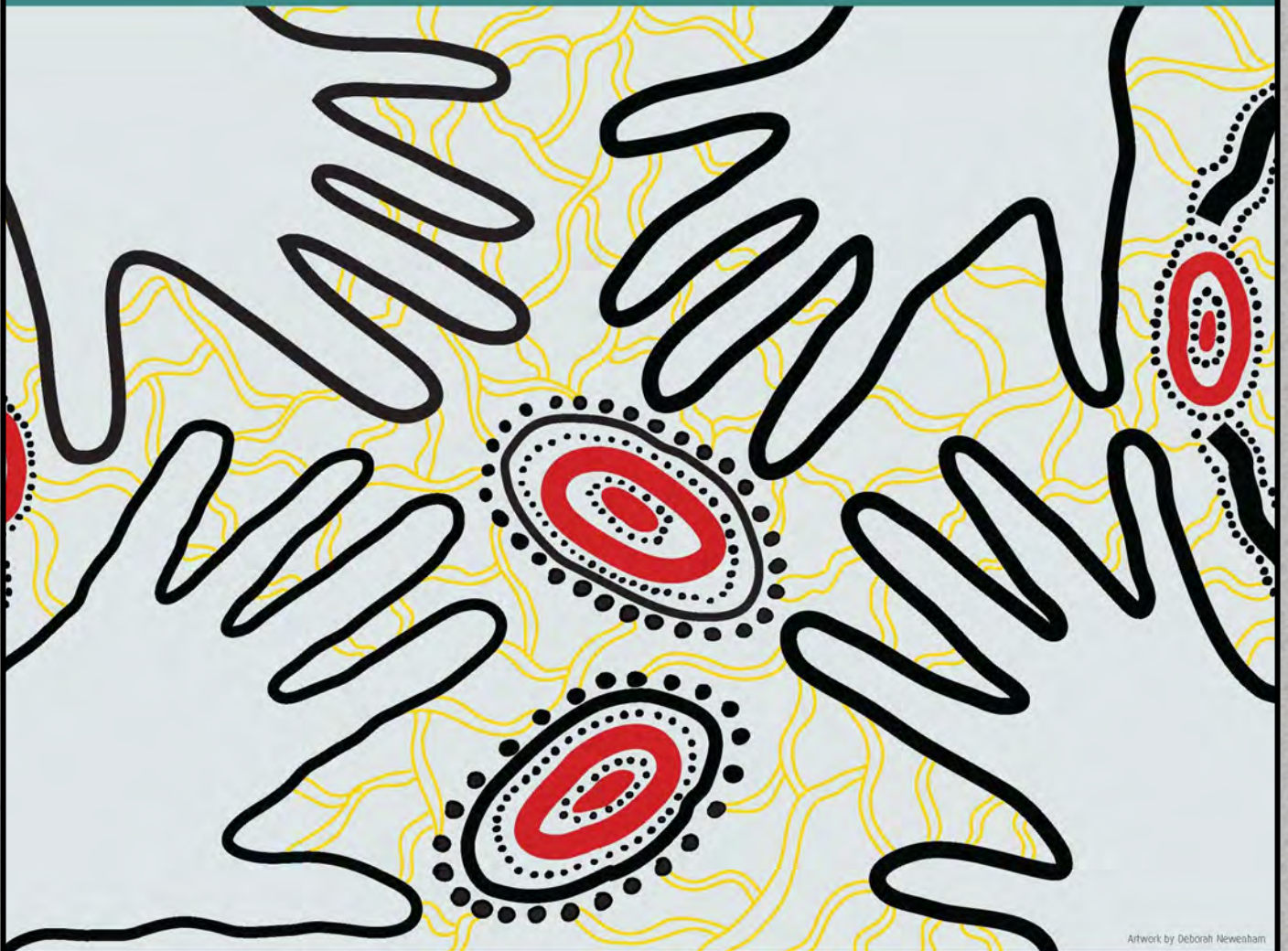




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# Aboriginal Mediation Service

Assisting Aboriginal people to resolve conflict before it escalates to violence or results in court action



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**Freecall:** 1800 045 577 | **Phone:** 9264 6176

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# 13 YARN

13 Yarn is the first national support line for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people in crisis. We offer a confidential one-on-one over the phone yarning opportunity and support with a Lifeline trained Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporter for mob who are feeling overwhelmed or having difficulty coping. We are here to provide crisis support 24/7 to enable our community to yarn without judgement and provide a culturally safe space to yarn about their needs, worries or concerns.

"We're here to help, call us for a yarn"

**13 92 76**



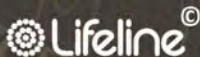
**Culturally Safe Space**



**Available 24/7 across Australia from any phone**



**We listen, without judgement or shame**



This initiative is funded by the Australian Government, Department of Health



Gayaa Dhuwi (Proud Spirit) Australia  
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# AUSTRALIAN PARTNERS OF DEFENCE

Australian Partners of Defence (APOD) works with businesses and organisations of all sizes to deliver exclusive offers to our members that recognise and acknowledge the unique nature of their military service.

We deeply understand the sacrifices that defence families make on the home front and on the front line and have made it easy for businesses to securely communicate exclusive offers and benefits in a meaningful way.

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## Defence discounts are good for business

Everyone knows that defence people are loyal and will support those who support them. But it can be a challenge for businesses to know how to reach them. What organisations may not realise is that it is just as hard for defence and veteran families to find out about you. This is where APOD comes in.

With APOD, members don't have to go searching for businesses that support them and businesses don't have to waste time and resources on costly marketing campaigns either.

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In addition to promoting goodwill for your organisation by supporting those that serve, providing defence discounts is an effective way to engage defence and veteran families and build customer loyalty for your brand. Partnering with APOD can assist your organisation to effectively:

1. Build an exclusive offer to reach and resonate with military families
2. Easily verify your customers' eligibility to access defence discounts
3. Securely communicate your exclusive offer across multiple channels
4. Achieve secure and seamless redemption both in-store and online
5. Provide your customers with a personal and rewarding experience
6. Spread goodwill by increasing customer satisfaction and repeat sales

## How APOD Works

Business offers are listed on APOD's closed member website and can only be viewed and redeemed by registered APOD members.

Online offers can be redeemed using a unique link and/or a promotional code. For in-store offers, APOD members are required to show a physical APOD card or digital APOD voucher at point of sale, in addition to a Veteran Card.

Veteran Cardholders can also take advantage of all the benefits already available through APOD via a DVA licence to APOD. This means that Veteran Cardholders who set up a member login / who opt-in will be able to view and redeem these exclusive offers for the defence and veteran community via APOD's online directory.

 **AUSTRALIAN  
PARTNERS  
OF DEFENCE**

Recognising those who serve



# ASTROTOURISM STAR GAZING

Meekatharra was lucky enough to have AstroTourism come to town and give us a tour of the night sky, tell us about the new telescope and let the community use their telescopes to see Saturn, the moon and a few constellations.

The night started off with dinner cooked by our Youth Services team then a presentation from AstroTourism staff, Riley. Shire President Harvey Nichols did a welcome speech and Amanda Shar did a very special Welcome to Country.

The presentation was about the new SKA telescope built in the Murchison, how it worked and why it was built in the region. The Murchison is one of the best places in the world to use telescopes due to the remoteness and lack of light pollution. The view of the stars is so clear and the astronomers are able to do some of the next work from this area.

We also learnt about black holes, galaxies, the moon, other planets and so much more. Everyone walked away knowing a few more things about the night sky and how small Earth is compared the galaxy and sun.



After the presentation there was a tour of sky, the astronomers and volunteers showed us different constellations like the Southern Cross, Scorpio and Sagittarius. As well as ways that the constellations were once used all over the world.

There were six telescopes that everyone was able to look through, the astronomers and volunteers all had something different to look at. For those of us who stayed late enough we were able to catch a glimpse of Saturn and its rings, an amazing sight to see the very clear image.

A big thank you to the team who came up, the staff who made it happen and all the sponsors; AstroTourism, ICRAR, Curtin University, WA Government, UWA, SKAO and CSIRO.





# MEEKATHARRA DUST

ISSUE NO. 143 AUGUST, 2002 PRICE \$1.20 incl. GST

## "A R I E T Y " the spice of Meeka...



With music pumping and horns blaring, the Variety Club of W.A. made a some what noisy, but colourful entrance to town.

Main Street was a buzz of excitement. The Volunteer Fire Brigade hosed down the cars with the fire hoses as they passed through the Main Street (most of which, had open windows)oops!!.

The Local Constabulary were also there with the ever present R.B.T. stopping every vehicle at a check point to breathalise the drivers. A major rule of the Variety Club is that the designated driver is to be totally alcohol free, and surprisingly with as much fun as they seem to be having not one driver registered an alcohol reading.(Well done guys). The Police also fake fined them with all the money collected going towards local associations.

Whilst all this was happening in the Main Street, up at the Sports Complex the Cars rolled in one by one to the timed check point. Children were everywhere as they were treated to free cool drink, lollies and chips from the Coca Cola truck all sponsored by Coke.



The Variety Club of W.A. run a rally every year with funds going to the special children of W.A.

To enter the Variety Club Rally you need a pre - 1969 vehicle which has to pass inspection and you need to fund raise \$10,000 prior to the event, after that all costs are your own, i.e. petrol, accommodation etc. (not a cheap holiday that's for sure).

With all cars having a different theme, there were many characters around including Father Christmas and Mary Christmas a husband and wife couple who enter every year with their two sons, one of which is dressed as a woman and he/she also performs skimpy bar work in the local hotels, also Austin Powers (what was he on???) and local personality Don Simpson.

With Lunch, Dinner and Breakfast catered by the Commercial Hotel it was all hands on deck with a sit down table served dinner for 250 people in the Shire Hall, with their own band the party continued till midnight.

As dawn broke they were all back to do it again, with a huge breakfast at the hall then into their cars and with a bit more music and horn blowing they were gone again, at least for another couple of years anyway...

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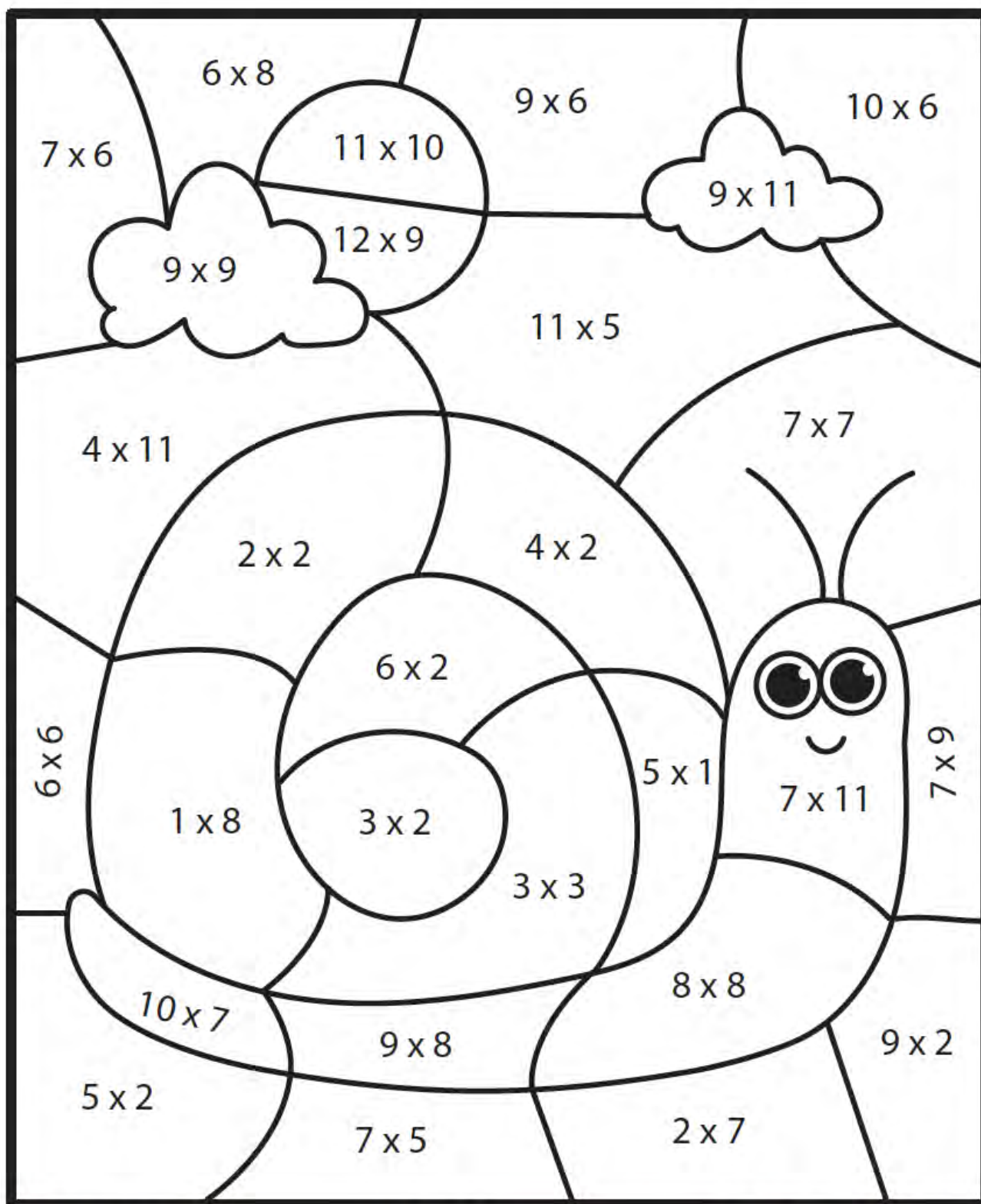
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# KIDS CORNER



4 to 9 - brown

64 to 80 - light-green

10 to 35 - green

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# Vegetarian Minestrone

SERVES: 6 | PREP TIME: 20 MINS | COOK TIME: 6 HRS 45 MINS | INGREDIENTS: 16

## ingredients

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 red onion, finely chopped
- 3 celery sticks, finely chopped
- 3 carrots, peeled, finely chopped
- 1 fennel bulb, trimmed, core removed, finely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2.5L (10 cups) Massel vegetable liquid stock
- Mutti Polpa Finely Chopped Tomatoes 400g
- 400g can borlotti beans, rinsed, drained
- 1 parmesan rind, (or vegetarian hard cheese) (optional)
- 145g (1 cup) small dried macaroni
- 160g (4 cups) Coles Chopped Kale
- Basil pesto, to serve
- Fresh purple basil leaves, to serve
- Finely grated parmesan (or vegetarian hard cheese), to serve
- Bread, to serve

## directions

- **Step 1** Heat the oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Add the onion , celery , carrot and fennel and cook, stirring often, for 10 minutes or until the vegetables are soft and lightly golden. Add garlic . Cook, stirring, for 1 minute or until aromatic. Transfer to a 6L slow cooker. Stir in stock , tomato , beans and parmesan rind (or vegetarian hard cheese) , if using. Cover and cook on Low for 6 hours.
- **Step 2** Add pasta to the slow cooker. Stir to combine. Cover. Cook for a further 30 minutes or until pasta is al dente. Remove the parmesan rind (or vegetarian hard cheese). Stir in 2 cups of the chopped kale leaves.
- **Step 3** Divide the soup among serving bowls. Top with a few dollops of pesto and sprinkle with the basil , grated parmesan (or vegetarian hard cheese) and remaining 2 cups of chopped kale. Serve with bread.

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