



# Meekatharra Dust

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*PO Box 129, Meekatharra WA 6642*

or drop them in at the Shire office.

Alternatively, you can email us at:

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### **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*



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## Note from the Editor

The gym is open. I repeat, the GYM IS OPEN! Now that it has reopened, in line with the current guidelines, many of us will need to find new excuses to not go, the more creative the better I believe. Or maybe we have found that since we were not able to go to the gym we are more motivated than ever to get fit, remember that you will need to activate your gym swipe card before you will be able to enter the building. This can be done at the Shire Office during office hours. If the gym isn't your thing, well you are in luck! We have fun, social and active events happening in Meeka. We have yoga, indoor cricket, and volunteer-run workout classes happening throughout the week. Make sure you check out the Motivated in Meeka Facebook group for details.

Other exciting things happening this month includes Upcycling workshops at Meeka Goes Green, held on the first Saturday of each month, and CRC Markets held on the second Saturday of each month. With all these activities in town, we will never be bored!

July normally hosts NAIDOC Week, although the week has been postponed until November, there are some NAIDOC themed articles in here because why can't we celebrate and acknowledge all year round. NAIDOC Week is a time to celebrate achievements and learn more about the culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

*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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# Your Council News

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



*The stoic little cemetery tree's delicate new sprouts are a reminder that storms may come, but life and hope can burst forth when you least expect them.*

## We're So Pretty

It's lovely to have so many visitors joining us at this beautiful time of year. Meekatharra is receiving compliments galore from our happy travellers, ranging from "everyone's so friendly and helpful" to "the town is so pretty!". A big part of our recent improvements is thanks to this year's community consultation workshop; requests to beautify certain areas of town are being met by our hard-working Shire crews.

Alert locals have noticed the nature strip weeding, levelling and tree-bolstering that is making its way along our streets. Our historic cemetery is also looking much improved as crews scrape away the weeds and debris that have accumulated over the years due to the relentless outback wind. It's surprising just how far the flowers and wreaths have travelled into the bush.

Tree of the Month goes to the poor little gum that copped a flogging in the cyclone aftermath; it still looks a little sad among its sturdier sisters at the entrance to the cemetery, but brave new shoots are appearing to compensate for its lopsided haircut.

It's just one of many signs of life returning to our locked-down land, with what may possibly be a record number of visitors coming to visit. It is good to see local businesses having the opportunity to make up for Covid-19's lost time, and we certainly appreciate all the kind comments about staying and spending in town.

Peace Gorge and the Lookout are current hot favourites with our visitors; many are keen to see outback scenery and mining activity. Our town walk and drive trails are also getting lots of attention as people choose to stay and explore both our natural features and our character-filled history.

The Shire is currently working on updating its tourism materials and signage, with some exciting developments in the pipeline. Both the Shire Office and the Community Resource Centre offer much in the way of maps, local knowledge and assistance, so do drop in for a chin wag.

## HERE'S A HANDY TIP

The Council endorsed a number of worthy initiatives at the June meeting, including electing to allow the Markets to go ahead under the banner of the Market Committee conditional to the payment of the usual annual footpath trading permit (being covered by the CRC) and compliance with all Local Laws. It is felt that this will be a solid benefit to the community and lend itself to enhancing our destination profile.

A Litter Complaint was received and several options were discussed and considered, with the outcome being that the "CEO act as he deems appropriate on the complaint received regarding litter in the Shire of Meekatharra". Illegal dumping continues to be an issue, it seems to be an incorrigible habit in WA. Everyone is reminded that we have an excellent rubbish tip just a very short drive north of town; there are no dumping costs, and access is 24/7. Please consider the beauty and safety of our environment and ensure that you take your rubbish to the tip (and place it in the appropriate section).

The Council also decided to go ahead with the plan to purchase of Lot 854 Hill Street from the Department of Communities, Housing. Our CEO was authorised to negotiate with Mission Australia as a facilities manager for the building, which is intended as short to medium term accommodation for clients recovering from family violence situations. The lease terms and conditions between Mission Australia and the Shire are expected to be along similar lines to the existing Domestic Violence Centre arrangements. Funds for this endeavour are to come from the Shire's Infrastructure Reserve fund.

## Cricket's the Ticket

The always-popular and not-for-the-faint-hearted indoor cricket is on again every Wednesday night from 6:00 pm at – wait for it – the Indoor Cricket Centre. If the excited shouts and thumps of earnest wicket-whackers don't guide you to its location, you can find it right behind the BP Corner Store, in High Street. Big greenish tin shed. You can't miss it, as they say. It's a good idea if you have your own protective gear to bring, the Shire does have sports equipment available for all as long as sanitising is done.

The cricket is open to all adults and all abilities, family onlookers are welcome to watch, wince and cheer – bring a towel and some water.

# Get Your Knickers In a Knot

Free yoga classes at the Town Hall are just one of many exercise and relaxation options on offer now that lockdown restrictions are easing. The hotly-debated Small Wheels Park (the skate park behind Farmer Jack's) is proving its worth once again with the easing of Covid 19 restrictions, getting a good workout from our fearless girls and boys. Certain not-so-young folks have been spotted on the skate scene too – well done! Meeka is very proud of its kids and their astonishing range of skills and achievements – you kids make the ramp work look effortless!

Meeka folks with less aerial or pretzel-ly fitness goals are eagerly returning to the Gym now that it has reopened. If you had a membership interrupted by the virus lockdown, just pop in to the Shire Office to sort things out. It's also been a pleasure to hear the sounds of sporting enthusiasm coming from the Indoor Cricket Centre – we're pretty active bunch, aren't we?

If you're new to Meekatharra, check out the Shire's Facebook page (The Meekatharra Dust) for news and events updates, call the Shire for information or just ask around town – there's something happening on most nights and on the weekends.



# Looking Forward to Lloyd's

Save the date! The Grand Opening of the Lloyd's Building is set to take place during the Outback Festival in September. The Shire is planning a "distinguished guest" presentation on the Saturday afternoon followed by a ticketed exhibition event. The site has a remarkable history and has been renovated into a shop-lined mall, including a café space, hairdresser's shop and multipurpose spaces.

If you're interested in starting a business up, come and see the Shire about providing them with an Expression of Interest – everything is negotiable at this point in time, so don't be shy. The Community Resource Centre will be moving in and providing free WIFI, and it has been designed as a unique public space.

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).

# EVENT SEASON APPROACHES

Although the Covid-19 situation management and response planning has taken up a significant proportion of the Shire's time, locals and visitors alike can take heart in knowing that there are also positive plans afoot. Secret Squirrel has been chattering about the Outback Festival and it's good news! The Shire can confirm that the Outback Festival will be going ahead, with a Grand Opening for the Lloyd's building joining the celebrations.

We also have the Djuki Mala Dancers coming in October, followed by NAIDOC week events in November. The Town Christmas tree will make its much-anticipated appearance, possibly under the North Pole chill-out atmosphere of the new Town Hall airconditioners...hard to imagine now with the rather bracing winter winds greeting us most mornings.

In the meantime, our many natural features, landscapes and spectacular sunsets continue to provide their own special style of memorable experiences under the spacious outback skies. Put the billy on and pass the jaffle iron!

# Paving the Way to the Future

Most visitors to WA expect a certain amount of driving off the bitumen – but it can be hard on the tyre budget, and many areas of the state are working on bitumenising popular drive routes. For Meekatharra, the Goldfields Highway to Wiluna and the Landor/Carnarvon Road are our top two priorities. It's been a lot of work to get key sections bitumenised, benefiting not just our travellers but also our pastoral and industry users. Efforts are under way to push for completion of both routes end to end, creating a vital, modern link to some of our most historic and interesting areas.

People have traversed the land of this region in bare feet, hand-repaired old boots, Model T Fords, wheelbarrows, bicycles, horses, mules, coach and train, goat carts, wood-slatted trucks and all manner of makeshift vehicles – it's hard to imagine the sheer tenacity and stoicism of such travellers. It's ironic that it will be the bitumen that helps us preserve that heritage, enabling us to share the story with others.



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## COPS CORNER WITH MITCH HOWARD



Covid-19 continues to be a part of community life and something the community needs to be mindful of at all times. Recently there has been increases in detected cases in Victoria that have probably set the dates back for any relaxation of our states borders. The government have been easing restrictions in a phased approach. Phase 5 is set for July 18 where all state government restrictions will be lifted excluding access to remote aboriginal communities and state borders. Phase 6 will be the opening of state borders but no date has been set for this.

The cooler months continues to see a slight decrease in Police demand.

Some of you may have noticed the arrival of two new officers in town this month. One is stationed at Farmer Jack's and the other at Coles Express where they

will be focusing on getting the message across that shoplifting is a crime and offenders will be prosecuted. They're hard to miss as they are in your face as soon as you enter the store.

Fighting amongst some family groups continues to be a disappointment with the basis for these breakouts of violence in most cases quite trivial or even baseless where they don't even know why they are fighting. Those who know me know that my view is, 'life's too short to hold a grudge and a waste of energy that could be better used in something constructive in life'. Something to think about.

Police have a plan for July in line with the next \$750 stimulus payment to increase their patrols of licensed premises, alcohol points of sale and liquor restricted premises to limit the supply to those who are vulnerable within our community.

Remember to look after yourself, look after your family and look after those that are vulnerable within our community.

Stay safe.




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**Services held 9.30am  
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Sunday of the Month**

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

## The Markets Are Coming!

Meeka CRC is getting monthly markets going in town - we'll be holding them every 2nd Saturday of the month except January and February, from 9:30 am to noon (hours may change depending on demand). It's free for all local stallholders. The venue will be in front of the Commercial Hotel, right next to the supermarket.

You will need to bring your own table and sanitising gear; we have to conform to current COVID-19 regulations, and you will need to make sure you have the correct and current permits/compliances in place in relation to whatever you are selling. You may be asked to show these on the day so make sure you always keep them with you when attending the markets (food handling certificate, correct labelling on products etc).

If you don't have your own table, you can purchase one via the CRC; just come and see us. If you want to be a stallholder, just get in touch well before the date of the next market.

## Art Supplies and More

We are now stocking Chromacryl acrylic paint tubes for just \$5.00 each, plus various sizes of canvases and packs of brushes. We also have copies of Anna's book, "Don't Try This At Home" and will be stocking more Meekatharra region writers' works as we build up our merchandise range.

We also have a great range of local cards and post-cards by Meekatharra artists and photographers, who all receive a share of the profits.

We are keeping the popular QPA map books in stock - these are very detailed and very handy for visitors and locals alike.

## New Committee Members

We're pleased to have some prospective new members coming to meet us with an eye to joining the team - if you're interested, get in touch. We meet once a month and this coming year is going to be pretty fabulous.



Department of **Transport**

## July 2020

By Anna Johnson

# Meeka

# Markets

Second Saturday Each Month

9:30 to 1:00 pm starting July 11th

In Meekatharra's Main Street  
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## GARDENS WITH SAL, THE GARDEN GAL

Hi there to Meeka and beyond,

May your winter months be warm and welcome! The days are much shorter of late but I for one have been making the most of the sunshine. A cup of tea, the sunshine and some dirt covered gardening gloves- bliss!

As with many things in the cooler months, plants and most trees are in dormancy. This is the best time to be making plans for new fruit trees, ornamentals, transplanting and pruning. All their energy at this time is deep down at their roots, laying still and building up for the first spring blooms.

Fruit trees love a hard prune in Winter so let's go through a few simple steps to get them ready to produce some sweet fruit for your summer harvest!

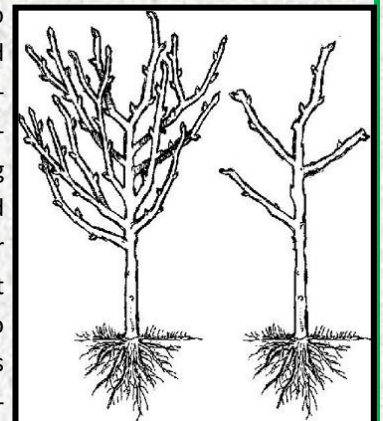
But first things first, be sure to always use clean sharp tools. The kit I take around for this comprises sturdy pair of secateurs, long armed loppers and shears for younger trees. After use they are promptly cleaned and dried in soapy water and then sharpened with a small set of sharpening files; a spray of WD40 goes a long way with this task too. The sap from some trees can cause the tools to erode quickly and even transfer disease from one tree to another so the cleaning process is very important. Citrus tree pruning. Have you heard about a once bountiful orchard in Wiluna whose fruit was called the "Gold of the Desert"? Citrus do really well in our iron rich soil in the Midwest.

Before I take tools to tree, I always try to envisage what the tree will look like once the foliage flush has come through. It's best to keep it compact, open for light and air ventilation (which helps to produce flowers and keep pests away from any hidden nooks) and within reach of hands (what's the point of a fruit tree if you can't reach the fruit?!).

- ⇒ The first thing I do is take 1/3 off the top of the tree at all angles. Be sure to cut all branches on an angle so that water does not sit on the branch and invite infection from fungi or pests.
- ⇒ Then I cut out all suckers from the bottom of tree, often these are from the root graft and will take over and bear no fruit. (Passionfruit is a great example of graft roots taking over)
- ⇒ Next I remove any small branches that cluster up, grow on awkward angles or criss-cross around the place. These smaller branches are very quick to spring back in warmer months regardless)
- ⇒ Finally, any dead or diseased leaves and branches must go to, ideally into the bin rather than compost so we are not transferring the disease around our garden.

By the end of this task the tree should look bare and clean with an open canopy. If there is a lot of powdery mildew or dark powder on the trunk, I will give it a little spray of lime sulphur which is a fungicide. Be careful that rain is not due anytime soon as this chemical can run off and kill any good microbes and essential fungi in the surrounding soil.

I always feed my citrus with a fresh dose of manure or compost, dug into the ground below (cow, well composted horse/ goat or sheep) and then apply some slow release fertiliser. The organics provide a home for the fertilisers. If the soil surrounding your plants is not rich and nutrient ready, then the plants will not be able to absorb anything you feed them. Slow release fertilisers are a sometimes application, after pruning, during flowering and fruiting and then after a small summer foliage prune. If your plant is looking sickly, best to avoid any fertilisers as this can make them stress, seaweed/ fish based organic solutions are better for healing and nurturing any sickly plants.





Citrus pruning is very similar to rose pruning so if you have a few of these thorny friends in your garden now is the time to be taking to them too!

There is, however, a very big difference between

citrus trees and stone fruit trees. In the next edition I will be sure to cover stone fruit care for you.

Our EON garden at the school is making a quick come back and responding well to the showers we have been getting from time to time. All the brassicas (cauliflower, broccoli, cabbages and brussel sprouts) are happy as larry and our root veggies are making the most of the morning chills. We

have planted lots of onion, garlic, peas, pumpkins, potatoes, carrots, coriander, nasturtiums and chamomile. A garden full of diversity is a garden of abundance.

I hope you all are keeping warm, kind and busy in your worlds. Be sure to say hello if you see me and Ned around town!

Thanks very much mighty Meeka.

Until next time!

Sally – the EON Gardening Gal

*\*EON Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that delivers a food and nutrition focused healthy lifestyle and disease prevention program. We build edible gardens in remote schools and communities for a secure supply of fresh food and partner with them to deliver a hands-on practical gardening, nutrition, education, cooking and hygiene program. Read more about us at [www.eon.org.au](http://www.eon.org.au)*

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## MURCHISON YOUTH SPORTS CARNIVAL

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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

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meekagoesgreen@gmail.com

# Meekatharra Pharmacy

72 Main Street, Meekatharra WA 6642



## Winter in Meeka

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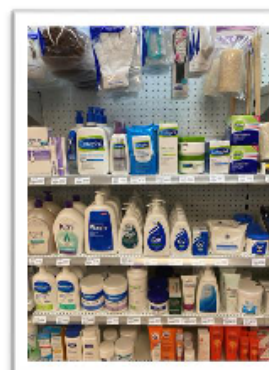
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### Keep warm this Winter

Wow, I never would have believed anyone if they told me it got this cold here in Meeka. I know I'm a little late to the party, just now arriving in store is a massive range of cold weather gear, beanies, socks, scarves, mittens, just to mention a few. So, if you still need a few extra items this winter come in and have a look.

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*Skin care range*



*Webster Pack*

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Unfortunately with the cooler, dry weather a lot of people will be experiencing dry, flaking or itchy skin. It is important to look after you skin with quality products to help hydrate and nourish your skin daily. We carry a great range of dermatologically tested products and can recommend washes & moisturizers to help treat your concerns and symptoms.

### Webster Packs

A Multi Dose Webster-pak is a sealed weekly calendar pack designed to help people take their medication correctly, according to their doctor's orders. All regular medication that needs to be taken each week is sealed within the blister compartments. If you or your family members may benefit from this, come in and have a chat to us. We offer packing services at low or no cost to you.

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**Saturday – 9am-1pm**



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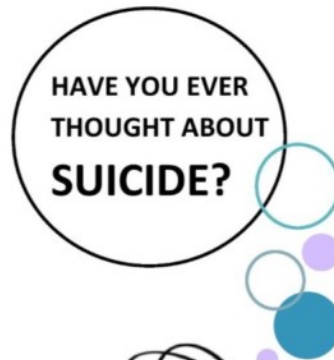
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# WORKSHOPS

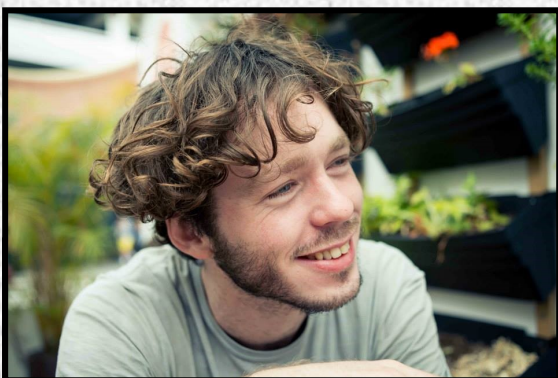
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## A NEW FACE IN TOWN

My name is Zane Wayman, I was born in the South West and grew up around Margaret River.

I come to town each week and work with Youth Focus as a Youth Counsellor. I work alongside Youth Focus staff Lauren Holyoake, Deanne Young, Andrew Binsiar and Chris Curley. I'm pretty big on hiking and swimming, I write a bit of poetry and I have been working with young people for a few years now. If young people are experiencing troubles with anxiety,

anger, depression or drug issues I may be able to offer support in working out ways of coping.

You can find us in among the Mission Australia offices, across from the creek on Great Northern Hwy or call Youth Focus on 08 6266 4333. We also run art at the school on Wednesdays and Fridays. When I'm not in Meeka I live down near Fremantle with my wife. I'm looking forward to getting to know Meeka and working more with the young people here.

Cheers, Zane.

For more information on Youth Focus please visit [www.youthfocus.com.au](http://www.youthfocus.com.au)

# UPCYCLING WORKSHOP

Meeka Goes Green's Upcycling Workshops are back. On the 4th of July we were introduced to Macramé by Elaine, our incredibly patient teacher. We made hanging pot holders to be used to hang our gorgeous plants outside for a stylish looking patio. The hangers were simple yet hard to make. All it seemed to be was tying knots in string but we all asked ourselves which strings

do we tie together, where do we put the knots, what kind of knot do we tie? Not long after we started we created some pieces of art we can all be proud of. Come along for next months workshop where Margie will be teaching us all about chalk paint and how we can use the paint to make our homes extra special or create gifts for our friends.



Photos by Svenja Clare



**murchison**  
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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Murchison community update  
June 2020

*Ancient lands*  
*Brilliant skies*

## **The Murchison GeoRegion is Australia's first major geotourism development**

The Murchison GeoRegion harnesses the subregion's incredible **geology, natural landscapes, biodiversity (flora and fauna) as well as culture (Aboriginal and non Aboriginal)** to offer unique experiences to a growing national and international geotourism market worth **millions of dollars**.

The GeoRegion connects **21 key geological sites** across the seven Murchison local government areas to draw people into each community, providing **new markets and opportunities for local people (particularly Aboriginal people), businesses, schools and community groups**.

The concept was first identified at a FACET (tourism) conference in Mount Magnet (2009) and was formalised in 2014 / 15 via the Mid West Regional Blueprint and Mid West Tourism Development Strategy. Through engagement and consultation throughout the Murchison, **geotourism was confirmed by local people as a significant future economic development opportunity**.

The seven Murchison local governments drove this project collaboratively, with support from external agencies and stakeholders. All seven Councils have endorsed the Murchison GeoRegion, that is the Shires of Cue, Meekatharra, Mount Magnet, Murchison, Sandstone, Wiluna and Yalgoo. Organisations and residents across the Murchison region have shared their expertise and materials.

Through 2019 and 2020, stage 1 of the Murchison GeoRegion project was developed. This comprises consistent branding and designs, site research, brochures, an app and a website. These will be released once inter-regional borders are relaxed, following the lift of COVID-19 restrictions.

With regional and intrastate tourism expected to see significant growth in the near future, this presents a wonderful opportunity for Murchison businesses to leverage off something new and unique, which is now ready for launch. Once interstate and international borders are relaxed, Murchison businesses could be well positioned to continue that growth.

An opportunity and challenge now exists for businesses to develop new ideas, attractions and tourist packages (tours etc) based on geotourism. Having a plan for recovery, built on new product offerings and markets, makes a lot of sense for all regional businesses.

Future stages of the project are expected to include the following.

- Signage and visitor infrastructure at each site
- Marketing and promotional activity / materials (advertising, merchandise etc)
- Digital media including virtual / augmented reality, enhanced digital storytelling
- Tourism product development and business development support
- Progress towards hosting Australia's first UNESCO Global Geopark in the Murchison. There are 147 UNESCO Global Geoparks in 41 countries, but none in Australia so a Murchison geopark would be a unique global addition

**For more information, please contact your local government or visit [www.murchisongeoregion.com](http://www.murchisongeoregion.com)**

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### What is geotourism?

Geotourism is an emerging global economic development opportunity, with tourism based on the geology and landscapes that shape the character of a region. Geotourism demonstrates how geology shaped the natural environment (flora and fauna) and its use by traditional Aboriginal owners and European settlers. This is referred to as the geotourism 'ABC' spectrum.

- A. Abiotic (non living) – geology, landforms, astronomy and climate
- B. Biotic (living) – flora and fauna
- C. Culture (people) – Aboriginal and non Aboriginal – past and present

By drawing connections between geology and landscapes, biodiversity, astronomy and its relevance to Aboriginal culture and European settlement in the Murchison, geotourism can add a completely new dimension to the regional tourism experience. It can add significant new value to existing experiences (wildflowers, Indigenous art) and create new economic opportunities for local communities, notably Aboriginal people.

### How can geotourism help my business?

The Murchison GeoRegion is focused on new economic and social development opportunities for people and businesses in the subregion. As Australia's first geotourism development it will draw national and international interest. It will target increased rates of visitation, spending per visit and duration of stay. It will appeal to specific high-value tourism markets and provide opportunities for attraction of external private investment.

Most importantly, the benefits will be localised within the Murchison, for those businesses, community groups and individuals that are proactive and seek to capitalise.

### Why is the Murchison the perfect place for geotourism?

The Murchison is one of Australia's most diverse mineral provinces, including the oldest minerals on the planet (Jack Hills); the world's oldest working mine site (Wilgie Mia) and WA's longest surviving gold mining settlement (Mount Magnet). It shows features of formation and climates some 50 - 150 million years old (Jurassic age) and may have landscapes almost 300 billion years old, relating to the period when the region was covered by ice and glacial lakes.

The Murchison has evidence of colliding continents and the formation of mountains, with dinosaur fossils and gigantic ancient scorpions (Eurypterids). Few sites in WA boast such a long-lived history, which also presents significant opportunities for research and learning.

Even the name "Murchison" has a strong geological basis, honouring the 19th century's most influential geologist in the British Empire – Sir Roderick Impey Murchison, who sponsored the expedition by George Grey in 1839 and later urged geologists to seek gold at the Murchison River.

### What do I need to know about geotourism to help it succeed?

Please download the new Murchison GeoRegion app and explore the region from your smartphone. Try and see things from the visitor perspective.

The key for most visitors will be the 'C' – Culture (people). Visitors to the Murchison want to know your stories and those of people who have lived there for generations. Most residents will have strong connections to the land and geology in some form. Learn what you can about the 21 sites and try to add to visitors' experiences by enhancing that human interest and connection.



## HANDY RESOURCES

At Meeka Goes Green we try and inspire people to live a more sustainable lifestyle. Be it through recycling your waste, upcycling materials, growing plants and food, sharing excess with the community – there are lots of small every day things that we can all do to contribute to a healthier planet in the long run.

But – don't just look to us for inspiration! Luckily the internet is full of awesome websites, handy resources, videos, books, podcasts, articles, products and initiatives. Of course the internet also is full of very adorable but somewhat useless cat videos so here are a few of our favourites useful movies, websites and initiatives:

**Our Planet** – a Netflix documentary series narrated by Sir David Attenborough. The cinematography of course is stunning and the knowledge shared is as fascinating as with all his documentaries. This one is slightly different as it explores the different habitats of our planet (e.g. oceans, grasslands, rain-forest etc) and also showcases how humans are impacting these habitats. It luckily also puts forward solutions so you're left both awestruck and inspired.



Photo from [netflix.com](https://netflix.com)

**Tomorrow** – another movie about how humans have and are impacting the planet and what can be done about it and more importantly, what already is being done about it. A portrait of people all around the globe that are tackling our modern dilemmas with interesting and effective solutions.

**Milkwood** – their book (available at the library or online) and their website [milkwood.net](https://milkwood.net) are full with great How To's, inspirations and ideas for living a more sustainable life. They're a permaculture farm in Tasmania which of course is quite different from our hot and dusty Midwest town here but a lot of the skills and articles are still very relevant.

**Josh's House** - this one is slightly closer to home compared to Tassy: Josh Byrne (ABC Gardening Australia presenter)

lives in Freo and has built this 10 star energy efficient house and garden. Best of all he's made all his plans publicly available on [joshshouse.com.au](https://joshshouse.com.au) along with handy videos and more resources. If you're looking at upgrading your house then have a look at this.

**Planet Ark** – This Australian not for profit has been around since 1992, educating people and organisations and helping reduce their impact on the environment. Their website [planetark.org](https://planetark.org) has heaps of ideas on greening your household, inspiration for teachers and kids and positive actions for your workplace.

**1 Million Women** – another Australian organisation that was launched somewhat more recently in 2009 with the goal of empowering women to act on climate change through their everyday life actions. Their website and social media feed is brimming with great ideas and how-to's and even better: they now have an app that gives you a daily dose of small doable ideas. From recommending plastic free soap, recipes on how to cook soup, walking you through a home energy audit to talking about solar panels. If you're a bloke you can of course be a rebel and also download their app. They probably won't mind.



Photo from <https://peppermintmag.com/1-million-women/>

**Podcasts** – putting on a podcast whilst driving the long trip to Perth or Gero or doing housework is great. Here are some recommendations:

- Think Sustainability – an Australian podcast on (you guessed it) sustainability
- All the Dirt – another Australian podcast on (you might guess it!) gardening
- Sustainababble – a hilarious podcast from the UK “for and by the confused”

PIP – an Australian podcast on permaculture and heaps of different topics



Photo from <https://2ser.com/thinksustainability/>



**Take 3 for the Sea** – whilst Meeka isn't quite shore bound most of us do pop to Gero or Perth every now and again and might partake in a stroll along the beach. Take 3 for the Sea is a very simple and yet effective campaign: every time you're at the beach pick up 3 pieces of plastic or rubbish and put it in the bin. If enough people do this every time they're at the beach it adds up to a whole lot of plastic being saved from going down a dolphin's snout (do they have snouts or noses? Beaks? No definitely not beaks.) Of course we don't have to



be at the beach and could easily do it on the footpath in the Main Street where it appears some people seem to have trouble seeing the bright orange rubbish bins. Maybe in Meeka town we'll just call it "Take four off the

floor"? "Take two on the way to Cue"? (not referring to roads). Or maybe "Bend down for the town"? (Probably not this one).

**Precious Plastics** – another great initiative that provides blueprints for machines that can shred and melt plastics and then mould it into shape. You can make bowls and planters out of bottle tops for example! Anyone keen to put their tinkering caps on and build these machines so we can do our own recycling in town? The info is available on [preciousplastic.com](http://preciousplastic.com)

If you have favourite books, websites or podcasts that have helped you live a more sustainable life we're all ears!

You can leave a post on Facebook/meekagoesgreen, send us an email at [meekagoesgreen@gmail.com](mailto:meekagoesgreen@gmail.com) or pop into the Recycling Centre on Railway Street Saturdays 9-11am.

## Gym Memberships

Start your mid year resolution by joining the Shire gym. The gym has all the equipment (plus more) that you will need to achieve your fitness goals. Come into the Shire Office to sign up today!

- Monthly Membership \$32**
- Monthly Concession Membership \$16**
- Yearly Membership \$350**
- Yearly Concession Membership \$175**
- Swipe Card Bond \$30**

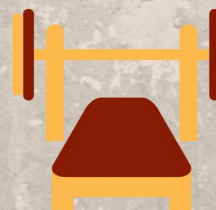


**Concession fee only applicable on sighting of valid Health Care Card by Shire Staff**

**Access restricted to adults 18 years or older**

**Please adhere to the following when using the facility:**

- Stay 1.5m away from others
- Not go to the gym if you are feeling unwell
- Use the hand sanitiser provided on arrival and as needed throughout
- Make sure you sign in on arrival and sign out on departure
- Use the disinfectant provided to wipe down equipment before and after use



# 2019 NAIDOC WEEK



## PERSON OF THE YEAR - DEAN DUNCAN

Mr Duncan is a Kamilaroi man from Moree who has spent his life advocating on behalf of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. He aims to increase access to education through his more than 17 years' experience as an educator.

## MALE ELDER OF THE YEAR - GREG LITTLE

Mr Little is a respected Elder of Noongar Boodjar, working for over two decades in prisons mentoring and supporting the prison peer support program. He provides counselling and is a member of the prisoner risk assessment group.



## FEMALE ELDER OF THE YEAR - THEMLA WESTON

Ms Weston is a descendant of the Meriam people of the Torres Strait. She trained hard to become a health worker and still today works full time at Winnunga Aboriginal Health and Community Services in Canberra, using her skills to manage the needle exchange program.



## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT -

### DAVID GULPILIL RIDJIMIRARIL DALAITHNGU, AM

Yolngu Elder, David Gulpilil AM revolutionised the way the world saw Aboriginal people. By bringing traditional culture to the screen, using his cultural knowledge which he learnt growing up in Arnhem Land NT..



## CARING FOR COUNTRY - LITTLEWELL WORKING GROUP

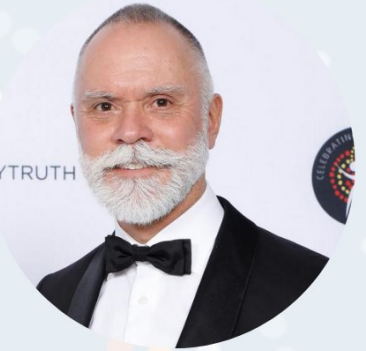
A group of 30 elders and former residents of the Littlewell Reserve came together to form the group. The group's aim was to restore 10 acres of Country and preserve the stories and cultural knowledge.

Information and photos retrieved from <https://www.naidoc.org.au/awards/winner-profiles>

# AWARD WINNERS

## SCHOLAR OF THE YEAR - PROFESSOR MICHAEL MCDANIEL

Professor McDaniel is a proud member of the Kalari Clan of the Wiradjuri Nation. He has led a distinguished career in Indigenous higher education and has a record of service to the arts, culture and community which spans more than 30 years.



## SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR - SHANTELE THOMPSON

Shantelle Thompson is known in her community as the 'Barkindji Warrior' a fighter and warrior for her people. Shantelle is currently ranked 7th in the world for IBJJF and continues to set new goals for herself.



## ARTIST OF THE YEAR - ELAMA GADA KRIS

Elma Kris is a proud Torres Strait Islander woman who grew up on Thursday Island. She is a respected dancer, choreographer and teacher. She had been a mentor to younger dancers in the company and a trusted advisor in the development of new work.



## YOUTH OF THE YEAR - MI-KAISHA MASELLA

Mi-kaisha Masella is a proud Darumbal Murri and Tongan woman who is part of the inner-city Aboriginal community of Sydney and the central QLD Aboriginal community. She frequently speaks about contemporary issues which impact young Aboriginal people.

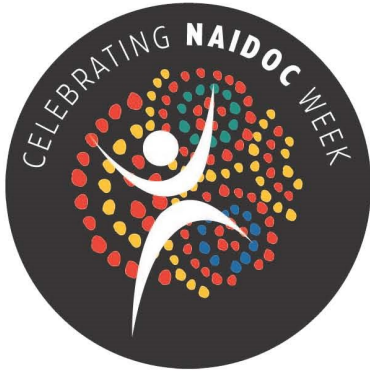


## APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR - GANUR MAYNARD

Ganur Maynard has completed multiple apprenticeships with prestigious law firms. Ganur is a descendant of the Gamilaroi people. He has strong ties with the local Worimi community and is a member of the Worimi Aboriginal Land Council.



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# NAIDOC History

## 1920s & 1930s

Before the 1920s, Aboriginal rights groups boycotted Australia Day (26 January) in protest against the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians. By the 1920s, they were increasingly aware that the broader Australian public were largely ignorant of the boycotts. If the movement were to make progress, it would need to be active.

Several organisations emerged to fill this role, particularly the Australian Aborigines Progressive Association (AAPA) in 1924 and the Australian Aborigines League (AAL) in 1932. Their efforts were largely overlooked, and due to police harassment, the AAPA abandoned their work in 1927.

In 1935, William Cooper, founder of the AAL, drafted a petition to send to King George V, asking for special Aboriginal electorates in Federal Parliament. The Australian Government believed that the petition fell outside its constitutional responsibilities.

## 1938

On Australia Day, 1938, protestors marched through the streets of Sydney, followed by a congress attended by over a thousand people. One of the first major civil rights gatherings in the world, it was known as the Day of Mourning.

Following the congress, a deputation led by William Cooper presented Prime Minister Joseph Lyons with a proposed national policy for Aboriginal people. This was again rejected because the Government did not hold constitutional powers in relation to Aboriginal people.

After the Day of Mourning, there was a growing feeling that it should be a regular event. In 1939 William Cooper wrote to the National Missionary Council of Australia to seek their assistance in supporting and promoting an annual event.

## 1940-1955

From 1940 until 1955, the Day of Mourning was held annually on the Sunday before Australia Day and was known as Aborigines Day. In 1955 Aborigines Day was shifted to the first Sunday in July after it was decided the day should become not simply a protest day but also a celebration of Aboriginal culture.

## 1956-1990

Major Aboriginal organisations, state and federal governments, and a number of church groups all supported the formation of NADOC, the National Aborigines Day Observance Committee. At the same time, the second Sunday in July became a day of remembrance for Aboriginal people and their heritage.

In 1972, the Department of Aboriginal Affairs was formed, as a major outcome of the 1967 referendum.

In 1974, the NADOC committee was composed entirely of Aboriginal members for the first time. The following year, it was decided that the event should cover a week, from the first to second Sunday in July.

In 1984, NADOC asked that National Aborigines Day be made a national public holiday, to help celebrate and recognise the rich cultural history that makes Australia unique. While this has not happened, other groups have echoed the call.

## 1991-Present

With a growing awareness of the distinct cultural histories of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders, NADOC was expanded to recognise Torres Strait Islander people. The committee became known as the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee, NAIDOC. This new name has become the title for the whole week, not just the day. Each year, a theme is chosen to reflect the important issues and events for NAIDOC.

During the mid-1990s, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) took over the management of NAIDOC until ATSIC was disbanded in 2004-05.

There were interim arrangements in 2005. Since then a National NAIDOC Committee, until recently chaired by former Senator Aden Ridgeway, has made key decisions on national celebrations each year. The national committee has representatives from most States and Territories.

# NAIDOC Week Fact File

## What does NAIDOC stand for?

NAIDOC stands for National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observation Committee. NAIDOC week is a significant event held in the first full week of July.



## What is the importance of NAIDOC Week?

NAIDOC Week is a very important and significant event. Celebrations are held around Australia each July to celebrate and to educate Australians about the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is a chance to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians have made to our country and our society. It is an opportunity for them to share their history and their stories. Each year, a theme is chosen to reflect the important issues and events.



## How did it all begin?

The National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee name was adapted from NADOC in 1991 to include Torres Strait Islanders. The committee was formed in Sydney on Australia Day in 1938, when a group of over 1000 Aboriginal people gathered for the first Day of Mourning (the 150th anniversary of the landing of the First Fleet in Australia), as a protest against the treatment of their people. Since then, NAIDOC has become a celebration of history and has been extended from one day to one week.

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### FREE COMMUNITY FITNESS SESSIONS

MONDAY, TUESDAY, FRIDAY

6:30AM AT THE OVAL

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**INTRODUCING THURSDAY 5:30PM SESSIONS WITH TAIRI FROM 18TH OF JUNE AT THE OVAL**





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Getting help early can make a big difference to your life by helping to reduce emotional and physical strain and improving your overall health and wellbeing. The Australian Government has launched a range of new supports and services through Carer Gateway.

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- have low moods
- find it difficult to manage feelings

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Find out more at [www.carergateway.gov.au](http://www.carergateway.gov.au) or call 1800 422 737 Monday to Friday between 8am and 5pm local time.



Connecting carers to support services

**If you are caring for a family member or friend there is support for you too.**

[carergateway.gov.au](http://carergateway.gov.au)  
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## 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](http://stjohnchangelives.com.au). Or, give Meekatharra Sub Centre a call on 9980 1467, or email [sjameekatharra@westnet.com.au](mailto:sjameekatharra@westnet.com.au).



Life goes on.  
Volunteer with St John.



## MEEKATHARRA CHRIST THE KING

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### LITURGY TIMES JULY 2020

#### MASS

SATURDAY 18TH OF JULY AT 6:30PM

#### CELEBRATION OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION

SATURDAY 11TH OF JULY AT 6:30PM

RECONCILIATION TIMES BY REQUEST BEFORE OR AFTER MASS

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Meeka

# Markets

Second Saturday Each Month  
9:30 to 1:00 pm starting July 11th  
In Meekatharra's Main Street  
in front of the Commercial Hotel

**FREE FOR ALL  
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Bring your own table  
Chairs are provided

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Souvenirs & Fun**

**Meeka FM Radio 98.3  
Will be there!**  
Are you a musician?  
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2020 DATES:

Sat 11 July  
Sat 8 August  
Sat 12 September  
Sat 10 October  
Sat 14 November  
Sat 12 December

Please **BOOK AHEAD** with Anna at the CRC on 08 9980 1811 to reserve a space, otherwise it's pot luck on the day (yes, you can just turn up). Please contact Anna at the CRC if you have any questions or want to purchase your own folding market table. Otherwise email us:  
[welcome@meekatharracrc.com.au](mailto:welcome@meekatharracrc.com.au)

#### STALL HOLDERS

You must comply with food handling and any other trading requirements that apply to your produce or service. BYO COVID hygiene items.

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The Shire of Meekatharra  
The Commercial Hotel

# Thai Chicken Curry



Feeds 10 people



Chicken (Breast or Thigh Fillet) (kg) 1



Onion 2



Potato 3



Capsicum 2



Frozen Vegetables (500g) 1



Garlic (Tablespoon) 1



Ginger (Tablespoon) 1



Ground Coriander (Tablespoon) 1



Ground Cumin (Tablespoon) 1



Light Coconut Milk (400ml) 2



Vegetable Oil (Tablespoon) 2



**Good Tucker**



**Long Life!**







1



Chop vegetables, dice chicken and gather all ingredients.

4



Add garlic, ginger, coriander, cumin and stir.

2



Heat the oil in a pot and fry the chicken until brown.

5



Add light coconut milk and stir.

3



Add onions, potatoes, carrots, capsicum, peas and corn and stir.

6



Bring to the boil. Turn down to low heat. Simmer for 1 hour or until thickened. Serve with rice, pasta or bread.



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# 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! DUST ARTICLE FROM JULY 2000

## School Holiday Fun

The first week of the July School holidays a Seventh Day Adventist Youth Camp came to the Meekatharra Youth Centre. They provided us with four days of crafts, singing, puppet shows and games. The local youth and parents involved enjoyed themselves very much, as did the S.D.A. youth and supervisors.

Family and Childrens Services helped to fund this holiday program. We would like to thank the Seventh Day Adventist Youth Group and Family and Childrens Services for making this holiday program a successful one.



Elaine King, Anita Seery and Nick Quirk



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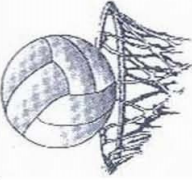




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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>10am – 4 pm</p> 	<p>Drop in @ Youth Centre</p> <p>Capture the Flag @ Indoor Cricket Centre</p> <p>Arts and craft @ Kids Zone</p>	<p>Arts and Craft @ Youth Centre</p> <p>Dodgeball @ Indoor Cricket Centre</p>	<p>Music Room @ Youth Centre</p> <p>Hockey @ Youth Centre</p> <p>Cooking or games @ Kids Zone</p>  <p>Netball @ Oval (girls and boys!)</p>	<p>Drop in @ Youth Centre</p> <p>Cricket @ Indoor Cricket Centre</p> <p>Basketball @ the oval</p> 	<p>Drop in @ Youth Centre</p> <p>Movie night @ the Youth Centre</p> 
<p>6 – 8 pm</p> 	<p>Cricket @ the Indoor cricket centre</p> 	<p>Football @ the oval</p>			



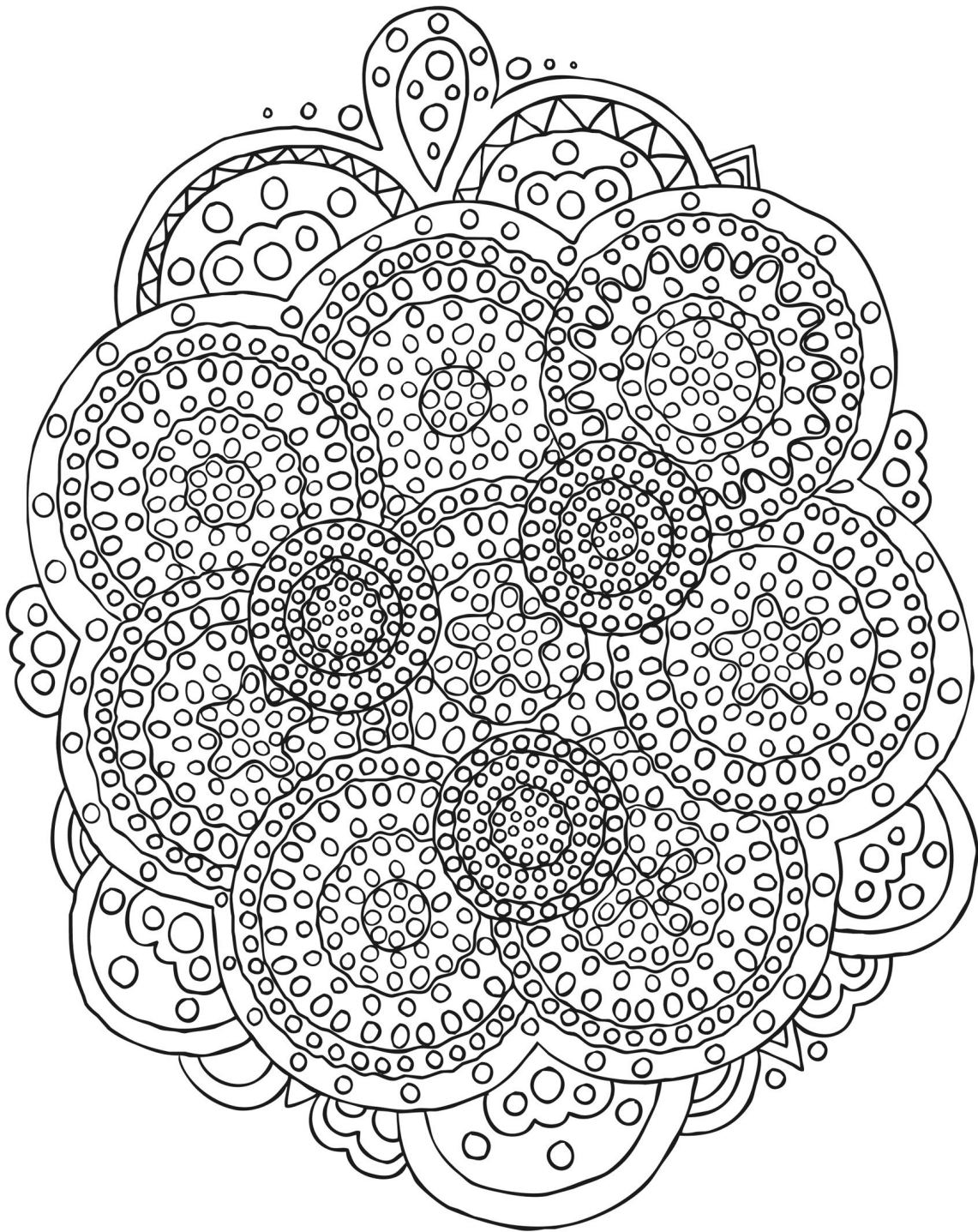
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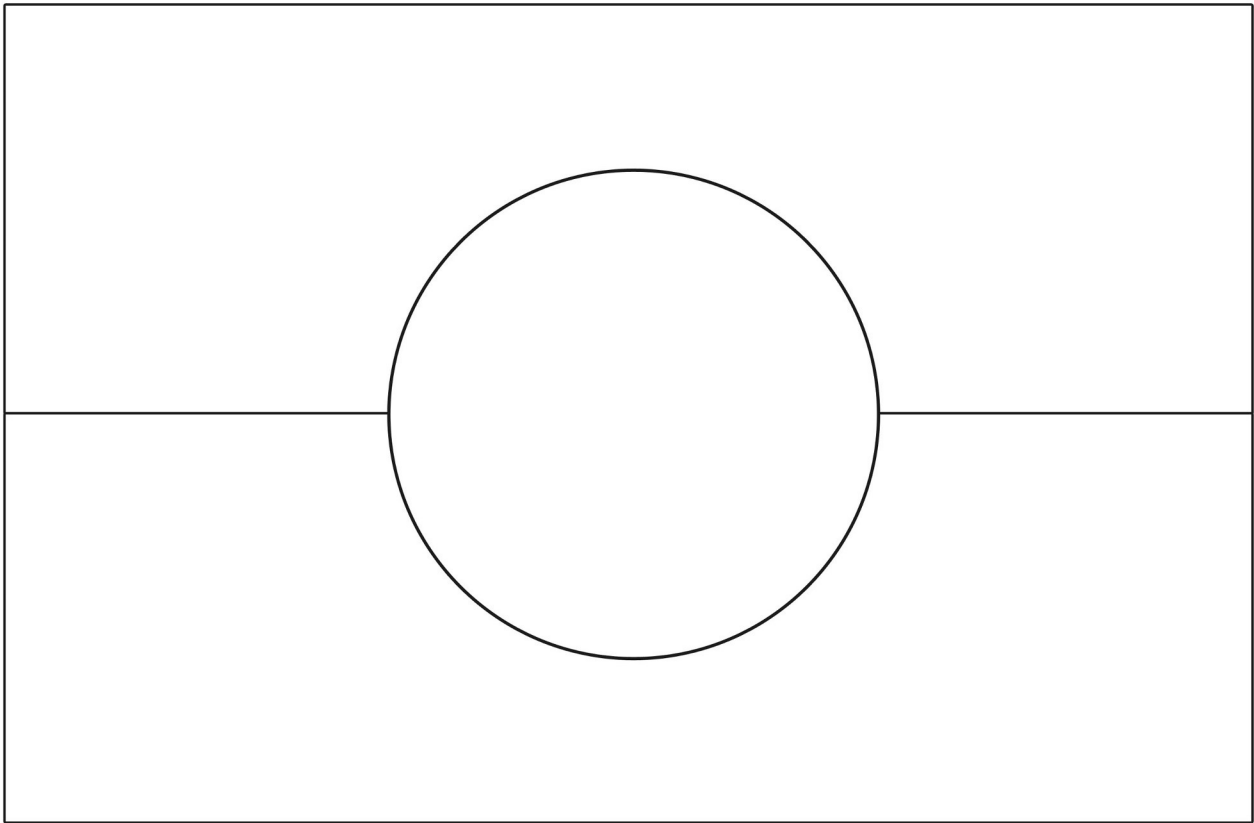
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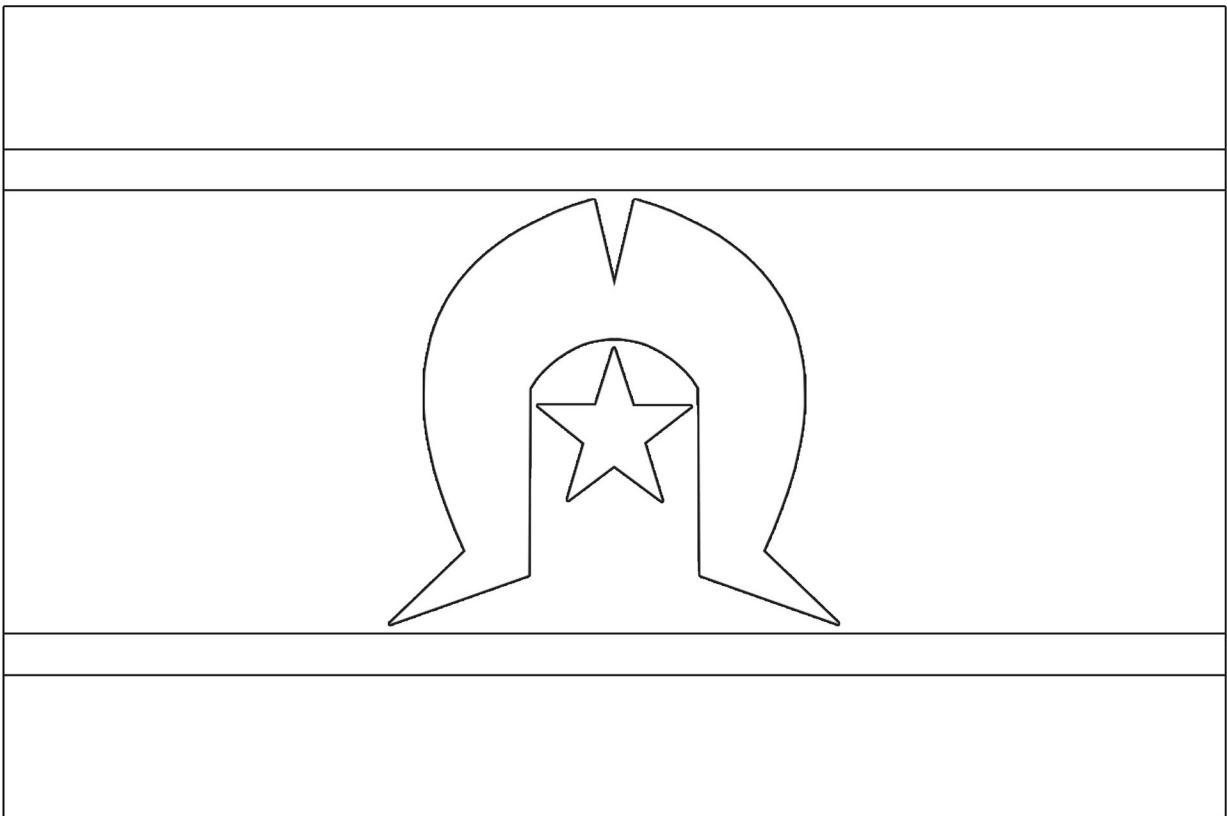
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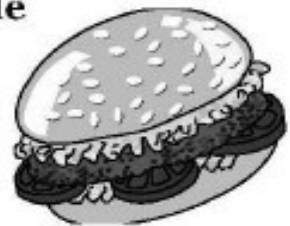
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# IMPORTANT DATES

## July 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
29 Yoga 6pm Motivated in Meeka 6:30am	30 Motivated in Meeka 6:30am	1 Indoor Cricket 6pm	2 Motivated in Meeka 5:30pm	3 Motivated in Meeka 6:30am	4 Meeka Goes Green 9am-11am Upcycling Workshop 11am	5
6 Geraldton Sheriff Yoga 6pm Motivated in Meeka 6:30am	7 Motivated in Meeka 6:30am Fair Game at the Youth Centre	8 Indoor Cricket 6pm Fair Game at the Youth Centre	9 Geraldton Sheriff Vince Catania MLA Motivated in Meeka 5:30pm Fair Game at the Youth Centre	10 Motivated in Meeka 6:30am	11 Meeka Goes Green 9am-11am CRC Markets 9:30am	12
13 Yoga 6pm Motivated in Meeka 6:30am	14 Motivated in Meeka 6:30am	15 Indoor Cricket 6pm Murchison Youth Sports Carnival	16 Motivated in Meeka 5:30pm	17 Motivated in Meeka 6:30am	18 Meeka Goes Green 9am-11am Ordinary Council Meeting	19
20 Yoga 6pm Motivated in Meeka 6:30am	21 ICDC Visit Motivated in Meeka 6:30am	22 Indoor Cricket 6pm	23 Motivated in Meeka 5:30pm	24 Motivated in Meeka 6:30am	25 Meeka Goes Green 9am-11am	26
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