

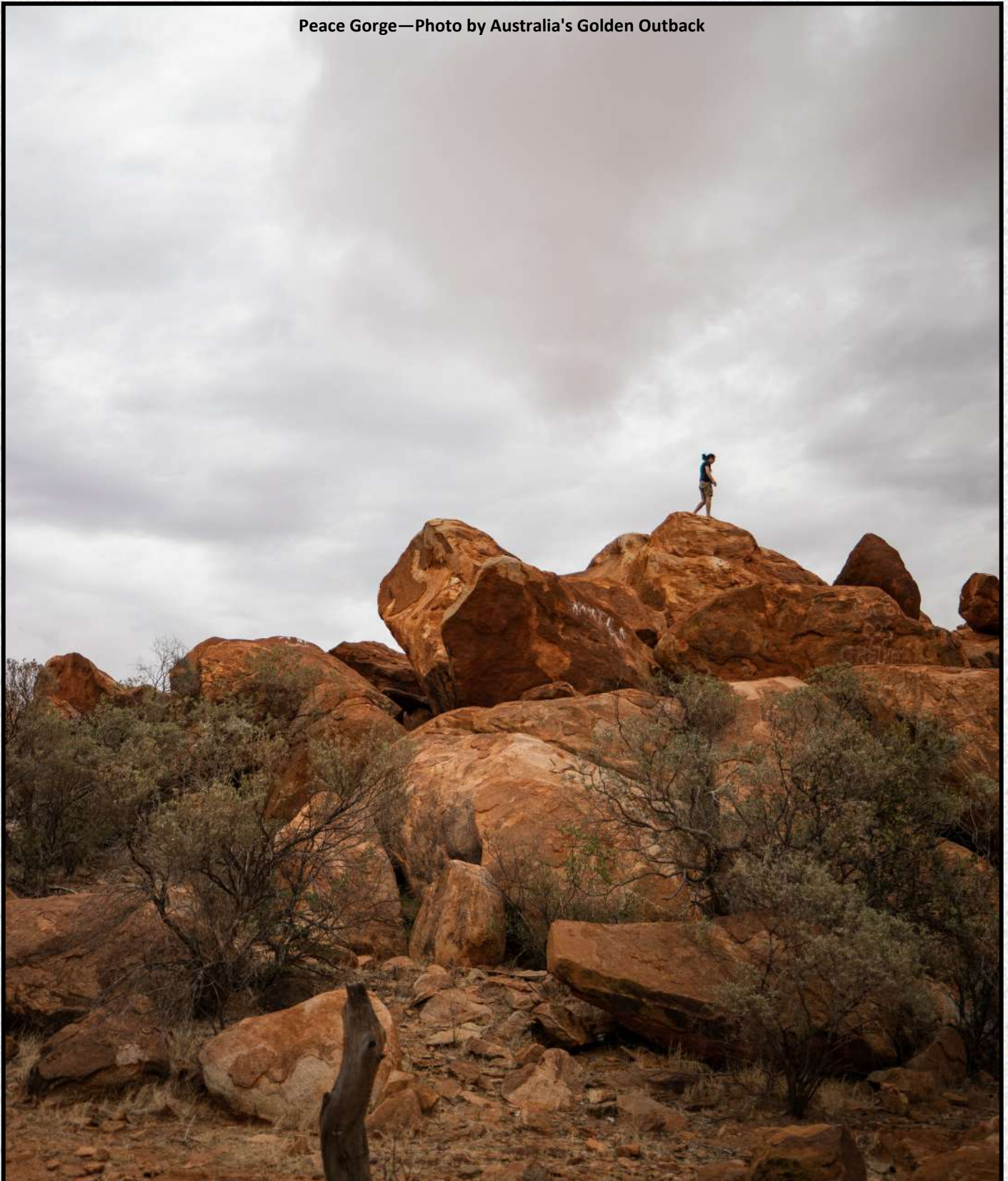


Meekatharra Dust

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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

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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 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



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MEEKATHARRA

23RD - 25TH SEPTEMBER 2022

FRIDAY 23RD
COUNTRY
BALL

SATURDAY 24TH
HORSE
RACES

SUNDAY 25TH
SIDE SHOW &
FIREWORKS



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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

Due to staff illness with COVID-19 there has been a delay in this edition of the Meeka Dust. Thank you all for your patience while we recover and get back to full health.

This month we had a bit going on in Meeka. Starting off the month with NAIDOC Week, there were five events over four days which all went very well and had a great turn out. School holidays came when we went, the Youth Centre had a jam packed two weeks of events for the young people in town including footy games, skateboarding clinic and mural painting. Helen Ansell came to Meeka to complete the mural, she painted from the 12th-16th of July and hosted an Art Exhibition on the 16th of July, more information on page 12.

A few more events are still to come. AstroTourism WA is coming to Meeka on the 22nd of July to host a star gazing evening for the whole community. Meeka Goes Green and Yulella are putting on a gardening workshop on the 23rd at Welcome Park.

The Meekatharra Outback Festival 2022 poster is on page 3. The country themed ball will feature the Midnight Rambler Band and delicious Country themed food. The Side Show will have mechanical rides, show bags, petting zoo and more!

The Editor



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



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CEO COUNCIL MESSAGE

Welcome to the July 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 25th of June 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 25 June 2022

Item 7.2 – Horizon Power Excision of Reserve 15815 for Power Generation

That the Committee in principle support the 24.9 hectares land to the north east of the existing power site to be excised from reserve 15815 for the purposes of power generation on the condition that:

- a. *it goes as far as the sewerage pipeline or*
- b. *the pipeline be realigned at the applicant's expense; or*
- c. *an easement for the pipeline is created.*

The above resolution supports the request from Horizon Power for Council to approve the excision of Reserve 15815 from Council for

transfer to Horizon Power so it can plan future power generation by solar panels for the community of Meekatharra.

Items from the Shire of Meekatharra Ordinary Meeting 25 June 2022

Item 9.3.7 – WA Primary Health Alliance Funding

That Council endorses the Short Form Agreement and accepts the \$100,000 from the Western Australian Primary Health Alliance for the Midwest Suicide Prevention Trial and authorises the CEO to sign the agreement.

The above resolution confirms Councils endorsement to accept \$100k funding from the WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) for the Midwest Suicide Prevention Trial to fund community projects and events that support non-clinical suicide prevention activities. The funding is provided for use from 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022 and Councils Community Development Team will be responsible for the liaison and arrangements regarding the necessary application process for community organizations.

Item 9.3.8 – Donation Request – Isolated Children's Parent Association

That Council endorse a donation to the Isolated Children's Parents Association Federal Conference in August 2022 to the value of \$ 2,000.

The above resolution confirms Councils approval to support the Isolated Children's Parent Association (ICPA) by donating the amount of \$2,000 towards the attendance by the ICPA to the 2022 Federal Conference.

Further Information Snippets

- ◇ Staff traineeship – Council is pleased to welcome Ms Tommie-Rae Cameron as administrative trainee to the Shire of Meekatharra. Tommie-Rae transferred her traineeship from the Public Sector

Commission in Perth when she relocated back to Meekatharra to be with her family. Council has also employed additional staff in the Parks & Gardens, Civil Works and Finance areas of Councils operations.

- ◇ Town Picture Gardens – Staff met on site with local tradesmen to discuss alternative design ideas that are modest and functional and councillors also undertook a site inspection following the Council meeting to further discuss these options. The community will be updated on progress.
- ◇ Town Entry Statements – Councils Community Development & Services Manager (CDSM) presented the results of the fdesign survey to the Health, Building and Town Planning (HBTP) Committee meeting for discussion. The survey

feedback in summary indicates the community want the Entry Statements to be big and bold and relevant to Meekatharra. Four people also expressed their interest in being part of a focus group further working on the design and placement of the signs.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled for 9.30am on Saturday the 16th of July 2022 and the next CEO Council Message column will appear shortly after this meeting in the August 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

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.

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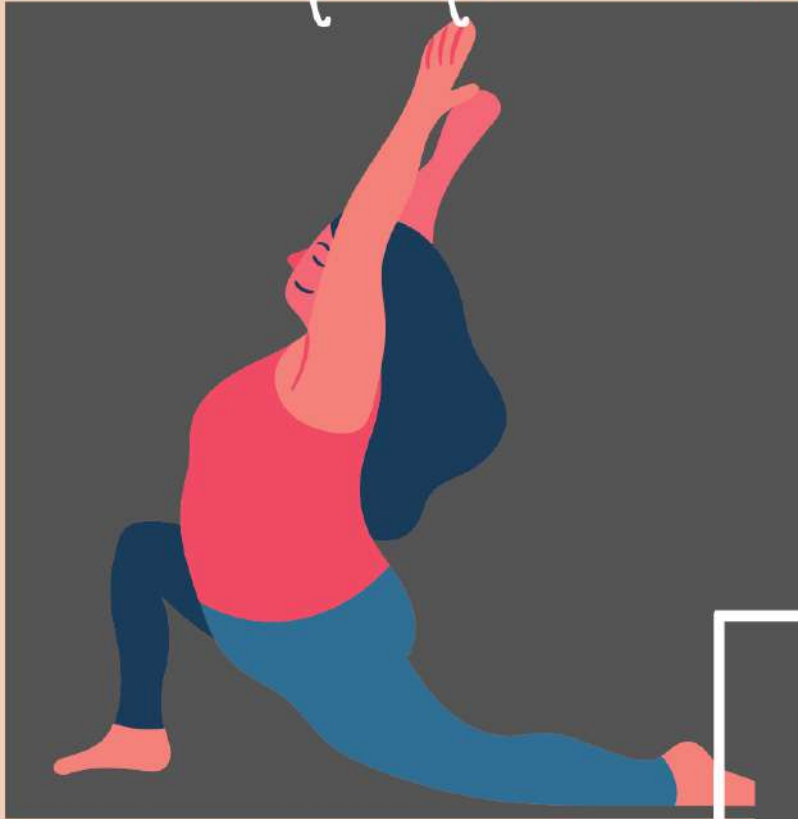
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from Perth

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GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!

3-10 JULY 2022

2022 NAIDOC SHIRTS

The 2022 Meekatharra NAIDOC Week Shirts have been a hit with the community. The unique design makes these Meekatharra NAIDOC Shirts so popular!

The Youth Centre hold an annual competition with its participants to create the new NAIDOC shirt, the process starts in February and everyone is encouraged to submit a design. Once all the designs are submitted a vote is held and the winner get their

shirt printed and then sold to the community as a fundraising for Youth Centre activities.

The Youth Centre participant who designed the shirts is the very talented and dedicated Jonique Anderson. The design represents everyone coming together to celebrate NAIDOC Week as a community. The whole team is very proud of this amazing piece of work. We have been very lucky to have a consistent incredible shirt designs throughout the past few years.



STELLAR STARGAZING CELEBRATING THE SKA

IN MEEKATHARRA

Explore the Universe under a world-class dark night sky! Australia is hosting its first ever mega science project! This event celebrates the SKA-Low Telescope that will be built in the Murchison on Wajarri country.

Hear about the incredible SKA project, see an amazing green laser pointer tour of constellations and planets. Look through telescopes to discover the wonders of the cosmos.

FRIDAY, 22ND JULY 2022

6.30pm – 7:00pm | SKA Presentation

7:15pm – 9pm | Stargazing on the Meekatharra Oval

Sports Complex, Landor Road

Dinner provided

Enter the draw to win a telescope on the night!

BYO chairs, rugs, picnics, drinks, torches, warm clothes, fly net, insect repellent

Free Community Event

RSVP to cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au or 9980 0600

This event will go ahead rain, hail or shine.

Australia will be the host of the SKA-Low Telescope, to be built at CSIRO's Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory on Wajarri Yamatji country. SKA-Low is part of the SKA Observatory, a global radio-astronomy facility that will transform our understanding of the Universe.





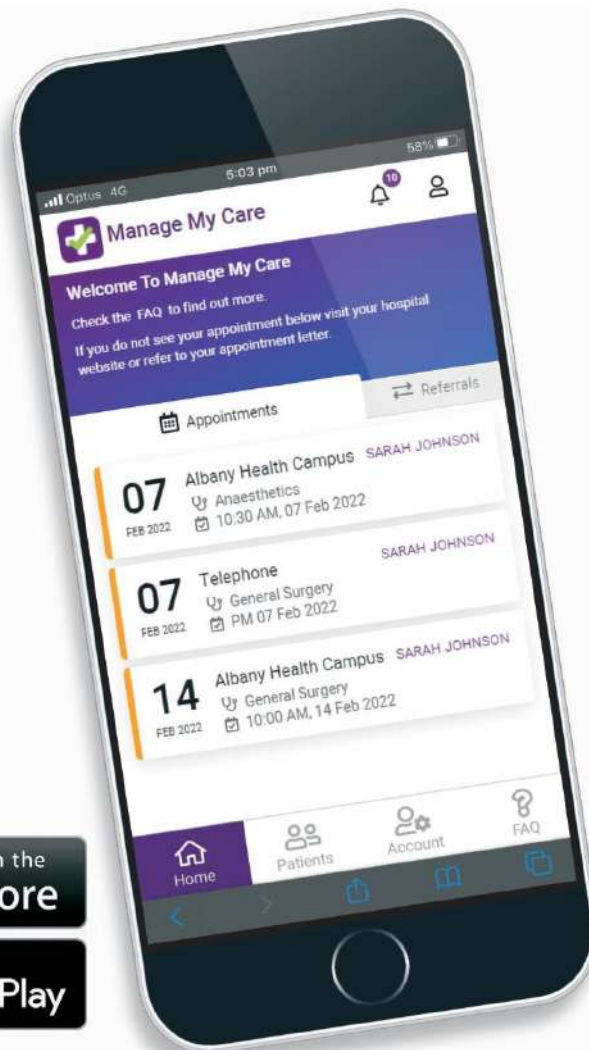
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MEEKATHARRA ABORIGINAL REFERENCE GROUP MEETINGS

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


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


Keep your distance
Two big steps (1.5m)


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 ehespace.com.au
Lifeline WA (24 hrs)	13 11 34	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.health.wa.gov.au/our-services/mental-health
Mental Health Emergency Response Line (24 hrs)	1300 555 788 Metro 1800 676 822 Peel 1800 720 101 TTY	nmahsmh.health.wa.gov.au
Ngala Parenting Helpline	9368 9368 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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Mindshift


Reachout Worry Time


What's Up?


The Check-in

5 TIPS TO BE MENTALLY HEALTHY...

1
Eat well

2
Sleep well

3
Positive supportive relationships

4
Exercise

5
Get a second opinion from a trusted adult



COPS CORNER WITH ACTING SENIOR SERGEANT REX TUNKS



I am currently acting in Senior Sergeant Garnaut's position as Officer in Charge (OIC) of Meekatharra Police Station, until the 1st July when Sergeant Gary WILLIAMS will take the helm until Matt's return to the chair on the 11th July.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome two new police officers to Meekatharra. Senior Constable Parker and Constable Barker, have commenced their tenure in Meekatharra and are looking forward to serving members of the local community. These officers bring experience and knowledge to the town which will only enhance the service we provide. Please feel free to stop and have a chat with them when you see them on duty.

You may have noticed a greater presence by Meekatharra Police on the road recently. Traditionally the cooler months brings many tourists north seeking the warmer weather. Many people have question why we are conducting Random Breath Testing (RBT) of a morning in Meekatharra. The answer to this is very easy with 2 high range reading of motorist detected during this period. A third motorist was detected a short distance from town with a blood alcohol reading almost 4 time the legal limit traveling at 127 km/per hour and also had a lifetime suspend drivers' licence.

Please remember, **Anywhere Anytime**

Alcohol related anti-social behaviour continues to be of concern to police and community in general. Also, of concern is the increase in police officer assault that have occurred in recent times, especially when we are called to these anti-social behaviour incidents by our community members.



This type of offending and behaviour will not be tolerated and is not acceptable in any community and will be dealt with swiftly. A number of people have been charged and will be appearing in court.

Stealing offences, have seen a slight increase over the last 2 weeks from either retail outlets or from unlocked vehicles. Our retailers, their suppliers and small busi-

nesses provide an essential service to the community and are valued by us. It saddens me to say that a number of the offenders are juveniles, but not in all case.

Meekatharra Police will continue investigate these offences with vigour and put the offenders before the court. If you have any information about these or any other offences you are able to call the police station direct on 9918 7120 or alternatively report through Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Any information will be dealt with in the strictest confidence. Please remember "**Look Lock Leave**"

Further we are seeing a rise in anti-social behaviour of juveniles while attending at our retailers in Meekatharra. Meekatharra Police will work with and support our retailers to stop this behaviour.

In the early hours of Wednesday morning the Automated Teller Machine (ATM) which is located outside IGA was attacked and suffered significant damage, which has rendered it inoperable. This type of offending not only causes a great cost to the owners but a huge inconvenience to the greater community of in Meekatharra who utilise this ATM.

Meekatharra Police immediately responded with the offender being identified, located and charged with Criminal Damage and will appear in Meekatharra Court.

Meekatharra Police continue to actively investigate reported crimes and engage with community members whilst out and about. I encourage the community as a whole to help us and in turn us help the community.

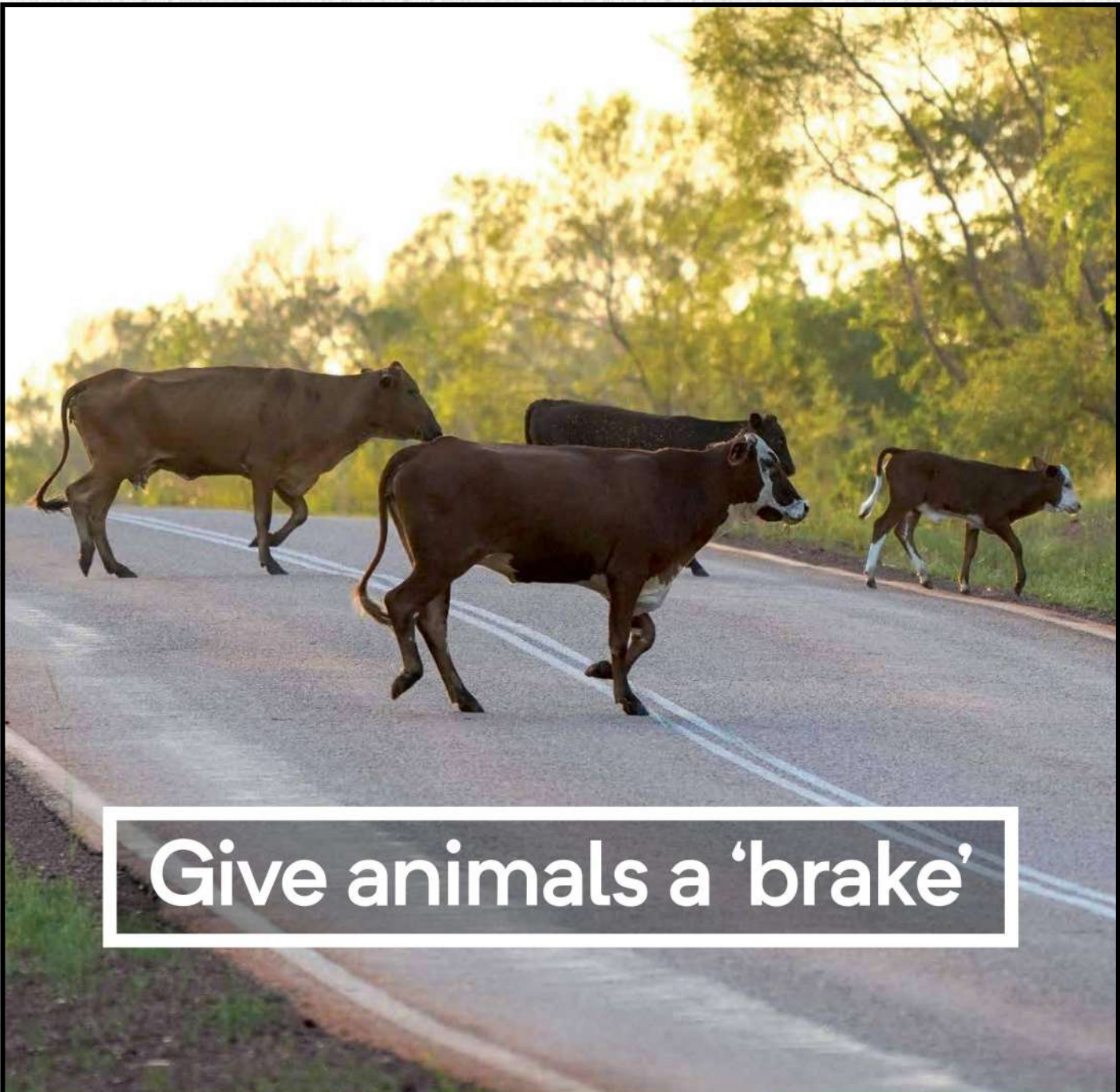
The team here at Meekatharra Police are happy to stop and talk to locals, listen to your concerns or to just have a chat. Ultimately our best source of information is you, the community of Meekatharra.

Let's all work together to keep us all safe.

Rex Tunks A/Snr Sgt

Officer in Charge

Meekatharra Police Station



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 or call **138 138**

LIVESTOCK COLLISIONS CAN BE FATAL





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School enrolments are now open for 2023

If your child is starting **Kindergarten, Pre-primary, Year 7** or **changing schools** you will need to apply to enrol by **22 July 2022**.

Find out more:

education.wa.edu.au/how-to-enrol





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](https://www.wa.gov.au/symptoms)

We're all in this *together*.

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FILM COMPETITION

Calling all WA students aged 12-18! Create a short film (up to three minutes long) about **online addiction and you could win a share in a prize pool worth more than \$5000!**

THEMES YOU COULD EXPLORE

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- Health effects such as anxiety and depression
- Relationship breakdowns, emotional isolation
- Compulsive online gaming and gambling
- Cyber fraud and identity theft

**REGISTER OR
FIND OUT MORE**





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23 June 2022

Don't let a stressed ceiling go over your head

A sudden ceiling collapse can turn a comfortable home into a disaster zone in an instant, with the potential for serious injury and significant damage to property and possessions.

Consumer Protection recently became aware of two tenants who had been given seven days to vacate their rental property following the collapse of their living room ceiling.

As we step in to help the parties reach an agreement, we want to remind tenants, landlords and property managers that seven-day termination notices are unlawful unless the home has been destroyed or deemed uninhabitable by a local government authority.

There are often warning signs a ceiling is about to give way, so it is important for tenants to alert their landlords and agents about any loud cracking sounds, sagging or dropping of the plasterboard sheeting and/or cornice, or any visual cracking. Small circles or blisters (nail pops) in a line on the ceiling can indicate the plasterboard sheeting is pulling away from the nails or screws. Landlords need to respond to such reports and ensure necessary repairs are undertaken to prevent a collapse.

If a ceiling does collapse, landlords are legally responsible for bringing the property back to a liveable condition and must initiate these urgent repairs within 48 hours.

Should the landlord or agent fail to respond to a written request for repairs within a reasonable timeframe, a tenant may serve a [breach notice](#). If the issue continues to be ignored, an application can be made to the [Magistrates Court](#) for an order that the necessary repairs be undertaken.

While it is important to keep paying rent until the matter is resolved, a tenant is entitled to ask the court for a rent reduction if the issue means part of the property – such as a second bathroom – is unable to be used.

We always recommend tenants arrange their own contents insurance in case they need to replace damaged possessions. However, if the damage is caused by a fault in the building, such as a lack of maintenance, then a tenant may decide to seek compensation from the landlord through the courts.

If a tenant believes their landlord or agent has failed to initiate repairs in a reasonable timeframe, or has issued an unlawful termination notice, they should contact Consumer Protection on consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au or 1300 30 40 54.

NAIDOC SNEAKER PROJECT YOUTH FOCUS

YOUTH FOCUS X 1OFF STORE
NAIDOC SNEAKER PROJECT



GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!

Meekatharra to express their cultural and heritage through art and sneakers. NAIDOC is celebrated by people from all walks 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.

The Future Endeavours students at Meekatharra District high School found out that they would be designing and painting sneakers for Liam Henry from the Freo Dockers and Liam Ryan from the West Coast Eagles. The students have been busy working on their designs and getting the sneakers painted. Everyone will have a chance to vote on the winning designs during NAIDOC week. Two winners will be chosen (the ones with the highest number of votes), and they will get to design the sneakers for Liam Henry and Liam Ryan. The winners will be announced after NAIDOC week.

How can you vote?

- ◇ At the Yulella Hub NAIDOC Community Day, Wednesday the 6th of July between 10am-2pm
- ◇ NAIDOC Youth Ball at the shire hall, Thursday the 7th of July 5-9pm
- ◇ Youth Focus Meekatharra Facebook page

The NAIDOC shirt design has been finalised and will go on sale during NAIDOC week. The young people have done a fantastic job with the design, and we look forward to showing the shirt off once it has been printed! The shirt will be sold in the 1OFF store in Perth.

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 Meeka-



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 weeks Youth Focus has been working with the young people in the Future Endeavours class to design sneakers for Liam Ryan and Liam Henry. Their commitment to the project has been outstanding; we have some truly talented young people in this town. I am excited to see their final designs and what will come of this project. 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.





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TERM 2

MEEKA COMMUNITY HUB

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

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Bush Classroom (4 - 12Y): 9.30am - 11.30am

Ranger 4 Life On-Country Trip: 3.00pm - 5.00pm

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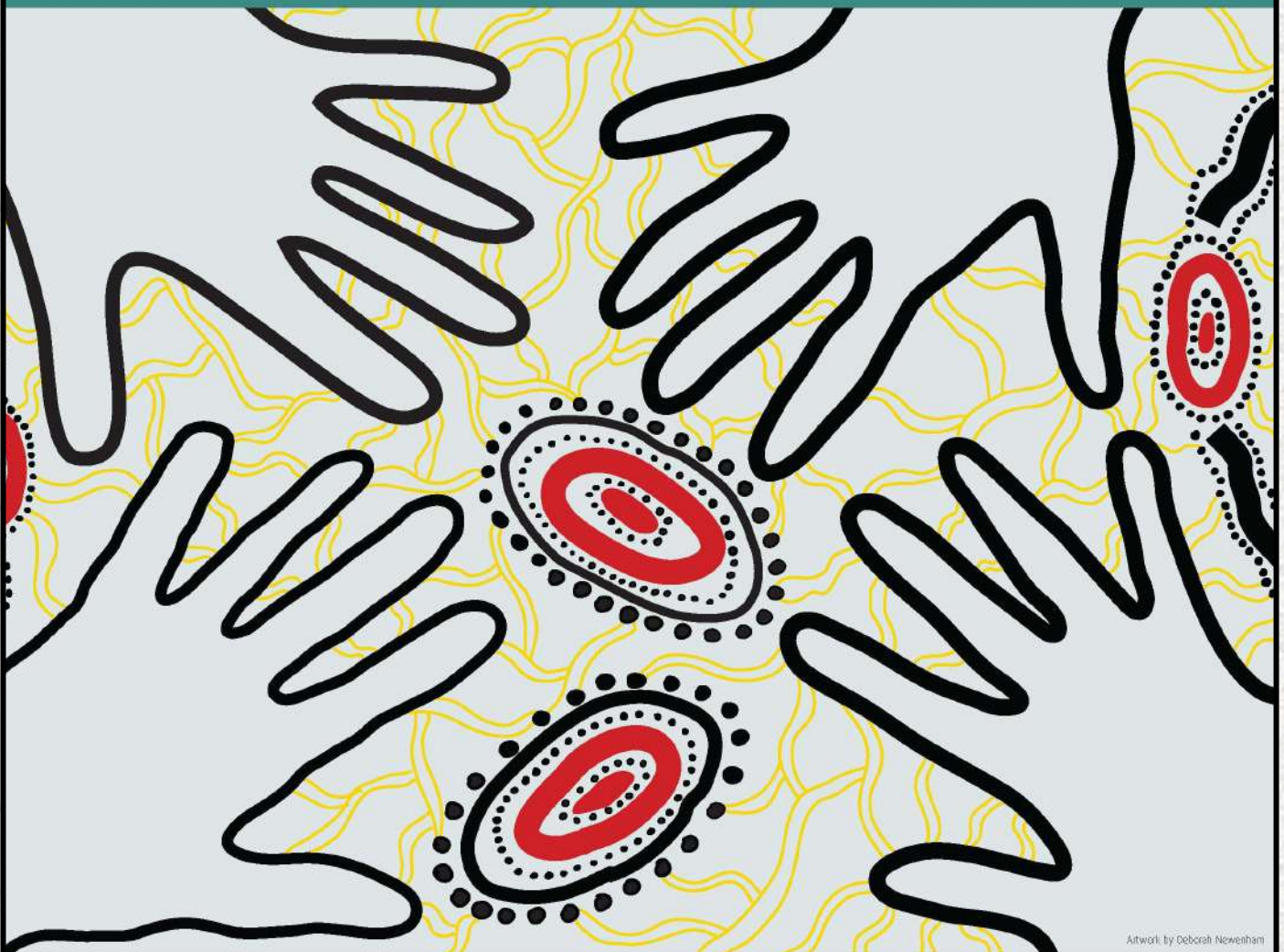




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Artwork by Deborah Newenham

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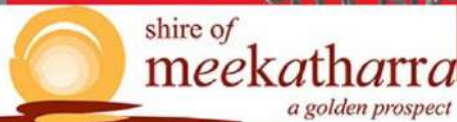
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With tickets due to go on sale soon, from the Meekatharra Shire Office at a cost of \$15 each, it will be an eighteen years of age and over function with ID being required on the night for those who may need it (like myself). Full Bar facilities will be available with no BYO's allowed.

A minimum dress standard will be required on the evening, with no thongs and a collared shirt a must...

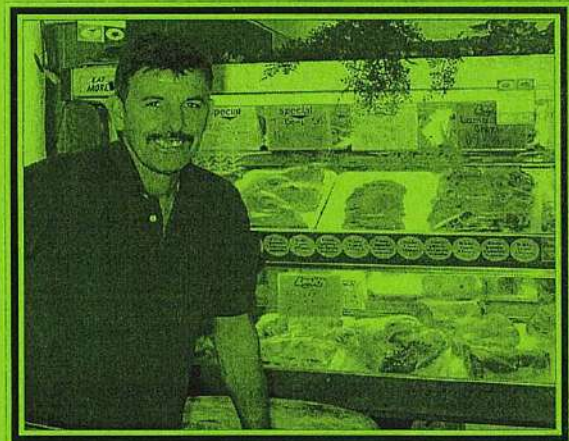
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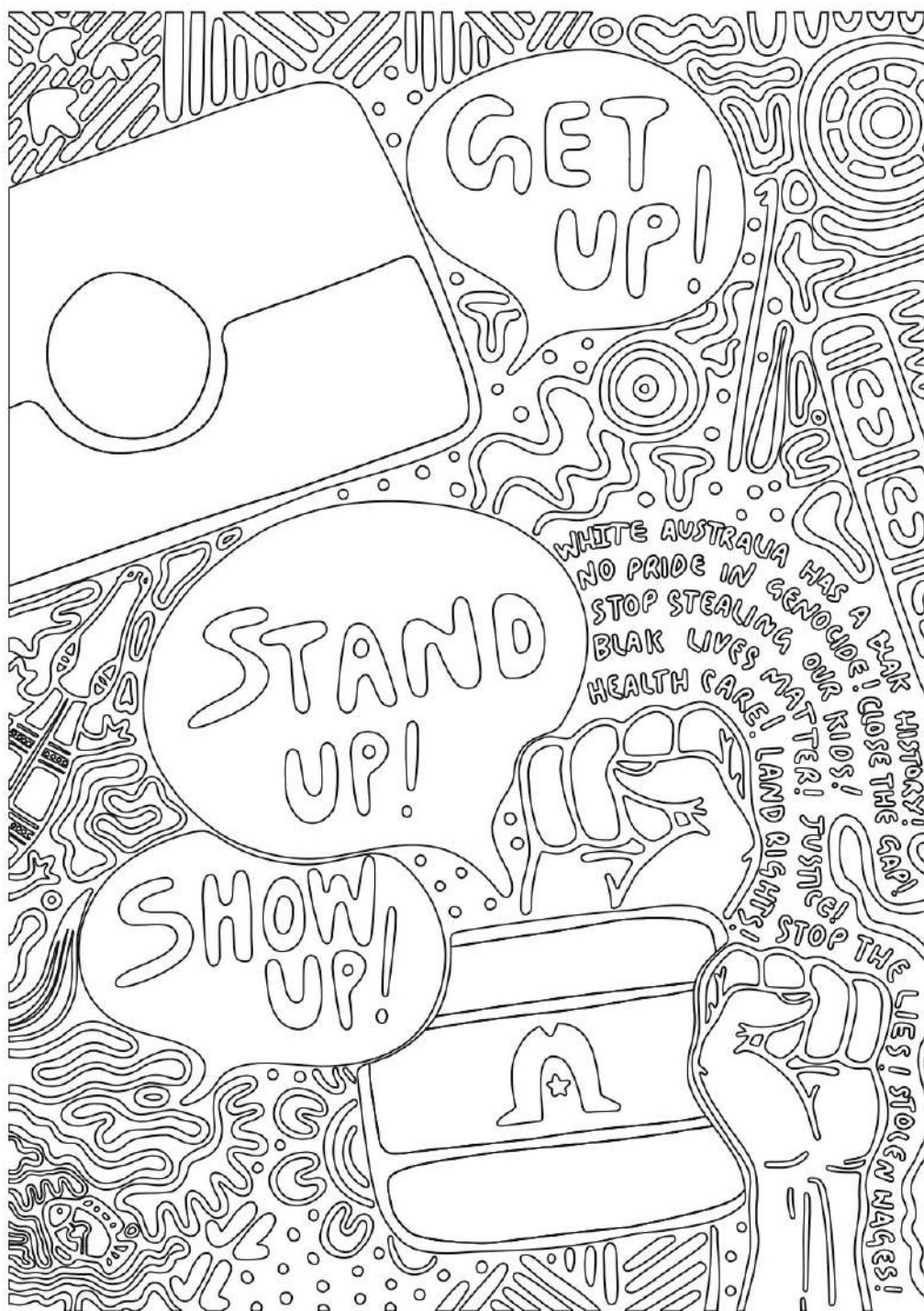
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Stronger, Ryhia Dank (Nardurna)

I created this piece after reading this year's NAIDOC theme. I knew straight away I wanted to do a graphic piece centred around our flags with text highlighting what we have been through and our still fighting for. I feel that this piece being black and white allows us to focus on the detail and messages in the artwork.

In this artwork I have little bits of me and my family. I have included a crocodile for my late granny. She was one of the strongest women I know and was never afraid to speak her mind and stand up for family and Country. I have also included my family's dancing stick. This is present as a reminder that we will always have our Country, Kin and Culture. There are also symbols to represent us as a community. People gathered around a camp, a spear and woman to represent our strength, water, trees, animal tracks and non-human entities to show our connection to Country.



NAIDOC Week 2022 proudly celebrates and celebrates the 20th anniversary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy (1972) and 50th Anniversary of the 1952 Mabo Action (Mabo v Queensland (No 2)) (1992).

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CREAMY BUSH TOMATO & CHICKEN PASTA BAKE

SERVES: 6 | PREP TIME: 25 MINS | COOK TIME: 15 MINS | INGREDIENTS: 20

ingredients

- 200 g wholemeal penne pasta
- 30 g butter
- 1 clove garlic crushed
- 1 onion chopped
- 2 tbsp flour
- 0.5 cup water
- 2 tbsp chicken stock powder
- 1 tbsp mixed herbs
- 1 can salt-reduced crushed tomato
- 1 tbsp ground saltbush
- 1 tbsp ground mountain pepper berry
- 1 tbsp ground bush tomato
- 340 mL NESTLÉ CARNATION Light & Creamy Evaporated Milk 340ml
- 2 cups cooked chicken sliced
- 2 sticks celery, finely diced
- 1 red capsicum diced
- 2 L large carrot grated
- 1 large zucchini grated
- 4 mushrooms, finely diced
- 1 cup grated tasty cheese

directions

- **Step 1** Preheat oven to 200°C. grease a 6 cup capacity ovenproof dish.
- **Step 2** Cook pasta according to the directions on packet, drain, keep warm.
- **Step 3** Melt butter in pan, add garlic and onion and cook 3-4 minutes.
- **Step 4** Add flour, cook for 1 minute
- **Step 5** Add water, chicken stock powder, mixed herbs, crushed tomatoes, saltbush, mountain pepper, bush tomato and NESTLÉ CARNATION Light & Creamy Evaporated Milk, bring to boil stirring constantly, remove from heat.
- **Step 6** Stir in pasta, chicken, celery, red capsicum, carrot, zucchini and mushrooms then spoon into prepared dish. top with cheese and bake 20-25 minutes or until cheese is golden brown.

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July 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
27 KindiLink 10am-12pm Yoga 6pm-7pm	28 On Country Education 9am-11:30am Ranger 4 Life 3pm-5pm	29 KindiLink 11am-1pm Adults Sports 6pm-8pm @ Oval	30 On Country Education 9am-11:30am Ranger 4 Life 3pm-5pm	1 KindiLink 10am-12pm Tech Training Night 5pm-9pm @Community Hub	2 Containers for Change 8am-12pm Meeka Goes Green Recycling 9am-11am 	3
4 Physio @Hospital NAIDOC WEEK Flag Raising 10am @Shire Morning Tea 10:10am @CRC Yoga 6pm-7pm	5 NAIDOC WEEK Wiluna Footy Comp  GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP! 3-10 JULY 2022	6 NAIDOC WEEK Community Day 10am-2pm @Yulella Hub Containers for Change 12:30pm-4:30pm Adults Sports 6pm-8pm	7 NAIDOC WEEK Traditional Lunch 11:30am-1pm @ Welcome Park Youth Ball 5pm-6:30pm under 10's 7pm-9pm 10 and over @Town Hall	8 Diabetes Team @Clinic	9 Containers for Change 8am-12pm Meeka Goes Green Recycling 9am-11am Markets 9:30am-1pm	10
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