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MEEKATHARRA OUTBACK FESTIVAL 2023

Meeka celebrated a cracking weekend. Check out the photos inside this edition of the Dust as well as online.

STREETSCAPE ART PROJECT LAUNCH

The launch event was a huge success with almost 100 attendees.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Early voting is open now. Election day is on 21 October. Have your say as to who shall be representing the Meeka community.



SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA

SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS

JULY 2023 TO JUNE 2024

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 2023/24 are as follows:

Saturday, 22 July 2023

Saturday, 19 August 2023

Saturday, 16 September 2023

Saturday, 14 October 2023

Saturday, 18 November 2023

Friday, 15 December 2023

Saturday, 20 January 2024

Saturday, 17 February 2024

Saturday, 16 March 2024

Saturday, 20 April 2024

Saturday, 18 May 2024

Saturday, 15 June 2024

All meetings are held in Council Chambers located at the corner Main & Savage Streets Meekatharra and commence at 9:30am (except the 15 December 2023 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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9980 0600

AND LOOK FOR LARRA,
OR EMAIL US AT

CDO@MEEKASHIRE.WA.GOV.AU

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COUNCIL MESSAGE

Welcome to the September 2023 edition of The Dust CEO Council Message Report that provides information for all residents regarding the Council ordinary meeting that was held on the 16th of September 2023 as well as the Health, Building and Town Planning Committee meeting held on the same morning.

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 a summary extract of the full meeting agenda with the entire meeting proceedings being available in the official Council Minutes that are confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

Items from the Shire of Meekatharra Health, Building & Planning Meeting 16 September 2023

Item 7.1.1 – Principal Environmental Health Officer and Building Surveyor’s Report

In accordance with the shared services agreement between the Shire of Meekatharra and the Shire of East Pilbara, the report provided a summary of building, planning and environmental health matters for July/August 2023. This included all activities, the progress of ongoing situations and concerns related to the required services raised by the Shire of East Pilbara. Further detail is available in the minutes of the Environmental Health Officer and Building Surveyor’s Report.

Item 7.1.2 – Community Development & Services Manager’s Report

Entry Statements

The Entry Statement footings have been installed and the design monuments have been mounted. The local mining company has provided banded iron formation rocks to use for the cladding of the footings that is currently being arranged.

Lions Park

Earth works for the Lions Park have commenced in-house and security fencing for site has been arranged. Cracker dust for compacted paths has also been purchased. Quotes for shelters were received and will be ordered in due course.

Meekatharra War Memorial Swimming Pool Works

Renovation works at the pool were recently completed on schedule and within budget. This has allowed the pool to open for the 2023/24 season as scheduled on Monday 2nd of October 2023.

Local Planning Scheme & Strategy

Council continues to liaise with its planning consultant to finalize the proposed changes to the Local Planning Strategy and Scheme. Once a final draft copy is available with all the amendments made, Council will have an opportunity to discuss the more significant changes with the planning consultant before sending the final copy to the WA Planning Commission for endorsement and Council adoption.

Other item details from the Community Development & Services Manager’s Report can be found in the Minutes of the Health, Building & Planning Meeting.

Items from the Shire of Meekatharra Ordinary Meeting 16 September 2023

Item 9.3.1 – Mining Tenement Applications

That Council approve the following Applications from:

1. Mining Tenement Application for Miscellaneous Licence 51/0134 and Tengraph Map from McMahon Mining Title Services on behalf of KOP Ventures Pty Ltd located at Kyarra.
2. Mining Tenement Application for Mining Lease 52/1090 and Tengraph Map from Aragon Resources Pty Ltd & Scott Walter Wilson on behalf of Westgold Resources Ltd located at Peak Hill.

That Council not approve the following Application from:

Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage on behalf of KOP Ventures Pty Ltd for Miscellaneous Licence L51/125 and General Purpose Lease G51/32 with Tengraph Maps for: Unmanaged 'Cemetery' Reserve 4548.

Council considers mining applications received for the district on a monthly basis. The non-approval of the application from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage on behalf of KOP Ventures Pty Ltd for Miscellaneous Licence L51/125 and General Purpose Lease for Unmanaged 'Cemetery' Reserve 4548 is based on the fact that this Reserve is the Unmanaged Gabanintha Cemetery and Council objects to any development over any of its gazetted and listed cemeteries.

Item 9.4.1 – Red Sandbox Lease

That Council enter into a new lease for Lot 1038 on Deposited Plan 31991, 76 Darlot Street with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage.

The above recommendation allows Council to continue its leasing arrangement with Yulella Aboriginal Corporation for the continued use of the Red Sandbox Child Care Centre building as also noted in Item 9.4.2 of Councils Minutes.

Further Information Snippets

- Meekatharra Outback Festival 2023 – congratulations to Councils Community Development and Services team on a wonderful 2023 Meekatharra Outback Festival event held over the recent long weekend in September. Social media feedback to Council from the community have overwhelmingly praised the event and especially the events held for the kids. Well done team!
- Cemeteries Management Plan – the recent visit by the cemeteries stone mason and heritage consultant has had very positive results. The restoration of the 'John Barkas' grave headstone at Nannine cemetery was completed by stonemason Nick Lukacs and his colleague that was an exhaustive and arduous process with the end result certainly worthy of the effort. A report of the restoration work will be included in Councils meeting agenda next month. Heritage consultant (Helene Bartleson) conducted cemetery headstone cleaning workshops as well as making the long journey to Mundiwindi with Councils employee Stephen Hoare to inspect the old townsite and closed cemetery. Congratulations to Councils Community Development & Services Manager and staff, and to Stephen Hoare for assisting the visiting cemeteries team that also included making all the necessary arrangements for the visit.
- Landor Meekatharra Road Sealing – Council approved its allocated Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) Phase 4 funding from the Commonwealth to the sealing of Landor Meekatharra Road for a further 8 kms.
- Local Government Elections 2023 – as previously advised, the forthcoming Shire of Meekatharra local government elections will be held on Saturday the 21st of October 2023. Early Voting and Postal Voting opens on Monday 2nd of October 2023 with further details regarding this process in a separate Notice in this edition of The Dust. The next scheduled Council meeting on Saturday 14th of October 2023 will be the final meeting of the current Council.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled for Saturday the 14th of October 2023 and the next CEO Council Message column will appear in the next edition of The Dust in early September. Until then bye for now!

KJ Matthews – CEO



The arduous process of restoring a historic headstone from 1909 at Nannine Cemetery - with the result speaking for itself.

FAREWELL TO ADRIAN 'BOMA' BAUMGARTEN

In a remarkable 18-year journey alongside the Shire of Meekatharra, Boma is embarking on an exciting new adventure with his wife Maxine. They are setting out to explore the scenic countryside in their caravan, leaving behind a legacy of dedication and expertise.

As the esteemed Leading Hand and a highly skilled plant operator, Boma played a pivotal role in the extensive road network upgrades within the Shire. We can only hope that the roads ahead in his travels will be as smooth as the ones he helped create.

From all of us here at the Shire, including the staff and Councillors, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Boma. We wish him nothing but the best in this relaxing and exciting new chapter of his life. Thank you, Boma!



Photo above: Farewell BBQ for Boma (in the middle holding the gift) at the Shire Depot with his colleagues.



Photo left: Flashback to 2015 when Boma received his 10-year gift, presented by then-President Norm Trenfield

THANK YOU!



**Shire OF
Wiluna**



2 October 2023

Media Release

Save Our Highway

A plea to our State and Federal politicians from the communities of Meekatharra and Wiluna, the mining and transport industries and the tourism sector has been ignored. The Goldfields Hwy section from Wiluna to Meekatharra remains mostly unsealed and unsafe. It is the only highway section in WA, and probably Australia that is still mainly gravel and unsealed.

The Shire's of Meekatharra and Wiluna received formal written advice from the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs regarding the outcome of Petition Number 080 following the presentation of the final Petition to the WA Parliament Legislative Council by the Shire's of Meekatharra and Wiluna in early March this year. The written advice is extremely disappointing to say the least, where the Committee has decided not to conduct any further inquiries into the matters raised in the petition. This decision appears to be solely based on the grounds of the submissions made by the Minister for Transport; Planning and Ports, the Hon Rita Saffioti MLA and the Minister for Training; Water and Youth the Hon Simone McGurk MLA, where the Committee advice states *"that the issues are being adequately dealt with by the relevant authorities"*. Anyone who travels on the Goldfields Highway unsealed 124 kms would seriously question this assertion? It quite clearly also appears that the submissions made by both Ministers were the only submissions considered by the Committee in reaching their decision, as both the Shire's of Meekatharra and Wiluna were not requested to provide any further information and/or comment to further support their submission.

Of particular interest is the admission by the Minister for Transport; Planning and Ports, the Hon Rita Saffioti MLA in her submission that she *"recognizes the increased use of the road by heavy vehicles due to increased mining activity and the impact this increased use is having on the unsealed section of the road network"*. In doing so, she also acknowledges that *"the condition of the unsealed section of the road is rapidly deteriorating due to this increased heavy vehicle usage"*. Is this statement and admission not enough to highlight the urgency of the matter?

In their submissions, both Ministers have also confirmed a key objective of the funding allocated to date has been to create and sustain employment and training opportunities for local Indigenous people with the Minister for Transport stating that this approach will *"be applied to the next 5 km west of Roslyn Hill scheduled for later this year"*. This still leaves over one hundred kms to seal with no confirmation when this remaining section will be sealed!

While the Shire's of Meekatharra and Wiluna greatly support the concept promoted by both Minister's to engage the local indigenous population that will provide employment and training opportunities, we question why this concept cannot be applied to sealing the entire 124 kms of the road network. This would surely provide long term employment, training security and sustainability, as opposed to only providing short term employment and training opportunities in approx. 5 km increments? Sealing of the entire remaining section of the road network would provide approximately 12 to 18 months of meaningful and continual engagement as opposed to short term projects of only 10 to 12 weeks.

The railway between Wiluna and Meekatharra was closed in 1958 and the communities were promised then that the road link would be sealed - some 65 years ago! Maintenance grading continues at a cost of approximately \$30k p/day that equates to approx. \$600k p/month (or \$6m a year) in comparison to sealing the entire road at approximately \$90m. Given the maintenance grading has been undertaken for approximately 40 years, the total cost to date (and counting!) for maintenance grading far exceeds the cost of sealing the road. Funding to seal the entire unsealed section of the highway was withdrawn in 2017 breaking another promised commitment. Despite several attempts and pleas to the State and Federal Ministers by the Shire's of Wiluna and Meekatharra, the Goldfields Highway that begins at Kambalda and ends at the junction of the Great Northern Hwy just north of the town of Meekatharra, remains the only State Highway in WA unsealed. It is a major transport and tourism route as well as providing an important link for regional community commuters.

Both Shire Presidents of Meekatharra and Wiluna will therefore ask the question 'why the project cannot be entirely completed that would surely provide more benefits to the local indigenous community, as well as the tourism, mining and freight industry alike?'

The Shire Presidents of Meekatharra and Wiluna will continue to lobby and explore alternative options for the complete sealing of the remaining 124 km of unsealed road between Wiluna and Meekatharra. The condition of the unsealed road continues to deteriorate with vehicle accidents also an unfortunate regular occurrence.

Cr Harvey Nichols
Shire President
Shire of Meekatharra

Cr Peter Grundy
Shire President
Shire of Wiluna

Contact: ***Kelvin Matthews*** Chief Executive Officer - Meekatharra 0417 989076

Gary Gaffney Chief Executive Officer - Wiluna 0417141877

Community



Happenings

WHAT'S CURRENTLY HAPPENING IN MEEKA?

**THIS
SKATE
PARK
DOESN'T
HAVE
A SAY**



YOU DO.

**VOTE IN
YOUR LOCAL
COUNCIL
ELECTIONS**

**THIS
HERITAGE
BUILDING
DOESN'T
HAVE
A SAY.**



YOU DO.

**VOTE IN
YOUR LOCAL
COUNCIL
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY ELECTION 21 OCTOBER 2023



Early Voting - in accordance with section 4.68 (1) (b) of the Local Government Act 1995, and regulation 59 of the Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997, early voting will open on Monday 2nd of October 2023 and close at 4pm on Friday 20th of October 2023.

Postal Voting – applications for postal voting open on Monday 2nd of October 2023 and close on Tuesday 17th of October 2023. Any person wishing to make an application for a postal vote can contact the Returning Officer at the details listed below.

Absent Voting – in accordance with 4.68 (1) (c) of the Local Government Act 1995, absent voting opens on Monday 2nd of October 2023 and closes on Tuesday 17th of October 2023. Any person wishing to cast an absent vote must do so before this date.

In person voting - a vote in person on election day being Saturday the 21st of October 2023 may be cast between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA

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RETURNING OFFICER: Kelvin J Matthews

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Email: executive@meekashire.wa.gov.au

STRONGER TOGETHER

MEEKA'S WALK FOR SUICIDE AWARENESS

Sunday 15 October 2023

Meet at the Welcome Park at 4:30pm

**We will walk 3144 steps around town
One step for each suicide in 2021**

Join us for dinner afterwards

**Get your shirt, bag and map when you
register at Youth Focus or the Meeka Shire
Office**



STRONGER TOGETHER

Sunday 15 October 2023

At the Youth Focus Office Main Street Meekatharra 1pm

QPR training for community members!

Learn to identify possible suicide warning signs, clues and suicidal communication often used by those in crisis.

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Gain skills that will help you to take action to prevent a possible suicide, by learning how to:

Question ... a person about suicide

Persuade ... them to get help

Refer ... them to appropriate help

FREE 1.5 Hour Suicide Prevention Training



QPR Gatekeeper Training

Question

Persuade

Refer

Please send queries to Sarah at sarah.collins@anglicarewa.org.au



OUTBACK FESTIVAL 2023: A SPECTACULAR CELEBRATION OF FUN AND COMMUNITY

The Outback Festival 2023 was nothing short of extraordinary, leaving attendees with unforgettable memories of a fantastic event. From thrilling performances to mouthwatering cuisine and heartwarming community spirit, this year's festival had it all.

The festivities kicked off with the inaugural 'Meeka MADE' art exhibition, which you can read more about in our Arts & Culture section. From there, the excitement continued with Saturday morning markets and even more stunning art.

Saturday afternoon was a blast for everyone as the Oval came alive with a wide array of attractions. There were thrilling inflatables, a dunk tank that added to the never-ending excitement, and even ponycycles that brought joy to both kids and adults alike (how cute was that little elephant?) And let's not forget the mouthwatering donuts and paella that tantalised our taste buds.

But that's not all; you had the chance to build your own showbag, filled with a delightful selection of lollies. Plus, there was face painting to finally become Spiderman or a Butterfly. Westgold also took the stage with an eye-opening emergency demonstration, complete with extracting a dummy from a car wreck.

Peter Foster MLC made a special appearance to present the Shire with Lotterywest Cheques for the Festival and the Lions Park project. As the day turned into evening, Afterglow serenaded us with live tunes, setting the stage for the mesmerizing ZAP Circus and their incredible fireshow. And what's a festival without fireworks? We counted down and launched a spectacular display to top off the night.

On Sunday, the community gathered at the Shire Hall for a hearty cooked breakfast. Then it was back to the Oval for another day of festivities, complete with a petting zoo and a circus workshop.

Sunday night was all about the adults as the Ball kicked off at the Shire Hall. Live music by Afterglow set the mood, and ZAP Circus wowed the crowd with their acrobatic performance (even inspiring a spontaneous re-enactment by Svenja and Pete, without warm-up or training!). Delicious food from Charlie's Pizza and Mama Moon's Bakery was savored, and refreshing beverages from the Royal Mail Hotel were enjoyed by all.

The Royal Mail and Commercial Hotel added to the excitement with extra activities at the pubs, including a karaoke night and a darts competition that proved to be incredibly popular.

On behalf of the Shire of Meekatharra, we would like to extend our thanks to all the staff, volunteers (local community members, Australian Vanadium Ltd Volunteers, and Carey Right Track Foundation), to our amazing performers, Afterglow and Zap Circus, to the Perth Bouncy Castle Crew, the Community Resource Centre, to Westcoast Fireworks for delivering another amazing set of fireworks, to Old Macdonalds Travelling Farms, to our food vans, Red Dog Donuts, and Kamal's Quarter, and to Mama Moon's, Royal Mail for supplying drinks and bar, Meekatharra Fire Brigade, Police, St John Ambulance, and Hi-Lite Security for keeping everyone safe and sound. We would also like to thank our sponsors and partners for this festival, Lotterywest, Horizon Power, Westgold, RAC, Australian Vanadium Limited, Technology Metals Australia Limited, and Peter Foster MLC.

Without these sponsors and helpers, we wouldn't have a turnout of almost 600 attendees throughout the festival, and for our tiny town, that is a lot of folks! Our community and visitors truly enjoyed the festival.

In sum, it was another unforgettable weekend of fun and community spirit. We value your feedback to make the next festival even better. Please check out the survey link in the Dust, and share your thoughts with us. Here's to many more memorable festivals and partnerships ahead!

Brought to you by













HOW WAS IT?

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

How was the Meeka Outback Festival 2023? How can we make it better next year?



scan here to
participate

or go to

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/28CNW6P>

The survey takes less than 4 minutes to complete.

You can also provide feedback by speaking with Larra or Svenja at the Shire, emailing cdo@meekashire.wa.gov.au or calling 9980 0600.



Community Connectors Bus

Phone Number

0467 953 411

Hours

8am to 1pm

6pm to 9pm

Monday to Friday

(No bus service on weekends or Public Holidays)

Some exceptions if by prior arrangement



COMMUNITY FACILITIES Available in Town

LLOYDS CONFERENCE ROOM

Lloyds Plaza Conference Room is a state-of-the-art conferencing facility set to accommodate up to a maximum of 25 people. *Hire fees are \$12.50 (including GST) per hour, minimum of 4 hours hire.*

This facility **can be booked online**. Alternatively, please contact us directly at **9980 0600** or email us at **cs@meekashire.wa.gov.au**

TOWN HALL

One of the most important buildings in our town, our beloved Town Hall is a multi-purpose space where your team, or family can utilize to whatever way you think it'll fit. This space can accommodate up to 250 people.

This facility unfortunately cannot be booked online.

Please contact us directly at **9980 0600** or email us at **cs@meekashire.wa.gov.au** for any enquiries or bookings.

SPORTING COMPLEX AND OVAL

Looking for a space to use for a big event in town?

The Sporting Complex and Oval might be the space for you. With it's luscious grass and wide field, accompanied with an indoor space to keep shade when needed, this space can accommodate up to 50 people indoors.

This facility unfortunately cannot be booked online.

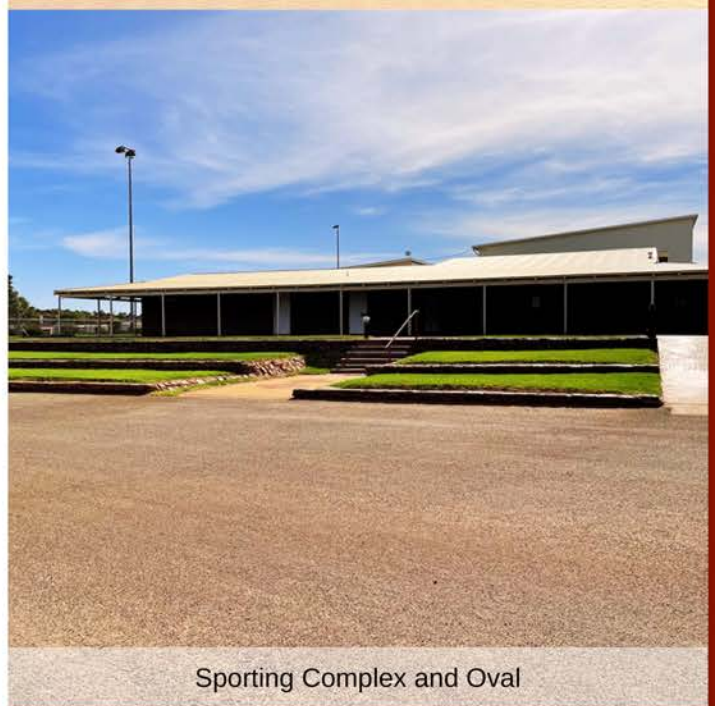
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Lloyds Plaza Conference Room



Town Hall



Sporting Complex and Oval



GYM

The gym is located at the Sports Grounds off Landor Road behind the Club Rooms and is able to be accessed between 5am-10pm.

This unmanned gym has all the equipment you will need and more to complete your workout. To access the gym a swipe card is needed from the Shire Office.

Access is restricted to 16 years old and above

Opening Hours

5am - 10pm

For any enquiries, please contact us directly at **9980 0600** or email us at cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au

Fees & Charges (as of July 2023, subject to change)

\$20 once-off sign up fee + then only \$32 per month

Concessions available

Fees apply for lost cards

SWIMMING POOL

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

Opening Hours

1 October to 31 March each year

Monday - Friday

12pm to 6pm

6pm to 7pm - Adults Only

Saturday - Sunday

11am to 6pm

Fees & Charges

Daily, weekly & full season passes available for children, adults and families. Concessions available.

'Pool for School' policy in place, rewarding school attendance with free entry to the Pool.

Enquire at the Shire Office for details or on 9980 0600 or email us at cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au.





SQUASH COURT

The Meekatharra Squash Court is located behind the Club Rooms at the Sports Ground off Landor Rd. The key and light tokens are available from the Shire Office.

This is an unmanned facility and is able to be accessed between the noted opening hours below.

Opening Hours

5am - 10pm

Fees & Charges

(As of 1st July 2022)

- Court Hire - \$10 (per hour/token)
- Key Bond - \$50 (cash Only)

We do not hire equipment (racquets, balls etc.)

For any enquiries, please contact us directly at 9980 0600 or email us at cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au

TENNIS COURT

The Tennis Court is located at the Sports Grounds off Landor Road and is a free facility to use for the community.

This is an unmanned facility and is able to be accessed between the noted opening hours below.

Opening Hours

5am - 10pm

Fees & Charges

- (Court Hire - No Charge)
- Lights - \$10 per hour
- Key Bond (lights) - \$50 (Cash Only)

We do not hire equipment (racquets, balls etc.)

For any enquiries, please contact us directly at 9980 0600 or email us at cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au





BASKETBALL COURTS

The Basketball Court is located at the Sports Grounds off Landor Road and is a free facility to use for the community. There are regular events held by the Youth Services Team at the Basketball Courts.

This is an unmanned facility and is able to be accessed between the noted opening hours below.

Opening Hours

5am - 10pm

Fees

- Court Hire - No Charge
- Lights - \$10 per hour
- Key Bond (lights) - \$50 (Cash Only)

For any enquiries, please contact us directly at 9980 0600 or email us at cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au

KIDZONE & YOUTH CENTRE

The Kidzone and Youth Centre is always open on both School Terms and School Holidays for any after school programs for the youth in Meekatharra to use and connect with others.

Both spaces have adults that are able to supervise and guide the youth in what they want to do. There are facilities and resources there that are well equipped for the youth to use.

Kidzone welcomes children from age 5-11 years old, while Youth Centre welcomes youth from age 12 to 18. All youth is welcome to come and even bring their friends or siblings with them.

Opening Hours

Kidzone & Youth Centre: 3pm till 5pm, everyday Monday to Friday

Youth Centre: 6 till 8pm everyday Monday to Friday

For any enquiries, please contact us directly at 9980 0600 or email us at cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au



Youth Services Team: Lachlan, Jayda, Andrea, Whitney, Ashanta, and Andrew (from left to right)



LIBRARY & MUSEUM

The Meekatharra Public Library is located at the Shire Office and is combined with a small museum. The library is a great resource and is available to all members of the community. The library contains a comprehensive collection of fiction, and non-fiction books, large print books, audiobooks, and DVDs for adults and children. There is a regular exchange of books to ensure up to date and varied stock.

A selection of new books is displayed on our feature tables until the next supply of stock arrives. Should there be an item that a member cannot find in our library, the item can be requested at reception through the State Library. Members must provide the correct title and author of the item. Please note that there may be a delay in receiving them based on availability from other libraries.

A large variety of resources are available upon request and include titles in audio formats, larger print, books written in languages other than English, and an extensive DVD collection.

You can also avail for the following:

- **Membership** - There is no cost for library membership for all residents of Meekatharra.
- **Visitor Membership** - Visitors can become a member of the Meekatharra Library. The requirements are the same as for residents.
- **Borrower Rights** - Please bring your library card when borrowing or renewing items. You can borrow a combination of books, audiobooks or DVDs. Items can be borrowed for three weeks.

Open from 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday.

Meekatharra Public Library is located at 54 Main Street Meekatharra

Ph: (08) 9980 0600

Fax: (08) 9981 1505

cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au



Core Services

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

FOOD FOR THE MOB

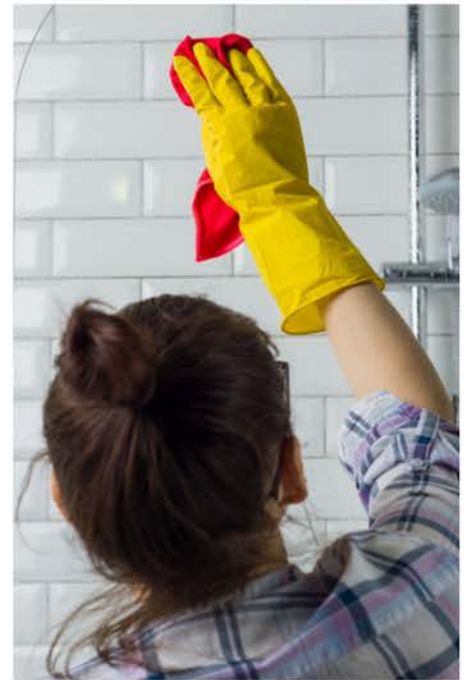
TRANSPORT

SOCIAL PARTICIPATION CLASSES

SERVICES FOR APPOINTMENTS

YARD & GARDENING SERVICES

HOUSE CLEANING



For more information please contact our Community Hub Coordinator
Email: communitycoordinator@yulella.org.au
Phone: 0499 462 829



Drive life in Meekatharra.

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

St John Meekatharra urgently needs volunteer ambulance drivers to respond to call-outs, attend emergencies and perform routine patient transfers.

If you'd like to help, visit stjohnchangelives.com.au or give your local Community Paramedic a call on 0437 681 562, or email cp.midwesteast@stjohnwa.com.au

Life goes on.
Volunteer with St John.



Life



Style

THINGS WE DO HERE IN TOWN.

THE POOL IS BACK!

After an extensive four-month renovation, we are thrilled to announce that our beloved pool is back in action, perfectly timed for the start of the season. To mark this exciting occasion, we hosted a free community event on October 2nd, where the community came together to celebrate the pool's rejuvenation.

At the event, Councillor Judy Holden and Shire CEO Kelvin Matthews conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony and expressed their heartfelt gratitude to all who attended and extended special thanks to the State Government who, through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, is a major supporter of community sport and recreation facilities in Western Australia. Sport and recreation builds stronger, healthier, happier and safer communities. When we play sport our whole community wins.

The event also featured the return of the beloved 'Pool Man,' Fordy, and his boss, Mat, who delighted attendees with pulling out the exciting inflatables, providing endless entertainment for both kids and spectators alike. Additionally, the Shire's Youth team put the new BBQ to the test, treating everyone to a delectable sausage sizzle.

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who joined us for this special event. We hope that you relish the revitalised pool and all the refreshing experiences it has to offer. As we dive into this new chapter, we invite you to enjoy the water, create lasting memories, and bask in the joy of our beloved community asset.





Meekatharra

Commercial Hotel

Photo from: wanderingwarwickswonderment.wordpress.com

Facilities:

- Hotel/ Motel
- Pub
- Bottle'o
- Outdoor Beer Garden
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INGREDIENTS

- 260 gram chargrilled red capsicum, drained, sliced thickly
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 6 medium stalks silver beet
- 10 free-range eggs
- 1/4 cup (60ml) milk
- 2 clove garlic, extra, crushed
- 3 cup (350g) firmly packed snow pea tendrils
- 1/2 cup (40g) shaved pecorino cheese

METHOD

- 1 Combine capsicum, thyme, garlic, vinegar and oil in a large bowl; stand for 15 minutes.
- 2 Meanwhile, cut stems from silver beet (save for another use if you like); shred leaves. Whisk eggs, milk, shredded silver beet and extra garlic in a large bowl; season.
- 3 Heat a small non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Pour one-quarter of the egg mixture into pan; tilt pan to cover base with egg mixture. Cook over medium heat for 3 minutes or until omelette is just set. Carefully slide omelette onto plate; cover to keep warm. Repeat with remaining egg mixture to make 4 omelettes in total.
- 4 Add snow pea tendrils and pecorino to capsicum mixture; toss to combine.
- 5 Serve omelettes topped with capsicum salad.



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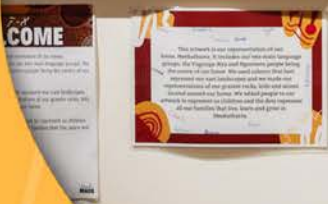
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CREATIVELY FLOWS THROUGH MEEKA!

'MEEKA MADE' ART EXHIBITION & MEEKATHARRA STREETScape ART PROJECT LAUNCH

The Meekatharra Outback Festival 2023 kicked off with a resounding success on Friday, September 22nd, 2023. An enthusiastic crowd of 80-100 attendees gathered to revel in our local art scene, soak up the creatively enhanced streetscape, and marvel at the delightful Yarn Bombing craft.

Even before the official opening of the art exhibition, a remarkable moment unfolded. Local artist Rebecca Peterson found a buyer in Cemeteries Heritage Consultant Helene Bartleson, who felt a profound connection with one of Rebecca's paintings.

During the event, we had the privilege of hearing from some influential voices in our community. Shire Councillor Judy Holden, alongside the Shire's Community Development & Services Manager Svenja Clare and Community Resource Centre Manager Jo Bonnily, shared their thoughts on the Streetscape Art Project and the inaugural 'Meeka MADE' exhibition, as well as the proposed artist development program 'Artrepreneur'.



Artist Charmaine Burton and Gloria Whitehurst



Svenja Clare showcasing replicas of the 'Streetscape Art Project' median murals depicting Meeka's heritage



Timika King kindly donated a series of paintings as a fundraiser for little Hannah. From left: Breyley, Sarah, Timika and Dot

A special thank you goes out to Technology Metals Australia for generously sponsoring the "TMT Award" and the "People's Choice Award." Larra Juab, the Shire's Community Development Officer and the curator of this exhibition, presented the prestigious TMT Award to Andrew 'Ando' Binsiar. Meanwhile, everyone had the chance to cast their votes for the People's Choice Award, which ultimately went to Samantha Coffin, an emerging artist who captivated the public with her striking collection of three paintings.

It's important to note that the Meekatharra Streetscape Art Project was made possible through our partnership with RAC, thanks to its Reconnect WA initiative. This initiative strives to create vibrant streets and public spaces where Western Australians can come together, interact and connect with each other.

Lastly, but most importantly, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of you for the fantastic turnout. Your presence and enthusiasm have enabled us to plan and dream up further events. It's amazing to see how art has become a magnet, drawing our community together in such a remarkable way.

Thank you for being a part of this creative journey. Who would have imagined that art could be such a powerful force in Meeka? Watch this space.



Shire President Harvey Nichols presenting Sam Coffin with the TMT 'People's Choice' Award

Rebecca Peterson with happy buyer Helene Bartleson

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Examples of unfair practices can include using confusing information when trying to unsubscribe from a streaming service, or even a red button for 'yes' and a green button for 'no'. Offering a "free prize" in exchange for collecting and using your personal data is another common example.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) recognises that many consumers and small businesses have limited bargaining power in dealing and competing with large businesses, making them more susceptible to unfair trading practices, that can also discourage or inhibit small businesses from competing in markets.

The Australian Government is looking at international jurisdictions, seeking recommendations from all consumer agencies to help shape Australia's competition and consumer laws around unfair trading practices, and seeking input from the community to make sure that consumers and small businesses aren't disadvantaged by large business.

The experiences and knowledge of consumers, consumer groups and small businesses are being sought on the proposed reforms to help level the playing field to better protect consumers and small businesses, and to guide and promote better business conduct, generally.

[Consultation is now open](#) and submissions are due to the Department of Treasury by 29 November 2023. Take a few minutes to share your experiences and how you feel these actions are causing harm by visiting <https://treasury.gov.au/consultation/c2023-430458>, so we can all work together to ensure a more level, and therefore fairer, playing field for all.



MEEKA GOES GREEN

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Saturday 4 November 2023

10am

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We will be discussing winding up the organisation

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Contact Details:

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The Meekatharra Golf Club is located on Goldfields Highway 3km out of town. The green may not be so green but this course is a great facility for our town. The club meets annually in May for the Meekatharra Golf Open and plays regularly on Sundays.

Contact Details:

Phone - 0428 699 685

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To join or volunteer for the Meekatharra Gymkhana Club you would either contact a club member or come along to one of our meetings which are usually held twice a year on dates that are advertised beforehand usually via social media.

Contact Details:

Email - meekagymkhanaclub@outlook.com
Phone- President: Tracy Elliot 99812938,
Vice President: Nikki Garrity 0457152911,
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MEEKA GOES GREEN

Meeka Goes Green in our local recycling centre located on Railway Street and run by volunteers in the Meekatharra community. They are open every Saturday between 9am-11am to take in your recycling, have a chat and learn more about being green. The best way to join in is to rock up during opening hours or potentially reach out via Facebook or email.

Contact details:

Email - meekagoesgreen@gmail.com
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MEEKA FM RADIO

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Contact Details:

Email - meekafm98.3@gmail.com
Facebook - Meeka FM 98.3 Community Radio Station
Website - <https://www.mama.net.au/>
Phone - 9981 1358
Address - 68 Hill Street

IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS?

Let us know if you would like to take this space here to call upon possible volunteers!

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