

Shire of Meekatharra Council Member Briefing January 2025

Saturday 18 January 2025

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1 Status Updates

1.1 Council Resolutions

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21/11/2020 - 9.3.1 CEO Letter to MRVC 25/11/20 Complete			DWER assessing report.	
	21/11/2020 - 9.3.1	CEO	Letter to MRVC 25/11/20	Complete
Murchison Regional Vermin Council Emailed Lawyer 30/11/20 Complete	Murchison Regional Vermin Council		Emailed Lawyer 30/11/20	Complete
Ongoing Contributions New Deed to MRVC 1012/20 Complete	Ongoing Contributions		New Deed to MRVC 1012/20	Complete
MRVC Returned and signed deed 11/01/21 Complete			MRVC Returned and signed deed 11/01/21	Complete
Awaiting advice from Dept of Local Govt In Progress			Awaiting advice from Dept of Local Govt	In Progress
18/092021 - 9.4.1 CEO Met with Westgold 14/07/23 to discuss objection In Progress	18/092021 - 9.4.1	CEO	Met with Westgold 14/07/23 to discuss objection	In Progress
Extension to Boundaries of Reserve to extension and potential solutions.	Extension to Boundaries of Reserve		to extension and potential solutions.	
45111 Awaiting Westgold test results.	45111		Awaiting Westgold test results.	
19/11/2022 - 9.3.7 CEO Sent Scheme and Strategy to DPLH on 07/12/22. In Progress	19/11/2022 - 9.3.7	CEO	Sent Scheme and Strategy to DPLH on 07/12/22.	In Progress
Local Planning Scheme No.4 and Local Workshop with planning consultant held	Local Planning Scheme No.4 and Local		Workshop with planning consultant held	
Planning Strategy 08/12/22.	Planning Strategy		08/12/22.	
DPLH have assessed documents and submitted			DPLH have assessed documents and submitted	
proposed modifications 17/07/23.			proposed modifications 17/07/23.	
CDSM met with consultant, changes have been			CDSM met with consultant, changes have been	
made. Final version presented to HBTP Jan24 and			made. Final version presented to HBTP Jan24 and	
sent to DPLH 24/01/24.			sent to DPLH 24/01/24.	
18/11/2023 - 13.2 DCEO Forms 1, 2 and 4 signed and returned to Debt In progress	18/11/2023 - 13.2	DCEO	Forms 1, 2 and 4 signed and returned to Debt	In progress
Rates Recovery – sale of properties Collector. Properties now subject to auction.	Rates Recovery – sale of properties		Collector. Properties now subject to auction.	
Auction held.			Auction held.	
27/07/2024 - 13.1 CEO RUMA completed and sent to Abra for execution In progress	27/07/2024 - 13.1	CEO	RUMA completed and sent to Abra for execution	In progress
Abra Road Agreement	Abra Road Agreement			
17/08/2024 - 9.3.4 CEO Variation sent to Westgold In Progress	17/08/2024 - 9.3.4	CEO	Variation sent to Westgold	In Progress
Westgold Resources LTD – Use of	Westgold Resources LTD – Use of			
Ashburton Downs Road Network	•			

19/10/2024 - 13.1	A/CEO	Offers made on 3 blocks. Awaiting advice from	In Progress
Acquisition of Residential Land Parcels		Landgate on "Old Stables" site	
13/12/2024 - 9.3.1	A/CEO	Letters sent	Complete
Applications for Mining Tenement			
Exploration, Prospecting and			
Miscellaneous Licences – Various			
13/12/2024 - 9.3.2	A/CEO	Accepted by Council at December 2024 meeting	Complete
Acceptance of 2023/-2024 Annual			
Report			
13/12/2024 - 9.3.3	A/CEO	Dissolved by Council on 13/12/24	Complete
Dissolution of Committee			
13/12/2024 - 9.3.4	A/CEO	Meeting to be held 18/01/2025 @ 9.00am	In progress
Electors' Annual General Meeting			
13/12/2024 - 9.3.5	A/CEO	DCEO appointed as A/CEO until commencement	Complete
Appointment of Acting Chief Executive		of new CEO	
Officer			
13/12/2024 - 13.1	A/CEO	Winners selected and invitation letters sent out	Complete
2025 Meekatharra Community Awards			
13/12/2024 - 13.2	A/CEO	Tender documentation to be created	In progress
Disposal of CAT 12H Road Grader			
(P358)			
13/12/2024 - 13.3	A/CEO	Job description approved and position advertised	In progress
Recruitment of Chief Executive Officer			
13/12/2024 - 13.4	A/CEO	Changes confirmed	In progress
Floodway Location Changes to RFT			
2023/254-5 Construction of Road			
Floodway Works – Various Locations			

1.2 Outstanding Debtors

Debtor Name	Age of Invoice (90 Days)	GT 90 Days	GT 60 Days	GT 30 Days	31.12.2024 Current	Total	Comment
Aerohire Pty Ltd	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$223.40	\$223.40	
Albany Aviation	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$61.23	\$61.23	
Anning, Samuel King	231	\$54.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$54.40	
Aurelia And Sovan Pty Ltd	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.83	\$40.83	
Aviation Utilities Pty Ltd	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$59.25	\$59.25	
Avshare Investments Pty Ltd	569	\$54.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$54.40	
Avwest Pty Ltd	569	\$56.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56.13	
Aikin, Ralph Douglas	0	\$0.00	\$43.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43.10	
Anthony, Jayleen	468	\$843.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$843.95	
Ashleigh Severinsen	172	\$726.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$726.00	
Baade, Bruce Geoffrey	0	\$0.00	\$40.80	\$40.80	\$0.00	\$81.60	
Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd	105	\$755.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$755.00	
Booroobil Pastoral Co.	231	\$40.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.83	
Brown, Clinton	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38.55	\$38.55	
Campbell, David Alexander	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$163.26	\$0.00	\$163.26	
Chris Clancy and Kadisen King	1061	\$3,244.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,244.28	Debt Collection - Long-Term Instalments
Collins, Ross John	0	\$0.00	\$30.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.05	
Comiskey's Contracting	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43.08	\$43.08	

Debtor Name	Age of Invoice (90 Days)	GT 90 Days	GT 60 Days	GT 30 Days	31.12.2024 Current	Total	Comment
Complete Aviation Services	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$470.63	\$470.63	
Conair WA Pty Ltd	0	\$0.00	\$61.23	\$61.23	\$61.23	\$183.69	
Coral Coast Helicopter Services	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
Department Of Justice	440	\$756.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$756.40	
DW Hayes	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72.00	\$0.00	\$72.00	
GandR Wills Holdings Pty Ltd	231	\$40.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.83	
Gilford, David Mark	0	\$0.00	\$33.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33.45	
Gilla, Patina	425	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	
Gradow Pty Ltd	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.20	\$175.20	
Grange Court Pty Ltd	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45.35	\$0.00	\$45.35	
Helibits Pty Ltd (Heliwest)	980	\$205.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$205.88	
Helicopter Film Services Pty Ltd	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56.70	\$56.70	
Heliflite	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27.20	\$27.20	
Hunter Helicopters Pty Ltd	0	\$0.00	\$56.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56.25	
Heli-Aust Whitsundays Pty Ltd	231	\$264.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$264.30	
Iconic Catering	162	\$176.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$176.00	
Jeffress, Mark Andrew	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.06	\$0.00	\$0.06	
Jet Travel Australia Pty Ltd	0	\$0.00	\$212.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$212.50	
JFC Darwin Pty Ltd	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$77.68	\$155.36	\$233.04	
JTL Holdings Australia Pty Ltd	186	\$81.63	\$0.00	\$163.26	\$81.63	\$326.52	

Debtor Name	Age of Invoice (90 Days)	GT 90 Days	GT 60 Days	GT 30 Days	31.12.2024 Current	Total	Comment
Malcolm Ryder	624	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Mark Richardson	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$68.05	\$0.00	\$68.05	
Maverick Aviation Pty Ltd	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$81.60	\$81.60	
McNolty, Monte Austin	186	\$76.40	\$0.00	\$27.20	\$0.00	\$103.60	
Meekatharra Community Resource Centre	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	
Mission Australia (Meekatharra)	320	\$192.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$192.40	
Murray, Marie Louise	0	\$0.00	\$66.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66.90	
Mama Moon's Bakery	552	\$19,279.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,279.96	Debt Collection
Meeka Gift N Garden	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$139.98	\$0.00	\$139.98	
Merome Beard	694	\$74.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$74.05	
Native Oracle Pty Ltd	0	\$0.00	\$76.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$76.00	
National Jet Express (Cobham)	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$54,631.89	\$54,631.89	In Administration via REX - monitor
Outline Global	0	\$0.00	\$43.10	\$0.00	\$113.39	\$156.49	
Ocean Ecology Pty Ltd	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$62.50	\$0.00	\$62.50	
Outback Aviation Logistics	458	\$192.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$192.76	
Penjet Pty Ltd	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,917.05	\$4,536.56	\$20,453.61	Payment received in January 2025
Pitrolo, Edward Raymond	0	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	
Prestige Helicopters Pty Ltd	488	\$118.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$118.50	

Debtor Name	Age of Invoice (90 Days)	GT 90 Days	GT 60 Days	GT 30 Days	31.12.2024 Current	Total	Comment
Prime Flight Pty Ltd	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$170.46	\$170.46	
RJ and S Mcconachy Pty Ltd	540	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22.00	
Seneca 2 Pty Ltd	569	\$34.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34.19	
Shine Aviation Services	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$947.05	\$947.05	
Shoal Air Pty Ltd	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$86.16	\$86.16	
Sirous Kousari	625	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22.00	
Skippers Aviation	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,350.00	\$7,350.00	
Southern Airlines Pty Ltd	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$396.90	\$396.90	
SRB Concepts Pty Ltd	540	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22.00	
Shooting Stars	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	
Thomson Airborne Pty Ltd	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,938.60	\$1,938.60	
TX Global Pty Ltd	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$81.60	\$81.60	
West Coast Air Services Pty Ltd	231	\$35.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.15	
Western Sky Aircraft Pty Ltd	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.15	\$0.00	\$35.15	
White6 Pty Ltd	425	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
Xcalibur Aviation (Australia) Pty Ltd	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$518.39	\$518.39	
Yarlarweelor Station	106	\$2,444.64	\$2,433.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,878.48	
Yulella Incorporated	424	\$2,372.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,372.86	
Totals		\$32,736.94	\$3,122.22	\$17,053.57	\$72,371.89	\$125,284.62	

1.3 Capital Works

1.4 Chief Executive Officer Performance

2 Section Reports

2.1 Community Services

Author P Chhunzom, Community Services Manager

Reporting Period December 2024

Youth Services

Activity	Girls		Boys		Activity	No. of	Average
Activity	5-9	10-17	5-9	10-17	Total	Sessions	Attendance
Kid Zone					0	0	0
Football/SMF sport							
Evening Activities	2	55	5	30	92	8	11
After School YC Activities	6	15	2	12	35	6	6
School Holiday Program	5	48	5	32	90	7	13

We provided youth sports and recreation activities with the support of Carey Right Track, Mission Australia, Youth Focus, and Fair Game. After extensive repairs and renovations at the youth centre, participants were eager to return and resume regular activities. The highlight of the month was the Community Christmas party, where approximately 80 children received gifts from Santa. The first week of the school holidays marked the conclusion of our 2024 youth services. Collaborating with five staff members from Fair Game, we delivered a fun-filled week of activities, ending the year on a high note with great

Community Development

December saw the final Shire-led event for 2024, with the Community Services team finalising nominations for the 2025 Meeka Community Awards along with continuation of planning for the proceedings on the day of the Awards Ceremony.

Events Held in the Reporting Period

<u>Friday 6 December | Community Christmas Party</u> *Shire Community Services*

expectations and fresh ideas for the new year.

Community services delivered the final event for the year, which was the Community Christmas Party, a free community event with a visit from Santa, gifts for all youth in the community, free community dinner and free entry pool party.

The event was well received and very successful, with many local organisations and volunteers attending on the day to assist with decorating the venue and providing hands-on assistance during the event. Acknowledgement goes out to the following organisations and individuals:

- Westgold Resources Ltd
- Contract Aquatic Services
- Youth Focus
- Mission Australia
- Meekatharra District High School
- Shooting Stars Foundation
- Yulella Aboriginal Corporation
- Eleonora Zibetti (Photography)
- Timika King (Music)
- John Gallano (Santa)

The event commenced at 3:30pm at the Shire Hall with a visit from Santa. Activity tables were provided for parents and children to paint, decorate and play games together, while they waited for their turn to see Santa and the preparation and service of the community dinner.

Santa provided lots of pool inflatables as presents along with a voucher for an ice cream to be redeemed at the pool. Parents and children were able to inflate the pool toys at the 'inflation station' in the hall in preparation for the pool party.

Once the dinner was served, attendees made their way over to the pool where they got to enjoy their presents, ice cream and the tunes provided by the DJ.

Future Events

Sunday 26 January 2025 | Meeka Community Awards

- 10am 12noon
- Meekatharra Shire Hall
- Morning tea provided
- Free pool entry for the community with BBQ lunch. *Children under 10yrs must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday 12 April | Welcome to Meeka (tentative)

- 9:00am 1:00pm
- Community Resource and Visitor Centre/Llyod's Plaza
- Led by Community Services with support from Meekatharra Community Resource and Visitor Centre
- To be held with the first Meeka Markets for 2025

May 2025 | Kalyakoorl, ngalak warangka Tour (Forever, We Sing)

- Note the date change for this event (previously scheduled for August 2024).
- Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse
- A return show from 2023, further details to come

Tuesday 5 August 2025 (date change) | Aladdin and his Smart Watch by A.J Bailey

- Synopsis: an interactive and fun live theatre performance for K Yr6.
- Touring show from Jally Entertainment
- To be hosted by Meekatharra District High School
- Free event

Thursday 18 September 2025 | Youth Formal

- 5:00pm 9:00pm
- Meekatharra Shire Hall
- In collaboration with Meekatharra District High School
- Open to all youth in the Murchison District
- Free ticketed event

Saturday 12 April | Meeka Markets

- 9:00am 1:00pm
- Community Resource and Visitor Centre
- Led by Meekatharra Community Resource and Visitor Centre
- First market of the 2025

Tourism

Nil

Swimming Pool Usage

Gym Usage

2.2 Works and Services

Author A Finlayson, Works and Services Manager

Reporting Period December 2024

Town

- General rubbish removal and Graffiti pickup.
- Depot workshop cleaning and parts/freight stored accordingly.
- Push up tip daily.
- Staff housing retic checks, mow, and trim lawn edges.
- Weed spot spraying laneways, verges and pruning trees.
- Vehicle cleaning.
- Grave digging and funeral preparations for January.
- Works requests.

Roads

- Complete Aerodrome works.
- Begin Sandstone/Meekatharra RRG Works.
- Demob to Depot for end of year cleanup and Christmas break.

Rural Roads Supervisor Report.

- Road Inspections Mt Clere, Ashburton Downs, Wiluna North, Peak Hill Three Rivers, Mingah Springs, Landor and Sandstone Roads.
- KPRM Floodway inspections.
- Catch up with Campbell's Contracting Supervisor.

Contract and Council operator Maintenance Grading

- Northampton Grader Hire Wiluna North Road maintenance grade.
- Council 14H Maintenance Grade. Sick Leave/Christmas break.

Contracted Waste Services

To be developed

Contracted Parks, Gardens, and Facilities Services

Significant Plant Item Matters

- Forklift Quotations completed, PO raised with delivery approximately 4-6 weeks.
- Bore pump on trailer PO raised, waiting on a delivery schedule.

2.3 Airport Services

Author M Cuthbertson, Contracted Airport Manager

Reporting Period December 2024

Aircraft Movements and Statistics

General aviation, Charter and Regular Public Transport service movements for December 2024 were above aircraft movements for December 2023.

JETA1 and AVGAS sales were strong for the month compared to the same period in 2023. AVGAS drum sales were again strong throughout December with 20% of AVGAS sales attributed to drum sales to the pastoral and aerial survey industries. An aerial survey company based in Meekatharra during December added approximately 25 flights to the monthly total of GA landings with approximately 300 litres of avgas taken daily.

As per current trend there continues to be a decrease in Royal Fling Doctor Service aircraft movements throughout 2024. The reasons for decline in RFDS movements through Meekatharra are not known?

The figures below reflect the differences between December 2023 and December 2024.

	December '23	December '24	Variance
General Aircraft Landed:	83	125	+51%
RFDS Landed	54	50	-7%
Avgas	9,065	17,130	+89%
Jet A1	28,660	27,245	-5%
Total Fuel Sold	37,725	44,375	+17%

	YTD 2023	YTD 2024	Variance
General Aircraft Landed:	1,127	1,268	+13%
RFDS Landed	712	562	-21%
Avgas	112,527	144,811	+29%
Jet A1	363,488	322,677	-11%
Total Fuel Sold	476,015	467,488	-2%

Period Maintenance Undertaken

Aerodrome works for the month include:

- General maintenance and upkeep of facilities and equipment.
- Lawns / gardens and terminal plants upkeep.
- Ongoing weed spraying and chipping occurring airside along runway strips to keep weed growth to a minimum and restrict grass height.
- Clean runway marker cones/gables following storms.
- Minor resurfacing of runway strip on 09/27 southwest end due to water scouring.
 Repairs identified in recent Annual Technical Inspection. Shire works depot and roads
 crew completed repairs and resurfacing works between Friday 06th to Sunday 08th
 December. These works completed the corrective action items listed in the Annual
 Technical Inspection conducted in April 2024.

<u>Aerodrome Maintenance Requiring Completion:</u>

- Upgrade of the shire diesel facility was approved in the shire budget pending works
 to remove existing facility and replace with new compliant facility. Advice from the
 shire project officer has indicated the project is due to go to tender in late October
 with upgrade and installation planned in the next 3 to 6 months.
- Upgrade of the airport leach drain system was approved in the shire budget pending works to be completed. Site visits have been conducted by the local plumber with no dates schedule for works to be completed to date.

Airport Security

An incident occurred Thursday 05th December following the arrival of a charter flight for Westgold Operations. A passenger disembarking the aircraft failed to follow directions given by the airport manager and then refused to provide their name and boarding pass when requested. This passenger then acted in a disrespectful manner to a Westgold admin person when followed up by the airport manager. Follow up with the contractor company saw the contractor removed from site and no further travel through Meekatharra airport.

Safety Management System

Nil

Emergency Instances

Nil

Bird and Animal Activity

Bird and Animal activity around the Meekatharra aerodrome has remained a low risk.

Civil Aviation Safety Authority Matters

CASA completed a review of the aerodrome manual V3.1 and following several minor updates advised a recommendation would be sent to CASA accepting the aerodrome manual as submitted for approval and publishing.

CASA confirmed approval of the aerodrome manual V3.1 for the Meekatharra aerodrome on Friday 20th December 2024 and issued a new aerodrome operator certificate to eth Shore of Meekatharra.

CASA conducted an aerodrome surveillance inspection from Monday 07th to Wednesday October 09th. A surveillance report was received from CASA in early November 2024. A review of the findings found no significant issues identified. Findings were addressed and completed where possible with items requiring further investigation noted. A response to the CASA surveillance report were submitted for acceptance with some minor changes required on two safety findings. Of the 6 safety findings, 4 were actioned and acquitted by CASA with 2 remaining safety findings placed on to a CASA action plan for follow up in the future.

Other Matters

Queries have been received from AirNorth for the operation of an Embraer E170 Jet into Meekatharra for the provision of a local mining operation air charter operation. The queries are ongoing currently. Further information received has indicated a start date in February 2024.

2.4 Ranger Services

Author P Smith, Contracted Ranger

Reporting Period December 2024

Reporting Period Visits

One (1)

Requests for Services

Nil

Animal Trapping and Destruction

Trapping was conducted at various locations around town including the industrial area. Frequent checks were made through the evening and early morning. Three (3) feral cats were caught.

Patrol Outcomes

Patrols were conducted around town, around the school and the town oval. Patrols were conducted around the industrial area. Patrols were also conducted of the racecourse, rubbish tip and hot rod track and the early part of the Sandstone / Meekatharra Road. Patrols were conducted of Peace Gorge and near the Airport. There were no sightings of wandering animals and there was nothing to report.

2.5 Environmental Health, Building and Planning Services

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Environmental Health Services

The Environmental Health Officer attended the Shire of Meekatharra for a one-night visit on Wednesday 18th December and Thursday 19th December 2024.

During this visit -

- Attended Cashman's Tyre Disposal Facility on the trip to Meekatharra to investigate a tyre fire which had occurred at the facility on 10th December 2024. I met with the owner of the tyre disposal business to discuss the fire incident and general operations of the facility.
- Attended Meeka Hotel to determine if there had been a change of ownership of the business. The normal manager was on extended holiday and there was a temporary manager onsite.
- Follow up inspection at the Royal Mail Hotel to determine progress of repair works for male and female bathrooms. Some work undertaken with further repair work required.
- Conducted a section 39 pre-inspection at Meekatharra IGA. Meekatharra IGA is intending to extend the liquor licenced area (Bottle shop). Discussed with Regional Manager on the phone while attending the shop.
- Attended a tour of Meekatharra Town Waste ponds and pipe network with the Shire President and Acting Chief Executive Officer The purpose of this tour was to become familiar with the town sewerage network and the effluent disposal ponds. This was prompted by a request from WA Country Health Service (WACHS) to connect the proposed upgraded Meekatharra Hospital to the Town's disposal ponds in the medium-term future.
- Discussed with the Acting Chief Executive Officer proposed options for further site
 investigation at the Meekatharra Swimming Pool site in relation to the Contaminated
 Site classification for the former Meekatharra Power Station. It was determined
 Horizon Power should undertake further works to have the site reclassified prior to
 the Shire potentially taking on (part of) the former Power Station site. Horizon Power
 was advised of the preferred option verbally and by email.
- Investigated potential leak from sewerage pipe from Meekatharra Caravan Park which runs under Main Street. Caravan Park Manager were to engage plumber to investigate potential leak.

Remote assistance was provided -

- Submission of Annual 2023-2024 noise complaint survey to Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.
- Responded to Department of Water and Environmental Regulation regarding site visit at Cashman's Tyre Disposal Facility including recommendations for further follow-up.
- A general email was sent to Department of Water and Environmental Regulation regarding the Town sewage ponds.
- Meeka Metals were provided with advice on the progress of the current septic application.
- Advice was provided to the Shire on household incinerator use in Meekatharra townsite.
- Responded to query regarding camp expansion of Karlawinda Gold Project regarding approvals required.

Building Services

No Building Permit Applications have been received this month.

No enquiries from Meekatharra staff this month.

Planning Services

No planning information or advice was requested by the Shire of Meekatharra during December.