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SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA

BUSH FIRE BRIGADES REPEAL LOCAL LAW 2021

Under the powers conferred by the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and the *Local Government Act 1995* and all other powers enabling it, the Council of the Shire of Meekatharra resolved on 18 September 2021 to make the following local law.

1. Citation

This local law is cited as the *Shire of Meekatharra Bush Fire Brigades Repeal Local Law 2021*.

2. Commencement

This local law comes into operation 14 days after the date of its publication in the *Government Gazette*.

3. Repeal

This local law repeals the *Shire of Meekatharra Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2007*, published in the *Government Gazette* on 29 July 2008.

Dated this 6th day of October 2021.

The Common Seal of the Shire of Meekatharra was affixed by authority of a resolution of the Council in the presence of—

HARVEY NICHOLS, Shire President.
ROY McCLYMONT, Chief Executive Officer.

**CEMETERIES ACT 1986
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995**

SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA

CEMETERIES LOCAL LAW 2021

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**CEMETERIES ACT 1986
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995**

SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA

CEMETERIES LOCAL LAW 2021

Under the powers conferred by the *Cemeteries Act 1986* and the *Local Government Act 1995* and under all other powers enabling it, the Council of the Shire of Meekatharra resolved on 18 September 2021 to adopt the following local law.

PART 1—PRELIMINARY

1.1 Citation

This local law may be cited as the *Shire of Meekatharra Cemeteries Local Law 2021*.

1.2 Commencement

This local law comes into operation 14 days after the date of its publication in the *Government Gazette*.

1.3 Application

This local law applies to the Meekatharra Cemetery (Reserve 3916) located in the district.

1.4 Repeal

This local law repeals *the Shire of Meekatharra Public Cemetery Local Law 2007* as published in the *Government Gazette* on 29 July 2008.

1.5 Definitions

In this local law, unless the context otherwise requires—

Act means the *Cemeteries Act 1986*;

ashes means so much of the remains of a dead body after the due processes of cremation as may be contained in a standard sized cremation urn;

authorised person means a person—

- (a) appointed by the Board for the purposes of performing any function or exercising any power, other than the giving of infringement notices, conferred upon an authorised person by this local law; or
- (b) authorised under section 64 of the Act to give infringement notices;

Board means the local government;

burial means placement of a coffin containing a dead body into a grave, and includes a natural burial;

business day means any week day other than a public holiday in Western Australia;

cemetery means a cemetery under the care and control of the Board;

CEO means the chief executive officer, for the time being, of the Board;

coffin means a coffin or other receptacle used for the transportation of a dead body to the grave site, or the receptacle used for the burial of a dead body in a grave;

Commissioner of Police means the Commissioner of Police for the time being appointed under the *Police Act 1892* and includes any person for the time being acting in that capacity;

district means the district of the local government;

funeral director means a person holding a current funeral director's licence;

grant of right of burial means a right granted under clause 2.3 for immediate burial of a dead body, and for the purposes of this local law, includes placement of ashes in a grave, niche wall, memorial garden or under a memorial plaque, or scattering of ashes within a cemetery;

headstone means a memorial designed for placement at the head of a grave, commemorating a grave or the placement of ashes;

interment includes, as the case may be—

- (a) burial of a dead body;
- (b) placement of ashes in a grave, niche wall, memorial garden or under a commemorative plaque; or
- (c) scattering of ashes;

interment permit means a single funeral permit issued by the Board under section 20 or 21 of the Act which entitles the holder to conduct the interment of a person named in the permit, and includes placement or scattering of ashes in a cemetery;

local government means the Shire of Meekatharra;

memorial has the meaning set out in the Act;

memorial plaque means a panel, plate or tablet designed or used for purposes of bearing a commemorative inscription;

memorial work means to install, repair, renovate or remove a memorial;

monument means a sculpture, statue, cover of a grave or other form of memorial approved by the Board commemorating a grave or the placement of ashes, other than a headstone or memorial plaque;

natural burial means burial in the ground—

- (a) without preparation of the dead body using chemical preservatives; and
- (b) by containment of the dead body only in a shroud or biodegradable coffin;

niche wall means a structure for the placement of a container of ashes in a compartment secured with a covering memorial plaque;

personal representative means—

- (a) the administrator or executor of an estate of a deceased person;
- (b) the person who, by law of practice, has the right to apply for administration of the estate of the deceased person; or
- (c) a person having the lawful custody of a dead body;

set fee refers to fees and charges set by a resolution of the Board and published in the *Government Gazette*, under section 53 of the Act;

shroud means, as the context requires—

- (a) a cloth or cloths used to securely wrap a dead body for burial; or
- (b) a dead body contained within a cloth or cloths;

standard grave means a grave which does not exceed any of the following dimensions: 2000 millimetres long, 1200 millimetres wide and 2100 millimetres deep;

utility services means municipal or public services and includes the supply of water, electrical power, and, gas and also includes refuse, building waste and sewerage disposal services;

vault means a below ground lined grave with one or more sealed compartments constructed to specifications approved from time to time by the Board; and

vehicle includes every conveyance and every object capable of being propelled or drawn on wheels, tracks or otherwise, other than a wheelchair or baby stroller, and includes a bicycle and a skateboard.

PART 2—ADMINISTRATION

Division 1—General

2.1 Powers and functions of CEO

Subject to the direction of the Board, the CEO shall exercise all the powers and functions of the Board in respect of a cemetery in the district.

2.2 Plans

- (1) The Board shall establish and maintain a plan of each cemetery showing—
 - (a) the location of areas set aside for burials, niche walls, memorial gardens, and placement of ashes in a garden;
 - (b) the location of an area to be used only for burials of persons of a particular religious denomination;
 - (c) the location of different areas of the cemetery to which different requirements for memorials apply;
 - (d) the location of areas set aside for the works and other uses as specified in sections 24(2)(a) and (b) of the Act; and
 - (e) any restricted areas.
- (2) The plans referred to in subclause (1) shall be open for inspection by members of the public during normal office hours of the Board.

Division 2—Right of Burial

2.3 Issuing of grants

The Board may from time to time issue to a person a grant for the term specified in the Act, upon—

- (a) Written application by that person; and
- (b) Payment of the set fee.

2.4 Right of holder

(1) Subject to the local law, to the prior approval of the Board and to the terms and conditions (if any) imposed by the Board, a grant confers on the holder, during the term of the grant, an exclusive right—

- (a) to be buried in a grave specified in the grant; and
- (b) to carry out monumental works on the gravesite specified in the grant.

(2) The Board at its absolute discretion, may determine from time to time the number of dead bodies or ashes which may be placed in the grave.

(3) The Board or an authorised officer may request the holder to produce the grant before the exercise of any rights referred to in subclause (1) and the holder shall forthwith comply with that request.

(4) If the location stipulated in the grant of right of burial is significantly and adversely affected prior to or at the time of burial by unforeseen conditions such as flooding, a high water table, rock, large tree roots or any other significant matter the Board may allocate any other gravesite of the grantee's choosing that is not already subject to a grant.

2.5 Renewal of grant

(1) Where, at any time during the term of a grant, a holder—

- (a) makes written application; and
- (b) pays a set fee, the Board must renew the grant for a further term of twenty five (25) years commencing on the expiry date of the grant.

(2) The set fee for the issue of a new grant pursuant to this clause shall be determined by the Board from time to time.

(3) The Board may request the holder to deliver an existing grant to it prior to issuing a new grant.

(4) The holder shall forthwith upon receiving a request by the Board in accordance with subclause (3) deliver the existing grant to the Board.

2.6 Replacement of grant

(1) The Board may—

- (a) upon the written application of a holder; and
- (b) upon the production of evidence to the satisfaction of the Board, issue a new grant to replace a grant which is lost or destroyed.

(2) Notwithstanding subclause (1), the Board may prior to issuing a replacement grant, require the holder to make a statutory declaration in a form determined by the Board.

(3) The replacement grant issued by the Board shall be deemed to be the original grant.

2.7 Transfer of grant

A holder who desires to transfer a grant to another person shall make an application to the Board in a form determined by the board and upon receipt of the application the Board may grant permission in accordance with section 26 of the Act.

2.8 Exercising the rights of holder

If evidence is produced in writing to the satisfaction of the Board that a holder is unavailable or not immediately ascertainable, or has died and has not specifically bequeathed a grant, then the rights conferred upon that holder may be exercised by a holder's personal representative or a person acting expressly on behalf of a personal representative. If those persons are unavailable or not immediately ascertainable, the Board may approve any other person.

2.9 Board may enter into an agreement for maintenance

The Board may enter into an agreement with the holder of a grant of right of burial under clause 2.3 or holder of a pre-need certificate under clause 2.4 for the maintenance of an area of a cemetery at the expense of the holder.

PART 3—APPLICATION FOR INTERMENT**3.1 Application for interment permit**

(1) A funeral director, the personal representative of a deceased person, or other person approved by an authorised person may apply for approval for an interment of a dead body in a cemetery.

(2) A funeral director, the personal representative of a deceased person whose body has been cremated, or other person approved by an authorised person may apply for approval for interment of ashes in a cemetery.

(3) An application for an interment permit under subclause (1) or (2) of—

- (a) a dead body shall include details of—
 - (i) proposed burial method for the dead body in accordance with clause 5.1; and
 - (ii) the vehicle transporting the dead body to the gravesite; or
- (b) ashes shall include details of the proposed interment arrangements for the ashes in accordance with clause 5.4(2).

(4) An application under subclauses (1) or (2) shall be accompanied by the set fee.

3.2 Applications to be accompanied by certificates etc.

An application under clause 3.1(1) shall be accompanied by—

- (a) a certificate issued under clause 3.3; and
- (b) either a medical certificate of death or a Coroner's order of burial.

3.3 Certificate of identification

(1) Prior to the dead body being removed to a cemetery, a person who personally knew the deceased shall identify the dead body and shall provide a certificate of identification, unless—

- (a) in the opinion of the funeral director, the dead body is not in a fit state to be viewed; or
- (b) after reasonable effort the funeral director is unable to arrange for a person to identify the dead body.

(2) A funeral director shall provide a certificate, where—

- (a) in the opinion of the funeral director, the dead body is not in a fit state to be viewed; or
- (b) after reasonable effort the funeral director is unable to arrange for a person to identify the dead body.

3.4 Minimum notice required

An application for interment shall be made to the Board at least five business days prior to the day proposed for interment, otherwise an extra fee may be charged.

3.5 Refusal of application

(1) The Board may refuse an application for the interment permit under clause 3.1(1).

(2) If the Board refuses to approve an application under subclause (1), written notice of the refusal is to be given to the applicant.

PART 4—FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL SERVICES**4.1 Fixing times for interments**

(1) On receipt of a completed application form and the satisfaction of all other requirements of the Act and this local law, the Board may—

- (a) approve a time for the interment; and
- (b) dig or re-open any grave that is required.

(2) The time approved for an interment is at the discretion of the Board but will be as near as possible to the time requested by the applicant.

(3) Except with the permission of the Board and subject to such conditions as may be applied, a person shall not carry out a burial—

- (a) on a Saturday, a Sunday or a public holiday;
- (b) commencing at any time other than between the hours 9:00 am to 3:00 pm; or
- (c) to conclude later than 4:00 pm.

4.2 Memorial services or processions

A person shall not conduct a memorial service or procession within a cemetery unless that person has the permission of the Board.

4.3 Processions

The time fixed by the Board for interment shall be the time at which the procession is to arrive at the cemetery gates, and, if not punctually observed, then the applicant who applied to hold the interment under clause 3.1 shall if required by the Board, pay the set fee for being late.

4.4 Conduct of interments by the Board

When conducting an interment, or for the purposes of deciding whether to conduct an interment, under section 22 of the Act the Board may—

- (a) require a written request to be made for the Board to conduct an interment;
- (b) in its absolute discretion, charge any person requesting it to conduct an interment the set fee for the conduct of that funeral;
- (c) where no fee is applicable or a reduced fee has been charged by it for the conduct of the interment, determine the manner in which the interment shall be conducted;
- (d) specify an area in a cemetery for the interment;
- (e) conduct the funeral notwithstanding the failure of a person to make any application or to obtain any consent required under this local law; and
- (f) do or require anything which is considered necessary or convenient for the conduct of the funeral by the Board.

PART 5—INTERMENTS**5.1 Requirements for burials**

A person shall not bring a dead body into a cemetery unless—

- (a) the Board has approved an application for the burial of that dead body made under clause 3.1(1);
- (b) it is enclosed in a coffin or shroud which bears the name of the deceased person indelibly inscribed in legible characters on a plate attached in a clearly visible position; and
- (c) under the plate referred to in paragraph (b) there is a substantive lead strip bearing the surname of the deceased person stamped in legible characters, each character being not less than 10 millimetres in height.

5.2 Requirements for preparation of graves

(1) A person shall not dig or prepare a grave or fill a grave, unless that person has the permission of the Board.

(2) Regardless of prior grant of right of burial under clause 2.3 or gravesite approved upon application made under clause 3.1, the Board may direct the digging or preparation of a grave in an alternate position, where—

- (a) evidence of a prior interment is found, or known to have occurred;
- (b) access to the position is constrained;
- (c) the digging or preparation of the grave is unreasonably difficult; or
- (d) utility services may be interfered with.

(3) Where an alternative position for the grave is directed under subclause (2), the Board is to advise the funeral director, the personal representative of a deceased person, or other person approved by an authorised person, immediately.

5.3 Requirements for dimensions of graves

(1) A person shall not bury a dead body in a cemetery other than in a standard grave, unless that person has the permission of the Board.

(2) Every grave prepared by the Board shall be dug at least 1800 millimetres deep and shall not exceed 2300 millimetres in depth, unless otherwise determined by the Board.

(3) Unless otherwise permitted by the Board, a person shall not bury a dead body within a cemetery so that the distance from the top of the coffin or shroud to the original surface of the ground is—

- (a) subject to paragraph (b), less than 1600 millimetres, unless that person has the permission of an authorised person; or
- (b) in any circumstances less than 750 millimetres.

(4) The permission of the Board in subclause (3) shall not be granted unless in the opinion of the authorised person exceptional circumstances require granting of that permission.

5.4 Requirements for disposal of ashes

(1) Except in accordance with an approved application under clause 3.1(2), a person shall not bring or dispose of the ashes of a deceased person into a cemetery.

(2) The person approved under subclause (1) may dispose of the ashes of that deceased person in a cemetery by one of the following methods, if that method is available—

- (a) placed within the perimeter of an authorised gravesite's at a depth of at least 600 millimetres;
- (b) placed in a vault;
- (c) placed in a niche wall;
- (d) cremated ashes plot;
- (e) designated family tree area; or
- (f) scattered in an area approved by the Board.

(3) The Board may require a person making an application under clause 3.1(2) to provide additional information reasonably related to the application before determining the application.

(4) The Board may—

- (a) approve an application under clause 3.1(2) unconditionally or subject to any conditions; or
- (b) refuse to approve an application under clause 3.1(2).

(5) Where an application under clause 3.1(2) has been approved subject to conditions, the applicant must comply with each of those conditions, as amended.

(6) If the Board refuses to approve an application under clause 3.1(2), written notice of the refusal is to be given to the applicant.

5.5 Requirements for re-opening a grave

(1) A person shall not reopen a grave without the approval of the Board.

(2) If for the purpose of re-opening a grave in a cemetery, the Board finds it necessary to remove plants, grass, shrubs or other like matter from the grave, then the person ordering the re-opening of that grave shall bear the cost of the removal and any necessary reinstatement.

5.6 Requirements for exhumation

(1) Subject to subclause (2), a person shall not exhume a dead body in a cemetery for the purposes of reburial within 12 months after the date of its interment.

(2) Subclause (1) shall not apply where the exhumation is ordered or authorised pursuant to the Act.

(3) Subject to subclause (1) and (2) prior to any other exhumation, the holder of a grant of right of burial must have applied in writing to the Board requesting the exhumation and an authorised person has authorised the exhumation.

5.7 Requirements for opening of coffin or removal of shroud

A person shall not open a coffin or remove a shroud in a cemetery unless—

- (a) the coffin is opened or shroud removed for the purposes of the exhumation of a dead body; or
- (b) that person has produced to the Board an order signed or authorised pursuant to the Act and an authorised person has approved the opening of that coffin or removal of the shroud.

5.8 Ashes not to be held by the Board

The Board shall not accept custody of ashes of a deceased person.

PART 6—APPLICATIONS FOR MEMORIALS**6.1 Application to place memorial**

(1) Upon payment of the set fee, the Board may approve an application to place a memorial with or without conditions, including restricting use of materials such as wood, dimensions of a memorial etc, so as not to detract from the amenity of a cemetery.

(2) The Board may require the written consent of the holder of the grant of right of burial of the grave, the personal representative of a deceased person, or other person to the satisfaction of an authorised person to accompany an application for a memorial made under section 30 of the Act.

(3) Where written consent is not able to be produced, the Board may approve with or without conditions or decline an application in its absolute discretion

(4) If the Board refuses to approve an application under subclause (2), written notice of that refusal is to be provided to the applicant.

6.2 Australian War Graves

Notwithstanding anything in this local law to the contrary, the Office of Australian War Graves—

- (a) may place a complying memorial on a military grave; and
- (b) is not required to pay the set fee for any memorial that is placed upon a military grave.

PART 7—MEMORIALS PERMITTED**7.1 Limitation on dimensions of memorials**

(1) No part of a memorial, including any grave cover, kerbing, boundary marker or enclosure is to extend beyond the dimensions of a standard grave.

(2) No part of a monument above its base shall extend horizontally beyond its base.

(3) Notwithstanding subclause (1), on request of the personal representative, the Board may approve a memorial over adjoining multiple gravesites—

- (a) where the persons interred are of the same family; or
- (b) for another acceptable reason.

7.2 Specification for monument

A monument is to be constructed in a manner approved by the Board.

7.3 Specification for headstone

A headstone is to be constructed in a manner approved by the Board.

7.4 Specification for memorial plaque base

A memorial plaque base is to be constructed in a manner approved by the Board.

7.5 Specification for memorial plaque

A memorial plaque is to be made in a manner approved by the Board.

7.6 Specification for gravesite fencing

Gravesite fencing is to be constructed in a manner approved by the Board.

7.7 Display of trade names on memorials not allowed

A person shall not display any trade names or marks on a memorial.

7.8 Use of wood

No wooden fence, railing or construction other than a cross, shall be allowed on or around a grave, other than as a temporary marker or with the permission of the Board.

PART 8—MEMORIALS AND OTHER WORK**8.1 Carrying out memorial work**

- (1) A person shall not carry out memorial work within a cemetery unless that person is authorised by the Board to do so under clause 6.1.
- (2) All material required in the erection and completion of any memorial work shall, be prepared before being taken to a cemetery.
- (3) The Board may place restrictions on the hours of work, access to a cemetery or other matters considered appropriate.
- (4) Memorial works shall be suspended during the conduct of any funeral within a cemetery.
- (5) Work is not permitted to be left unattended in an untidy or unsafe state.

8.2 Removal of sand, soil or loam

No sand, earth or other material shall be taken from any part of a cemetery for use in the construction of any memorial or other work except with the written approval of the Board.

8.3 Removal of rubbish

All refuse, rubbish or surplus material remaining after approved memorial works are completed shall be immediately removed from a cemetery by the person carrying out the work.

8.4 Plants and trees

No trees or shrubs shall be planted on any grave or within a cemetery except such as shall be approved by the Board.

8.5 Supervision

All workers, whether employed by the Board or by any other person, shall at all times while within the boundaries of a cemetery be subject to the supervision of the Board and shall obey any directions of the Board.

8.6 Placing of grave ornaments

A person shall not place vases or other grave ornaments—

- (a) outside the perimeter of a grave in a cemetery as defined in the plans kept and maintained under section 40(2) of the Act; or
- (b) outside of an area set aside by the Board as a memorial plaque section.

8.7 Hours of work

Except in accordance with the permission of an authorised person, a person shall not carry out memorial or other work within a cemetery other than between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm on a business day.

8.8 Unfinished work

A person who does not complete any work before 5:00 pm on a business day shall leave the work in a neat and safe condition to the satisfaction of the Board.

PART 9—GENERAL**9.1 Vehicle access and speed limitation**

- (1) A person must only drive a vehicle on a vehicular access way or the constructed roadway or other areas designated for the use of vehicles within a cemetery, unless otherwise authorised by the Board.
- (2) A person driving a vehicle, within a cemetery, shall not exceed the speed limit of 20 kilometres per hour, and shall comply with the signs and directions in the cemetery.

9.2 Animals

A person shall not bring an animal into or permit an animal to enter or remain in the cemetery, other than an *assistance animal* as defined in section 9(2) of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (Cth) or with the approval of the CEO or an authorised officer.

9.3 Utility services

- (1) Other than with the approval of the Board, a person shall not—
 - (a) connect any device or equipment to any utility services supplied on or at a cemetery; or
 - (b) alter or interfere with utility services infrastructure located in a cemetery.
- (2) The Board may recover from a person the reasonable costs incurred by the Board for the supply to and use of any utility services by that person at a cemetery

9.4 Damaging and removing of objects

Subject to clause 9.5, a person shall not damage, remove or pick any tree, plant, shrub or flower in a cemetery or any other object or thing on any grave or memorial or which is the property of the Board without the permission of the Board.

9.5 Withered flowers

A person may remove withered flowers from a grave or memorial and these are to be disposed of in an appropriate manner.

9.6 Littering and vandalism

A person shall not—

- (a) damage, deface or interfere with any monument or gravesite in any manner whatsoever;
- (b) break or cause to be broken any glass, ceramic or other material in or upon a cemetery; or
- (c) discard, deposit, leave or cause to be discarded, deposited or leave any refuse or litter in a cemetery other than in a receptacle provided for that purpose

9.7 Advertising

- (1) A person shall not advertise or carry on any trade, business or profession in a cemetery without the approval of the Board.
- (2) Upon payment of the set fee, the Board may consider and give approval subject to such conditions as the Board thinks fit

9.8 Signs and directions of the Board

- (1) The Board may display, mark, place or erect a sign within a cemetery specifying conditions relating to the use of that cemetery
- (2) A person shall obey all signs displayed, marked, placed or erected by the Board within a cemetery and any other lawful direction by the Board

9.9 Removal from a cemetery

- (1) Any person failing to comply with any provisions of this local law or behaving in a manner that in the opinion of the Board is inappropriate in a cemetery may in addition to any penalty provided by this local law be ordered to leave the cemetery.
- (2) A person to whom an order under subclause (1) is given must comply with that order.

9.10 Board may close cemetery

The Board may—

- (a) temporarily close a cemetery or any part of it;
- (b) exclude from a cemetery the public and all persons or so many of the public or so many persons as the Board consider to be necessary;
- (c) regulate, prohibit or restrict access to a cemetery or any part of it; or
- (d) direct persons to leave a cemetery or any part of it, for purposes of—
 - (i) a funeral or public convenience;
 - (ii) maintenance, redevelopment or extension of a cemetery;
 - (iii) public safety; or
 - (iv) other operational reasons.

9.11 Offensive matters

- (1) A person shall not allow or cause to be displayed any offensive materials, wording, symbols or images of any kind, whether as a sign, on a memorial or otherwise visible.
- (2) Where, in the opinion, based on reasonable grounds, of the Board, a person does not comply with subclause (1), the Board may issue a notice under clause 9.12(1).

9.12 Liability for damage or works required to comply

(1) Where a person—

- (a) causes damage to any grave, memorial, structure, building, furniture, plant or any other item or thing in a cemetery;
- (b) does a thing not authorised by this local law; or
- (c) does not do a thing required by this local law;

the Board may by notice in writing to that person require that person within the time required in the notice to, at the option of the Board—

- (d) pay the costs of reinstating the property to the state it was in prior to the occurrence of the damage;
- (e) pay the costs of replacing that property;
- (f) pay the costs of works required to comply with this local law; or
- (g) carry out works required to comply with this local law.

(2) On a failure to comply with a notice issued under subclause (1), the Board may recover the costs referred to in the notice as a debt due to it.

9.13 Offence to fail to comply with notice

Whenever the Board gives a notice under this local law requiring a person to do anything, if a person fails to comply with the notice, that person commits an offence.

9.14 Board may undertake requirements of notice

Where a person fails to comply with a notice referred to in clause 9.14, the Board may do the thing specified in the notice and recover from the person to whom the notice was given, as a debt, the costs incurred in so doing.

PART 10—OFFENCES AND MODIFIED PENALTIES**10.1 General penalties**

A person who commits a breach of any provisions of this local law commits an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$500, and if the offence is a continuing one to a further penalty not exceeding \$20 for every day or part of a day during which the offence has continued.

10.2 Modified penalties

(1) The offences specified in Schedule 1 are offences which may be dealt with under Section 63 of the Act.

(2) The modified penalty payable in respect of an offence specified in Schedule 1 is set out in the fourth column of Schedule 1.

(3) The infringement notice referred to in Section 63(1) of the Act shall be in the form set out in the Schedule 2

(4) The notice withdrawing an infringement notice referred to in Section 63(3) of the Act shall be in the form set out in Schedule 3.

SCHEDULE 1—MODIFIED PENALTIES

[cl. 10.2(1)]

Item	Clause	Nature of offence	Modified Penalty \$
1	4.2	Conducting a memorial service or procession without permission	50
2	5.1	Failure to obtain approval to bring a dead body into a cemetery	50
3	5.2(1)	Unauthorised digging, preparation or filling of grave	50
4	5.3(1)	Unauthorised burial of dead body	50
5	5.4(1)	Unauthorised disposal of ashes	50
6	5.5(1)	Unauthorised reopening of a grave	50
7	5.6(1)	Unauthorised exhumation of a coffin or shroud	50
8	5.7	Unauthorised opening of a coffin or shroud	50
9	7.7	Use of trade name or mark on a memorial	50
10	7.8	Unauthorised use of wood on a gravesite	50
11	8.1	Unauthorised construction of a memorial	50
12	8.2	Unauthorised use of materials taken from within a cemetery	50
13	8.3	Failure to remove rubbish and surplus materials	50
14	8.4	Unauthorised planting of tree or shrub	50
15	8.5	Failure to comply with direction of authorised person	50
16	8.6	Unauthorised placing of grave ornaments	50
17	8.7	Works carried out during unauthorised times	50
18	8.8	Failure to leave uncompleted works in a tidy and safe condition	50
19	9.1(1)	Driving vehicle other than on vehicular access way or constructed roadways or within designated areas	50
20	9.1(2)	Exceeding speed limit	50
21	9.3	Interference with utility services	50
22	9.4	Damaging or removing object	50
23	9.5	Failure to dispose of withered flowers appropriately	50
24	9.6	Littering or vandalism within a cemetery	50
25	9.7	Unauthorised advertising and/or trading	50
26	9.8(2)	Failure to obey sign or lawful direction within cemetery	50
27	9.9(2)	Failure to comply with order to leave cemetery	50
28	9.11(1)	Display of offensive materials, wording, symbols or images	50
29	9.13	Failure to comply with notice within specified period	50

SCHEDULE 2—INFRINGEMENT NOTICE

[cl. 10.2(3)]

Infringement Notice

INFRINGEMENT NUMBER:		
To:		
Address:		
	It is alleged that:	
Cemetery address:		
At:	Time	
On:	Date	
	You committed the following offence—	
Contrary to:	<i>Shire of Meekatharra Cemeteries Local Law 2020</i>	
Schedule 1 reference:	Item No.—	Clause—
Offence:		
Brief description:		
The modified penalty for the offence is:	\$	
	If you do not wish to have a complaint of the alleged offence heard and determined by a court, the amount of the modified penalty may be paid at the Shire of Meekatharra within a period of 28 days after the giving of this notice.	
Name of authorised person:		
Position:		
Signature:		
Date:		
Payments may be made:	(a) EFT to the Shire of Meekatharra specifying the infringement number (b) In person at—Shire of Meekatharra, Main Street, Meekatharra during business hours (c) By mail to—Shire of Meekatharra PO Box 129, Meekatharra 6642 Please make cheques payable to Shire of Meekatharra.	

If the penalty is not paid within the time specified, then a complaint of the alleged offence may be made and heard and determined by a court.

SCHEDULE 3—WITHDRAWAL OF INFRINGEMENT NOTICE

[cl. 10.2(4)]

Withdrawal of Infringement Notice

No. Date / /

To: ^[1]Infringement Notice No dated ___/___/___ for the alleged offence of ^[2]Penalty ^[3] \$_____ is withdrawn.

(Delete whichever does not apply)

* No further action will be taken.

* It is proposed to institute court proceedings for the alleged offence.

(Authorised Person)

^[1] Insert name and address of alleged offender.^[2] Insert short particulars of offence alleged.^[3] Insert amount of penalty prescribed.

Dated this 6th day of October 2021.

The Common Seal of the Shire of Meekatharra was affixed by authority of a resolution of the Council in the presence of—

HARVEY NICHOLS, Shire President.
ROY McCLYMONT, Chief Executive Officer.

**DOG ACT 1976
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995**

SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA

DOGS LOCAL LAW 2021

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**DOG ACT 1976
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995**

SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA

DOGS LOCAL LAW 2021

Under the powers conferred by the *Dog Act 1976*, the *Local Government Act 1995* and under all other powers enabling it, the Council of the Shire of Meekatharra resolved on 18 September 2021 to make the following local law.

PART 1—PRELIMINARY

1.1 Citation

This local law may be cited as the *Shire of Meekatharra Dogs Local Law 2021*.

1.2 Commencement

This local law comes into operation 14 days after the date of its publication in the *Government Gazette*.

1.3 Application

This local law applies throughout the district.

1.4 Repeal

This local law repeals the *Shire of Meekatharra Dogs Local Law 2007* as published in the *Government Gazette* on 29 July 2008.

1.5 Definitions

In this local law unless the context otherwise requires—

Act means the *Dog Act 1976*;

adjoining includes land or premises which have a portion of a common boundary with a lot or is separated from that lot by a public reserve, road, right-of-way, pedestrian access way, access leg of a battle-axe lot or the equivalent not more than 6 metres in width;

authorised person means a person appointed by the local government to perform all or any of the functions conferred on an authorised person under this local law;

CEO means the chief executive officer of the local government;

dangerous dog has the meaning given to it by section 3(1) of the Act;

district means the district of the Shire of Meekatharra;

dog management facility has the meaning given to it in section 3(1) of the Act;

infringement notice means the notice referred to in clause 7.4;

kennel establishment means any premises where more than the number of dogs under clause 3.2(2) over the age of three months are kept, boarded, trained or bred temporarily, usually for profit and where the occupier of the premises is not the ordinary keeper of the dogs;

licence means a licence to keep an approved kennel establishment on premises granted under clause 4.7;

licensee means the holder of a licence granted under clause 4.7;

local government means the Shire of Meekatharra;

local planning scheme means a planning scheme of the local government made under the *Planning and Development Act 2005*;

notice of withdrawal means the notice referred to in clause 7.7(1);

owner, in relation to a dog, has the same meaning as in section 3(1) and (2) of the Act;

person liable for the control of the dog has the same meaning as in section 3(1) of the Act;

premises in addition to the meaning given to it in section 3 of the Act, means the premises described in the application for a licence made under clause 4.1;

public place has the meaning given to it by section 3(1) of the Act;

Regulations means the *Dog Regulations 2013*;

Schedule means a schedule to this local law;

set fee means a fee or charge made by the local government in accordance with clause 2.1 or clause 4.8;

thoroughfare has the meaning given to it in section 1.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995*; and

transferee means a person who applies for the transfer of a licence to her or him under clause 4.12.

PART 2—IMPOUNDING OF DOGS

2.1 Fees and charges

The following are to be imposed and determined by the local government under sections 6.16 to 6.19 of the *Local Government Act 1995*—

- (a) the charges to be levied under section 29(4) of the Act relating to the seizure and impounding of a dog;
- (b) the additional set fee payable under section 29(4) of the Act where a dog is released at a time or on a day other than those determined under clause 2.2; and
- (c) application for additional costs of the destruction and the disposal of a dog referred to in section 29(15) of the Act.

2.2 Attendance of authorised person at dog management facility

An authorised person is to be in attendance at the dog management facility for the release of dogs at the times and on the days of the week as determined by the CEO.

2.3 Release of impounded dog

- (1) A claim for the release of a dog seized and impounded is to be made to an authorised person.
- (2) An authorised person is not to release a dog seized and impounded to any person unless that person has produced, to the satisfaction of an authorised person, evidence—
 - (a) of her or his ownership of the dog or of her or his authority to take delivery of it; or
 - (b) that he or she is the person identified as the owner on a microchip implanted in the dog.

2.4 Unauthorised release

Unauthorised release of dogs is dealt with by section 43 of the Act.

PART 3—KEEPING OF DOGS

3.1 Dogs to be confined

- (1) An occupier of premises on which a dog is kept must—
 - (a) cause a portion of the premises on which the dog is kept to be fenced in a manner capable of confining the dog;
 - (b) ensure the fence used to confine the dog and every gate or door in the fence is of a type, height and construction which having regard to the breed, age, size and physical condition of the dog is capable of preventing the dog at all times from passing over, under or through it;
 - (c) ensure that every gate or door in the fence is kept closed at all times when the dog is on the premises (unless the gate is temporarily opened in a manner that ensures that the dog remains confined) and is fitted with a proper latch or other means of fastening it;
 - (d) maintain the fence and all gates and doors in the fence in good order and condition; and
 - (e) where no part of the premises consists of open space, yard or garden or there is no open space or garden or yard of which the occupier has exclusive use or occupation, ensure that other means exist on the premises (other than the tethering of the dog) for effectively confining the dog within the premises.
- (2) Where an occupier fails to comply with subclause (1), he or she commits an offence.
- (3) Notwithstanding subclause (1) and (2), the confinement of dangerous dogs is dealt with in the Act and the Regulations.

3.2 Limitation on the number of dogs

- (1) This clause does not apply to premises which have been—
 - (a) licensed under Part 4 of this local law as an approved kennel establishment; or
 - (b) granted an exemption under section 26(3) of the Act.
- (2) The limit on the number of dogs which may be kept on any premises is, for the purpose of section 26(4) of the Act—
 - (a) two dogs over the age of three months and the young of those dogs under that age if the premises are zoned other than as rural under a local planning scheme; or
 - (b) four dogs over the age of three months and the young of those dogs under that age if the premises are zoned as rural, under a local planning scheme.

3.3 Application to keep additional dog or dogs

- (1) Subject to clause 3.5, the local government may consider an application to keep an additional dog or dogs where—
 - (a) the property is deemed suitable by an authorised person—

- (i) having sufficient space capable of confining all dogs;
 - (ii) noise, odours, fleas, flies and other vectors of disease will be effectively controlled; and
 - (iii) the care and welfare of the dogs is considered adequate.
- (b) the details of every dog proposed to be kept on the premises are provided including name, age, colour/description, breed, registration number and microchip details; and
- (c) sufficient reason has been provided, including—
- (i) to replace an elderly or sick dog not expected to live;
 - (ii) a family emergency resulting in the dog being inherited;
 - (iii) merging of two households;
 - (iv) where the applicants have had approval to keep an additional dog or dogs in another local authority; or
 - (v) on premises zoned as rural or rural residential under a local planning scheme, the dog or dogs are required for stock management or to be on the premises temporarily for the purposes of training for stock management.
- (2) An application to keep two additional dogs on premises that are zoned other than as rural under a local planning scheme shall—
- (a) provide sufficient detail regarding the reason for keeping more than two dogs;
 - (b) provide written consent from owners and occupiers of any premises adjoining the premises; and
 - (c) in the case of a tenanted property, provide written consent from either the landowner or their appointed property manager.
- (3) An application to keep more than four dogs on premises zoned as rural under a local planning scheme shall—
- (a) provide sufficient detail regarding the reason for keeping more than four dogs; and
 - (b) in the case of a tenanted property, provide written consent from either the landowner or their appointed property manager.

3.4 Determination of application

In determining an application for a licence, the local government is to have regard to—

- (a) the matters referred to in clause 3.5;
- (b) the effect which approval of the proposed may have on the environment or amenity of the neighbourhood; and
- (c) whether approval of the application will create a nuisance for the owners and occupiers of adjoining premises.

3.5 Where application cannot be approved

The local government will not approve an application to keep an additional dog or dogs where—

- (a) more than four dogs are proposed to be kept on premises zoned other than as rural or rural residential under a local planning scheme;
- (b) more than six dogs are proposed to be kept on premises zoned as rural or rural residential under a local planning scheme; or
- (c) where any dog already kept on the premises is a dangerous dog.

3.6 Conditions of approval

- (1) The local government may approve an application to keep an additional dog or dogs subject to any conditions as considered appropriate.
- (2) Approval of an application is not transferable to successive owners or occupiers of the premises.
- (3) A person who receives an approval under this clause must comply with any conditions imposed by the local government under subclause (1).

3.7 Revocation of licence to keep additional dogs

Where a person does not comply with the conditions of approval to keep an additional dog or dogs under clause 3.6 the local government may revoke the approval to keep an additional dog or dogs.

PART 4—APPROVED KENNEL ESTABLISHMENTS

4.1 Application for licence for approved kennel establishment

An application for a licence must contain the information listed in Schedule 1, and must be lodged with the local government together with—

- (a) a written acknowledgement that the applicant has read and agrees to comply with any code of practice relating to the keeping of dogs nominated by the local government;
- (b) any other information reasonably required by the local government; and
- (c) the set fee for the application for a licence referred to in clause 4.8(1).

4.2 Notice of proposed use

- (1) An applicant for a licence must give notice of the proposed use of the premises as an approved kennel establishment after the application for a licence has been lodged—
 - (a) once in a newspaper circulating in the district; and

- (b) to the owners and occupiers of any premises adjoining the premises.
- (2) The notices in subclause (1) must specify that—
- (a) any written submissions as to the proposed use are to be lodged with the local government within 14 days of the date the notice is given; and
 - (b) the application, plans and specifications may be inspected at the offices of the local government.
- (3) The local government may refuse to determine the application for a licence until the notice or notices, as the case may be, is given in accordance with its directions where—
- (a) a notice given under subclause (1) does not clearly identify the premises; or
 - (b) a notice given under subclause (1)(a) is of a size or in a location in the newspaper which, in the opinion of the local government, would fail to serve the purpose of notifying persons of the proposed use of the premises.

4.3 Exemption from notice requirements

The requirements of clauses 4.2 and 4.4(a) and Schedule 1 clause 5(c) do not apply in respect of the application for a licence where under a local planning scheme an application for a licence is made in respect of premises on which an approved kennel establishment is either a—

- (a) permitted use; or
- (b) use which the local government may approve subject to compliance with specified notice requirements.

4.4 When application can be determined

An application for a licence is not to be determined by the local government until—

- (a) the applicant has complied with clause 4.2;
- (b) the applicant submits proof that the notices referred to in clause 4.2(1) have been given in accordance with that clause; and
- (c) the local government has considered any written submissions received within the time specified in clause 4.2(2)(a) on the proposed use of the premises.

4.5 Determination of application

In determining an application for a licence, the local government is to have regard to—

- (a) the matters referred to in clause 4.6;
- (b) any written submissions received within the time specified in clause 4.2(2)(a) on the proposed use of the premises;
- (c) any economic or social benefits which may be derived by any person in the district if the application for a licence is approved;
- (d) the effect which the kennel establishment may have on the environment or amenity of the neighbourhood;
- (e) whether the approved kennel establishment will create a nuisance for the owners and occupiers of adjoining premises; and
- (f) whether or not the imposition of and compliance with appropriate conditions of a licence will mitigate any adverse effects of the approved kennel establishment identified in the preceding paragraphs.

4.6 Where application cannot be approved

The local government cannot approve an application for a licence where—

- (a) an approved kennel establishment cannot be permitted by the local government on the premises under a local planning scheme; or
- (b) an applicant for a licence or another person who will have the charge of the dogs will not reside on the premises, or, in the opinion of the local government, sufficiently close to the premises so as to control the dogs and so as to ensure their health and welfare.

4.7 Conditions of approval

(1) The local government may approve an application for a licence subject to the conditions contained in Schedule 2 and to such other conditions as the local government considers appropriate.

(2) In respect of a particular application for a licence, the local government may vary any of the conditions contained in Schedule 2.

4.8 Fees

- (1) On lodging an application for a licence, the applicant is to pay a set fee to the local government.
- (2) On the issue or renewal of a licence, the licensee is to pay a set fee to the local government.
- (3) On lodging an application for the transfer of a valid licence, the transferee is to pay a set fee to the local government.
- (4) The set fees referred to in subclauses (1) to (3) are to be imposed and determined by the local government under sections 6.16 to 6.19 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

4.9 Form of licence

The licence is to be in the form determined by the local government from time to time and is to be issued to the licensee.

4.10 Period of licence

- (1) The period of effect of a licence is set out in section 27(5) of the Act.
- (2) A licence is to be renewed if the set fee referred to in clause 4.8(2) is paid to the local government prior to the expiry of the licence.
- (3) On the renewal of a licence the conditions of the licence at the time of its renewal continue to have effect.

4.11 Variation or cancellation of licence

- (1) The local government may vary the conditions of a licence.
- (2) The local government may cancel a licence—
 - (a) on the request of the licensee;
 - (b) following a breach of the Act, the Regulations or this local law; or
 - (c) if the licensee is not a fit and proper person.
- (3) The date a licence is cancelled is to be, in the case of—
 - (a) subclause (2)(a), the date requested by the licensee; or
 - (b) subclause (2)(b) or (c), the date determined under section 27(6) of the Act.
- (4) If a licence is cancelled the set fee paid for that licence is not refundable for the term of the licence that has not yet expired.

4.12 Transfer

- (1) A written application for the transfer of a valid licence from the licensee to another person must be—
 - (a) made by the transferee;
 - (b) made with the written consent of the licensee; and
 - (c) lodged with the local government together with—
 - (i) written evidence that a person will reside at or within reasonably close proximity to the premises the subject of the licence;
 - (ii) the set fee for the application for the transfer of a licence referred to in clause 4.8(3); and
 - (iii) any other relevant information required, any other relevant information required.
- (2) The local government is not to determine an application for the transfer of a valid licence until the transferee has complied with subclause (1).
- (3) The local government may approve, whether or not subject to such conditions as it considers appropriate, or refuse to approve an application for the transfer of a valid licence.
- (4) Where the local government approves an application for the transfer of a valid licence, then on the date of approval, unless otherwise specified in the notice issued under clause 4.13(b), the transferee becomes the licensee of the licence for the purposes of this local law.

4.13 Notification

The local government is to give written notice to—

- (a) an applicant for a licence of the local government's decision on her or his application;
- (b) a transferee of the local government's decision on her or his application for the transfer of a valid licence;
- (c) a licensee of any variation made under clause 4.11(1);
- (d) a licensee when her or his licence is due for renewal and the manner in which it may be renewed;
- (e) a licensee when her or his licence is renewed;
- (f) a licensee of the cancellation of a licence under clause 4.11(2)(a); and
- (g) a licensee of the cancellation of a licence under clause 4.11(2)(b) or (c), which notice is to be given in accordance with section 27(6) of the Act.

4.14 Objections and appeals

- (1) The provisions of Division 1 of Part 9 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 33 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* apply to a decision where the local government makes a decision as to whether it will—
 - (a) grant an application for a licence;
 - (b) vary or cancel a licence;
 - (c) impose or amend a condition to which a licence is subject; or
 - (d) transfer of a licence.
- (2) Under these provisions, an affected person may have the right to object to, or to appeal against, a decision of the local government.

4.15 Inspection of kennel

With the consent of the occupier, an authorised person may inspect an approved kennel establishment at any time.

PART 5—DOGS IN PUBLIC PLACES**5.1 Places where dogs are prohibited absolutely**

Designation of places where dogs are prohibited absolutely is dealt with in the Act.

5.2 Places which are dog exercise areas

Designation of places which are dog exercise areas is dealt with in the Act.

PART 6— MISCELLANEOUS**6.1 Fees and charges**

Set fees and charges are to be imposed and determined by the local government under sections 6.16 to 6.19 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

6.2 Offence to excrete

(1) A dog must not excrete on—

- (a) any thoroughfare or other public place; or
- (b) any land which is not a public place without the consent of the occupier.

(2) Subject to subclause (3), if a dog excretes contrary to subclause (1), every person liable for the control of the dog at that time commits an offence.

(3) The person liable for the control of the dog does not commit an offence against subclause (2) if any excreta is removed immediately by that person.

(4) Notwithstanding clause 7.2, the maximum penalty for an offence under subclause (1) is \$1000.

PART 7— ENFORCEMENT**7.1 Offences**

A person who fails to do anything required or directed to be done under this local law, or who does anything which under this local law that person is prohibited from doing, commits an offence.

7.2 General penalty

A person who commits an offence under this local law is liable, on conviction, to a penalty not exceeding \$5,000 and if the offence is of a continuing nature, to an additional penalty not exceeding \$100 for each day or part of the day during which the offence has continued.

7.3 Modified penalties

(1) The offences contained in Schedule 3 are offences in relation to which a modified penalty may be imposed.

(2) The amount appearing in the fourth column of Schedule 3 directly opposite an offence is the modified penalty payable in respect of that offence if the dog is not a dangerous dog.

(3) The amount appearing in the fifth column of Schedule 3 directly opposite an offence is the modified penalty payable in respect of that offence if the dog is a dangerous dog.

7.4 Issue of infringement notice

Where an authorised person has reason to believe that a person has committed an offence in respect of which a modified penalty may be imposed, he or she may issue to that person a notice in the form of Form 2 of Schedule 1 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*.

7.5 Failure to pay modified penalty

Where a person who has received an infringement notice fails to pay the modified penalty within the time specified in the notice, or within such further time as may in any particular case be allowed by an authorised person, he or she is deemed to have declined to have the offence dealt with by way of a modified penalty.

7.6 Payment of modified penalty

A person who has received an infringement notice may, within the time specified in that notice or within such further time as may in any particular case be allowed by an authorised person, send or deliver to the local government the amount of the penalty, with or without a reply as to the circumstances giving rise to the offence, and the local government may appropriate that amount in satisfaction of the penalty and issue an acknowledgment.

7.7 Withdrawal of infringement notice

(1) Whether or not the modified penalty has been paid, an authorised person may withdraw an infringement notice by sending a notice in the form of Form 3 of Schedule 1 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*.

(2) A person authorised to issue an infringement notice under clause 7.4 cannot sign or send a notice of withdrawal.

7.8 Service of notices

An infringement notice or a notice of withdrawal may be served on a person personally, or by leaving it at or posting it to her or his address as ascertained from her or him, or as recorded by the local government under the Act, or as ascertained from inquiries made by the local government.

**SCHEDULE 1—INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR APPLICATION
FOR A LICENCE FOR AN APPROVED KENNEL ESTABLISHMENT**

[cl. 4.1]

1. Details of applicants—
 - (a) Full name/s of applicant/s;
 - (b) Postal address;
 - (c) Telephone number;
 - (d) Mobile number;
 - (e) Fax number; and
 - (f) E-mail address.
2. Address of proposed premises.
3. Dogs to be kept—
 - (a) Number; and
 - (b) Breed.
4. Either—
 - (a) Person residing on the premises—
 - (i) Name;
 - (ii) As from; and
 - (iii) Mobile phone number, or
 - (b) Person sufficiently close to the premises so as to control the dogs and ensure their health and welfare—
 - (i) Name;
 - (ii) Address;
 - (iii) As from; and
 - (iv) Mobile phone number.
5. To be included—
 - (a) a site plan of the premises showing the location of the kennels and yards and all other buildings and structures and fences;
 - (b) plans and specifications of the proposed kennel establishment;
 - (c) copy of notice of proposed use to appear in newspaper and to be given to adjoining premises under clause 4.2;
 - (d) written evidence that a person will reside—
 - (i) at the premises; or
 - (ii) sufficiently close to the premises so as to control the dogs and so as to ensure their health and welfare; and
 - (e) if the person in item (d) is not the applicant, written evidence that the person is a person in charge of the dogs.
6. Signature of applicant/s.
7. Date.

**SCHEDULE 2—CONDITIONS OF A LICENCE
FOR AN APPROVED KENNEL ESTABLISHMENT**

[cl. 4.7]

An application for a licence for an approved kennel establishment may be approved subject to the following conditions—

- (a) each kennel, unless it is fully enclosed, must have a yard attached to it;
- (b) each kennel and each yard must be at a distance of not less than—
 - (i) 25 metres from the front boundary of the premises and 5 metres from any other boundary of the premises;
 - (ii) 10 metres from any dwelling; and
 - (iii) 25 metres from any church, school room, hall, factory, dairy or premises where food is manufactured, prepared, packed or stored for human consumption;
- (c) each yard for a kennel must be kept securely fenced with a fence constructed of link mesh or netting or other materials approved by the local government;
- (d) the minimum floor area for each kennel must be calculated at 2.5 times the length of the breed of dog (when it is fully grown), squared, times the number of dogs to be housed in the kennel and the length of the dog is to be determined by measuring from the base of the tail to the front of its shoulder;

- (e) the floor area of the yard attached to any kennel or group of kennels must be at least twice the floor area of the kennel or group of kennels to which it is attached;
- (f) the upper surface of the kennel floor must be—
- (i) at least 100 millimetres above the surface of the surrounding ground;
 - (ii) smooth so as to facilitate cleaning;
 - (iii) rigid;
 - (iv) durable;
 - (v) slip resistant;
 - (vi) resistant to corrosion;
 - (vii) non-toxic;
 - (viii) impervious;
 - (ix) free from cracks, crevices and other defects; and
 - (x) finished to a surface having a fall of not less than 1 in 100 to a spoon drain which in turn must lead to a suitably sized diameter sewerage pipe which must be properly laid, ventilated and trapped in accordance with the health requirements of the local government;
- (g) all kennel floor washings must pass through the drain in item (f)(x) and must be piped to approved apparatus for the treatment of sewage in accordance with the health requirements of the local government;
- (h) the kennel floor must have a durable up-stand rising 75 millimetres above the floor level from the junction of the floor and external and internal walls, or internal walls must be so constructed as to have a minimum clearance of 50 millimetres from the underside of the bottom plate to the floor;
- (i) where a yard is to be floored, the floor must be constructed in the same manner as the floor of any kennel;
- (j) from the floor, the lowest internal height of a kennel must be, whichever is the lesser of—
- (i) 2000 millimetres; or
 - (ii) four times the height of the breed of dog in the kennel, when it is fully grown, measured from the floor to the uppermost tip of its shoulders while in a stationary upright position;
- (k) the walls of each kennel must be constructed of concrete, brick, stone or framing sheeted internally and externally with good quality new zincalume or new pre-finished colour coated steel sheeting or new fibrous cement sheeting or other durable material approved by the local government;
- (l) all external surfaces of each kennel must be kept in good condition;
- (m) the roof of each kennel must be constructed of impervious material;
- (n) all kennels and yards and drinking vessels must be maintained in a clean condition and must be cleaned and disinfected when so ordered by an authorised person;
- (o) all refuse, faeces and food waste must be disposed of daily into the approved apparatus for the treatment of sewage;
- (p) noise, odours, fleas, flies and other vectors of disease must be effectively controlled;
- (q) suitable water must be available at the kennel via a properly supported standpipe and tap; and
- (r) the licensee or the person nominated in the application for a licence, must, in accordance with the application for the licence, continue to reside—
- (i) at the premises; or
 - (ii) in the opinion of the local government, sufficiently close to the premises so as to control the dogs, and to ensure their health and welfare.

SCHEDULE 3—PRESCRIBED OFFENCES

[cl. 7.3]

Item	Clause	Nature of offence	Modified penalty \$	Dangerous Dog Modified Penalty \$
1	3.1	Failing to provide means for effectively confining a dog	200	As per Regulations
2	3.6	Failure to comply with conditions of approval to keep additional dog or dogs	200	500
3	4.7	Failure to comply with the conditions of a licence	As per Regulations	
4	6.2	Dog excreting in prohibited place	100	100

Dated this 6th day of October 2021.

The Common Seal of the Shire of Meekatharra was affixed by authority of a resolution of the Council in the presence of—

HARVEY NICHOLS, Shire President.
ROY McCLYMONT, Chief Executive Officer.
