



Inside Ashburton

March 2020

Funding commitment for Tom Price Child Care Centre

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Artists impression

A new era of childcare facilities in Tom Price is one step closer with the Shire of Ashburton and Rio Tinto confirming their funding commitments for the proposed facility.

Delivered as part of the Community Infrastructure and Services Partnership between the Shire of Ashburton and Rio Tinto, the new Tom Price childcare centre will be a positive asset for Tom Price.

The design and construction phase of the 96-space fit for purpose childcare centre development has commenced.

With the provision to provide day care and after school care facilities and significantly increase support to our local families, the new facility will play a key role in attracting more families to live in our Tom Price community and will also greatly assist parents who are looking to re-enter the workforce or take on new career opportunities.

Construction is projected to commence later this year.

This activity met Community Goal 1 of the Strategic Community Plan, Vibrant and Active Communities.



This activity met Community Goal 4 of the Strategic Community Plan, Quality Services and Infrastructure.



Ashburton contribute to Australia's bushfire appeal

Following the devastating bushfires in the eastern states over several months Council has agreed to make a \$20,000 donation to assist in the recovery process by the numerous communities impacted and fire services.

Council wanted to make a direct contribution to the many rural fire service volunteers and their brigades who have been badly affected by these bushfires and so has agreed to make a \$5,000 donation to each of the New South Wales Rural Fire Service, Queensland Fire & Rescue Service, South Australian Country Fire Service and Victoria Country Fire Association.



With our location in northwestern Australia, we are very aware of the threat and devastation that bushfires can cause. The people involved with state fire services and brigades protect families and home, communities and a way of life.

This activity met Community Goal 5 of the Strategic Community Plan, Inspiring Governance.



Tom Price Co-Located Emergency Services Facility



SE ENTRANCE VIEW



SW VIEW

Council has agreed to move forward with the proposed construction of a co-located Emergency Services Facility in Tom Price.

The decision at the February 2020 Council meeting authorised the Acting CEO to execute the funding agreement with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES), undertake public consultation in regards to the location of the facility within lot 400 and 46 South Street, and seek further external funding for the project.

The Co-located Emergency Services Facility, to accommodate both the State Emergency Services (SES) and Bush Fire Brigade (BFB), was identified as a priority

project in the Community Infrastructure and Services Partnership with Rio Tinto in the Memorandum of Understanding that was executed for the 2017-2022 period.

The growth of both the SES and BFB, both in terms of volunteer numbers and associated equipment and vehicles has led to the existing facilities being unable to meet the basic requirements of either organisation. Limitations of the existing sites have resulted in temporary accommodation of various vehicles and equipment in nearby locations however this has had an adverse effect on the operational effectiveness of the volunteer emergency services and their ability to respond to emergencies.

The overall project cost is estimated at approximately \$2,405,920 plus additional subdivision and headworks of \$480,000. DFES have agreed to contribute \$860,200 through the Local Government Grants Scheme.

This activity met Community Goal 1 of the Strategic Community Plan, Vibrant and Active Communities



This activity met Community Goal 4 of the Strategic Community Plan, Quality Services and Infrastructure.



CEO Recruitment

Council have commenced the process to recruit a new Chief Executive Officer with the appointment of John Phillips Consulting in December last year to assist in this process. Council then appointed a CEO Selection Panel in February 2020 comprising of Shire President Kerry White, Deputy President Cr Diver and Cr Peter Foster JP.

Following extensive advertising the Selection Panel and Consultant have moved forward with shortlisting of suitable candidates and interviewing to select a preferred candidate for council consideration in mid 2020. It's hoped that a decision on the preferred candidate will be made in March/April with the new CEO potentially starting in July 2020 or earlier depending on current commitments.

This activity met Community Goal 5 of the Strategic Community Plan, Inspiring Governance.



Your chance to shape the 2020/21 budget



Help us build our budget

Community input is currently being sought on projects for consideration as part of next year's budget.

Council want to hear what is important to community members and assist us to make decisions on projects and infrastructure that is desired in our community so that appropriate budgets can be determined for the year ahead.

Proposals will be considered based on their benefit to towns and residents and also how they fit within the Shire's Strategic Community Plan. This can include footpath improvements, upgrades to parks, playgrounds and recreation facilities and support for new and improved social amenities.

Only submissions received by completing a Capex Request form through our website can be considered. Hard copies can be made available on request.

Submissions are open now until 31 March 2020.

This activity met Community Goal 1 of the Strategic Community Plan, Vibrant and Active Communities.



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Fight the Bite



Community members are urged to continue to take precautions to fight the bite and avoid potential mosquito breeding in our homes and workplaces.

Additional mosquito prevention and minimisation activities have been carried out by our Environmental Health team following recent heavy rainfall.

Residents and community members also have a responsibility to assist in preventing and reducing mosquito breeding around their homes, properties and businesses.

By cleaning out common breeding sites around your home, include pot plant drip trays, ponds, pet bowls, old tyres and rubbish that may collect water, can stop mosquitoes from breeding.

Many mosquitoes are at their biting best around dusk and dawn, but some will bite day and night.

We are also experiencing an influx of March flies in our communities and although they are not known to transmit diseases Australia, their bite can cause serious allergic reactions that may require hospitalisation.

The particular species found in our Pilbara region is known to produce serious symptoms in some people, including hives, fever, wheezing, and in severe cases.

Symptomatic treatment, including application of an ice pack and use of an antihistamine, may offer relief from painful bites. Scratching the bites can result in a secondary bacterial infection that may require the application of antiseptic cream or the use of antibiotics.

The simplest way to prevent being bitten by a March fly is to cover up with appropriate clothing and/or apply an effective repellent product.

March flies are known to be attracted to dark blue, so it is advisable to avoid wearing blue and other dark colours. Long, light-coloured, loose fitting clothing, including head nets, is likely to provide the most effective protection for humans when March flies are present.

Lotion or gel repellents are the most effective in protecting yourself against March flies, but these will vary in their effectiveness depending on the species of March fly.

The best protection for babies and young children is to dress them in protective clothing, socks and shoes, and use other forms of insect screening.

For more information visit ww2.health.wa.gov.au

Community Support Grants round two now open

Community groups, local not-for-profit organisations and sporting clubs are encouraged to apply for funding through the Shire of Ashburton Community Services Grants program.

The second round is now open for applications until 31 March 2020 and is an opportunity for eligible groups within the Shire to take advantage of potential grants on offer.

22 applications were received in round one of the 2019/20 grants program, of which 15 received funding to the value of \$32,100. Applicants can apply more than once each financial year as long as the total amount is less than \$2,500. This includes cash and in kind support such as donated venue hire.

The grants are competitive and decisions to fund part or all of a request are based on the extent to which the project directly benefits Ashburton residents and other



funding sources available to that project. For more information or assistance contact Administration Officer - Community Services on 08 9181 3304 or email Community.Grants@ashburton.wa.gov.au. Alternatively you can contact your local Club Development Officer via

active.ashburton@ashburton.wa.gov.au. Applications can be made online at www.ashburton.wa.gov.au

This activity met Community Goal 1 of the Strategic Community Plan, Vibrant and Active Communities.



See it, Report It

Did you know you can complete a Shire of Ashburton Customer Action Request (CAR) to report issues or circumstances that need our attention?

If you see something you think we should know about, including:

- wild dog sightings
- lights out at Shire facilities such as tennis courts or halls
- potholes on Shire roads
- tree branches that need trimming/removal
- blocked drainage
- mosquitoes

Complete the online form on our website or call in to your local Shire office to complete.

Alternatively, just call your local Administration Office and we will fill the form in for you!

This activity met Community Goal 5 of the Strategic Community Plan, Inspiring Governance.




SEE IT, REPORT IT

Our Customer Action Request Form is your way to inform us directly on issues or circumstances that need our attention

Awareness around water

Our public swimming pools are central to town and are one of the most popular sporting facilities, especially during the summer months. At this time of year we are reminded to be vigilant around swimming pools and water.

All of the Shire's swimming pools and aquatic centres are Royal Life Saving Society WA 'Watch Around Water' endorsed centres.

Children under 5 years must be accompanied into the centre by a responsible adult and supervised within arm's reach at all times. Children under 10 years must be accompanied into the centre by a responsible adult and supervised within line of sight at all times.

We also have a responsibility to ensure safety of our community during summer downpours and severe thunderstorm and lightning activity.

Using swimming pools during adverse weather can be pose a hazardous threat. No place outdoors can ever be considered safe from lightning. The longest recorded lightning strike had been measured as 321 kilometres from just outside Tulsa, Oklahoma USA, to the Texan border in Oklahoma USA

Shire of Ashburton swimming pools and aquatic centres are monitored using Skyscan Lightning Detectors and if lightning is detected 5-15km, an alarm

will sound, a visual alert beacon will illuminate and all swimming pool patrons will be asked to evacuate the water and seek immediate shelter.

An all-clear alert will be received once 30 minutes has elapsed since the last detected lightning strike in a 5-15km radius and normal swimming pool activities can resume.



Time to recognise our Volunteers

Our Volunteer of the Month program has returned to our community calendar for 2020.

The successful program is aimed at encouraging a stronger and more connected community and gives recognition to the individuals and groups who build vibrant, healthy and active communities. These community heroes help create diversity by sharing their experiences and knowledge.

Since the program began we have recognised over 100 hardworking volunteers and groups, through the program to date across our towns of Tom Price, Paraburdoo and Pannawonica with support from our community partners Rio Tinto.

This year the program includes our Onslow-based community members with support from the Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project to recognise the dedicated volunteers that keep our communities vibrant and active.

Nominations are now open. Simply complete the online form on our website or in person at any of our facilities across the Shire.



ON SLOW

STAIRCASE TO THE MOON

2020 DATES AND TIMES

MAY JUNE JULY

FRI 8 @ 6:45PM

SAT 9 @ 7:37PM

SUN 10 @ 8:32PM

SUN 6 @ 6:16PM

MON 7 @ 7:13PM

TUE 8 @ 8:11PM

MON 6 @ 6:55PM

TUE 7 @ 7:53PM

WED 8 @ 8:49PM

AUG SEPT OCT

TUE 4 @ 6:38PM

WED 5 @ 7:32PM

THU 6 @ 8:24PM

THU 3 @ 7:08PM

FRI 4 @ 7:57PM

SAT 5 @ 8:46PM

FRI 2 @ 6:42PM

SAT 3 @ 7:31PM

SUN 4 @ 8:20PM

Come along and enjoy Onslow's Staircase to the Moon from May to October. Once a month you can admire nature's show while enjoying night markets along the Front Beach foreshore and at the Onslow Beach Resort. Keep an eye out for further details closer to the dates listed above!



Welcome to our newest citizens

Congratulations to all our Ashburton residents who have recently become Australian Citizens.



Anje, Martin and Tyler Ferreira



Clodagh Scanlon



David Russell



Maureen Hastings



Jerry, Maria, Carl and Craig Dela Cruz



Sharanjit Singh



Navaaz Cooper



Ksenia and Emilia Reed



Michelle Sibta



William Turner

Local community hero



Kylie Beck was recently recognised for her outstanding customer service and commitment to the Pilbara community.

Kylie, who works part-time with the Shire of Ashburton, also works at Coles Express Paraburdoo and was recently named Coles Express Community Hero for Western Australia.

A proud Wonggha person, Kylie's dedication to serving the community, not just through her role at Coles Express but through advocating and facilitating sport for local kids, has demonstrated the stand-out attributes Coles Express seeks to recognise through its national Hero Program.

Well done Kylie!

30 years' service

A number of our employees recently celebrated some milestone achievements with the Shire of Ashburton.

Steve Hick, Town Maintenance Officer and Bevan Drage, Road Maintenance Officer marked five and ten years of service with the Shire respectively.

Phil Carey, Town Maintenance Officer, celebrated 30 years with the Shire, having started his employment with the Shire of Ashburton in December 1989 and despite his 30 year work anniversary has promised that he is still a number of years away from retiring! Congratulations Phil.



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Upcoming Events



March 2020

Date	Event	Location
MARCH		
Saturday 21 March	Harmony Week Dive in Movie Night	Onslow
Sunday 22 March	Karingal Harmony Day Food Fair	Paraburdoo
Wednesday 18 - Thursday 19 March	Bringing Up Great Kids Worksho	Onslow
Friday 27 - Saturday 28 March	Launchpad Founder Bootcamp	Onslow
APRIL		
Saturday 4 April	Festival of sports community sundowner	Paraburdoo
Sunday 5 April	Festival of sports community sundowner	Tom Price
Monday 13 April	Woody's World Community Picnic	Pannawonica
Tuesday 14 - Saturday 18 April	Karijini Experience	Karijini National Park
Tuesday 14 - Thursday 23 April	School Holiday Program	All towns
Saturday 25 April	Anzac Day memorial service	All towns
MAY		
Saturday 9 May	Staircase to the Moon Community Markets	Onslow
Saturday 23 May	The Great Panna Race	Pannawonica
Saturday 30 May	Music in the Park	Tom Price

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