



Inside Ashburton

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Community Celebrations

Residents of the Shire of Ashburton celebrated Australia Day in true Aussie style with free BBQ's, Aussie music, plenty of Australian flags, temporary tattoos and an abundance of community spirit. This year also saw the return of the raft race regatta's to Onslow, Pannawonica and Tom Price with kids and families taking to the water to test their floatation engineering skills.

Thanks to the Shire's partnerships with Rio Tinto and the Chevron-operated Wheatstone project, free community events were held in each town with Onslow residents celebrating at both the Aquatic Centre as well as the Onslow Sports Club while Tom Price, Pannawonica and Paraburdoo gathered at the local swimming pool.

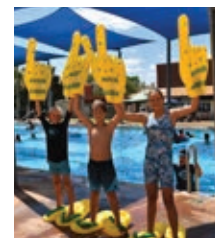
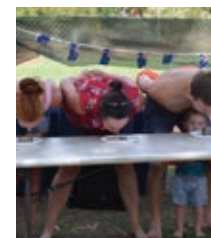
Iconic Australian games and activities such as tug-o-war, thong throwing, obstacle courses and thong races created many laughs and kept everyone entertained throughout the day.

Pannawonica launched their inaugural lamington eating competition which was a hilarious addition to the celebrations and will undoubtedly feature at future events.

Citizenship Award Ceremonies were hosted within each town, allowing the community to thank and acknowledge individuals and groups for their community efforts.

Shire President Kerry White said the Shire of Ashburton is proud to host free, family friendly events in Tom Price, Paraburdoo, Pannawonica and Onslow. "We recognise it is important to celebrate what makes

our country such an amazing place to live, which is personified within each of our wonderful towns," said Cr White. "It is also a fantastic opportunity to acknowledge outstanding residents who contribute so richly to our communities."



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



Our amazing Award Winners

Congratulations to both our nominees and winners of the Community Citizen of the Year and Active Ashburton Sports Star Awards which were announced during the Australia Day celebrations.

Our communities rely on volunteers to deliver an outstanding assortment of clubs, groups and social opportunities. We thank you all for your contribution and selfless dedication.

Community Citizen Awards

Paraburadoo

Citizen of the Year - Fouad Najjarine

Group of the Year - Paraburadoo Teeball Association

Youth Citizen of the Year - Andre Rumusud

Pannawonica

Citizen of the Year - Leanne Harvey

Group of the Year - Pannawonica Gala Association Inc

Onslow

Citizen of the Year - Mel Seymour

Tom Price

Citizen of the Year - Carly Smith

Group of the Year - Tom Price Tennis Club

Youth Citizen of the Year - Imogen Bassett

2018 Sports Star Award Winners

Each year the Shire of Ashburton, in partnership with Rio Tinto, recognise members of our community who display outstanding sportsmanship and contributions to our towns.

Congratulations to this year's winners as well as to all of those who were nominated.

Paraburadoo and Tom Price

Junior Sport Star of the Year

Paraburadoo - Maddison Baker
Tom Price - Archer Stewart

Youth Sport Star of the Year

Paraburadoo - Stormy-Lee Taniora
Tom Price - Kaia Rau

Sportsman/woman of the Year

Paraburadoo - Dennis O'Dene
Tom Price - Lauren Foy



Some of our Citizenship and Sports Star Award Winners

Coach/Umpire of the Year

Paraburadoo - Bethwyn Boatwright
Tom Price - Lauren Foy

Club Volunteer of the Year

Paraburadoo - Reuben Taniora
Tom Price - Jessica Johnson

Club of the Year

Paraburadoo - Paraburadoo Motorcycle Club
Tom Price - Tom Price Tennis Club

Pannawonica

Sportsperson of the Year - Mark Symes

Youth Sports Encouragement Award - RJ Evans

Youth Sportsperson of the Year - Jesse Inall

Sporting Volunteer of the Year - Narelle Dall

Coach of the Year - Beth Campbell

Sports Team of the Year - Pannawonica Swim Club

New customer service call centre

To enhance our customer service delivery the Shire has recently implemented an after-hours call centre. All calls made to Shire reception outside of office hours will be diverted to our contracted Australian call centre, where operators will take a detailed message and refer your query through to the relevant department. In the case of an urgent matter, staff will be instructed to respond immediately and, in all other cases, the query will be actioned as soon as possible within the next business day.

In addition to the after-hours service don't forget the Shire's **See It Report It** form where you can lodge an online Customer Action Request at any time via the quicklink on our website www.ashburton.wa.gov.au

Shire Administration
Tom Price – 9188 4444
Paraburdoo – 9190 2220
Pannawonica – 9134 9501
Onslow – 9184 6001



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



Onslow storm water jetting

At the beginning of the year the Shire commenced the Onslow storm water jetting project whereby the underground storm water pipes are blasted with a high pressure water jet, breaking up and removing debris material that has accumulated over time.

Material is recovered from storm water manhole pits with a large vacuum truck

and disposed of at the Waste Site.

To date the project has completed cleaning 3kms of pipeline and removed approximately 15 tonnes of waste. Debris has included rocks, bricks, tree roots, metal, nuts & bolts, car springs, road signs, fishing rods and glass.

This project aims to increase the Onslow drainage systems capability and reduce

overflow of the drainage pits during heavy rain events.

Stage two of the project involves camera inspection of the drain pipes for quality assurance and asset condition data collection.



This activity met Community Goal 4 of the Strategic Community Plan, Distinctive & Well Serviced Places





THE KARIJINI EXPERIENCE

16TH – 21ST OF APRIL 2018
KARIJINIEXPERIENCE.COM

Apply now for a Community Support Grant

Applications for Round 2 of the Community Support Grant 2018/2019, are open until 31 March.

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.

Applications may include the following: Community based activities/ programs; regional sporting events or championships; club participation in regional/state championships; club equipment; professional sports or community development such as clinics, courses and seminars; facility development and maintenance; individual sports or education scholarship for regional/state/national/international

competition participation; community events; other purposes assessed on broad community benefit.

What Cannot Be Applied For: Assistance for administrative and day-to-day running of groups and organisations; individual or club uniforms; consumables; alcohol; catering; incidentals; meals and the like.

Please note: Funding is only available to incorporated community and sporting organisations.

Applications will not be funded retrospectively.

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 the residents of the Shire of Ashburton

- Funding and/or contributions from other sources

For further information, and to submit your application, visit www.ashburton.wa.gov.au/community

The round is a competitive process and therefore not all applications may be successful. If there are any questions in relation to the above please call the Community Services Administration Officer on 9181 3304.

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



Be aware of turtle hatching season

Turtle hatching season traditionally runs until the end of March and we remind everyone to consider their use of the beaches during this time as you can have a detrimental impact to the wellbeing of this species.

Marine turtle populations have declined in many places across the globe and Flatback turtles are the only marine turtle species that nest exclusively in Australia. They are listed as vulnerable and WA's Pilbara and Kimberley beaches support significant nesting grounds for flatbacks.

Please follow the guidelines and minimise disruption to the beaches and turtles so the nesting cycle can continue without negative human impact.

- Avoid driving your vehicle/motorbike on turtle nesting beaches, as this can compact the sand near nests and create obstructions to emerging hatchlings.

- Avoid using campfires or any artificial lights on nesting beaches, as this can disorient and disturb nesting turtles and hatchlings.
- Use reusable bags instead of plastic bags—turtles mistake plastic bags for jellyfish and eat them, eventually starving to death.
- Throw all your rubbish into the bin—turtles can get caught up in discarded fishing lines, ropes and other debris at sea and on the beach.
- Do not buy or sell sea turtle products—this creates a demand for products that require hunting and killing turtles.
- Drive your boat slowly to avoid injuring turtles in the water.

Shire
Directory
– are your
details
current?

Looking for a local business, service or club? Search via town and category on the Shire's online business directory.

If you are a business, group or club who haven't already added your FREE listing simply head to the directory website, register and then add your details. It is easy! You can update your information at any time and it is a great way to promote yourself to locals and tourists!

www.ashburtondirectory.com.au



Destination WA showcases Ashburton

Tourism experiences and towns within the Shire have been featured on the popular TV series Destination WA during their latest on-air season.

Presenter Trevor Cochrane and his crew were out and about for weeks, filming many of the tours, locations and experiences on offer in our beautiful Pilbara. A total of 16 stories from our Shire were showcased; Lestok's mine and gorge tours, The Flying Sandgroper's Karijini tours, the Tom Price Tourist Park, Karijini Experience, Eco Retreat, Cheela Plains Station Stay and across to Onslow and the Mackerel Islands, the Onslow Beach Resort, Peedamulla Campground as well as Millstream National Park.

Our towns of Tom Price, Paraburdoo and Onslow also made a debut.

Putting our region in the spotlight was made possible through a joint initiative with the Shire and our local tourism operators, with the intent to create more awareness of our unique Pilbara adventure tourism offerings. This television campaign saw the Pilbara go from having minimal metropolitan coverage to be the most heavily focused area in the State. The summer series of Destination WA broadcast nearly 60 minutes of Pilbara content over the 3 month season.

We wish to thank the tourism operators, Rio Tinto, Chevron and Australia's North West, who have participated and assisted

in shining the spotlight onto our fascinating region.

We hope you enjoyed viewing all of the many sights and experiences that we are lucky to have in our own backyard and, if you've missed any episode (or would like to show family and friends where you live), you can view each episode on our website www.ashburton.wa.gov.au/visit-ashburton/video-gallery

This activity met Community Goal 2 of the Strategic Community Plan, Economic Prosperity.



YOUR LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD



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Did you know...

...that the Shire of Ashburton makes a significant contribution to the State and National economy?

...that the Shire of Ashburton has the lowest unemployment rate in the country?

...that the Shire of Ashburton generated an estimated \$2.2 billion in mining royalties for the State Government?

...that the Shire of Ashburton has some of the oldest geological structures on earth, formed between 3.6 and 3.4 billion years ago

...that the Shire of Ashburton has the highest personal income levels in the country?



\$46
Billion
IN EXPORTS

2.5%
OF AUSTRALIA'S
GDP

18%
WA
ECONOMY



\$30k

PER CAPITA
CONTRIBUTION TO
STATE GOVERNMENT

MINING ROYALTIES



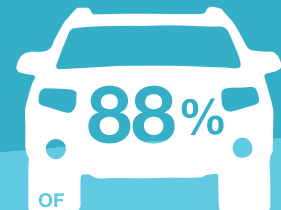
330,000

Annual Visitors



0.6%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE JUNE 2018
LOWEST IN
THE COUNTRY



88%

OF
LEISURE VISITORS
ARE SELF-DRIVE

The Shire of Ashburton community can enjoy one of Australia's most pristine natural environments, including:

Some of the best fishing in the country through the Mackerel and Montebello Islands

Gorges and waterholes of the Karijini National Park and the Millstream-Chichester National Park

Pristine reef systems to rival the Ningaloo Reef

Off road tracks and camping in a wide range of breath-taking spots

The Shire of Ashburton community also enjoys a range of new community infrastructure, including:

New Onslow Airport
(opened in 2015)

New Onslow Health Services Facility
(opening soon)

New Onslow Aquatic Centre
(opened in 2017)

New Community Hub in Paraburdoo
(opening soon)

Managing our local roads



The Shire of Ashburton has prepared a 15 year Urban Road Report which will become the framework for effectively managing the Shire's network of local townsite roads to ensure their viability of being safe and sustainable into the foreseeable future.

The objective of the Urban Road Report is to provide the framework to make the best use of the available funding and target priority areas for improvements and maintenance. The report establishes the basis to ensure that sufficient funding is provided to meet the annual maintenance requirements for the existing local road network, and that planning is in place to provide for the renewal and replacement of roads when required.

Shire President Kerry White says that the Shire is responsible for over 100km

of Urban Sealed Roads and their effective management is crucial to the sustainable delivery of services to meet community needs and aspirations now and in the future.

“The 15 year Urban Road Report provides a long-term view of managing our road assets and enables us to effectively plan the financial and operational needs that are required, both now and in the future. Local government assets deliver important community services. The Urban Road Report allows for the sustainable management of the Shire's road assets by encouraging ‘whole of life’ and ‘whole of organisation’ approaches and the effective identification and management of risks and impacts that are associated with our vast road system.”

At the February Council Meeting it was agreed that an annual budget of \$1.1m be

dedicated to the Urban Roads Renewal Program. This is additional funding to the assistance received from the Western Australia Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (WANDRRA) to repair roads that are damaged as a result of a natural disaster event such as cyclone, flood and bushfire.

A conditions rating assessment was completed in January and will establish the order and priority in which road repair and maintenance is conducted. If you would like to view a copy of the detailed Urban Road Report please contact the Shire on 9188 4444 or via soa@ashburton.wa.gov.au.

This activity met Community Goal 4 of the Strategic Community Plan, Distinctive & Well Serviced Places



Explore our beautiful region

If you are new to town, or simply looking for ideas on day trips or weekenders, make sure you drop into your local Visitor Centre.

The Tom Price Visitor Centre is open all year round and provides free maps of our four towns, as well as Karijini and Millstream Chichester National Parks. There are also plenty of brochures, maps and ideas for the many amazing sights to see and places to explore. Staff can also assist you with

bookings for the local Rio Tinto Mine tour and a variety of Karijini National Park tours. You can also get your pass for the national parks and your permit for the Rio Tinto Rail Access Road.

The Onslow Visitor Centre is open from Easter until end of October each year, and can assist residents and tourists with information about local fishing and swimming spots, visiting the Mackerel Islands or learning about the town's

fascinating history out at Old Onslow. There is also the Goods Shed Museum to spend time wandering through.

Both Visitor Centre's have a large variety of souvenirs and special gift ideas that are unique to the Pilbara region, as well as every day necessities such as insect repellents!

Make the most of living in the heart of the Pilbara and drop into the Visitor Centre – whatever your need may be, staff are there to help you!



Preventing mosquito-borne diseases

Having mosquitoes and midges in our back yards is no fun however there are steps you can take to help reduce their activity.

We encourage residents to protect themselves from mosquito and midge bites by covering up with light loose clothing and/or using mosquito repellent with DEET when out and about - particularly during the hours of dusk and dawn when biting mosquitoes are usually active.

In Western Australia, mosquitoes can transmit Ross River virus, Barmah Forest virus, Kunjin virus and the potentially fatal Murray Valley Encephalitis virus. There is currently no cure or vaccine for any of these diseases.

The Shire's Environmental Health team work to reduce adult mosquito numbers in town by implementing a range of mosquito control strategies.

Some of the key things the Shire is currently doing are:

- Participating in promoting the State Health Departments Fight the Bite health promotion campaign.
- Participate in the WA Department of Health Sentinel Chicken program. This involves blood testing the chickens every two weeks in all towns within the Shire. It provides an early warning for Murray Valley Encephalitis virus and Kunjin virus. Both viruses are rare but can be found in the Pilbara and Northern WA.
- Mosquito larvae control. On a regular basis all drains and natural waterways are inspected in and around our towns. We treat any water found with Vectobac G; a biological larvicide granule. VectoBac G is toxic only to the larvae of certain mosquitoes. It does not harm other aquatic, marine or terrestrial fauna.
- Adult mosquito trapping. Monitoring adult mosquito populations to provide a quantitative measure of mosquito activity.
- Adult mosquito fogging. We spray an ultra-fine mist into the air from a slowly moving vehicle (usually 10-15kph). The Shire's current machines are Ultra Low Volume (ULV



or 'cold) foggers. We have fogging machines located in Onslow and Tom Price. The chemicals approved for fogging are usually in the 'synthetic pyrethroid' family which are designed to target insects while having a low toxicity towards humans and mammals. Fogging is a last line of defence against adult mosquitoes. Fogging not only effects adult mosquitoes but also other important insects in the environment.

- Provide input to land development applications to ensure final development design does not allow opportunity for mosquito breeding.
- Request design improvements to drains and mosquito habitat areas to eliminate or reduce opportunities for mosquito breeding.

You can follow a few simple tips to support the Shire's mosquito minimisation activities.

- Emptying any unwanted and standing water from containers especially old tyres and drums
- Keeping ornamental ponds stocked with mosquito-eating fish e.g. goldfish



- Keeping swimming pools well chlorinated and filtered, as well as free from leaves
- Filling or draining depressions in the ground that hold water
- Screening rainwater tanks with insect proof mesh
- Ensuring guttering does not hold water
- Emptying pot plant drip trays once a week or fill with sand
- Reporting other areas of breeding (outside your property) to the environmental health services for treatment

The only way to prevent infection is to avoid being bitten

POP Festival

Onslow
Passion
of the
Pilbara
16-17 Aug 2019

Save the date

shire of Ashburton
reef to range

Upgrading Twitchin Road



As part of the federally funded Roads to Recovery program, the Shire commenced an upgrade to Twitchin Road last year.

The upgrade, which will be completed in three stages, will see the road widened and lifted to eliminate the effects of heavy rainfall. To date 25kms of road, starting from North West Coastal Highway has

been reconstructed with the second stage to include Onslow Road to Minderoo Bridge.

The final stage of the project will be the most challenging with resheeting and reforming of the pavement from the Minderoo Bridge to Yanrey Station Driveway. It is anticipated that these works will be completed in mid-April.

Once finished, these upgrades will provide a safe, durable and robust all weather road from Onslow through to the North West Coastal Highway.

This activity met Community Goal 4 of the Strategic Community Plan, Distinctive & Well Served Places



Upcoming Events



March 2019

Date	Event	Location
MARCH		
Wednesday 6 March	Onslow Keepers	Onslow Sports Club
Wednesday 6 March	Nathan Whippy Griggs	Pannawonica Sports Club
Tuesday 12 March	Council Meeting	Onslow Shire Complex
Saturday 16 March	Festival of Sports Come and Try Event	Paraburdo
Sunday 17 March	Festival of Sports Come and Try Event	Tom Price
Friday 22 March	Movie Screening	RM Forrest Hall, Onslow
Friday 29 March	Music in the Park	Paraburdo
Saturday 30 March	Music in the Park	Tom Price
APRIL		
Wednesday 3 April	Onslow Keepers	Onslow
Mon 15 – Fri 26 April	School Holiday Program	All towns
Tuesday 23 April	Council Meeting	Clem Thompson Sports Pavilion, Tom Price
Thursday 25 April	ANZAC Day	All towns
MAY		
Wednesday 1 May	Onslow Keepers	Onslow
Friday 17 May	Movie Screening	RM Forrest Hall, Onslow
Saturday 18 May	The Great Panna Race	Pannawonica
Tuesday 21 May	Council Meeting	Onslow Shire Complex
Thursday 23 May	Purple People (Country Arts WA)	Tom Price
Friday 24 May	Purple People (Country Arts WA)	Paraburdo
Monday 27 May	Purple People (Country Arts WA)	RM Forrest Hall, Onslow
Wednesday 29 May	Purple People (Country Arts WA)	Pannawonica

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