



Inside Ashburton

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Commemorating ANZAC Day across the Pilbara



Dawn services and family friendly events were held throughout the Shire of Ashburton, proudly supported by Rio Tinto and the Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project and well attended by both locals and tourists.

In the pre-dawn darkness hundreds of residents gathered across the Pilbara to honour the ANZAC's, as well as the generations of servicemen and women who have served, and continue to serve in the armed forces.

Past and present members of the Armed Forces, dignitaries and community members laid wreaths in memory of all Australians and New Zealanders who have defended our freedom, while the community paused quietly to honor the fallen.

The morning continued with the traditional Gunfire breakfasts, bringing everyone together over hot coffee, warm meals and ANZAC camaraderie.

Service personnel and family members proudly participated in the ANZAC Day marches, with many community members lining the streets as a mark of remembrance and appreciation.

Shire President Kerry White said ANZAC Day is an important day of the year and in each of the Pilbara towns the community always comes together with a strong sense of commemoration and national pride.

"Each year residents, as well as visiting tourists, attend the Dawn Services and Gunfire breakfasts to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as those who continue to serve," said Cr White. "In addition to remembering our ANZAC's it is also an important opportunity to ensure knowledge of our war history continues to be told throughout the generations."

Rio Tinto's General Manager Paraburdoo Operations Kent Franey said Rio Tinto is proud to support these important commemorations and it was a pleasure

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to be a part of this year's tribute with the Paraburdoo community. "ANZAC day provides the nation an opportunity to come together from all walks of life and honour the Australian servicemen and women for the roles they played defending our freedoms, and those who continue to represent us today".

Chevron Community Liaison Officer Shawn Heiderich said that as an ex-serviceman, it was moving to consistently have such a strong turn-out at the Onslow dawn service. "ANZAC Day is such special day as it allows everyone to pause, reflect and honour those who have served our country and acknowledge those who are currently in active service.

"We are proud to support the community event in town, as well as hold a dawn service and gunfire breakfast at the Wheatstone Plant at Ashburton North to allow our whole workforce to commemorate the occasion," Mr Heiderich said.

In each town the favourite traditions continued into the afternoon with lively games of two-up, barbecues and plenty of Anzac biscuits.

The Shire of Ashburton would like to acknowledge the support of our partners and community groups who work together to make the ANZAC Day commemorations possible in each town.

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



The spectacular Karijini Experience



The Shire of Ashburton was proud to once again be a Platinum Sponsor of this year's Karijini Experience, an iconic and unique event that showcases Karijini and the surrounding Pilbara region.

Karijini Experience is a thriving annual multi-arts event with a focus on celebrating and sharing Aboriginal culture. This year's event program did not disappoint with six days of activities providing plenty of opportunity to indulge in as many experiences as time would allow.

Welcomed to Country by traditional land owners the Banjima people, visitors to this year's event were invited to see, experience, learn and participate in activities that embraced the traditions of local culture.

Those keen to immerse themselves in the character of the Pilbara were able to choose from a range of meditation, yoga, bush walking, bush medicine, tool and weapon making, yarning with elders, storytelling, as well as a variety of musical sessions.

Renowned soprano Debra Cheetham returned to Karijini Experience, performing

with WASO in the unique natural stage of Kalamina gorge. Gina Williams, Guy Ghouse and Russell Holmes also performed with the WASO string quartet, providing a very unique Songs in the Gorge experience.

Local cuisine continued to be a highlight across the six days with bush tucker cooking, high tea with Indigenous chef Mark Olive and the culinary sensations of Fervor.

Being held over the Easter period, a dawn service on Easter Sunday marked the celebration of a new day, healing and reconciliation within our own Pilbara garden of Eden that is Karijini National Park.

Throughout the six days local tour operators showcased the many facets of the park with a variety of tours for both the adrenaline junky and the more casual traveller.

Once again Karijini Experience finished on a high with the Makers Market and The Yurlu Lounge. Pilbara artisans, creators

and artists showcased their wares at the popular Makers Market, which was then followed by a prestigious line-up of Australian musicians, including Dan Sultan as he embarks on his national tour.

A magical evening of music and culture, as the sun set over the Hamersley Ranges and the sky shone with the brilliance of stars, was the perfect ending to yet another successful experience.

Thank you to Nintirri, sponsors and the countless volunteers who, once again, worked tirelessly to deliver this year's Karijini Experience.

If you enjoyed this year's event, or are keen to not miss out next year, follow Karijini Experience on Facebook to keep updated – and to view the spectacular gallery of pics!

This activity met Community Goal 2 of the Strategic Community Plan, Well-managed Tourism.



Gold and Silver Feathers in Tom Price

Once again the Shire's local libraries were proud to support the annual Scribblers Festival Golden Feather Hunt.

Libraries across Western Australia are sent feathers to hide in children's and Young Adult books. Readers who find a rare and special Golden Feather win a fabulous prize, including a VIP pass to the 2019 Scribblers Festival and an iPad. Silver Feather finders win some literary prizes, and white feathers are decorated for the chance to win a number of spot prizes.

There are only five golden feathers across WA each year and last year Paraburdoo Library was lucky enough to have a golden feather hidden amongst the books, this year Tom Price Library had both a silver and a gold feather in the shelves.

Avid reader Lidia Johnson uncovered the special gold feather, and her sister Clara Johnson found a silver feather, during their regular trip to the library. Congratulations and enjoy your prizes. We can't wait for next year's Golden Feather hunt.



Lucky sisters Lidia and Clara Johnson

Congratulations Brie



Brie Healy, WA State Finalist

Congratulations to Brie Healy who was recently crowned the State Winner for the Telstra Business Women Emerging Leader Award.

Brie is Founding Director and Dance Educator at From Dust Creative Arts, and conducts classes in Tom Price, Paraburdoo and the surrounding community. Brie also hosts creative workshops and performances in various parts of the region, providing children and adults with the opportunity to enhance their physical, mental and social skills.

To learn more about From Dust Creative Arts follow them on Facebook.

The Shire of Ashburton congratulates Brie on this magnificent achievement.

Plenty of fun across Ashburton

It has been a busy start to the year with plenty of fun for everyone living in Ashburton.

Thanks to the Shire's partnerships with Rio Tinto and the Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project there have been some great events in each town, giving residents the chance to learn more about their community, make new friends and find ways to be involved.



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





Exercising your dog

With the change in weather Ranger Services have noticed an increase in the number of people walking their dog(s) now it's cooler and far more enjoyable to do so.

While we encourage you to get out and about with your pets and enjoy your local surroundings, there are a few basic rules that must be followed.

Under the Dog Act 1976, all dogs must be held by a leash by a person physically capable of controlling the dog when in a public place.

Many people may not be aware, but unless your dog(s) is being held by a leash when in a public place it is an offence under the Act and carries a Penalty of \$200.

It has been noted in and around our towns that a lot of people walk their dogs off-leash, often with the leash being carried in the owners hand but not attached to the dog's collar. To do this is an offence under

the Dog Act and you could potentially be fined.

The Shire of Ashburton has a number of dog exercise areas and we encourage you to make use of them.

While accessing any off leash area your dog(s) may run freely and below are a few helpful hints to help you avoid on-the-spot fines:

- A person capable of controlling the dog must be near the dog at all times.
- Carry a leash so it can be quickly attached to gain control of the dog.
- Remove any excreta (poo) left by the dog.
- The dog must not chase or harass any other person, animal or bird.
- Remember even if your dog is being playful, others may feel uneasy with its behaviour.
- Some people do not like to be approached by dogs.



Dog Exercise Areas

TOM PRICE:

- Tjiluna Oval
- Clem Thompson Oval
- Minna Oval
- West Rd Hospital Reserve
- Dog Exercise Park – North Road

PARABURDOO:

- Peter Sutherland Oval

ONSLow:

- Thalanyji Oval
- Designated Beach areas between the high and low tide areas

The Shire of Ashburton provides dog waste bags in all dog exercise areas to promote and encourage correct disposal practice.

Ranger Services strive to keep the dispensers stocked, however if there are no bags available it is still the dog owner's responsibility to act responsibly and remove any excreta. This also applies to dogs being exercised around town or at any public place where people may wander.


Penalties of \$200 may be issued if you fail to collect and remove your dog's excreta.

Celebrating our volunteers

TOM PRICE

CELEBRATION OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

Clem Thompson Sports Pavilion
Monday 20 May 2019
5.30pm-7.00pm



FREE EVENT


Shire of Ashburton in conjunction with The Nintirri Centre invite you to a Sundowner to celebrate our Volunteers with an inspirational speech by Ian Crawford

'The Volunteer Ripple'

Ian Crawford Professional Speaker from Candor Training and Consultancy.
Ian has 30 years' experience with community based organisations and he is an author of ten books on volunteer management.
Light non-alcoholic refreshments provided.
RSVP by 17 May 2019.

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PARABURDOO

CELEBRATION OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

Ashburton Hall
Tuesday 21 May 2019
9.30am-11.00am



FREE EVENT


Morning Tea to celebrate our Volunteers with an inspirational speech by Ian Crawford

'The Volunteer Ripple'

Ian Crawford Professional Speaker from Candor Training and Consultancy.
Ian has 30 years' experience with community based organisations and he is an author of ten books on volunteer management.
Light refreshments provided.
RSVP by 17 May 2019.
Crèche available, booking for crèche with Karingal on 9189 5579.

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PANNAWONICA

CELEBRATION OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

Pannawonica Tavern
Thursday 23 May 2019
7.00pm-9.30pm



VOLUNTEERS THIS IS YOUR NIGHT!

Register tables of 4-8 people
Volunteers Trivia and Games night categories:


- A Volunteer is a Superhero in Disguise
- Pannawonica Trivia
- Lego Challenge
- Who am I?
- Making a world of difference
- Please sit down

'The Volunteer Ripple'

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Finger Food provided.
RSVP by 17 May 2019.

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Working together for Onslow

CELEBRATION OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

Onslow Sports Club
Wednesday 22 May 2019
5.00pm - 6.30pm



FREE EVENT

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Light non-alcoholic refreshments provided.
RSVP by 17 May 2019.

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Commitment to seal Tom Price Karratha Road

The Shire is delighted to see that the Tom Price Karratha Road is a priority of the Federal Government. This road has been identified as a priority project under Infrastructure Australia and has the support of the Western Australian State Government.

Shire President Kerry White said that sealing this road will remove the barriers that currently hinder the expansion of our regional tourism and economic sectors and provide a boost across a variety of sectors.

"The Tom Price Karratha road provides a critical connection between the coastal and

inland Pilbara and to have this link easily accessible provides such a vast range of benefits," said Cr White. "We look forward to this highly anticipated project, which has significant economic and social benefits for Tom Price and the Shire as a whole, finally progressing towards completion."

The funding allocation was announced by Prime Minister Scott Morrison as part of a \$1.6 billion infrastructure package for Western Australia in the forthcoming budget.

The Shire understands that should Parliament pass the budget prior to an election, these allocations will become a firm

financial commitment with 78% of funding believed to be provided in the financial year 2023/4. Whilst the timing of the bulk of funding is some four years away, Cr White acknowledged that planning and approvals would still need to be established before significant works could be undertaken and, based on the funding commitment, the road will eventually be built.

The Shire has taken this opportunity to convey the importance of this funding to the Federal Opposition and have written to Hon. Bill Shorten to seek support for this vital budget allocation.

Book your tours online

The Tom Price Visitor Centre has updated their website with all you need to know about Tom Price and surrounds. You can also book many of your tours online!

It's a beautiful time of the year to explore the Pilbara so visit the website and book your next adventure.

Visit www.tomprice.org.au to book your next tour.

This activity met Community Goal 2 of the Strategic Community Plan, Well-managed Tourism.



Life goes on through the night.

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

St John urgently needs volunteers for night shifts.

If you're a night owl and would like to help, visit stjohnchangelives.com.au.

Life goes on.
Volunteer with St John.



Funding sought for Tom Price Childcare Centre

While it may seem there is no tangible progress to share in regards to constructing a new Childcare Centre in Tom Price, there is certainly a lot happening behind the scenes. Building new infrastructure of this magnitude takes a considerable amount of money and effort before construction can even be programmed.

The Shire of Ashburton and Rio Tinto are working together and exploring all options to secure the additional \$3.5M of funding that is needed to build a new centre. This is particularly challenging at present as it is a very

difficult funding environment, with far reduced opportunities for grants and financial contributors. Unfortunately the Shire wasn't successful in its application to the Federal Government for \$3.5M part funding under the Building Better Regions Fund. The Shire has now sought funding for the \$3.5M from the Lotteries Commission. Together, we hope to have some positive funding outcomes to share within the next 3 – 6 months.

The Shire is heavily invested in our local communities and in building the infrastructure needed to sustain our

remote towns and allow local and strategic industries to flourish. A new Childcare Centre in Tom Price is a big project that requires not only substantial investment, which takes time to secure, but requires workable arrangements to ensure ongoing successful operational commitments of a suitable provider.

The Shire is committed to ensuring that expanded child care opportunities for Tom Price are available as soon as possible and we will keep the community updated as we know this is an important project for all local families.

Welcoming our new Citizens

Congratulations to our newest Australian citizens, with ceremonies recently conducted in Onslow by Cr Kerry White and in Tom Price by Cr Doug Diver.



Benjamin Brotherton



Heather Palmer



Natacha Tonon

Fighting the bite in Onslow

As residents and visitors alike will attest, Onslow has experienced unprecedented mosquito activity over the last few months, worse than many have ever seen in Onslow's history. Coupled with low rainfall and limited wet season activity, this plague-like influx of mosquitos was unexpected and unusual for the dry conditions.

With the large levels of mosquitos, the Shire significantly expanded the existing mosquito abatement programme which includes increasing the fogging and larviciding activity. When this had limited success, further investigation into identifying the breeding area and a new approach was required.

Additional staff have, and will continue to be, dispatched from Tom Price to assist our Onslow town maintenance crew monitor and combat the reasons for this increase in numbers.

It was recently discovered that a new breeding ground had developed at the sand disposal site in and around the lower rock wall near the airport. This location had become an ideal habitat for mosquitos due to the dredging operations which pumps water and sand into the site, creating an artificial wetlands environment.

As an immediate response to reduce the high volume of mosquito numbers, the Shire applied a large quantity of larvicide into this newly identified breeding site and while it has had a positive impact, it wasn't a complete solution.

A more permanent arrangement to address the issue of mosquito breeding in this area is currently being established with the dredging operators. This area, which spans more than 8 hectares is constantly being monitored and treated while we work to transform the area and remove the breeding habitat.

The Shire has been closely monitoring Onslow's sentinel chicken program, which is a key measure in identifying the incidence of mosquito borne disease. Chickens are tested regularly and the blood examined by pathology, and to date all hens are healthy with no signs of mosquito borne disease.

Onslow residents are of course reminded to maintain the "Fight the Bite" regime by removing common breeding sites that could include water in pot plant drip trays, gutters, ponds, pet water bowls, old tyres, rubbish,

containers and pools that are not well maintained.

The Shire will continue to keep the community of Onslow updated on the matter.

FIGHT the BITE

PROTECT YOURSELF *against* **DISEASE-CARRYING MOSQUITOES**

COVER UP. REPEL. CLEAN UP.

- WEAR LONG, LOOSE-FITTING, CLOTHING.**
- USE INSECT REPELLENT.**
- REMOVE THE WATER THEY BREED IN.**

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Mosquitoes can spread serious and potentially deadly diseases. For more information contact the Department of Health visit: www.healthywa.wa.gov.au / **FIGHTTHEBITE**

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Tales of history



A series of interpretive signs have recently been installed along the Ian Blair Memorial Boardwalk, each telling a tale of Onslow's rich history. Visitors and residents who enjoy the leisurely walk along the boardwalk, from the Anzac Memorial through to Sunset Beach, can now stop at various points

to admire the view and learn more about the town and the coastal region.

These new panels now complete the boardwalk which is a popular destination for tourists, as well as many locals, who regularly enjoy the scenic path.

Thanks to the Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project, JTSI and Pilbara



Development Commission whose funding support made this project possible.

This activity met Community Goal 3 of the Strategic Community Plan, Unique Heritage and Environment.



Another great season for Pannawonica's swimmers

Pannawonica Swim Club had an amazing season and would like to thank all the kids for the commitment and dedication that they have shown towards their swimming.

Congratulations to Brock, Archie and Ava from Dolphins, and Hayden, Hemi and Jesse for winning the Encouragement, Improvement & Consistent awards.

An outstanding achievement by Hinereiu, Rj and Jorja who between them broke 20 club records and Jorja for receiving Swimmer of the Year.

The Club would also like to thank the committee and coaches, both past and present, who have volunteered their time to keep the Club swimming.

Upcoming Events



May 2019

Date	Event	Location
MAY		
Friday 17 May	Onslow Sports Club opening celebration	Onslow
Saturday 18 May	The Great Panna Race	Pannawonica
Monday 20 May	Volunteer Week	Tom Price
Tuesday 21 May	Council Meeting	Onslow Shire Complex
Tuesday 21 May	Volunteer Week	Paraburadoo
Wednesday 22 May	Volunteer Week	Onslow
Thursday 23 May	Volunteer Week	Pannawonica
Thursday 23 May	Purple People Show	Tom Price
Friday 24 May	Purple People Show	Paraburadoo
Monday 27 May	Purple People Show	Onslow
Wednesday 29 May	Purple People Show	Pannawonica
JUNE		
Saturday 1 June	Celebrate WA Day	Onslow
Wednesday 5 June	Onslow Keepers	Onslow
Friday 14 June	Pannawonica Family Day	Pannawonica
Saturday 15 June	Pannawonica Gala Ball	Pannawonica
Tuesday 18 June	Council Meeting	Ashburton Hall, Paraburadoo
Saturday 22 June	Robe River Family Day	Pannawonica
Saturday 22 & Sunday 23	Club Creek & River Fishing Comp	Pannawonica
Saturday 29 & Sunday 30	Club Creek & River Fishing Comp	Pannawonica
Saturday 29 June	Robe River Family Day	Pannawonica
JULY		
Wednesday 3 July	Onslow Keepers	Onslow
Friday 5 July	NAIDOC	Pannawonica
Monday 8 – Friday 19 July	School Holiday Program	All Towns
Tuesday 16 July	Council Meeting	Clem Thompson, Tom Price
Friday 19 July	Earth's Dinosaur Zoo	Pannawonica
Friday 26 July	Movie Night	Onslow

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