



Inside Ashburton

July 2018

Glamorous Diamond in the Rough



On Saturday 9 June Pannawonica was buzzing with excitement as the annual Gala kicked into gear. This year the Pannawonica Gala Association hosted 'Diamond in the Rough', a day of family fun and evening revelry.

Local families streamed into the Community Hall on Saturday morning to enjoy a jam-packed day of action. With live music from the Diva Ministries and the Loose Ends puppet show, plus rides, delicious food, market stalls, emergency service displays, and the popular petting zoo – kids and parents were kept busy.

As the sun set across the ranges the babysitters arrived and the adults frocked up in their best cocktail attire before heading over to the Sports Club. The magical soiree saw Doug and Kate Blake crowned Prince and Princess of Pannawonica. An enormous grazing

table and assortment of dessert platters kept everyone fed and the band Little Belle had everyone on the dance floor.

Diamond in the Rough was a huge success and a real testament to the hard working committee. Many thanks to Rio Tinto, Sodexo, Shire of Ashburton, Adamas Diamonds, Holistic Marketing Co., All U Need Roofing, Dingo 4x4, Goldrush Tours and Karratha Quality Meats for their support in making this event possible.



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Community Hub takes shape

The construction of Paraburdoo's new Community Hub is on track for completion late 2018 with the key activities undertaken so far:

- Demolition of old facilities complete (including the gutting of the old sports hall),
- Temporary swimming pool facilities for public use installed
- Backwash tank to pool demolished and new tank installed
- Installation of structural steelwork complete
- Installation of roof and metal wall cladding almost complete
- Concrete retaining walls underway
- Storm water works stage one completed – stage two underway
- Plumbing electrical and mechanical first fix complete

Other components of the Community Hub master plan being progressed include:

- The resurfacing of the netball/basketball courts and replacement of the fences
- Softball diamond
- Refurbishment of the Lesser Hall including the installation of shade sails in the courtyard
- Conversion of the existing clubrooms into storage.

Shire staff are working closely with community groups to make the transition into the new facilities seamless, as well as planning the vibrant finishing touches and opening celebrations.

Emma Blyth has been commissioned to lead the community art project where she will design the artwork to be applied to the fencing. We can't wait to see it!

The Paraburdoo Community Hub is an exciting addition to our town and we look forward to sharing it with everyone. The development of this project is supported by the State Government's Royalties for Regions program through the Pilbara Development Commission, Rio Tinto and the Shire of Ashburton.



Students help design fence artwork



This activity met Community Goal 4 of the Corporate Business Plan, Quality Services and Infrastructure

Pilbara hosts annual Rodeo and Campdraft circuit

It's that time of the year when we see the Rodeo and Campdraft circuit visit our region. The Shire of Ashburton is proud to have two of the biggest events on the rodeo calendar hosted by Onslow and Pannawonica, as well as the Tom Price & Pannawonica Campdraft. Mark the dates on your calendar and have fun watching all the action.

Pilbara Campdraft

Newman 23 - 24 August

Tom Price 26 - 27 August

Pannawonica 30 - 31 August

Pilbara Rodeo

Robe River (Pannawonica) – 1 September

Onslow – 8 September

For more information follow the events on Facebook

- Robe River Campdraft & Rodeo
- Tom Price Campdraft Association
- Onslow Rodeo Association
- Newman Campdraft & Rodeo Association



New childcare centre

Building a new facility takes time, most of which happens behind the scenes before an announcement is made. After a number of years of research, assessment and careful planning, the new Tom Price Childcare Centre is officially underway. Here we explain a bit more of the process and what will happen before we see the new building take shape.

Background

In May 2011, the Shire of Ashburton engaged the services of Creating Communities Australia Pty Ltd to complete a study for a proposed redevelopment of the Nintirri Neighbourhood Centre (including Little Geckos Childcare Centre) and the Tom Price Youth Centre. The study aimed to look at community services organisations more holistically to identify potential synergies of combining projects.

In subsequent years, further research and assessment has been undertaken to determine population, capacity and funding requirements. This has included consideration of the option to upgrade and refurbish the existing buildings vs a new purpose built facility. It was agreed that a new facility be constructed to enable future-proofing and flexibility in service delivery.

In late 2017, a list of potential sites for the Tom Price Childcare Centre was compiled with the lot size, location, and vicinity to schools, topography and general land constraints considered. Four land sites were shortlisted with further analysis conducted collaboratively with Rio Tinto to understand the utility capacity.

Earlier this year, at April's Ordinary Meeting of Council, Lot 400 Poinsettia Street was designated as the preferred site.

The Shire are working closely with the team at Little Geckos to ensure the extensive knowledge they have in childcare service delivery in Tom Price is captured and included in the design of the facility.

So where to now?

Now that the broader site for the new facility has been determined the first step is to engage an Architect who can create functional design options that suit the location, purpose and budget.

A Request for Tender for Architectural Services has been released with submissions closing on 14 June. Council will review the submissions and award the contract at the upcoming July Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Community Consultation

As part of the contract brief, the chosen Architect will consult with the community to ascertain the needs of families using the services. This feedback will be used to create design options for the new facility that are functional and sustainable for the long term.

The process

The chosen Architect will present design options to Council, and the community, later this year. Once a design has been chosen and the costing completed the next step is to secure funding for the project. Once the funding is secured a Request for Tender for the Construction of the facility can be prepared. After reviewing these submissions, a contract is awarded and construction is set to commence.

So when will the new childcare be ready?

Building a new facility such as a childcare centre is a long process and requires careful management and collaboration, as well as factoring in logistics of construction in a remote Pilbara town.

It is anticipated that Architectural Designs will be displayed for community consultation and input later this year, with the funding for the project secured early next year.



This activity met Community Goal 4 of the Corporate Business Plan, Quality Services and Infrastructure



Pannawonica unveils mural masterpiece



Over the April school holidays, renowned artist Emma Blyth visited Pannawonica to create a vibrant mural for the community hall.

So the mural could be a true showcase of community participation, local children worked with Emma over two workshops during the April School Holiday program. The result was a vibrant masterpiece which measures 10m x 2.5m.

More than simply putting paint on a wall, Emma Blyth used the workshops to impart her knowledge and skill, teaching the children as much as she could about the art process.

Emma started by showing the kids her visual for the mural, and the role they would play in its creation. The children then worked with Emma to sand wooden cut-outs in the shape of bungarras, corellas and dragonflies. Once the cut-outs were smooth, the children painted a base-coat and worked on the design they would paint on the second day.

More than 50 cut-outs were painted, with some spares given to the local daycare to paint too.

Emma then got to work on painting the mural, with the kids cut-outs placed onto the wall to enhance the colourful reflection of the Pannawonica landscape.

Shire President Kerry White said coordinating Emma to come to Pannawonica was a great accomplishment, made possible through the Shire's partnership with Rio Tinto.

"The school holiday program is always popular with children and parents, and having Emma Blyth work with the local community was a great opportunity," said Cr White. "In addition to the remarkable mural that now has pride of place in the town, the art workshops inspired residents of all ages to have a go at being creative."

Rio Tinto Maintenance and Fixed Plant Manager, Marianne Hoareau said that the mural had brought the space to life.

"Emma Blyth has created a piece of work that captures the essence of Pannawonica and the landscape that surrounds our community in a creative and inclusive display. It was great to see the integration of artwork by the local community into the final piece."

The mural was unveiled at the Reflections of Robe Valley community showcase event and included interactive art activities, delicious food and the Reflections of Robe Valley art awards, which were sponsored by local community groups and businesses. The event followed on from the Pannawonica P&C and Sodexo's Colour the Community Fun Run, with many eager and colourful participants crossing the finish line. The partnership between the Shire, Rio Tinto, Pannawonica P&C and Sodexo, which enabled the events to run together, truly reflects the vibrancy of the Pannawonica community.

Emma Blyth's visit to Pannawonica was made possible through the School Holiday Program, as part of the Shire's



Community Infrastructure Services Partnership with Rio Tinto.

A successful artist, Emma is inspired by the outback and her designs are sold throughout the State. From waterfalls and brolgas of the Kimberley, cockatoos flying over spectacular gorges in Karijini, turquoise bays of the Broome coast, and the forests of WA's southwest, Emma uses large brush strokes and vibrant colours to portray a range of Australian scenes.

As part of the community showcase event, the the Reflections of Robe Valley art awards were judged with all entries on display in a vibrant exhibition.

Winners of the awards are as follows;

Petite Picassos (0 – 4 years)

Dakoda Valenta

Mini Monets (5 – 7 years)

Benjamin Miller

Panna Protégé (8 – 12 years)

Jessica Sylva

Young Adult (13 – 17 years)

Hineriu Wynard-Thompson

Adult (18 years +)

Chelmain Tsakalos



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

Rio Tinto Picnic Days a hit with local communities

The Rio Tinto Picnic Day events once again wowed residents with an array of activities, games, festival food and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy.

The Picnic Days are held annually for the residents of Tom Price and Paraburdoo, drawing the community together for two fun-filled evenings out.

This year families enjoyed delicious food before hitting the giant inflatables and games zone. Crowd favourites were the Freedom Fairies, laser tag and the silent disco. Entertainment highlights included a dazzling display of fireworks, children's entertainment group the Kazoo's, great musical talent from the Merindas, and Perth's very own Oats Supply.

Scott Oakley, Mine Operations Manager Paraburdoo, attended his fourth Picnic Day event this year and continues to be impressed, particularly with the army of volunteers who brought it all together.

"My family always looks forward to Picnic Day and this year's event didn't disappoint. The line-up of children's events and activities was fantastic and the fireworks were spectacular".

"I would like to thank all of the volunteers, and particularly the Nameless Jarndunmunha Festival Committee for organising the event on behalf of Rio Tinto. It was a wonderful evening and I know everyone valued the opportunity to come together, relax and celebrate our vibrant community" said Mr Oakley.

For more photos from the night and information on events and activities in Tom Price and Paraburdoo, don't forget to follow the Rio Tinto Western Australia Facebook page.



Maintain your smoke alarms

It seems the majority of Western Australians are failing to maintain their smoke alarms. Last winter only half of all homes where accidental fires occurred had a working smoke alarm, prompting fire authorities and Emergency Services Minister Francis Logan to urge people to take immediate action.

Unfortunately 75 per cent of Western Australians are also unaware that smoke alarms need to be regularly cleaned and tested to ensure they can detect fire.

Minister Logan said that smoke alarms clogged with dust, insects and other particles can make the alarm less sensitive, meaning it will take longer to detect the presence of deadly smoke.

"Only a working, well maintained smoke alarm can save lives. It could be the difference between a close call and a tragedy. Please take the opportunity this weekend to check and clean your smoke alarms."

All smoke alarms, regardless of type or model, need to be replaced at least every 10 years. Western Australians are being warned not to be complacent and put their lives at risk by ignoring critical smoke alarm maintenance.

A simple task now can save your life, and the lives of your family, this winter.

For more information and tips on how to keep your home and family safe this winter, visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au/wintersafe



Sport & recreation - get involved!

Each town within the Shire of Ashburton boast a variety of social, sporting and community groups offering something of interest for everyone. Being involved and active within your local community has a positive influence on your life; enhancing community engagement and boosting mental wellbeing.

To help our many clubs, groups and associations create sustainable, engaged and well supported activities the Shire, in partnership with Rio Tinto, have a team of dedicated Club Development Officers. This team work closely with the local groups in their community to assist them wherever possible.

Hosting training and workshops, helping promote upcoming events, and navigating constitutions and club rules is all part of the service.

Over the last few months the Club Development team has proudly hosted

a number of key activities in Tom Price, Paraburdoo and Pannawonica. These have included:

- Aim to Change workshops, understanding club rules, constitutions and legislation
- Sports Medicine, understanding concussion and learning basic strapping techniques
- Meet and Greet with Simone Fountain, regional manager Sport and Recreation and Olympic Gold medallist

Follow the Shire's facebook page to stay updated on other great events planned over the coming months.

For further information about community groups and clubs, or for assistance in further developing your club or group, please contact the Shire's Club Development office via active.ashburton@ashburton.wa.gov.au



Learning the art of strapping.



Tom Price BMX Club and Simone Fountain

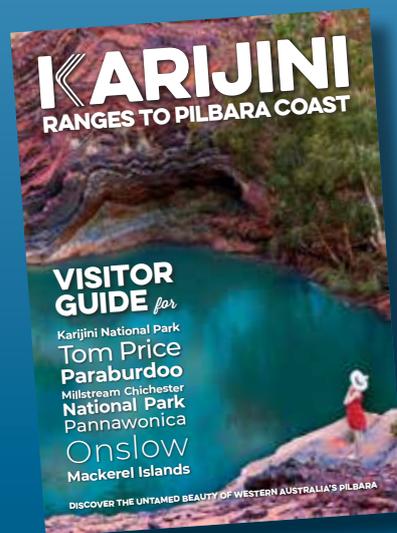


This activity met Community Goal 1 of the Corporate Business Plan, Vibrant and Active Communities

Exploring the Pilbara

Looking for a holiday adventure or just new places to explore?

Call into your nearest Visitor Centre and grab a copy of our latest travel planner. It is full of great ideas, travel tips and holiday advice.



This activity met Community Goal 2 of the Corporate Business Plan, Economic Prosperity

Community funding assists local groups

The latest round of funding for the Shire of Ashburton's Community Support Grants closed on 31 March, where 37 applications were received and just over \$44,000 provided to local clubs and groups.

The Community Support Grants assist a broad range of clubs with financial support offered to a variety of projects including new equipment, facility refurbishment, training, community and supporting events, facility hire and educational programs.

Shire funding in the latest round of grants will enable Onslow's St John Ambulance to purchase new equipment for their mobile first aid station and Pannawonica's Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service to renew their outdoor area, providing a more suitable location for training and community workshops. In Tom Price the Impala Kart Club are excited to install track safety lighting to improve safety during training and race meets, while in Paraburdoo, the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service look forward to using their new Emergency

Services PPE storage racks.

Football, soccer, golf, bowling, swimming, netball, pony club, tee-ball, little athletics, bmx, arts, community centres and schools were also successful in receiving a share of the community funding support.

"The Shire's Community Support Grants help fund projects, events and recreational opportunities that benefit our residents," says Shire President Kerry White. "With this financial assistance we also help ensure the sustainability of our sporting clubs and community groups who play a key role in the social well-being of our towns."

With such a large volume of applications received not all requests could be fully funded up to the potential \$2500, with Council sharing the financial contributions across all requests.

There are two types of funding assistance offered through the Shire: the Small Assistance Donation scheme for groups that are not incorporated and the Community Support Grant for larger

incorporated groups. The Community Support Grant is offered via two funding rounds, one opening in July and closing in August and one opening in February and closing in March.

For more information contact the team via **community.grants@ashburton.wa.gov.au** and remember to keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for funding updates.



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

Community safety notice: wild dogs

There have been a number of reported sightings of wild dogs in and around our towns in recent months, therefore it is important for residents to remain vigilant to minimise interactions with them.

Wild dogs are generally a hybrid breed of domestic dog and dingo. Throughout the Pilbara it is estimated that the mixed wild dog population accounts for approximately 90% of the wild dog/dingo population, with a very limited number of pure dingos inhabiting remote areas.

Although wild dogs are generally not considered a threat to humans, they are inquisitive by nature and will often approach anyone or anything that is within their territory.

Ranger Services monitor reported sightings and set dog cage traps in an effort to remove some of the more

troublesome dogs. Unfortunately eradication is unlikely as resources such as shelter, water and food are readily available.

Dingo's and hybrid wild dogs differ from domestic dogs in their breeding cycle. Females have only one well-defined breeding season each year. They come on heat between March and May and whelp between June and August. The periods between March and May often account for more activity as well as an increase in the number of sightings reported by members of the public.

WILD DOGS: Dos and Do Nots

- **DO** keep cats inside at night
- **DO** keep all pets in your backyard (especially at night)
- **DO** keep your dog on lead when walking in town and out bush

- **DO** report sightings
- **DO NOT** leave bins open or food scraps lying around your property
- **DO NOT** approach wild dogs
- **DO NOT** feed wild dogs
- **DO NOT** take the law into your own hands – report the sighting instead

Should you see a wild dog contact the Shire of Ashburton directly on **9188 4444**.



Camping in caravans and campers at home

Living in a remote town it is always exciting when visitors come to stay, and it has become common practice to host caravans and campers in our yards when family or friends visit.

For the most part this does not cause a problem however it is important that we remain compliant with the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995.

The property owner may allow a person, such as a friend or relative, to camp on the property for a period of three nights or less in any period of 28 consecutive days. There can only be one caravan or camper being used for camping on the property at any one time. For stays longer than three nights the person camping needs to apply for approval from the Shire.

The Shire of Ashburton recognises the need, and enjoyment, of having friends and family stay with us and generally will favorably consider the use of caravans or campers on residential property for longer than three nights as long as certain compliance provisions are met.



In essence caravans or campers:

- Need to be parked off the road and should not obstruct traffic
- Should not impede neighbouring property
- Must have all power cords safely set up so they do not pose a hazard

Effluent waste must be disposed of at an appropriate dump point. See one of the locations below.

Short term camping (three nights or less) is acceptable, however longer term camping is prohibited without the formal approval of the Shire and property owner.

If you have friends or family wishing to camp at your house for a period of more than three nights, please contact your local Shire office for advice regarding approvals.

Caravan Effluent Dump points in the Shire

- Tom Price Caravan Park
- Barradale Yannarie River, road side rest NW Highway
- Robe River, road side rest NW Highway
- Dales Gorge Camp ground Karijini National Park
- Onslow, beside Basketball Courts on Cameron Ave
- Old Onslow, next to historic jail
- Paraburdoo Caravan Park

See it, report it!

The Customer Action Request (CAR) is an online form designed to enable people to directly report issues to the Shire that need our attention.

If you see something you think we should know about, please visit the Shire's website at www.ashburton.wa.gov.au and select the 'See it, report it (CAR form)' link on the home page.

Your completed CAR will be sent to the relevant Shire officer and we will endeavour to provide you a response within five business days.



This activity met Community Goal 4 of the Corporate Business Plan, Quality Services and Infrastructure



Train 2 milestone for Wheatstone



The Shire of Ashburton congratulates Chevron and its joint venture partners on commencing Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) production from the second train at the Wheatstone Project.

Located 12 kilometres west of Onslow, the Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project is one of Australia's largest resource developments.

Shire President Kerry White says that LNG production from the project's second train is another major milestone worth celebrating.

"Having the project now fully operational is a great achievement for Chevron and for Onslow," said Cr White. "With new families now living in town and many new and improved facilities, the Onslow community is flourishing."

Since construction commenced in 2011 the Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project has played a key role in developing the new airport, hospital, aquatic centre, Shire complex, power station, wastewater management and numerous town-centre improvements.

As part of their 'Working Together for Onslow' partnership with the Shire of Ashburton, Chevron have also invested in the well-being of the community with a comprehensive program of engagement and educational initiatives.

The Shire of Ashburton congratulates Chevron on achieving this significant milestone and looks forward to continuing the community partnership.

Skate workshops support anti-bullying campaign

A series of recent BMX, skateboard and scooter coaching sessions, facilitated by Freestyle Now, helped bring local youth together to strengthen the message of stand up against bullying. The skate sessions, held in Pannawonica, Paraburdoo and Tom Price, were well attended across all ages with the Freestyle Now crew hosting coaching workshops as well as fun jam sessions. Kids and parents gathered at the local skate parks and enjoyed the show of skills and camaraderie. Hosted

by the Tom Price Youth Support Association and the Shire of Ashburton in partnership with Rio Tinto, the skate nights were a great way to bring local youth together in way that was engaging, interactive and all inclusive.

The Stand Up Against Bullying campaign was recently launched by the Tom Price Youth Support Association in collaboration with local stakeholders, who together are working to build vibrant and resilient communities.



RUSTIC
Queen of The Green

SATURDAY 11TH AUGUST
 FESTIVAL STAGE, 2PM

FURTHER DETAILS & ONLINE ENTRIES
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GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON

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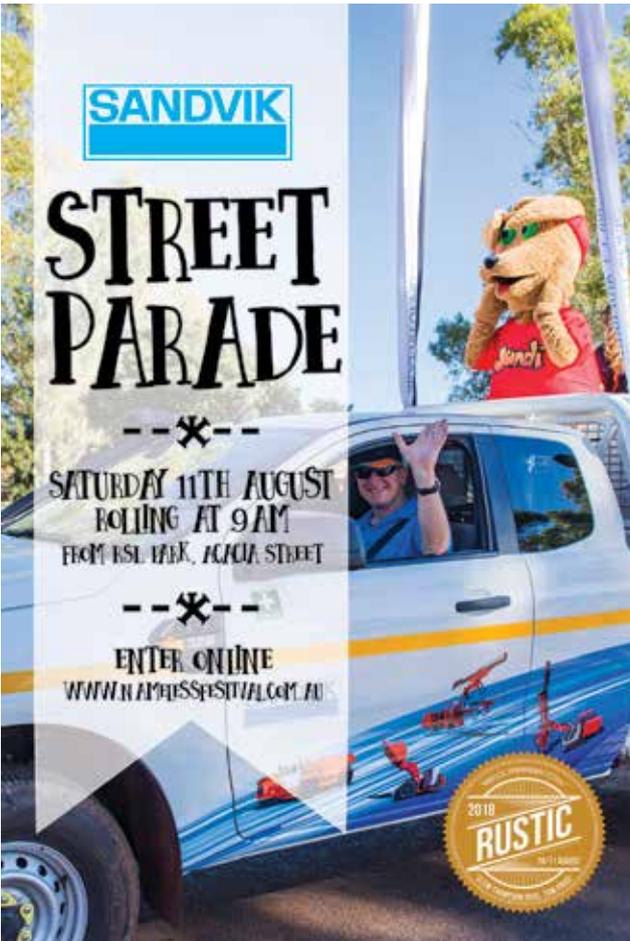



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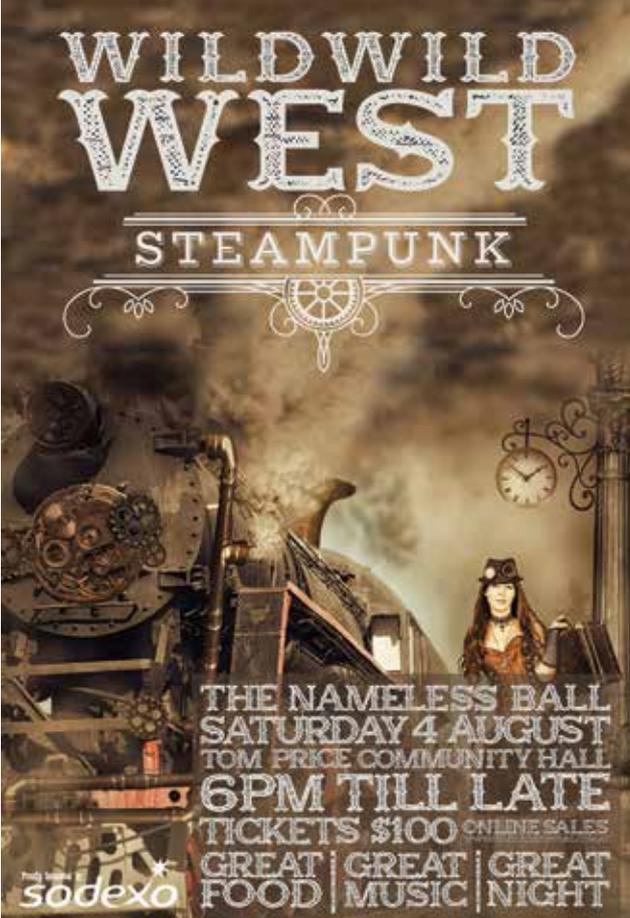


WILDWILD WEST STEAMPUNK

THE NAMELESS BALL
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 6PM TILL LATE
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GREAT FOOD | GREAT MUSIC | GREAT NIGHT

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Looking for a career change?

The Shire of Ashburton includes the four major towns of Tom Price, Onslow, Paraburdoo and Pannawonica and offers some great full time, part time and casual employment opportunities.

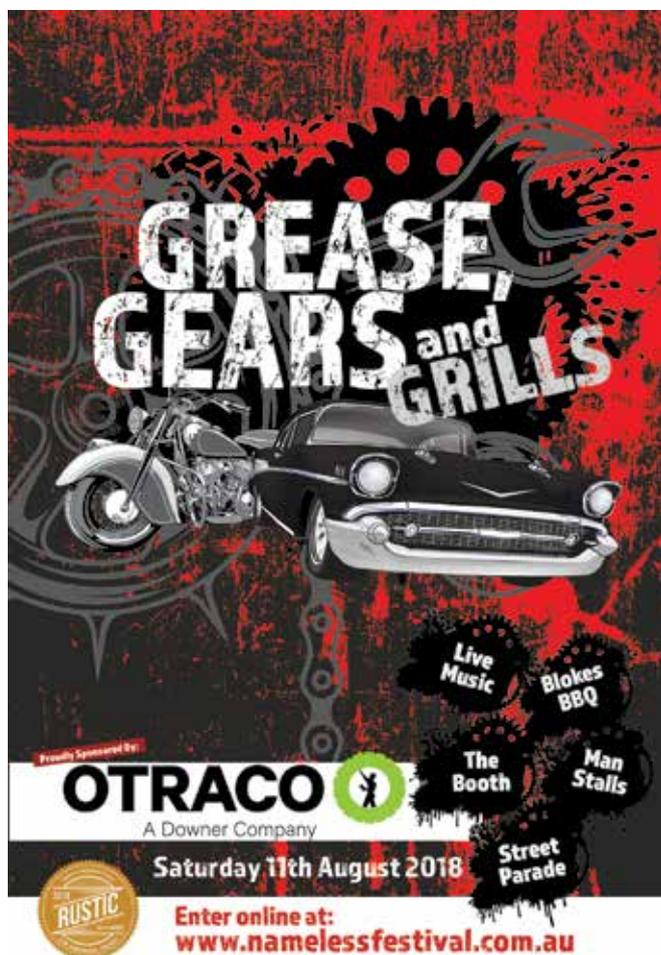
Whether you are looking for a chance to utilise your current skills and knowledge, a career change or a way to meet new people and become involved in the community - the Shire is a great place to work!



In addition to remuneration, the Shire of Ashburton also offers employees a number of other benefits such as:

- Annual Ashburton Allowance
- Travel Allowance
- Health and Wellbeing Allowance
- Additional Matching Superannuation Contributions
- Flexible Working Arrangements
- Employee Assistance Program

Keep an eye on the jobs page at www.ashburton.wa.gov.au to see what new opportunities await you.



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Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
JULY		
2 – 13 July	School Holiday Program	All Towns
Wednesday 4 July	Onslow Keepers	Onslow
8 – 15 July	NAIDOC Week	All Towns
Wednesday 18 July	Council Meeting	Clem Thompson Pavilion, Tom Price
Saturday 21 July	Snake Handling Course	Onslow
Saturday 21 July	Masquerade Ball	Paraburdoo
Saturday 21 July	NAIDOC Celebrations	Tom Price
Wednesday 25 July	A Boy Named Cash	Pannawonica
Thursday 26 July	A Boy Named Cash	Onslow
Saturday 28 July	A Boy Named Cash	Paraburdoo
Monday 30 July	A Boy Named Cash	Tom Price
AUGUST		
Wednesday 1 August	Onslow Keepers	Onslow
Saturday 4 August	Nameless Ball	Tom Price
Fri 10 & Sat 11 August	Nameless Jarndunmunha Festival	Tom Price
Tuesday 14 August	Council Meeting	Onslow Shire Complex
Friday 17 August	Movies Under the Stars	Onslow
SEPTEMBER		
Wednesday 5 September	Onslow Keepers	Onslow
Wednesday 19 September	Council Meeting	Mayu Maya Centre, Pannawonica
Mon 24 Sep – Fri 5 Oct	School Holiday Program	All Towns

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Photography correction: Recently we used a number of great images to showcase Pannawonica's Reflections of Robe Valley event. Many of these images were taken by local photographer Sarah Bell and we accidentally omitted the appropriate photo credits. Our sincere apologies to Sarah and our gratitude for the wonderful images that were supplied. (some of which we have also included in this edition)

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