



# Inside Ashburton

September 2018

## Nameless Jarndunmunha Festival wows Tom Price



**For the 47th year, a band of local volunteers put together an outstanding festival that was enjoyed by perhaps the biggest crowd to date, with locals, neighbouring communities and tourists enjoying everything that was on offer.**

The theme of this year's festival was Rustic, celebrating the rural aspect of the community, the stations, the wide open spaces, and paying homage to the agricultural show traditions.

Bands, parades, home cooking and craft, singing, dancing, cars, bikes, wood chopping, dog shows, talent quests, fashion and wearable art were just some of the activities that kept people busy across the weekend. Add to that an array of delicious food vendors, stall holders and the buzz of side show alley, and festival goers had plenty to see, do and eat.

The festival kicked off on Friday night with the Wearable Arts Fashion Parade, accompanied by the wonderful 'From Dust Creative Arts' dancers. The amazing Diamonds of the Pacific dance group wowed the crowds with their beautiful

cultural performance and vibrant costumes. Locals danced the night away with entertainment from Jemma Beech, Danger Baby, The Jarrah Celts and The New Entrants.

As is tradition, the town came alive on Saturday morning for the annual street parade – the biggest one yet! Primary schools, community groups, car and bike enthusiasts and local businesses embraced this year's Rustic theme and the main street of Tom Price was jam-packed as the parade made its way down Central Road and into Clem Thompson Memorial Oval.

The day continued with dancing and singing displays, the very popular Kazoos, Queen of the Green, and a showcase of local talent in the TP Factor. Not to be forgotten, the four legged residents got to strut their stuff in the Dog Show, with all participants displaying their very best behaviour.

Members of the Progressive Axemen's Association of WA put on wood chopping displays across the festival, including a

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number of hard fought competitions with local residents and businesses taking up the challenge.

Kids of all ages enjoyed the lights, sounds and thrills of side show alley while the Grease Grills and Gears display kept car and bike enthusiasts occupied.

After the sun had set on Saturday night the sky of Tom Price was lit up with the spectacular fireworks display, always a highlight of the festival.

A great line-up of entertainment returned to the main stage with the Jarrah Celts, Jemma Beech, Renegade, Switch, Pilbara Blend and the New Entrants keeping the large crowd dancing and singing for the rest of the night.

More than just one weekend, the weeks leading up to the festival saw runners and walkers embrace the challenge of the King of the Mountain, and residents frock up in their finest Wildwest Steampunk attire for the annual gala ball.

The Shire of Ashburton, along with Rio Tinto, were proud to sponsor this year's Nameless Jarndunmunha Festival as part of our long standing Community Services and Infrastructure Partnership. Our sincere thanks and congratulations to the efforts of the festival committee who work tirelessly throughout the year, and also to the other sponsors and supporters who contribute to the events success.





The NJF Committee



Wearable Art Pilbara style



Crs Lynch and Diver take up the challenge



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



# Planning for the future

The Shire of Ashburton has prepared a draft **Local Planning Strategy** that provides the Shire's land use and development vision for the next 10-15 years. The **Local Planning Strategy** is a legislated requirement for every Local Government and will be Ashburton's first local planning strategy.

The strategy considers future growth potential, particularly within the Onslow, Tom Price and Paraburdoo townships.

A copy of the strategy may be viewed at the Shire Administration Offices in Tom Price, Paraburdoo, Onslow and Pannawonica. Alternatively, you can download the strategy from the Shire's website.



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

The Local Planning Strategy is available for public viewing and comment until 4pm Friday 14 September 2018. Your comments and suggestions are encouraged to ensure all relevant matters are considered, and to provide invaluable local insight.

You are welcome to provide written feedback which can be submitted via email to [townplanning@ashburton.wa.gov.au](mailto:townplanning@ashburton.wa.gov.au). Alternatively you can complete the online survey for your town, which is available at [www.ashburton.wa.gov.au](http://www.ashburton.wa.gov.au)

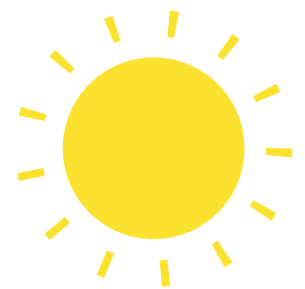
In order to be considered, feedback needs to be received by 4pm Friday 14 September 2018.

## Stay active over Summer

Summer is coming, and that means it is time to register for your favourite Summer sport.

Cricket, Swimming, Tennis, Men's Softball, Squash and Golf are some of the activities to get involved in.

To see what is happening in your town contact your local Club Development Officer via [Active.Ashburton@ashburton.wa.gov.au](mailto:Active.Ashburton@ashburton.wa.gov.au). Alternatively, check out your local club via their Facebook page and register today!



## 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**.





**PANNAWONICA**

**PANNA FIESTA-VAL STREET PARTY**

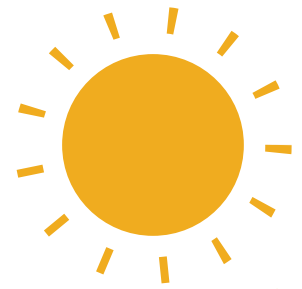
**FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT, ALL AGES**

**GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR**  
**Saturday 15 September 2018**  
**5.00pm - 8.00pm**  
**The Rocks, Pannawonica**

- Live music by Bryan & Pete – SpinFX Audio
- Mexican street food, carnival treats & drinks for sale
- Free lollies & balloon twisting for the kids
- Put on your ponchos & slap on your sombreros! Prizes for Best Dressed Family, Adult & Child!

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# School holiday fun

Thanks to the Shire of Ashburton's partnerships with Rio Tinto and the Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project, the July School holidays were a blast. Supersonic Science, cultural dance, cartoon workshops, lego craft, sport and fitness kept lots of kids entertained and their parents happy.

The September October School Holidays will not disappoint, with a pretty cool lineup of great things to be involved in. Some of the activities planned include robotics, yoga, squash, movies, cooking, Halloween craft and inflatables. There will be a mix of ways to burn energy, new things to learn and opportunities to simply chill out with friends.

Details of the School Holiday Program will be available soon so stay tuned to the Shire's Facebook page.



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



# Rare birds in Onslow



**One of the rarest birds in Australia has been spotted in Onslow.**

On Sunday the 8 July local residents Stanley Jones and Nicole Hardy spotted a bird sitting on the rocks at front beach. Neither of them recognised the bird and after snapping a few pictures and referring to a number of books, were unable to identify the bird.

After further consultation with WA enthusiasts, the mystery bird was eventually identified as a Blue Rock Thrush, which are very rare to see on the Australian mainland. In fact, it is only the second time the Blue Rock Thrush has been recorded in Australia, the last time being in Queensland in 1997.

The blue rock thrush is a species of chat. It breeds in southern Europe, northwest Africa, and from central Asia to northern China and Malaysia.

The sighting has raised a lot of interest and excitement, with bird watchers travelling from Perth, Broome and even from the East Coast to see this bird for themselves.

The bird is being monitored to determine the total days it will have spent in Onslow and this will be recorded with the rarities committee. Onslow will also now have a place on the rare bird map of Australia.

[www.birdlife.org.au/conservation/science/rarities-committee](http://www.birdlife.org.au/conservation/science/rarities-committee)

[www.birdswa.com.au/sightings.htm](http://www.birdswa.com.au/sightings.htm)



# Banners in the Terrace

It was great to see Ashlee Hayden's banner hanging proudly along St George's Terrace during Local Government Week.

Congratulations Ashlee!





# Onslow Snake Workshop

Despite it being winter, our local snakes were still very much on the move over in Onslow, hence it was a great time to offer education and training to local residents.

In partnership with the Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project, the Shire coordinated a visit by reptile enthusiasts David and Jack Manning from Animal Ark. Bringing with them a selection of Australian wildlife, David and Jack spent a weekend in Onslow hosting educational workshops and safe handling training. Prevention is always better than treatment, and with

a new understanding of how to respect the natural habits of snakes and to avoid being bitten, many residents felt less fearful and more knowledgeable about staying snake safe.

As part of the Animal Ark visit, Onslow now has sixteen qualified snake handlers who have the ability to safely catch and release snakes within the town. To contact a snake handler please call the Shire during office hours on 9184 9301 or any of the local emergency services.



# Cr Rumble awarded

**Congratulations to Cr Linton Rumble who was honoured with a Length of Service award at this year's Local Government Convention.**

As the second longest serving Councillor with the Shire of Ashburton, Cr Linton Rumble has dedicated 33 years to the Paraburdoo community, 20 of these as an Elected Member. For the last 11 years Cr Rumble has served as Deputy President of the Shire, a position he continues to hold. Congratulations Cr Rumble and thank you for your commitment to both Council and the community.



*Cr Linton Rumble receives recognition for 20 years on Council*

# Council welcomes new Elected Member

The Shire of Ashburton officially welcomed Councillor Rory de Pledge to Council last month, when he was sworn into the role. Mr de Pledge was the successful candidate in the recent extraordinary election and fills the role on Council to represent the local pastoralists in the Ashburton Ward. As a pastoralist himself, Mr de Pledge runs Koordarrie station, near Onslow, with his wife and their four children.



*Cr de Pledge*



*Cr White welcomes Cr de Pledge*



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



# Showcasing the community

Save the date for the sunset celebrations in Paraburadoo and Tom Price.

Proudly supported by the Shire's partnership with Rio Tinto, these family friendly sundowner events will showcase the town with stallholders, live music, fun activities and delicious food. So mark the date on your calendar.

If you're interested in having a stall, please don't hesitate to contact our Events Team.

**PARABURDOO**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**COMMUNITY**  
**SUNDOWNER EVENT**

**A SUNSET CELEBRATION SHOWCASING ALL THINGS PARABURDOO**  
**SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER 2018**

**FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT**



**LOCAL MARKET STALLS, ACTIVITIES, LIVE MUSIC AND FOOD**  
If you are interested in having a stall or being involved, please contact Rachael Baxter  
Keep an eye out for further details, closer to the date!

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**TOM PRICE**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**COMMUNITY**  
**SUNDOWNER EVENT**

**A SUNSET CELEBRATION SHOWCASING ALL THINGS TOM PRICE**  
**SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER 2018**

**FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT**



**LOCAL MARKET STALLS, ACTIVITIES, LIVE MUSIC AND FOOD**  
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## Native Celebration

The first anniversary of the Yinhawangka Native Title Determination was celebrated on 17 July with the unveiling of a memorial plaque on a rock display at the entrance of Paraburadoo.

Mr Vincent Catania MLA, Cr Ivan Dias, Dr Ali Khan YAC CEO, Rio Tinto, available board and community members, staff and interested community members joined the celebrations.

Following the unveiling in Paraburadoo, an unveiling of a temporary memorial sign, a permanent monument to be constructed later in the year, took place on the actual determination site on Rocklea station.





# Tom Price Volunteers are finalists in State Awards



*Tom Price FRS & BFB working together*

**Congratulations to the Tom Price Fires & Rescue Service and the Tom Price Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade who have been nominated as Finalists in the Team Achievement Award in the 2018 Department of Fire and Emergency Service Fire Fighting Awards which will be held in conjunction with the Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council conference in Perth during September 2018.**

The Shire is also proud to congratulate our Emergency Management Coordinator Morgwn Jones, who is also an award finalist.

This is great recognition for the two Brigades who actively promote a tenure blind approach to all firefighting activities within our communities.

In addition to the two Brigades being finalists in the Team Achievement category young cadet Callum O'Connell is

a finalist in the Youth Achievement Award. This caps a remarkable year for Callum who earlier this year was named the Emergency Services Cadet of the year for the State, along with the Tom Price Senior High School who won the Host School of the Year Award and were also Finalists in the Cadet Unit of the Year Award.

Local Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Morgwn Jones is a finalist in the Murray Lang Bush Fire Service of WA Award in recognition for his service to the Tom Price VBFB and the communities within the Shire of Ashburton.

To have the Brigades along with Callum and Morgwn nominated as finalists in their respective categories is a wonderful achievement for the small town of Tom Price and a small piece of recognition for the wonderful work that our volunteer fire and emergency services do within our communities.

## Welcome to our newest Citizen

Congratulations to Tom Price resident Patrick (Patty) Villa who became a proud new Australian Citizen in July.



*Cr Foster and new Citizen Patrick Villa*

# Road repairs throughout the Shire

**The Shire of Ashburton has commenced a 12 month project to repair roads damaged by storm activity that has occurred in the last two years. The value of the projects are \$21million and affect 24 roads and over 1,000 km! This is a significant undertaking, across the whole of the Shire, so encompasses an area nearly half the size of Victoria.**

While the repair and improvement of our roads is a positive outcome we are impacted by very strict perimeters set by the Federal Government under the Western Australia Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (WANDRRRA). Under these rules, local governments are required to repair only those sections of roads that can be proven to have been impacted by the specific rain event. The result is that the Shire cannot simply start at the beginning of the road and keep going until that whole road is complete.

So how does this work and why can't we just combine the funding and fix the roads simultaneously?

Local Governments can apply to have major damage caused by natural weather events funded through WANDRRRA. Similar to an insurance claim, these 'events' are clarified,

confirmed and assessed through a number of agencies, Office of Emergency Management and Main Roads WA, so this takes a reasonable amount of time. Once funding is approved, the Local Government is then required to go out to tender to appoint contractors and plan a schedule of works. Under the WANDRRRA agreement, funding can only be used for areas affected in that particular claim. So when you have a scenario, as we do in the Shire, that involves multiple WANDRRRA claims over very large areas, the schedule of works is extremely complex.

In circumstance for the Shire of Ashburton, we had a significant storm even in early 2017 which caused substantial damage to our road network. The funding claim was approved, contracts awarded and works commenced. Then, we had significant storm number two earlier this year (2018), which damaged roads in the same areas as storm number one but different sections of the road. So now we have two funding claims for damage on the same roads. But, the WANDRRRA rules dictate we can't fix them simultaneously. We can only fix damages caused by the 2017 storm with the 2017 claim money, and we can't fix the second round of storm

damage until the storm 2 claim is funded and contracts let.

As the extensive schedule of works progress over the next 12 months it may appear as though the Shire is fixing the roads in an illogical manner but, to break these rules, would jeopardise \$21m and the road repairs would then need to be funded by other sources of income including rate payers.

While the WANDRRRA claims process has been progressing through government, and while the works are undertaken, the Shire of Ashburton is acutely aware of the needs of our pastoralists. Hence where possible, we have been conducting spot repairs and grading to ensure the roads remain useable and allow for the movement of stock and necessary travel. This is an extra expense to the Shire, but one we deem necessary.

Over the next 12 months the Shire will have contractors out repairing the WANDRRRA impacted roads and it may, in some areas, seem inefficient and frustrating. But we ask that you bear with us and trust that there is a bigger picture to the issue and we are doing everything we can to ensure our road standards are improved.



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

## Tenders and Quotes



**The Shire of Ashburton obtains all procurement via an online e-procurement website known as Tenderlink.**

We use this website to publish opportunities such as tenders, quotes, requests for proposals and expressions of interest.

We welcome all suppliers of goods and services to register on this website.

There is no charge for registration. To register, please visit [www.tenderlink.com/ashburton](http://www.tenderlink.com/ashburton)

For any Procurement related enquiries, please contact [procurement@ashburton.wa.gov.au](mailto:procurement@ashburton.wa.gov.au)



# NAIDOC celebrations



**NAIDOC was once again a hive of activity in the Shire of Ashburton as local communities joined in the celebrations of culture, history and achievements of Australia's Indigenous people. This year celebrations extended beyond the official week to better cater to each town.**

The local traditional owners, in partnership with Rio Tinto and the Shire of Ashburton, hosted numerous activities which provided engaging opportunities to learn and experience Indigenous culture. Welcome to Country smoking ceremonies, music and dance, traditional food showcase and storytelling attracted community participation in each town. Residents of all cultural backgrounds enjoyed coming together and tasting billy tea, damper and kangaroo stew, as well as learning more about language and history through storytelling and the variety of local Indigenous entertainment.

In Paraburdoo Yinhawangka Aboriginal Corporation hosted an array of events,

including an art exhibition, native tasting table, dancers and the highly contested Damper competition. Popular singer Josie Alec wowed the audience with her stunning performance while families enjoyed the cultural festivities.

Pannawonica were also delighted by the voice of Josie Alec, as well as popular performer Apakatjah, while the kids got amongst the fun with the culturally rich musical workshop. Kuruma Marthudunera created an interesting heritage display which showcased the Robe River Kuruma Country.

In Tom Price the popular Natasha Eldridge Band performed to an enthusiastic crowd, and residents learned about Country through craft and dance. An informative snake display provided education and awareness to those keen to learn more.

Onslow residents enjoyed a NAIDOC darts competition at the Sports Club, with teams uniting for a weekend of friendly contest and camaraderie.

NAIDOC events are made possible through support from Yinhawangka Aboriginal Corporation, Gumala Aboriginal Corporation, Aboriginal Biodiversity Conservation, Kuruma Marthudunera, IBN and Ashburton Aboriginal Cooperation. Mission Australia, Nintirri Neighbourhood Centre, Karingal Neighbourhood Centre, Tom Price Youth Support Association, Department of Communities, Rio Tinto, the Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project and the Onslow Sports Club also provided valuable assistance to ensure the success of NAIDOC week in each town.



This activity met Community Goal 3 of the Corporate Business Plan, Unique Heritage and Environment





# Dog and cat registrations are now due

**All pets must be registered before October 31st**

- Under the *Dog Act 1976*, all dogs over three (3) months of age must be microchipped and registered before October 31st
- Under the *Cat Act 2011*, all cats over the age of six (6) months of age must be sterilised, microchipped and registered before October 31st
- Proof of sterilisation along with microchip details must be presented to the Shires admin officers when registering your pet(s)
- On the spot fines can be issued for failing to register, microchip or sterilise your pet(s)
- Fines of \$200 per offence can be issued for noncompliance under these "Acts."

## REGISTRATION FEES:

| UNSTERILISED | DOGS:   | CATS:   |
|--------------|---------|---------|
| 1 Year       | \$50    | N/A     |
| 3 Years      | \$120   | N/A     |
| Lifetime     | \$250   | N/A     |
| STERILISED   | DOGS:   | CATS:   |
| 1 Year       | \$20    | \$20    |
| 3 Years      | \$42.50 | \$42.50 |
| Lifetime     | \$100   | \$100   |

*All Pensioners 50% receive off regular fees.*

For additional information  
please contact your local  
Shire of Ashburton  
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Onslow: 9184 6001  
Pannawonica: 9134 9501



# Upcoming Events

| Date                      | Event                                              | Location                                 |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b>          |                                                    |                                          |
| Saturday 1 September      | FNFL Grand Final                                   | Tom Price                                |
| Saturday 1 September      | Robe River Rodeo                                   | Pannawonica                              |
| Monday 3 September        | Junior Netball Grand Final                         | Tom Price                                |
| Wednesday 5 September     | Onslow Keepers                                     | Onslow                                   |
| Saturday 8 September      | Onslow Rodeo                                       | Onslow                                   |
| Saturday 15 September     | Panna Fiesta-Val Street Party                      | Pannawonica                              |
| Monday 17 September       | Senior Netball Grand Final                         | Tom Price                                |
| Wednesday 19 September    | Council Meeting                                    | Mayu Maya Centre Pannawonica             |
| Fri 21 – Sun 23 September | Onslow Basketball Carnival                         | Onslow                                   |
| Mon 24 Sept – Fri 5 Oct   | School Holiday Program                             | All towns                                |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>            |                                                    |                                          |
| Wednesday 10 October      | Onslow Keepers                                     | Onslow                                   |
| Saturday 13 October       | Onslow Gala                                        | Onslow                                   |
| Saturday 13 October       | Community Sundowner                                | Paraburadoo                              |
| Friday 19 October         | Colour Fun Run                                     | Paraburadoo                              |
| Monday 22 October         | Great Danes Comedy Duo                             | Tom Price                                |
| Tuesday 23 October        | Great Danes Comedy Duo                             | Paraburadoo                              |
| Tuesday 23 October        | Council Meeting                                    | Clem Thompson Sports Pavilion, Tom Price |
| Saturday 27 October       | Great Danes Comedy Duo                             | Pannawonica                              |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>           |                                                    |                                          |
| Friday 16 November        | Movie Night                                        | Onslow                                   |
| Tuesday 20 November       | Council Meeting                                    | Ashburton Hall, Paraburadoo              |
| Tues 23 – Sun 25 November | Hancock Prospecting Pilbara Swimming Championships | Tom Price                                |
| Friday 30 November        | Christmas Lights                                   | Paraburadoo                              |
| Friday 30 November        | Onslow Keepers Christmas Party                     | Onslow                                   |

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