



# Inside Ashburton

September 2017



## The Fabulous Nameless Jarndunmunha Festival

This year saw the main carnival excitement of the Nameless Jarndunmunha Festival return to Clem Thompson Memorial Oval as event organisers took the festival back to its origins with the Retro Rewind theme.

Friday night kicked off the festival with a line-up of great entertainment on stage, plenty of delicious food vendors and the thrill of side show alley.

On Saturday morning, the traditional street parade was a sea of colour and sound as entrants embraced the theme, and the community crowded the footpaths to cheer on the cars, dancers, riders, schools and local clubs.

Car and bike enthusiasts came together for the Grease, Grills and Gears exhibit, to display their hobbies and passions. This year also saw the launch of Home Industry, a community focused event celebrating innovation and creativity – baking, timber, craft, gardening, photography, fabric work and metal

work. Including creations from the youngest to the most senior citizens of Tom Price, the Home Industry pavilion was a showcase of talent, ambition and many hours of hard work.

Silent discos for teens, plenty of stalls, the popular festival bar, roving entertainers and fireworks plus the carnival rides, show bags and great food all culminated in a weekend of fun and excitement. On stage, the TP Factor talent quest gave the community the chance to show off their talents, and the local primary school choirs and dance school impressed the crowd with their performances.

The Dog Show saw an assortment of magnificent mutts strut their stuff and attempt a variety of tricks and commands. They weren't all overly successful, but at least they tried!

The weekend's entertainment was non-stop, with local bands, musicians, DJs, Go Go Dancers, the Merindas and

the Milford Street Shakers all drawing a crowd and filling up the dance floor.

During the weeks leading up to the main festivities, the Nameless Jarndunmunha Festival committee also hosted the iconic King of the Mountain race, as well as reintroduced the Gala Ball.

The Rewind Ball saw the community hall transformed, and more than 200 people dressed in their best retro outfits and danced the night away to the vibrant tunes of DJ Razor and the Milford Street Shakers.

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 congratulations and thanks to the tireless efforts of the Nameless Jarndunmunha Festival committee who volunteered their time and presented an outstanding community festival.

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





# King of the Mountain

The return of the King of the Mountain race created a stir of excitement in Tom Price as participants of all ages prepared for their trek up the hill. After a three year hiatus, the event was re-invigorated by the Nameless Jarndunmunha Festival committee and held again in fantastic Pilbara winter conditions.

55 participants lined up at the base of Mt Nameless/Jarndunmunha - a few serious racers and many just keen for a Sunday walk up the hill.

Stuart McFarren was first to the top in just over 23 minutes, and then donned his uniform and headed back to work! Second across the line was Rylan Scott, a year 5 student from North Tom Price Primary School who took out first place in the under 15 Boys category.

Celina Johnson was the first woman to the top, looking very comfortable with a time of 28 minutes, and Chloe Weightman from Tom Price Primary earned the title of first under 15 girl.

Congratulations to all for making it to the summit! The King of the Mountain will return next year, so, plan your training regime as these are the times to beat.

**Official times for all entrants can be found on the Festival website.**

## King of the Mountain

### Mens:

Stuart McFarren 23.41  
Jason Tuna 24.42  
John Bingham 25.05

### Womens:

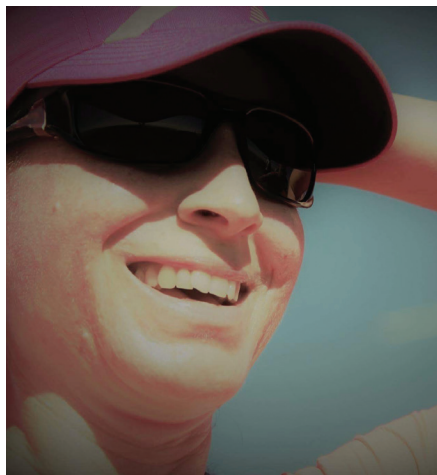
Celina Johnson 28.00  
Lauren Pratt 29.39  
Brie Healy 29.46

### Under 15 Girls:

Chloe Weightman 29.48  
Matilda Martin 34.18  
Aviarna Lim 34.15

### Under 15 Boys:

Rylan Scott 24.04  
Charlie Geddes 32.15  
Macca Aird 32.29



*Celina Johnson*



*Junior winners, Chloe Weightman and Rylan Scott*



# Ranger Services Ask Residents to Report All Dog Attacks

**Ranger Services are often made aware of dog attacks through social media or from members of the public, sometimes weeks after the incident has occurred.**

In some cases dog attacks are not reported to Ranger Services due to friendships, job concerns, potential neighbour disputes or residents believing it is simply better, and perhaps easier, not to report the incident.

A dog attack is a very serious matter. If a dog attacks a person or an animal, the registered dog owner and/or the person in control of the dog may be held responsible.

Recent amendments to the Dog Act have introduced separate penalties for a serious dog attack where physical injury occurs, and a minor dog attack where no physical injury occurs. This means that a dog attack can include a dog aggressively rushing at or attempting to attack a person or animal, as well as tearing clothing, biting or causing physical injury.

When Ranger Services are investigating a dog attack, often community members will approach the Ranger and

make statements that 'the dog being investigated has been involved in several other attacks'. Unfortunately, in most cases, any historic information regarding other attacks, incidents or concerning behaviour, which has not been formally reported, cannot be taken into account when applying control measures or penalties.

It is imperative that all dog attacks are reported to the Shire as soon as practicably possible. Ranger Services are then able to work with the dog owners by providing education and, in some cases, apply control measures to prevent the behaviour escalating or reoccurring.

The Shire encourages pet ownership and will assist where possible to ensure safe and enjoyable pet companionship. Pet ownership also comes with the responsibility to ensure your pet is well looked after, healthy and not causing issues of concern to other pets or members of the public.

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



## Library Fun

Libraries across the Shire hosted their popular Story in the Park recently, with more than 260 parents, guardians and children enjoying the morning outdoors.

With a general theme of 'Pirates and Fairies', kids came dressed up and took part in craft, face painting and of course a wonderful story. While our libraries normally provide sanctuary from our hot and wet summers, winter is the perfect time to enjoy being outside.

In addition to the Story in the Park events, adults and children have also been visiting the library to enjoy Lego, craft and Book Club activities.

Our libraries offer much more than books and provide many great social activities for children and adults.

To see what is happening in your local library, follow them on Facebook.



Paraburdoo Public Library  
Onslow Public Library  
Tom Price Public Library  
Pannawonica Public Library



### OPENING TIMES

#### Tom Price Library

Monday / Tuesday / Thursday / Friday 9am to 4pm  
Wednesday Closed  
Saturday 9am to 12pm

#### Pannawonica Library

Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm  
Tuesday night 6.30pm to 8.30pm

#### Onslow Library

Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm

#### Paraburdoo Library

Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm  
Saturday 10am to 12pm



Being kept busy with Story in the Park and Lego Master builders

# A Turtles Nesting Place



*Flatback Hatchling*

**As winter passes and the days start to warm up, we are not the only ones making our way to the beach in search of a peaceful spot on the sand.**

Every year the Shire of Ashburton plays host to three of the world's seven species of marine turtle. Flatback, green and hawksbill turtles are under threat and listed as 'vulnerable' under the Commonwealth's Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.

These turtles make their way to breeding grounds adjacent to the many beaches of the Pilbara Islands and the Shire's mainland coast. After breeding, female turtles will return to the same beaches they hatched on many years ago (called natal beaches) seeking a safe spot to lay their eggs and begin the cycle for the next generation.

Marine turtles face many pressures that threaten their survival before they can even make it to the water for their first swim. Artificial lighting including camp fires, predators like cats and dogs, 4WD tyre tracks, marine debris, and inappropriate interactions, are just some of the pressures that hatchlings face on their way to the water after emerging from their nest.

**You can help hatchlings survive by following these simple steps during turtle nesting season, which runs from October to April:**

- Keep the use of lights to a minimum, use red light instead. White light disorients hatchlings making them prone to predation and exhaustion.
- Let hatchlings make their own way to the water, don't touch or handle them. The run from the nest to the water is an important stage in imprinting cues of their natal beach so in years to come they can return to mate and nest.
- Take your rubbish home with you.
- Avoid driving on turtle nesting beaches.
- If you plan to visit the Islands, please contact Parks and Wildlife Service on 9947 8000 or 9182 2000 to find out more information.

## Shire Building Still Open For Business

You may have noticed a hive of activity going on in, and around, the Shire's Administration building on Poinciana Street, Tom Price. The building is getting a much needed face lift including a new roof, internal paint and new carpets.

The renovation commenced on 14 August and will be completed by 25 September.

While the staff are having to move around a bit during this time, front Reception will remain open for the entire duration of the works and will be unaffected.

Reception will still be operating as normal and open to the public from 9am until 4pm Monday to Friday. We do ask however, that you please be patient with us during this time. Staff will be working across a number of temporary locations and will do their best to respond to your queries as soon as they can.

We are very much looking forward to the end result!

# School Holiday Fun This July

Children of all ages were kept busy throughout the last school holidays with plenty of creative and challenging activities on offer thanks to the Shire of Ashburton's partnerships with Rio Tinto and the Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project.

Craft was a central theme to these school holidays allowing local children to explore their own creativity and learn some new skills and techniques. While craft challenged the children's imagination and artistic flair, there was plenty on offer to keep the kids active, develop their team-work skills and to just have fun!

Young Pannawonica residents were given the unique opportunity to be a 'Police Officer for the day' at the Pannawonica Police station which was met with much enthusiasm.

Shire President Kerry White said it was fantastic to see so many children participating in the abundance of activities available throughout the Shire each School Holiday period.

"The generosity of Rio Tinto and the Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project provides valuable support to both parents and children, allowing everyone to enjoy the school holidays." Said Cr White.

General Manager Paraburdoo region Gabrielle Iwanow said the school holiday programme enabled locals to stay home, explore and enjoy the beautiful Pilbara over the holiday period.



"The school holiday programme had a variety of activities that encouraged creativity and opportunities to engage in arts and local cultural experiences," Ms Iwanow said. "Rio Tinto is proud to work with the Shire of Ashburton to deliver programmes that support a vibrant, connected and family-centred culture across local communities."

Chevron Australia Community Engagement Advisor Erin Glancy said community celebrations and holiday events play an important role in bringing the community together.

"The school holiday activities form part of our 'Working Together for Onslow' partnership with the Shire of Ashburton, which supports community events and programs that help make Onslow a vibrant and inclusive place to live and work."

As a final wrap up Onslow Mum's and Dad's competed in an adult only Bubble Soccer competition at the Town Oval which proved to be popular amongst both the adults competing, as well as the young spectators on the sidelines.

Stay tuned for the exciting program of activities planned for the next school holidays.

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



School holiday fun

# Workshops Assist Our Local Clubs

The Shire's Club Development team have been working hard to plan and implement a series of opportunities to assist our local clubs and groups in developing and promoting themselves within the community.

The following workshops are planned for the coming months, so book your places now.

## Tom Price – 7pm to 8pm Community Hall

August  
Thursday 31 Strategic Planning

September  
Thursday 21 Good Governance

October  
Thursday 26 Social Media

## Paraburdoo – 7pm to 8pm Karingal Function Centre

September  
Thursday 7 Strategic Planning

October  
Thursday 12 Good Governance

November  
Thursday 2 Social Media

For more information contact  
Nyssa Daunt (08) 9188 5444

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



# Celebrating NAIDOC



*Buurabalayji Thalanyji Aboriginal Corporation's generous donation*

**NAIDOC Week was 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, the NAIDOC celebration theme centered on language and the unique and essential role that Indigenous languages play in cultural identity, linking people to their land and the preservation of history, spirituality and rites through story and song.

Shire President Kerry White reiterated the importance of NAIDOC as a time to join together to celebrate the history and diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

"Presenting the wider community with the opportunity to learn more about, and experience, Indigenous culture is important to keeping traditions and history alive," said Cr White. "It was wonderful to see so many people of all ages participating in the wide variety of events and activities held across the week."

Working in partnership with Rio Tinto and local traditional owners, the Shire hosted many activities, providing engaging opportunities to learn and experience Indigenous culture.

Welcome to Country smoking ceremonies, music and dance, traditional food showcase and storytelling attracted community participation throughout the week. Residents of all cultural backgrounds enjoyed gathering around the fire pits 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.

Rio Tinto general manager Communities and Communications Linda Dawson said NAIDOC was integral in recognising and celebrating Indigenous traditions and achievements.

"NAIDOC celebrations are about coming together and celebrating Indigenous culture. These events in Pannawonica, Paraburdoo and Tom Price enable the community to get involved and learn more about Traditional Indigenous culture, hearing their stories and participating in their customs," Ms Dawson said.

"It's great to see local Indigenous groups and organisations working with the Shire of Ashburton to deliver events that showcase their proud and rich heritage."

In Tom Price popular Indigenous musician Phil Walley-Stack performed to an enthusiastic crowd, followed by an inspiring fire dance presented by Marlon Cooke and a group of local community members.

Yinhawangka Aboriginal Corporation hosted a delicious luncheon for local Elders in Paraburdoo, followed by an evening of celebration and entertainment featuring the popular Derby Band.

Festivities in Pannawonica included live entertainment from The Red Ochre band as well as an interactive cultural performance by Mayaga Made and visual displays care of Parla Pooni and the Pannawonica Primary School.



Pannawonica's annual NAIDOC awards also celebrated this year's worthy recipients.

Onslow residents enjoyed a NAIDOC darts competition at the Sports Club, with teams uniting for a weekend of friendly contest and camaraderie and the Red Ochre band keeping spectators entertained. Buurabalayji Thalanyji Aboriginal Corporation kindly donated a selection of books to the Onslow Library, featuring an interesting range of fiction and non-fiction, some by indigenous authors and others about indigenous languages and culture throughout the country. These books are a welcomed addition to the library and provide a wide selection of knowledge and teachings to the community.

NAIDOC events are made possible through support from Rio Tinto, Yinhawangka Aboriginal Corporation, Gumala Aboriginal Corporation, Aboriginal Biodiversity Conservation, Kuruma Marthudunera, Parla Pooni, IBN, Buurabalayji Thalanyji Aboriginal Corporation, Banjima Country Management and Ashburton Aboriginal Cooperation. Mission Australia, Nintirri Neighbourhood Centre, Tom Price Cultural Centre, EPIS, Department of Child Protection, Coates Hire, Torres Strait Islander group and the Onslow Sports Club also provided valuable assistance to ensure the success of NAIDOC week in each town.

This activity met Goal 1 of the Strategic Community Plan, Vibrant and Active Communities - a rich cultural life.



# Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service Awards

Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services in Tom Price, Paraburadoo and Pannawonica recently celebrated their awards nights. On behalf of our community, we thank all volunteers for their contributions and congratulate all award recipients from the recent Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services Gratuity Awards held in Tom Price, Paraburadoo and Pannawonica.

**Congratulations to the following award winners**

## Tom Price

- **Maxine O'Connell**  
15 Year Service Award
- **James Ferrira and James O'Connell**  
Joint Junior Fire Fighter of the Year Award
- **Resigning Apparatus Officer David Mutton**  
Fire Fighter of the Year Award
- **Lieutenant Greg Lincoln**  
Tom Price FRS Community Service Award
- **Aparatus Officer Wayne Hatton**  
Best First Year Fire Fighter of the Year Award

## Paraburadoo

- **Tim Worthington**  
Captains Choice Shield
- **Manita Coutta**  
Best Attending Fire Fighter
- **Adam Pallister**  
Fire Officer of the Year
- **Les Jones**  
Fire Fighter of the Year
- **Paul Johnson**  
Winner Breathing Apparatus Challenge

## Pannawonica

- **Chris Comber**  
Firefighter of the Year
- **Barry Tonkin**  
Runner-Up Firefighter of the Year
- **Mitch Osmond**  
Leadership Award
- **Daryl West**  
National Service Medal
- **Sarah Lopez, Michael Dunner, Jamie Samson, Hannah Samson**  
Lifetime Membership Awardees



*Pannawonica also said goodbye to their Inaugural Captain Matt Campbell and valued lifetime member Simon Mitchell*



*Tom Price*



*Paraburadoo*



# Partnership Strengthens Pilbara Communities



*Mr Chris Salisbury, Cr Douglas Ivan Dias, Cr Linton Rumble, Ms Gabe Iwanow*

**Rio Tinto and the Shire of Ashburton have agreed to extend their award winning long term partnership designed to make the Pilbara a better place to live.**

The Community Infrastructure and Services Partnership (CISP) agreements provide for the delivery of infrastructure projects, local services and public events for the communities neighbouring Rio Tinto operations.

Shire of Ashburton President Kerry White said Council is proud to continue the Shire's partnership with Rio Tinto.

"Over the past five years the CISP has had a positive impact on the facilities and services available in each of the three towns, providing vibrant, healthy and active communities, Cr White said.

"Together we will continue our focus on creating a strong sense of place, ongoing community development and social engagement."

Chief executive Rio Tinto Iron Ore Chris Salisbury said he was excited to see how the next phase of Rio Tinto's partnership with the Shire of Ashburton would deliver on community priorities for the towns of Tom Price, Pannawonica and Paraburdoo.

"Our partnership with the Shire of Ashburton is a fantastic demonstration of how a 'hands on' collaborative approach, and a shared vision can achieve real and sustainable outcomes for communities", Mr Salisbury said.

"Rio Tinto is proud of the foundation that's been developed through the current successful partnership, and we look forward to the renewed commitment for the next five years continuing to deliver benefits to these Pilbara communities."

CISP has delivered a significant number of key infrastructure and service projects since its inception in 2012.

**Key achievements include the delivery of the:**

- Clem Thompson Sports Precinct, Tom Price;
- Paraburdoo Childcare centre;
- Tom Price and Paraburdoo Skate parks;
- Club and community capacity development;
- Events and festivals; and
- School holiday programmes.

The partnership announcement follows a significant decision to give Pilbara businesses greater opportunity to bid for work under a new local procurement programme.

As part of the move, Rio Tinto has set up a dedicated procurement team to work with local businesses and a web portal to advise of upcoming contracts to allow more local businesses to lodge their interest for future work. A series of procurement workshops were held in the Pilbara during July, and attracted a high number of participants.

"Rio Tinto has a responsibility to the Pilbara. We're confident that a renewed commitment to local businesses and our innovative partnerships with local government will make a long-lasting positive difference to the people and economy of the Pilbara," Mr Salisbury concluded.

In 2016, Rio Tinto invested \$17.9 million in 130 community programs across the State, as well as providing \$9.8 million in in-kind support.

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



# Onslow Enjoys a Night on the Green



**Onslow put on a great show recently, when the Onslow Sports Club was transformed into a 'Night on the Green', new residents were welcomed and existing residents proudly showcased their town.**

Onslow Living events are held a number of times throughout the year and aim to welcome new residents and highlight local community groups, businesses and organisations. It is a great reason for everyone to come together, meet new people and be part of the vibrant atmosphere of fun, food and live entertainment.

Refreshing juices were provided by the Onslow Kids Kitchen Garden as residents enjoyed viewing the variety of information on display and learning more about the products and services available in town.

V Swans hosted frisbee, hopscotch and cricket, Onslow Playgroup kept the littlies entertained with puzzles, craft and playdough and Onslow's local Thai dancers put on a dazzling performance. Local duo Bryan and Pete entertained the crowd, while the Sports Club served an assortment of delicious tapas.



*Onslow enjoyed a Night on the Green*

A number of fabulous door prizes were also up for grabs, including return flights to Perth thanks to the generous support of Virgin Australia, and crab pots filled to the brim with goodies, made possible through donations from a number of local businesses.

Shire President Kerry White said a 'Night on the Green' was an exciting way to encompass everything that Onslow has to offer in a format that was fun and interesting.

"Onslow is a great community with a number of new facilities that provide enhanced options for sport, recreation and social engagement," said Cr White.

"Through our 'Working Together for Onslow' partnership with the Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project it is wonderful to host important events such as Onslow Living, which bring residents together and further cement our strong sense of community spirit."

Chevron Australia Community Engagement Supervisor Erin Glancy said the Onslow Living events are a great initiative for the whole community.

"Local community organisations are always looking for more volunteers, and with more than 40 new Chevron families recently moved into town, it was a great opportunity for them to meet new people and learn all about the range of activities available in Onslow," Erin said.

The Onslow Living events are part of the Shire's 'Working Together for Onslow' partnership with the Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project, aimed at delivering initiatives that build community engagement and participation.

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



# All Access Airport Tour

A group of six excited children from the One Tree Child Care Centre, two whom have aspirations to be a pilot when they grow up, were recently given an 'all access' tour of the Onslow airport.

After going through the check-in process, and with their special boarding passes in hand, the children were taken through the screening process. To add to the excitement, they each took turns watching the bags move through the X-Ray screen and had fun guessing what they thought the items were.

The group were then escorted out onto the tarmac and up into the Fokker 100, where they boarded and were toured through the aircraft by the Virgin flight crew.

**The reported highlights from their all access tour were;**

- Spending time in the cockpit with the pilots and wearing the headsets and captain hats
- Sitting on the buggies that are used to cart the baggage to and from the aircraft
- A dance and sing-along down the aisle of the plane, led by a member of the cabin crew

Upon return back into the terminal the kids enjoyed an ice cream from the kiosk and sat out in the alfresco area before returning on the bus back to the child care centre.

Thank you to the Shire's airport staff and the Cabin Crew from Virgin Australia who gave these kids an experience they won't forget.



# Australia Day Awards

**Nominations for the Community Citizen of the Year Awards for Australia Day 2018 are now open.**

The awards allow you to recognise a wide range of your community champions through the four categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year (over 65 years of age)

- Youth Citizen of the Year (under 25 years of age)
- Active Citizenship Award (to recognise a community group or event)

**Nominations close on 31 October so don't delay in getting your submissions in.**

**For further information visit [www.citizenshipawards.com.au](http://www.citizenshipawards.com.au) or liaise with the Shire's Community Development team on 9188 5444.**

# Upcoming Events



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Date	Event	Location
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
Fri 8 - Sun 10 September	Passion of the Pilbara	Onslow
Sat 9 - Sun 10 September	Mad Mackerel Run Round 1	Pannawonica Sporting Club
Sat 16 - Sun 17 September	Mad Mackerel Run Round 2	Pannawonica Sporting Club
Thursday 21 September	Council Meeting	Mayu Maya Centre, Pannawonica
Thursday 21 September	Good Governance Workshop	Community Hall, Tom Price
Tues 26 Sept - Fri 6 October	School Holiday Program	All towns
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
Tuesday 3 October	Adult Laser Tag	MPC, Onslow
Saturday 7 October	Summer Nights Gala	Pannawonica Sporting Club
Thursday 12 October	Good Governance Workshop	Karingal, Paraburdoo
Saturday 21 October	Kings Lake Sundowner	Tom Price
Sunday 22 October	Community Sundowner	Paraburdoo
Tuesday 24 October	Council Meeting	Clem Thompson Sport Pavilion, Tom Price
Thursday 26 October	Social Media Workshop	Community Hall, Tom Price
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Thursday 2 November	Social Media Workshop	Karingal, Paraburdoo
Saturday 4 November	Welcome to Town	Pannawonica, The Rocks
Sunday 19 November	Christmas Party	Pannawonica, The Rocks
Tuesday 21 November	Council Meeting	Ashburton Hall, Paraburdoo

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